Orange Coast College UPDATE

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President Suarez Hosts First 'Conversation and Cookies' with Coast Employees

OCC's new president, Dr. Angelica Suarez, is hitting the ground running during the fall semester, organizing a series of informal events that give employees a chance to connect with her and discuss topics that are important to them.

President Suarez's first "Conversation and Cookies' event took place on Sept. 30, with over 40 employees taking time to stop by and join a discussion about what OCC does well, in addition to areas that present an opportunity for improvement.

Faculty, staff and administrators contributed enthusiastically, pointing out OCC's strengths, such as a "culture of caring" and a collaborative spirit amongst various programs and departments on campus. Employees also pointed out that the College is a leader in the state, staying true to its vision of being the "standard of excellence in transforming lives through education."

For areas of improvement, employees voiced concerns over enrollment challenges and OCC's onboarding process, as well as professional development and the difficulties brought on by new policies on short-term hiring.

The discussion concluded with an employee asking the president "What can we do to help you?" Dr. Suarez replied "Exactly what you are doing right now, by being here and sharing your thoughts."



Calendar

- oct. 4 Women's Volleyball vs Santiago Canyon
 Peterson Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 5 OCC Symphony & Choral Ensembles
 Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30
- Oct. 5 Chesley Bonestell: A
 Brush with the Future
 OCC Planetarium, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 Football vs Bakersfield LeBard Stadium, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 6 OC Children's Book Festival Library Quad, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Oct. 8 Transfer Fair
 Library Quad, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Oct. 11 ASOCC Movie Night Main Quad, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 11 Chesley Bonestell: A
 Brush with the Future
 OCC Planetarium, 8:15 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Chesley Bonestell: A
 Brush with the Future
 OCC Planetarium, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Kudos & Koffee Student Center Lounge, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 18 Chesley Bonestell: A
 Brush with the Future
 OCC Planetarium, 8:15 p.m.
- Oct. 19 Chesley Bonestell: A
 Brush with the Future
 OCC Planetarium, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25 Stem Night Campuswide, 5:30–9:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 Football vs Saddleback LeBard Stadium, 6 p.m.



Emeritus 'Summer' Lunch Gave Retirees a Chance to Reconnect and Meet New President

Prange Coast College hosted its Summer Emeritus Luncheon on Friday, Sept. 27 in the College's Horticulture Garden. Approximately 85 emeritus attended the luncheon, where topics of discussion ranged from OCC's horticulture programs to updates on various construction projects around campus, to the College's new president, Dr. Angelica Suarez, who was on hand to meet esteemed Coast retirees.

OCC's Foundation hosts emeritus luncheons biannually. All retirees are invited to return to campus for the events, giving them a chance to receive updates on what is happening on campus, and to reconnect with friends and former colleagues.

This past spring, the Emeritus Luncheon was held at OCC's recently opened Planetarium, and retirees were treated to a show and a sneak peek of future offerings at the state-of-theart facility.

OCC Breaks Ground on New Professional Mariner Training Center in Newport Beach

on Sept. 23 representatives from Orange Coast College and the Coast Community College District gathered with elected officials and community partners to witness groundbreaking for OCC's new Maritime Training Center. The new Center is located across Pacific Coast Highway from the College's Sailing and Rowing Base on Newport Harbor.

The two-story, 12,000-square-foot project is the result of more than 15 years of planning by the Coast Community College

District. The Center will be built above ground-level parking and connected to OCC's harbor-side facility by a skyway bridge over PCH. The \$22 million project is funded by the local Measure M school bond, passed by voters in 2012.

Once construction is complete in Fall 2021, the building will be the new home for OCC's growing Professional Mariner Program, which is dedicated to students who are pursuing careers in boating and maritime related fields. Beyond classrooms, the facility will include a state-of-theart laboratory space, a full mission bridge simulator, a radar training room, conference room, and a student lounge.

According to Brad Avery, OCC's Director of Marine Programs, the new building represents a major leap forward for OCC's boating education programs. "When completed and connected to our waterfront facility, we will have a fully integrated maritime education center," Avery said, adding: "This helps us greatly in our mission of helping students acquire the knowledge and skills required for success in a variety of maritime careers."

