Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.

– James Madison

May 25, 2017
Ocean County College Mission Statement

Ocean County College, an innovative academic leader, provides affordable, student-centered, high quality educational experiences that prepare and empower diverse learners to contribute to and succeed in global societies. OCC invests in and fosters academic, economic, and cultural excellence and ensures financial strength by generating new revenue streams, engaging in national and international university and corporate partnerships, and cultivating a technologically progressive and entrepreneurial spirit.

Ocean County College Vision Statement

Ocean County College will be the boldest, most creative, most innovative student-centered college in America.
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Grand Marshal
Dr. William J. Rickert
Professor of Mathematics

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Neil Lavender
Professor of Psychology
Scott Heilman
Asst. Professor of Health and Human Performance

Student Marshals
Francis Bal
Melanie Fernandez
Daniel Moran

Honor Guard
OCEAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Craig Johnson, Lieutenant
Patrick Moriarity, Corporal
Frederick Milani, Sheriff’s Officer
John Bennett, Sheriff’s Officer

Interpreters for the Deaf
Peg Jackowsky
Adrienne Adamo

Carillons
Lee Kobus
College Lecturer II, Humanities and Fine Arts

OCC will host a reception following the ceremony on the College Mall.

50th Commencement Guest Speaker: Philip G. Zitelli, Class of 1968

Phil Zitelli is a member of Ocean County College’s first graduating class, serving as first Student Government Association President from 1966 to 1968. He went on to earn Bachelor of Science degrees from Fairleigh Dickinson University and St. John’s University. Mr. Zitelli was one of the founding members of the OCC Alumni Association and served as its President from 1978 to 1983.

A leader in the community, Mr. Zitelli worked as a Registered Pharmacist and Director of Leadership and Professional Development in the pharmaceutical industry. Currently, he is a managing member of Zitelli & Associates, a leadership consulting firm.

In 2013, Mr. Zitelli generously donated $100,000 to establish a permanent endowment fund named “The Philip G. Zitelli Scholarship in Leadership.” This scholarship was established as a demonstration of Mr. Zitelli’s ongoing support of Ocean County College and his interest in developing leaders. The scholarship assists a graduating OCC student in supporting the continuation of his/her academic studies at an accredited four-year college or university within the United States.

“What is clear is that the increasingly fast-moving and competitive environment we face in the 21st Century demands more leadership from more people. Without that leadership, organizations, communities, and society at large remain stagnant, lose their way, and eventually suffer the consequences. My hope is that, in some small way, with this ‘Scholarship in Leadership’ we begin to encourage and develop a new generation of leaders who would be able to contribute in their own way to creating better organizations, communities, and society at large.”

– Philip G. Zitelli
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Candidates for the Associate in Arts Degree

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Alesi Denise Gunter
Anthony C. Gutierrez
Nicole Lynn Hall
Rachel Lynne Hanvey
Sydney Colleen Harding
Abigail Elizabeth Harr
Ean David Harris
Brianna M. Hartman
Cassidy A. Havelin
Christopher Michael Heck
Kelly G. Heinkel
Alexander Francis Xavier Heller
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Cassidy A. Havelin
Abigail Elizabeth Harr
Sydney Colleen Harding
Nicole Lynn Hall
Rachel Lynne Hanvey
Sydney Colleen Harding

Jenna Lee Kobular
Donald Francis Kohler
Emily Jean Kok
Michelle Konz
Joshua Richard Kottshian
Christina Nicole Kovacs
Danielle Ashley Kramer
Michael R. Krawchuk
Moira Catharine Krier
Molly Melissa Krill
Kaitlyn Krisulevicz
April M. Kroeschel
Raechel Tristan Kronyak
Katherine H. Kurtz
Nadia Michelle Kuti
Laura A. Laczynski
Amber Lynn Lally
Taylor Carolyn Lampard
James Tyrone Langschultz Jr
Dominic Joseph Lanza
Marguerite Elizabeth Lanza
Alissa Eileen Lardiere
Brittany Danielle Largo
Dellamarie Larkin
Thomas Edward LaRoche
Jennifer Lynn Lauter
Brooke Leary
Megan Stacy Leary
Patrick Gwenael LeCras
Victoria E. Leaderle
Brandon Christopher Lee
Chelsea Dawn Levine
Melissa Ann Lewis
Carmen J. Leyva
Brian Patrick Lind
Amber Lyn Linke
Caroline Paige Linke
Morgan Faith Linstra
John L. Logue
Nicole Lynn Lombardo
Adam Warner Lookup
Corey J. Lopez
Joseph Bryan Lunn
Michael Thomas Lynch Jr
Erin Anne Lyons
Aaijlaya Z. Lyttle
Megan Ann Maffei
Jordan Alyse Magers
Dylan Alexander Maher
Tara N. Mahon
Carmen D. Maldonado
Kenneth L. Mann Jr
Tara C. Mariani
Rebecca Marie Martucci
Ryan Brendan Massarelli
Kelly J. Matthews
Ashley Victoria Matthews
Samantha Mathias
Ciara M. Matula
Erin Mairead Matula
Mark D. May
Nicole Ann Mazzamuto
Aidan Kelly McBride
Tyler Madison McCabe
Meghan Judith McCauley
Lynsey A. McCormack
Diana Alanis McEntee
Olivia Marie McGlynn
Morgan L. McGraw
Julia Morgan McKay
Morgan L. McGraw
Robert Mcnulty
Katherine Kelly Mecca
Conor Steven Mees
Thomas Edwin Mellott
Bryanna Leigh Mendes
Amanda Lynn Mendes
Amanda Brooke Menth
David Stanley Merritt
Emma Elizabeth Meyers
Joseph Jr. Meyers III
Julie Anne Miceli
William N. Mikhail
Luke J. Miller
Sarah Elizabeth Miller
Cassandra Grace Millet
Alexandra P. Molinas
Raquel Lee Monbleau
Justin Edward Montefusco
Erica Renee Montenegro
Marlena Maria Montes
Christopher John Moore
Kevin M. Moran
Brenna Phelan Morey
Kerri Shea Morgan
Olivia Marie Morrissy
Craig Helge Mortensen
Megan C. Moser
Victoria Elizabeth Mulligan
James Patrick Murphy
Matthew John Myles
William Kevin Naess
Christopher A. Naples
Erica Ann Nelson
Isabella Marie Neri
Justin Miggod Neto
Samantha Cristina Netternet
Alexandra Florence Newman
Robert William Newman
Elizabeth Nielsen
Heather C. Nikielperowicz
Venetia Rachel Nizzardini
Griffin Christopher Nokes
Erin MacKenzie Noonan
Jamie Alexandra Pleses
Morgan L. O’leary
Kayllynn Marie Olivacz
Tyler Martins Oliveira
Artayjah Jahane Oliver
Roberta L. Omitcin
Abigail Mckenzie Orr
Shannon M. Ortiz-Milne
Erin Lynn Oyler
Saskya Josselyn Pachas
Natali Padilla Paz
Alysha Nicole Paino
Trevor Michael Palagonia
Rocco R. Palmieri
Allan Matthew Palush Jr
Devin Panick
Brandon Jacob Parolisi
Ronald Parry
Elizabeth Rose Pasquale
Komal Patel
Elisabeth Paul
John R. Pawlowski
Kaitlynn A. Roman
Mackenzie Kellie River
Jillian Rose Roberts
Cristina Isabel Rodriguez
Kelsey M. Rogers
Kaitlynn A. Roman
Maria N. Rosa
Cashmere Anne Rosado
Elisabeth Marie Rosario
Mackenzie Kellie River
Shara Jeanette Ruth
Melissa Rose Rybczynska
Thomas Joseph Sadowski
Jessica Salac
Tyler Frederick Rozell
Tessa Elizabeth Rush
Tara K. Rust
Jonathan Michael Sauer
Melanie Sofia Santos
Michael Anthony Santos
Nicholas Antonio Scalone
Brian Marie Scandiffio
Lara Rae Scarano
Tara Schaaf
Dana E. Schaffe
The Associate in Science degree is awarded to students who have successfully completed a transfer program consisting of a minimum of 64 semester hours, 18 semester hours in a concentration selected from one college department.

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Candidates for the Associate in Science Degree

Catherine Rose Charrette
Aaron B. Chavez
Kuilong Chen
Kaitlin Sunghee Choi
Brett Matthew Christensen
Gabriel Christensen
Amanda Taylor Chrzanowski
Travis M. Cifarelli
Marissa Lynn Citta
Justin Clark
Victoria Sophia Clement
Tzippy Cohen
Darren Jeffrey Cole Jr
Maria Anna Sally Colicelli
Jordi Marie Colino
Tiffany Alexa Concepcion
Nancy M. Condoluci
Robert William Connolly
Stephanie Jean Conrad
Brianna Conroy
William Garen Corrigan
Steven Charles Corso
Rebecca Lynne Corwin
Marissa C. Costantin
Dianne R. Cottrell
Vincent Joseph Coughlin
Joshua Charles Cross
Jennifer L. Cruz
Joseph James Cubelo
Matthew Cusanelli
Stephen J. Dahl
Joseph Steven Dai
Paul J. Dalton Jr
Robert J. D’Anton Jr
Christian Alexander Danyo
Natalie Ian Davila
Erick Davis
Eric Francis DeBock
Jobelle J. Del Rosario
James T. Dellane Jr
Charles May Dell’Orto
Robert Duncan DeMartin
William Joseph Dempsey III
Tiffani C. DePietro
Shelby Hope de-Rouville
Matthew Michael DeSimone
Amanda Ann DeSombre
Dusty Virginia Devlin
Paul Anthony Di Gregorio
Joseph Edward Di Palma
Leticia Diaz
Nicolas Eric Diaz
Alicia Renee DiCorcia
Michael F. DiCristina
Daniel Matthew DiFino
Jessica Lynn DiGregorio
Michael Joseph Dinse Jr
Michael Anthony DiPalo
Nicole Discenza
Johnathan N. Dodd
Liam Charles Dolly
Joey Michael Domanoski
Edward Vincent Donohue
Christine Downing
Mikayla Rose Dragonetti-Xifo
Amy Lynn Drahos
Nicole G. Duarte
Elva P. Dudley-Devero
Queenie N. Dulowski
Devin Thomas Durante
Taylor Patricia Durning
Maegan Alexis Eager
Andrea Diane Eckholt
Jessica Amanda Ehlers
Brienne E. Eikeseth
John A. Eitner
Abdelkareem Elshareif
Christopher Steven Elwell
David I. Engelhardt Jr
Kyle Ulrich Englert
Stephanie Leigh Erhard
Dylan John Ernst
Stephanie Noel Errickson
Joseph C. Estenes III
Robert Douglas Evans
William V. Sgro-Evans
William James Evers
Stephen Joseph Fahnholz
Anna Leigh Farrand
Charles Vincent Farrell
Brielle Patricia Farrell
Nicole Favato
Michael J. Fazzini
Angela Marie Feasel
Harrison Liam Felice
Abigail Marie Fennimore
Richard Arthur Fernandez
Bryan C. Fernandez
Karlo A. Fernandez
Kenneth John Ferrante II
Mary L. Ferrante
Melanie M. Ferrara
Harold Sorogon Ferrares Jr
Joseph Patrick Ferretti
Wendy Leonor Figueroa
Dragos Filip
Nancy J. Fish
Sara Fisher
Angela Victoria Fitzgerald
Joshua Hawkins Fizer
Michael S. Fleming Jr
Mariajose Flores
John Francis Fogarty III
Kevin James Ford
Sabrina Eileen Forlenza
Sarah Jean Louise Foster
Danielle Foy
Marilyn Fragoso
Nicholas A. Francese
Ashley E. Frankman
Joseph Byhers Franks
Kelly Lauren Fraser
Brianna Paige Frechette
John F. Frunzi
Maria Alejandra Fuentes
Ryan M. Fulton
Summer Grace Gahles
William Anthony Galea
Steven Brandon Galindo
Devon-Marie Gallo
Justin Tyler Gant
Katie M. Gantner
Juan M. Garcia
Arianna Rose Garcia
Rachel Victoria Gares
William John Geary
Ryan Tyler Gerrity
Danielle Marie Gianconce
Christopher Thomas Giardelli
Ian Thomas Giberson
Robert Scott Gifford
Kimberly Shakira Gill
John B. Gilliam
Emily Paige Gilluly
Kailey Alexis Gilmore
Connor J. Glory
Mary Gold

Ocean County College 2017 Commencement
Candidates for the Associate in Science Degree

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William Patrick Parker
Jordyn M. Parliament
Shiv Patel
Vivek D. Patel
Jessica Marie Penic
Mitchel Duarte Pereira
Dallitza Perez
Thomas Perl
Travis M. Perrone
Darrin Fox Perrotta
Joshua Vincent Petrecca
Luc Tan Phung
Aaron Isaiah Pichon

Crystal L. Pierce
Elizabeth A. Piercy
Jessica Angelise Pizarro
Angela Mary Plaia
Hunter Marie Platt
Greta Plokstyte
Emily Sarah Pollinger
Christina Pope
William Storm Abysius Poser
Hunter Morgan Powell
Kayla Rose Brierley
Vincent J. Prestigiaco Jr
Brandon Charles Priestley
Ryan Enn Prima
John Charles Puleo
Matthew Aleksei Purpuro
James Douglas Quamie Jr
Daniella Quiasua-Vence
Tatiana Quiasua-Vence
Greta Plokstyte
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Stephanie Russo
Angel Whitney Russomano
Joseph S. Ruvelas
Jaclyn S. Sadler
Aubri A. Salazar
Mary A. Salemi
James Edwards Salins
Philip John Sammarco V
Rodrigo Sanchez
Shivani Maryssa Sankar
Sonia M. Santiago
Brandon Christopher Santos
Mathew Santos
Ryan Michael Sapone
Joseph Anthony Saverino
Adrianna Maria Scala
Jeffrey Richard Scherer
Mariah Jean Schiessl
Christine Lin Schilling
Ryan Aaron Schilling
Andrew K. Schirripa
Eric Joseph Schlesinger
Kevin F. Schmalz
Shawn James Schneider
Laura Michelle Schneller
Brittany Ann Schoneman
Faith Jordan Schuetz
Justin Schumann
Cassidy Christine Schuster
Brian Segura
Madison Liam Seiger
Michael James Sgro
Catherine Anne Shapiro
Richard Joseph Shead
Sherry Lee Theerar
Autumn Amber Shenk
Janice C. Sheridan
Sara Lynn Sherman
Karolina Magdalena Sieczkowska
Allison Skurat
Andrey Thomas Smith
Shantel Smith
Kayla Marie Smith
Christopher T. Smith
Jillian F. Smith
Christina Lee Snyder
Tracy L. Solly
Melanie Margaret Soltis
Joseph Tyler Sosidka
Will Calvin Spangle
Anthony Spera III
Victoria Lynn Spero
Antonia Louise Spinelli
Marissa Lynn Stadtmauer
Ashley Lynn Stahl
Andrew Thomas Stahl
Ashley E. Stanfield
Mantas Stanionis
Kasey Noel Stark
Matthew Thomas Steadman
Kenneth Edward Stewart
Rachel Marie Stillwell
Gianna Nicole Storino
Nicholas James Strick
Jill E. Stroehlein
Marissa Lynn Stroud
Jose Suarez
Mark Sullivan Jr
Bryan Alexander Sullivan
Victoria Elizabeth Sumner
Daniel Gerald Svehla
Brian Paul Swaithour Jr
Jason James Szewczuk
Lisa Michelle Szucs
Stefanie P. Talbot
Danielle Mary Tambascia
Darren Michael Tancredi
Carlos Tapia
Matthew Robert Tapp
Steven M. Tarricone
Christian AdrianoTavares
Christian Patrick Tavis
Yesenia Tecalero Lopez
Caitlin Teeple
Mikayla Templeton
Ian Charles Templeton
 Faith Elizabeth Terrell
Caitlyn Maureen Testa
Shannon Marie Thomas
John Senick Timmes
Dillion Titus
Hope E. Tomasella
Zachary Michael Tooker
Courtney E. Traeger
Jonathan Peter Trifiro
Kristin Lynn Troncone
Gianna Marie Trotter
James AndersonTruitt
Stephen John Tyles
Corey John Tyrell
Amber N. Urso
Justin Valerio
Nina Jaclyn Van De Vaarst
Christina Marie Van Der Vliet
Troy Matthew Van Dyke
Shanna C. Van Horn
Nolan Scott Vance
Lauren Taylor Vandenberg
Heather Emily VanDerclute
Lori Ann VanGaaasbeck
Angela Catherine VanTeeling
Taylor Ann VanWagenen
John Robert Vaughan Jr
Jalisa D. Vazquez
Michael Vincent Vella
Michael Steven Vena
Adrian F. Vinueza-Cordova
Marissa Marie Viscardi
Matthew D. Vitale
Giordano Vittone
Ryan Michael Voigt
Rebecca Joan Volek
Gustav L. von Schirach
Krista D. Voorhees
Weston James Wade
Joseph Peter Wainwright Jr
Richard W. Wajda Jr
Chesnina Rose Walker
Lara D. Walsh
Heather Ann Walter
Brianna Nicholle Walulak
Robert James Watson III
Michael Gary Weber
Brienna Min Wernerspach
Morgan Amanda Whalen
James A. Wilder Jr
Benjamin Alan Wilson III
Jerica Arlane Wilson
Ryan Michael Winkler
Lisa Sarah Wit
Rachel Marie Witt
Jake R. Wollman
Bryan James Wood
Ryan Wood
Alice Margaret Woodruff
Adam J. Wozniak
Brian Wurzburger
Matthew Alexander Yoanidis
James Henry Youmans
Clayton Alan Young
Arielle Rae Yutuc
Joseph Zambardi
Zachary Nicholas Zambella
Matthew Louis Zampella
Giovanni Laurence Zanecchia
Anthony A. Zappola III
Marlena R. Zarrillo
Matteus Zemel
Christopher Steven Zigo
Nicholas Zachary Zrebiec
Alexis Ann Zsomboran
Daniel V. Zultany
Drew Zytko
Candidates for the Associate in Applied Science Degree

The Associate in Applied Science degree is awarded to students who have successfully completed a minimum of 64 semester hours, 22 of which are in general education. The remaining semester hours are in the field of career-oriented specialization.

Jack Raymond Ader Jr
Daniel Steven Allert
Tatiana Amatelli
Ankita N. Amin
Svitlana Antoschuk
Talia Jillian Apruzzese
Alexis Petrenko Archer
Kimberly Ann Arico
Julie Anne Balsamo
Katrina Camille C. Banez
Mallory Alvino Barger
Carissa A. Basso
Jessica Leigh Bealer
Ashley Bechtle
Jennifer Marie Bianco
Rachel M. Bishop
Tracey Ann Bisset
Kerri Lynn Boemio
Jenette Elizabeth Brattole
Jacquelin Evelyn Bressan
Moshe Brody
Sharon A. Brown
Brittany A. Buresch
Daniella Lynn Butler
Courtney L. Callahan
Caitlyn Haley Carrubba
Kathryn Taylor Causey
Miranda May Christensen
Amanda V. Cimo
Dawn Anne Cino
Morgan Hope Conroy
Kayla L. Cook
Melissa Jean Cooke
Ashley Marie Cordero
Brittany A. Cotta
Amy Covell-Shamus
James Arthur Coverdale
Emily Criss
Dana Marie Curcio
Melissa Ann DeFuria
Dana Marie D’Esposito
Sarah Doreen DeStefano
Jennifer C. Diem
Larissa Donatiello
Jennelyna Aquino Doronila
Samantha Marie Downing
Matthew William Driendon Jr
Jonathan H. Esteves
Adam Ahmed Fayed
Melanie Rose Fernandez
Michael Firneno
Cassandra Jay Fix
Michelle Lee Franco
Nicole Ann Frontera
Diane M. Giasulla
Elisabeth Claire Gillies
Danielle Christine Goble
Koby G. Gomez
Leanna E. Goodman
Jeremy Taylor Gordon
Christine Lynn Gorski
Natalie Noelle Gosline
Angela Elizabeth Graci
Christopher Eric Graessle
Janine M. Granit
Nancy A. Gray
Holli Jean Grimek
Gabrielle Marie Gross
Deanne Grace Grossano
William Robert Habit
Henny Heiman
Amanda Helterbrand
Chelsea Marie Heston
Staci J. Hilseheimer
Jennifer M. Hullings
Jenny Ann Hulse
Brandi Leigh Hutson
Dawn Michele Inserra
Lauren Elizabeth Jennsch
Ariel Sandra Johnson
Kaitlin L. Johnson
Lauren Kablis
Sarah Kalucki
Kaitlyn A. Kiszka
Tzipora Konovitch
Tiffany L. Korecky
Candace Marie LaFonte
Nikki Lelio
Daniel V. Leonard
Frances Mikhaila Lozano
Sarah Marie Lucke
Vanessa Anastasia Lukasik
Francesca Del Carmen Malaga
Lorean Eleni Malcup
Leslie Rosemarie Marra
Maryceli Martinez
Stephen Robert McNamara Jr
Samantha L. Mercy
Danielle Marie Mitchell
Alexandra P. Molinas
Katelyn Mary Mulroney
Cody John Murray
Amalia Joanne Ng
Batya Nisenbaum
Michelle Jade O’Connor
Vanessa Andreia Olender
Gladys Omari-Agyapong
Vanessa Ortiz
Alysha Nicole Paino
Francesca Lee Pantalone
Jocjaceline Paolillo
Joseph Robert Paterno
Jamie Jeanne Pernal
Noreen Phillips
Anna Portalatin
Courtney Anne Powitz
Ariel Sandra Johnson
Christa Rittinger
Melissa Ann Robinson
Jamie L. Rojas
Kimberly Joy Rolston
Ellen M. Rosalita
Erik James Rosell
Anthony C. Rubino
Wendy Rutan
Kelly Lynn Ryan
Stefanie Kay Rzeszewicz
Tina Marie Saldarelli
Pamela Marie McGowan
Sarah Marie Lucke
Vanessa Anastasia Lukasik
Francesca Del Carmen Malaga
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Pamela Marie McGowan
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2017 TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS:
Full-time faculty: Lynn Kenneally
Professional Educator: James Marshall
Adjunct: Charlotte Langeveld

2017 STUDENT AWARDS:
RJ Norcia Graduating Award
Avrohom Kotler
Donated by Marilyn Kralik, $100 is awarded to a graduating student who dramatically changed their academic pathway or worked to improve their GPA.

OCC Adjunct Faculty Association Award
Ana Carrillo, Corey Tyrrell
Donated by the Adjunct Faculty Association, $250 is awarded to two graduating students, one in the field of History and one in the field of Business.

Career, Employment, and Counseling Services Award
Dylann Emery
Donated by Career, Employment, and Counseling Services Department, $200 is awarded to a graduating student who diligently worked on their career, academic, and life goals.

Viking Athletic Department Commitment Award
Robert Bennett, Robert Newman
$100 and a plaque is awarded to two students who have shown outstanding commitment and support of the athletics program and loyalty to the college.

The Commencement Speaker Award
Avrohom Kotler
Donated by Student Life, $200 is awarded to the student Commencement Speaker.

John Morrison Memorial Scholarship
Naess William
Donated by Dr. Beth Brierley, $250 is awarded to a graduating student transferring to a four-year institution who has been an active participant in OCC's Performing Arts Programs.

Meals On Wheels Of Ocean County Award (in honor of Virginia and Jack Lamping)
Brandon Parolisi
$250 is awarded to a graduating student interested in pursuing a career in public affairs, policy or government.

Probation Officer Harold E. Lasalle Memorial Award
Casey Astalos
Donated by family and friends, $250 is awarded to a graduate of the Criminal Justice program pursuing a four-year degree in Criminal Justice.

Virginia & Jack Lamping Memorial Award (in honor of Virginia and Jack Lamping)
Alice Woodruff
$125 is awarded to a graduating student interested in pursuing a career in public affairs, policy or government, or the arts.

Delta Kappa Gamma-Zeta Chapter Teaching Scholarship
Amanda Mendes, Bryanna Mendes
$300 is awarded to two female students from Ocean County College continuing their education at a four-year institution in the field of Teacher Education.

e-Learning Achievement Scholarship
Michael Santos
$250 is awarded to a graduating e-Learning OCC student who has excelled, as demonstrated by a GPA of 3.5 or higher, in the distance learning environment. This scholarship is designed to recognize the unique skills and dedication required to succeed in an online learning modality.

Judith A. Laurie Memorial Award (for excellence in Spanish)
Ana Carrillo
Donated by Judith Laurie's sister, Joan Herder, $250 is awarded to a student demonstrating excellence in the pursuit of the Spanish Language.

Phi Theta Kappa Heather Muser Memorial Alumni Award
Abigail Orr
$300 is awarded by the Alumni Association of Phi Theta Kappa of Ocean County College to a member of Phi Theta Kappa who has made significant contributions to the programs and activities sponsored by the Tau Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity Award
Alexandra Kern, Oleksandr Podolyanchuk
$200 each is awarded to two students who best exemplify the ideals of the Phi Theta Kappa fraternity, making significant contributions to the work of the Tau Iota chapter, promoting intellectual and cultural growth.

Associated Students of OCC Awards (in memory of Thomas J. Brady)
Avrohom Kotler, C’airra Cotte, Kimberly Cacciato, Oleksandr Podolyanchuk, Rebecca Martucci, Autumn Shenko
Donated by Student Life, student government presents $200 each to graduating students displaying consistently strong records of involvement in the co-curricular program.

Patrick Carroll Award
Kieran Murphy, Thomas Pulcine
$200 and a plaque is awarded to two male students who have excelled academically, whose influence have been most constructive in the field of Athletics, and have exhibited satisfactory scholarship, sound citizenship, and loyalty to the College.

Julie Foukarakis Memorial Award
Christina VanDerVliet, Courtney Hagaman
$200 and a plaque is awarded to two female students who have excelled academically, whose influences have been most constructive in the field of Athletics, and have exhibited satisfactory scholarship, sound citizenship, and loyalty to the College.

Cornelia Wismer Memorial Award for Criminal Justice
Nicole Favato
Donated by her family, $400 is awarded to an outstanding graduating student completing at least 64 OCC credits, with a 3.0 GPA or better, in the field of Criminal Justice.

Phi Theta Kappa Outstanding Service Award (Sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. William Rickert)
William Poser
$500 is awarded to a student who has made outstanding contributions to the activities of Tau Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The recipient must exemplify the ideals of Phi Theta Kappa as set forth in the four Hallmarks, namely: Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Fellowship.

Dr. Albert Socol Memorial Scholarship Award
Brandon Johnson, Tylor O'Grady
$250 each is awarded to two outstanding students in Mathematics.

James Inman Award
Francis Bali, Melanie Fernandez
$250 each is awarded to two students demonstrating outstanding qualities of scholarship, loyalty, citizenship, and contribution to extra-curricular activities.

The Math Club Scholarship
Nathaniel Burgdorfer, Matthew Johnson
$250 each is awarded to two graduating students pursuing a degree in Math at a four-year institution, with at least 12 completed, non-remedial, Mathematics credits with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

The Faculty Association of Ocean County College Award
Andrew Fantasia, Michael Lynch
Donated by the Faculty Association of OCC, $400 each is awarded to two outstanding students transferring to four-year institutions.

FAOCC William Kanouse Memorial Scholarship
Brandon Johnson
In honor of past FAOCC President, Bill Kanouse, and donated by the Faculty Association of OCC, $500 is awarded to an outstanding student transferring to a four-year institution.

Pauline S. Miller Award (History)
Corey Reynolds
Donated by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a certificate and $500 is awarded to an outstanding student in the field of History.

* Awards and winners effective 5/20. Subject to change or deletion after press time.
Autumn Shenko
William Poser, Jenna Puglisi, Abigal Orr, Gustavo Ortega, Daniel Moran, Kieran Murphy, Erin Matula, Diana McEntee, Avrohom Kotler, Rebecca Martucci, Grace Evans, Melanie Fernandez, to an outstanding photography student.

Donated by the family of Jennifer Linz Cooper, $1,000 is awarded

Remington Silvan
Sheldon Linz Memorial Award
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Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission Art Award
Oleksandr Podolyanchuk
Donated by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a certificate and $500 is awarded to an outstanding student in the field of Art.

The Paul Family Scholarship (in memory of Joyce Previte)
Moshe Brody
$525 is awarded to a student who demonstrates aptitude in the study of Nursing with the intent to pursue a career in Nursing.

The Joyce Previte Memorial Scholarship
Zainab Razavi
$500 is awarded to an outstanding graduate of the Nursing Program who has maintained a 3.0 GPA or better.

Who’s Who Among Students at OCC
Francis Bal, Robert Bennett, Alyssa Brantley, Kimberly Cacciato, C’airra Cotte, Alicia Dalia, Emily Dancisin, Grace Evans, Melanie Fernandez, Avrohom Kotler, Rebecca Martucci, Erin Matula, Diana McEntee, Daniel Moran, Kieran Murphy, Abigal Orr, Gustavo Ortega, Crystal Pierce, Oleksandr Podolyanchuk, William Poser, Jenna Puglisi, Autumn Shenko
$100 each is awarded to graduating students nominated in 2017 for making significant contributions to Ocean County College regarding scholarship and leadership.

Soroptimist Club of Toms River Award
Kassandra Wainwright
$750 is awarded to a graduating female student continuing her education at a four-year institution.

The Viking Spirit Award
Kimberly Cacciato
$800 is awarded to a graduating EOF student who exemplifies leadership, service and character.

Andrew T. Baran Scholarship
Edward Landi
$1,000 is awarded to a graduating student who enrolls in a four-year institution pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Carleen Sterling Orsi Memorial Award (initial) Nicole Dyson; (renewal) April Szymczyk
$1,000 is awarded to a graduate student transferring to a four-year institution. (Renewable for second year.)

Sheldon Linz Memorial Award
Remington Silvan
Donated by the family of Jennifer Linz Cooper, $1,000 is awarded to an outstanding photography student.

Donald W. Smith Scholarship
Nathaniel Burgdorfer, Michael Nicolas
Donated by D.W. Smith Associates, $500 each is awarded to two graduating students pursuing education in civil engineering, surveying, planning landscape design, and/or environmental services.

Ocean County Society of Professional Engineers Award Brandon Johnson
$1,000 is awarded to a student for outstanding achievement in Engineering.

Laverne Weigold Memorial Scholarship Award Autumn Shenko
$1,000 is awarded to an outstanding student demonstrating scholarship abilities and an interest in the area of English or the Humanities.

Joseph J. Quattrock Memorial Scholarship
Jack Bartky
$1,000 is awarded to a graduating student continuing in a four-year institution, majoring in Business Administration, Computer Science, or a related curriculum, with a 3.5 GPA or better.

Michael D. Vena Memorial MUAA Scholarship
Kirsten Holloway, Francis McDonnell
Donated by the Municipal Utilities Authorities Association of Ocean County, $1,000 is awarded to two graduates transferring to a four-year institution and majoring in Environmental Sciences or directly related fields.

Ocean County Sheriff’s Foundation Scholarship
Alexandra Kern
Donated by the Ocean County Sheriff’s Foundation, $1,000 is awarded to a graduate of the Criminal Justice program pursuing a four-year degree in Criminal Justice who has demonstrated academic success and service to the community.

Douglas C. King Memorial Scholarship
Shanna Biesterfeld
$1,000 is awarded to a graduate of the Criminal Justice program who is pursuing a four-year degree in Criminal Justice.

Honors by Contract Graduating Awards
Ashley Baggatta, Nicole Dyson
Andrew Fantasia, Brandon Goodwin
Diana McEntee, Lauren Philipp
Cassidy Quinn, Stephanie Russo
Connor Wagner
Donated by the Ocean County College Foundation, $1,000 is awarded to the top graduating students who have completed the Honors by Contract program.

Catherine Don Diego Scholarship For Excellence In Humanities
Leah Marie Fargo, Autumn Shенко
Funded by a generous donation from the estate of the late Catherine Don Diego (an English Professor who was hired in 2005 and died from ovarian cancer in late 2006) $500 is awarded to two graduating students who have excelled in and are pursuing a major in Literature, Art, Music or Theatre.

Support Staff Association of OCC Award
Nicole Celebre, Jenna Puglisi, Robert Bennett, Melanie Fernandez, Evan Gonnella, Mackenzie Rivera, Ian Templeton
Donated by the Support Staff Association, $500 is awarded to two graduating students who are a spouse or dependent of a Support Staff employee, and $200 each is awarded to five graduating students who have been in the College Work-Study Program.

Robert J. Novins Scholarship for Continued Study
Matthew Haines
$2,000 is awarded to a graduating student continuing in a four-year institution, majoring in Political Science and Government Studies with a 3.0 GPA or better.

The D’Onofrio Foundation Award
Melissa Cooke, Jared Wolansky
$2,000 each is awarded to two students who demonstrate aptitude in the study of Health/Medicine with the intent to pursue a career in a related field, with a 3.0 GPA or better.

William T. Hiering Scholarship
Tyler O’Grady
$2,000 is awarded to an outstanding student who has completed 64 credits at Ocean County College and maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

Dollie & Harry David Sussna Scholarship (initial) Francis Bal, Kayla Burciar; (renewal) C’airra Cotte, Danielle Marie Robleski
Donated by Dollie and Harry David Sussna. Initial award is $1,500 each to two outstanding students transferring to four-year institutions. $2,000 is renewable upon re-enrollment.

President’s Leadership Team Scholarship
Jack Bartky, DaRon Brown
$900 is awarded to two non-traditional students who have demonstrated commitment to successfully completing their academic requirements and persistence in managing demanding, outside responsibilities not experienced by traditional students, and will continue their education at a four-year institution.

Ocean County College Board Of Trustees Award
Emily Dancisin, Maegan Eager, Noah Resnick
Donated by the OCC Board of Trustees, $1,000 each is awarded to three graduating students who have achieved outstanding academic performance at Ocean County College and who will continue their education in the Kean-Ocean Program.

Philip G. Zitelli Scholarship In Leadership
Melanie Fernandez
Donated by Phil Zitelli, a member of the first graduating class of Ocean County College in June 1968, $5,000 is awarded to an outstanding graduating student leader continuing in a four-year institution with a 3.0 GPA or better.
Academic Dress

The origins of academic dress date back to the Twelfth and Thirteenth centuries when universities in England were taking form. The scholars were also clerics and thus adopted robes similar to those of their monastic orders. Caps were a necessity in the drafty buildings and capes with hoods were needed for warmth.

In the United States, the use of academic dress has been continuous since colonial times. A uniform system was not widespread, however, until about 1895, when the well-defined dress code was adopted by nearly all institutions of higher education.

Gowns worn by those in the procession vary in design and decoration according to the degree held. Although the gown is more frequently black, certain universities have authorized the use of colored gowns.

Hoods, which are the most distinctive feature of the American code, vary in length according to the type of degree held, and are lined with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. The velvet border or edging indicates the degree or subject by use of the appropriate color.

The standard cap is the mortarboard and is usually the same for all degrees. The standard tassel is black, but the doctor’s cap may have a gold tassel. Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred.

Associate Degree
The design of the gown is the same as the bachelor’s degree. The color of the gown is gray.

Bachelor’s Degree
The academic gown has short or regular sleeves. The length of the hood must be three feet.

Master’s Degree
The academic gown has pointed sleeves. The length of the hood is three and one-half feet.

Doctorate Degree
The gown has round full sleeves, faced down the front with black velvet trimming and has three bars of the same material across the sleeves or, in some cases, the color of this velvet relates to the field in which the degree is granted. Length of the hood is four feet.

Academic Dress – Color Code

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Broadcast Schedule

Lee Kobus, College Lecturer II, Humanities and Fine Arts
Ralph Bertini, Television Production Director

Online: www.ocean.edu
Commencement Week Ceremonies will be webcast LIVE on the College’s website. Video for each ceremony will remain available for online viewing several weeks after the ceremonies.

Ocean TV20
Commencement Week ceremonies will be broadcast on Comcast of Toms River and Long Beach Island (channel 20) and Verizon FiOS of Northern Ocean County (channel 24), according to the following schedule:

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Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.

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May 25, 2017