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WATERFRONT CAMPUS

OCC Rebrands Rowing/Sailing Base, Renames it 'Orange Coast College Waterfront Campus'

As construction of Orange Coast College's Professional Mariner Training Center nears completion, the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees approved a new name for the College's Newport Beach facilities at an April 7 meeting: the Orange Coast College Waterfront Campus.

Previously named the Intercollegiate Rowing and Sailing Base, the new name will reflect a recent expansion of the Newport Harbor facility, including a \$22 million maritime training center connected to the harbor-side facility by a skyway bridge over Pacific Coast Highway.

"The renaming of OCC's Waterfront Campus reinforces the College's reputation as being a destination college that reflects the highest standards in higher education," says College President Angelica Suarez. "We are thrilled to provide a top-notch facility for our maritime students who are seeking training and education in order to either transfer to a four-year program, or earn a certificate to further their career goals."

The Waterfront Campus, like OCC's main campus, will be open to the general public when construction is complete this summer. This includes access to the skyway bridge and other resources, like OCC's nautical library.

"The response to expanding our waterfront presence in Newport Beach has been very positive, both locally and within the larger maritime and boating community

that we serve," says Waterfront Campus Director Sarah Hirsch. "Our community boating, intercollegiate rowing, and professional mariner programs will continue to grow and evolve with our new designation as OCC's Waterfront Campus, and our mission to provide nautical education of the highest quality will continue."

The 12,000-square-foot maritime center will be the new home for OCC's Professional Mariner Program, which is dedicated to students who are pursuing careers in boating and maritime-related fields. The building is two-stories high, with the ground floor serving as a parking structure, and will include classroom and lab space, a radar training room, conference room, student lounge and a Full Mission Bridge Simulator, valued at approximately half a million dollars.

"The OCC Waterfront Campus offers a landmark to all who drive down Pacific Coast Highway under the Mariner Mile bridge," says Coast District Chancellor John Weispfenning. "This campus marks maritime education and achievement, and is itself a bridge connecting our many communities with life-changing opportunities."

Coast District Board Trustee President Jim Moreno echoes Chancellor Weispfenning's optimism about the future of maritime education at OCC, and the impact it will have on the local community.

"The OCC Waterfront Campus is the culmination of decades of support from Coast District communities, Orange County, the City of Newport Beach, and our many champions," said Coast District Board of Trustees President Jim Moreno. "What we have managed to build together, both in terms of physical presence and academic programs, represents the promise of a seafaring community with global reach."



PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

OCC Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Recognized As One of Best in the World

Orange Coast College's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society chapter received several recognition awards in early April at the organization's annual convention. OCC's Beta Mu Alpha chapter took home three Hallmark Awards, including a Distinguished Honors In Action Project award and a Distinguished Officer Team award. OCC's PTK chapter also was recognized as a being among the organization's "Top 100 Chapters" out of nearly 1,300 chapters internationally.

"I'm so proud of our PTK chapter that I can't put into words what I'm feeling. Our chapter is among the best in the world this year," says Academic Honors Office Coordinator Teresa Scarbrough.

Acceptance to PTK membership requires a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher and at least 12 units of college coursework completed at the associate level. After joining, the member is required to maintain a GPA at or above 3.0 and to uphold the society's ethical standards.

PTK chapters across the globe are invited to apply for Hallmark Awards annually, and the criteria for each award is rigorous. This year, more than 1,900 applications were submitted for Hallmark awards.

"We have been a five-star chapter for the past three years. Five-Star Chapter status is the highest achievement for a chapter's overall performance over the course of the preceding year," explains Scarbrough. "To reach this status, we have to meet requirements that include holding regular chapter meetings, making an effort to recruit new members, engaging in collaborative activities with other chapters

in our region, attending conferences and conventions, submitting applications for at least three Hallmark Awards, and participating in both major PTK programs: Honors in Action and the College Project."

Members of PTK chapters are recognized for their collective scholarly research, as well as their efforts to give back to their campus and local communities. Scarbrough emphasizes how much planning and effort goes into the volunteer work of PTK members each year. "In their transfer application essays students might say, 'I participated in a car wash with my PTK chapter' — that doesn't say much and it can sound trivial. But when their essay explains that they were responsible for the training, scheduling, and safety of 15 volunteers who worked together to raise over \$3,000 for scholarship awards — now that's something quite different."

Membership in PTK and other honor societies at OCC not only help students in their transfer application process, but also help foster many valuable skills. "Being recognized is certainly beneficial to members who actively participate in award-winning work," says Scarbrough. "However, being a volunteer in PTK also requires leadership and organizational skills, an awareness of the complexities involved in planning and executing events, an appreciation for the kinds of legal issues that can arise from activities, and how to work with a diverse team of collaborators. Students make life-long friendships and have a kind of family on campus with whom they work, play and learn."

Orange Coast College Recycling Center Reopens May 4 After Yearlong Closure

Following more than a year of closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Orange Coast College's Recycling Center reopened on Tuesday, May 4. The Center will be operating with modified business hours and procedures in order to ensure safety for both employees and visitors.

The Recycling Center is open from Tuesday until Saturday, and closed on Sundays and Mondays (see full operating hours below). Masks will be required for all employees



and patrons, and social distancing of 6 feet or more must be observed. In order to limit the spread of COVID-19, all materials, including donated materials, must be sorted before the Recycling Center receives them, including bottle caps removed from all bottles. Additional safety measures include the availability of hand sanitizer for customer use and sanitation procedures for high-touch surfaces.