OCC's Marine Program currently serves more than 1,500 students and adults annually. Professional Mariner students pursue certificate and degree programs, while local residents take advantage of the dozens of boating and seamanship courses regularly offered. While some professional mariner students choose to go straight into the industry, others transfer to four-year maritime academies.

Foundation Board Starts Housing Trust Fund, Receives \$100K Donation to Launch

Orange Coast College's Foundation Board voted on Sept. 26 to create a Housing Trust Fund to provide housing for at-risk and vulnerable students in the College's Housing facility, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2020. Board member Mary-Lynn Bergman Rallis kicked off the fundraising for the trust by donating \$100,000.

"This trust is seen as a safety net for those students who are at risk of not completing their studies due to a lack of housing," says Foundation Specialist Liz Parker. "Our hope is to raise enough money to eventually create an endowment, so that beds can be guaranteed every year for our most vulnerable students."

Newport Beach resident Bergman-Rallis is a longtime supporter of OCC's Foundation, serving as a board member for the past 22 years. She was instrumental in fundraising efforts for OCC's Planetarium, and the Planetarium's Bergman-Rallis Theatre is named in her honor.



Culinary Program Introducing Friday Breakfast Specials at Captain's Table

OCC's Culinary Arts students will offer breakfast specials on Friday mornings at on-campus restaurant, the Captain's Table for students and employees.

OCC's campus community can reserve a spot at the "Friday Culinary Breakfast" from 9-10 a.m. The breakfast will include any style of cooked eggs, toast and jam or buttermilk pancake with butter and syrup, breakfast potatoes or fruit, coffee and water. The cost is \$5.

Reservations must be made and paid for in advance. No payment will be accepted on site. For more information, contact Thomas Selzer at tselzer@occ.cccd.edu or by calling (714) 432-5854.

Planetarium Will Screen Documentary about 'Father of Space Art' in October

The Orange Coast College Planetarium will host five screenings throughout the month of October of the awardwinning documentary about the "Father of Space Art," Chesley Bonestell. The screenings will take place on Oct. 5, Oct. 11 and 12, and Oct. 18 and 19. Showtimes vary between 7:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

"Chesley Bonestell: A Brush with the Future" won an Audience Award at the 2018

Newport Beach Film Festival, and is the first-ever film about space artist, architect and Hollywood matte painter, Chesley Bonestell. Filmmaker and producer Douglass M. Stewart Jr. has also gone won two Best Documentary awards, including one at Comic-Con 2018 and a second at the 2019 Boston Science Fiction Film Festival.

The Oct. 5 screening at the OCC Planetarium will be followed by a Q&A session with Stewart Jr. and cast member David A. Aguilar. "Chesley Bonestell took us to the moon, not with technology, but with a paint brush," he says. "Those who have seen Bonestell's work are amazed at how accurate his depictions of planets and stars are, even though they were painted long before high-powered telescopes and space probes existed. The film is called 'A Brush with the Future' because of Chesley's extraordinary vision. Now that we are going back to the moon, and then on to Mars, one can appreciate his ability to inspire and influence space exploration, even today."

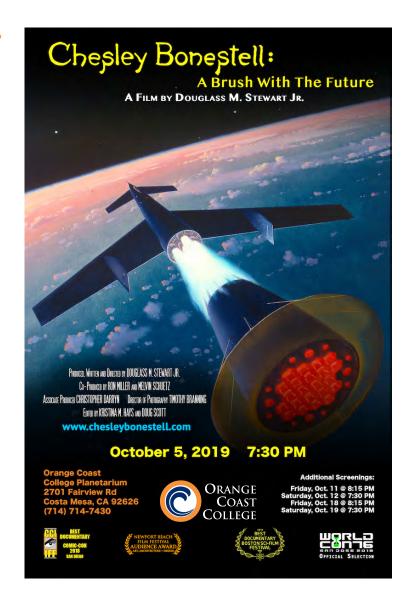
Bonestell started his career as an architect, helping to design the tallest skyscraper in New York City in 1930 — the iconic Chrysler Building. A few years later in 1937. Bonestell

turned boring blueprints into beautiful renderings that led to the building of the world's longest bridge of its time: San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.

When he moved to Hollywood, Bonestell's architectural background served him well in his new career as a visual effects matte painter. He created movie magic for classic films like "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "Citizen Kane," "Destination Moon" and "The War of the Worlds."

Mr. Aguilar, a writer, astronomer and space artist appears regularly on The Science Channel. He is the author and illustrator of seven National Geographic books on astronomy, including the newly released "Luna - The Science and Stories of Our Moon."

Tickets to a screening are \$6 for adults, \$5 for children and free for OCC Students with a student ID. To purchase tickets, please visit www.occtickets.com





OCC Children's Center Tortoises Welcomes Hatchlings!

Two resident desert tortoises at the Orange Coast College Harry and Grace Steele Children's Center have officially become parents!

After a failed attempt at hatching eggs last year (an animal dug up and destroyed the nest) Rocky and Georgia's hatchlings began to appear early in the morning on Sept. 17 in the infant and toddler student outdoor play yards. An infant was the first to notify staff - she tapped her teacher on the leg and handed her a tortoise hatchling. Since then, five more hatchlings have been found, and all are being safely cared for in a heated tank inside the toddler classroom.

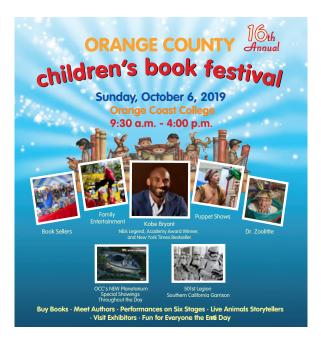
Staff at the Children's Center aren't sure where Georgia's clutch (nest) is located, but they have a suspicion she may have buried her eggs in the toddler yard sandbox.

OC Children's Book Festival Returns to Orange Coast College on Sunday

orange Coast College will host the 16th annual Orange County Children's Book Festival on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The festival brings 90 published authors, 12 studio illustrators and 60 literacy centered exhibitors to the Costa Mesa campus for a day of family fun. Attendees will have a chance to meet with well-known authors and artists, including five-time NBA champion and two-time Olympic Gold Medalist Kobe Bryant, who will be promoting his new book "Legacy and the Queen," and reality television star Elena Gant, promoting her new book "Rox & Pax."

Five stages will be located throughout campus, including a S.T.E.A.M stage highlighting space exploration. Noted astrophysicist David A. Aguilar will be on hand to share his experience working for NASA's New Horizons Mission special media team on the historic Pluto Flyby Mission. There also will be Storyteller, Illustrator, Early Reader/Middle Grade/Teen Stage, and Animal and Nature stages. Exhibitors setting up shop at the festival include Orange County Public Libraries,



PBS SoCal, Lakeshore Learning, and the Orange County Department of Education. There also will be train rides and bounce houses for kids.

"Our purpose and steadfast commitment for wanting all children to read is what drives us each year to welcome families, have them come and meet authors, and find books to encourage family reading," says Executive Director Pat Burns.

Parking and attendance for the event is free, and multiple food vendors will be on site, including Kona Shaved Ice, Wendy's Bacon Hot Dogs, and Sophia's Kitchen. More than 30,000 people are expected to attend. For more information visit www.kidsbookfestival.com

Pirates sweep past rival Rustlers

The Orange Coast College women's volleyball team took care of business and quickly swept past rival Golden West, 25-14, 25-21, 25-22, in a key Orange Empire Conference matchup played at GWC.

The key to success for the Pirates (9-1, 2-0 in OEC) came from the middle blockers, where Lily Johnson and Joceline Martinez dominated play on both sides of the net. Johnson finished with a team-best 12 kills (with just two errors) to go along with 2 blocks, while Martinez added seven kills (with only one error) and three solo blocks.

Outside hitter Bailey Coffin added nine kills to go along with 11 digs and two blocks, while Mahina Kenoi showed off her all-around-play with 14 digs to go along with four kills and a pair of aces.

Setter Thea Snider paced the offense with 33 assists, while Terri Takia-Robins was a monster on defense with 29 digs.

For the Rustlers (6-2, 0-2), Madison Holmes and Sierra Emil each had eight kills, while Jessica Getz added six. Setter Shayna Johnson dished out 22 assists, while Mia Lara notched 12 digs.