“We are thrilled to be able to bring back this vital recycling resource for our local community members,” says OCC President Angelica Suarez. “OCC is committed to safely re-opening our facilities in accordance with local, state and federal health guidelines. We know the demand to re-open the Recycling Center is high, and we look forward to providing this service to our community once again.”

OCC’s Recycling Center was rebuilt in 2017, expanding on a popular community resource that first opened in 1970. In addition to more square footage, the new Recycling Center includes classroom space, increased parking, and men’s and women’s shower facilities to encourage employees to commute by bicycle. The Center also includes planter beds and composting containers.

Before the Recycling Center closed in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the facility was processing approximately 60,000 aluminum cans per day, and 20 tons of glass bottles per week. The Center also processed approximately 1,000 tons of paper per year.

In July 2019, OCC’s Recycling Center became the first facility in the world to achieve LEED Gold certification, Sustainable SITES Initiative (SITES) v2 certification, and TRUE Zero Waste certification. This unprecedented milestone pays homage to OCC’s commitment to sustainable practices on and off campus.

The Recycling Center is funded by OCC’s Associated Students, and students play a large role in developing the Center’s strategic vision.

OCC Professor of Photography Awarded Guggenheim Fellowship

Orange Coast College photography professor Richard Kraft has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for film/video. Kraft is the only full-time community college professor to be awarded the prestigious fellowship in 2021, which offers financial support to artists and scholars from a wide range of backgrounds and fields of study.

Guggenheim Fellowships are awarded annually through the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, to support “exceptional individuals in pursuit of scholarship in any field of knowledge and creation in any art form, under the freest possible conditions,” according to the foundation’s website. Fellows are chosen through a rigorous peer-review process.

“For artists, a Guggenheim Fellowship is an extraordinary endorsement,” says Kraft. “In addition to the substantial financial support that comes with the fellowship, it is a



recognition for work already made and, crucially, what is still to come.”

This year’s Fellows include professors from 73 institutions of higher education, including Ivy League behemoths Yale, Dartmouth, Stanford and Princeton, as well as top-rated research institutions such as a University of Chicago, Columbia University and University of California, Berkeley. The 184 Fellows for 2021 range in age from 31-85, and nearly one-third of the recipients are independent working artists with no full-time college or university affiliation.

“A Guggenheim Fellowship has always been meaningful, but this year we know it will be a lifeline for many of the new Fellows at a time of great hardship, a survival tool as well as a creative one,” said Edward Hirsch, president of the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Kraft is a British born artist whose multidisciplinary works engage many spheres of inquiry (language, literature, history, and popular culture) and incorporate a variety of media (film, collage, photography, drawing, and performance). This diversity of interests and methods is united in acts of alteration and transformation of the everyday world, and in the exploration of simultaneity, multiplicity and indeterminacy.

Kraft’s work has been widely exhibited at museums, galleries, and university spaces. He is the author of “Here Comes Kitty: A Comic Opera” and the five-volume set of artist’s books “It Is What It Is: All the Cards Issued to Donald Trump, January 2017-January 2021” (Siglio, 2021). He is the co-editor of “John Cage’s Diary: How to Improve the World (You Will Only Make Matters Worse),” “Marcel Broodthaers: My Ogre Book, Shadow Theater, Midnight,” and “Felix Gonzalez-Torres: Photostats.”

OCC Asst. Director Becomes First Community College, Asian American President-Elect of International Counseling Organization

Orange Coast College's Assistant Director of the Global Engagement Center Kris Toribio is the first community-college representative, as well as the first Filipino-American, Asian and Pacific Islander to be elected as president in the 26-year history of the International Association for College Admissions Counseling.

Toribio was elected by his peers on March 29 to head International ACAC, an affiliate of the US-based National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). With more than 3,500 members representing 1,500 institutions around the globe, International ACAC is the largest representative body for international student recruitment and counseling.

"I will be serving a three-year term as president, where I will lead and oversee governance, membership admissions best practices, professional development, and the organization of our annual conference and regional institutes around the world," said Toribio in an article in The Garden Island newspaper. "I am going to remain consistent and steadfast in my message that inclusion, diversity, equity and access has to be [at the] center to the work we do for the students we serve."

Toribio has worked in higher education for the past 12 years, starting his career as an admissions counselor at the University of Hawaii's Manoa campus. His work as a recruiter of international students, including his work as the assistant director at OCC's Global Engagement Center, has taken him to more than 54 countries around the world, including several trips to Japan, India, Kyrgyzstan and Brunei.

In 2018, Toribio led efforts to develop a partnership between Orange Coast College and the Ministry of Education in Brunei, resulting in a pipeline of international students to OCC from the island nation. In 2019, International ACAC awarded Toribio its Distinguished Service Award, making him the first community college



representative and second person of color to receive the organization's highest honor.

"I have done outreach to thousands of students and high schools, presented at several international conferences, met with U.S. ambassadors, and [currently I] work closely with EducationUSA, a State Department-sponsored, college-advising center with 300 centers around the world," said Toribio. "I cannot express into words how much pride I feel, making it on a global scale as a graduate of Kapa'a High School, and a son of immigrant parents from Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines."