Ocean County College finished sixth in the country as an athletic program for success in championship competition by the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA). Points are determined on where teams finish at the NJCAA National Championships. At the fall rankings of this year OCC was ranked #2; now that all the national competition tournaments for the 2012-2013 year have been completed OCC ranked as one of the top programs in the country.

NATYCAA is the professional organization of two year college athletic administrators, and membership is open to all two year institutions from throughout the country (www.natycaa.com).

The NATYCAA Cup program began in 2004 and recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics based on success in championship competition. Standings for the Scholarship and Non – Scholarship Divisions are ranked twice a school year. (Mid Year rankings in January and Final Standings are in June.) For full results, visit www.nacda.com/sports/natycaa

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Women’s Basketball Wins Region, Competes at Nationals

After a slow start to their 2013 season – with no wins in its first five games – the Vikings Women’s Basketball Team stormed back to win nine of its last 12 regular season games and take the title of Region XIX champions.

The team began its championship run on February 23, in the first round of the Region XIX Tournament, where the women defeated Middlesex 70-67. In the quarterfinals, the Vikings took down the Eastern Pennsylvania Athletic Conference top seed Northampton, which had a 24-2 overall season record and a perfect 10-0 regional record.

OCC then knocked off Passaic, the Garden State Athletic Conference top seed, in the semi-finals, and headed to the regional championship game, where they staged an epic comeback to defeat second-seeded Cumberland by a score of 67-62.

In March, the Vikings traveled to Minnesota to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association’s Championship Tournament for the first time since 1999. OCC placed eighth in the nation in Division III.

Head coach Dana Kovich was named the 2013 Region XIX Division III Coach of the Year and District E Coach of the Year, while team members Amber Nafziger and Jacquelyn Caravella were named to the All-Region XIX and All-Garden State Athletic Conference Teams, and Corinne Morgan was named All-GSAC.

Women’s Hoops Wins “Together We R” Team Award

Coach Dana Kovich accepted the 2nd Annual WBCA Russell Athletic “Together We R” Team Award on behalf of the team and spoke in front of 500 of her colleagues at the annual WBCA Awards Show held on Monday, April 8 in New Orleans. The Awards Show is held every year in conjunction with the NCAA® Women’s Final Four®. For more, see page 4.
Swim Team Competes at NJCAA National Championships

The Ocean County College Men’s and Women’s Swim Team competed at the NJCAA National Championships in Buffalo, New York from March 6-9.

The women’s swimmers posted 12 individual personal bests and 3 relay personal bests at the meet. The team finished 13th overall and 5th in the non-scholarship division. Elizabeth Davis, Brittany Earley, Patricia Keene, and Alexandra Penczuk were all named honorable mention NJCAA All-Americans.

The men’s swimmers posted 21 individual personal bests and 5 relay personal bests. The team went on to finish the meet in 10th place overall and 3rd place in the non-scholarship division. Andrew Bajor, Anthony Domanoski, Chris Giglio, Anthony Maruca, Rob Newman, and Gene Tutzauer were all named honorable mention NJCAA All-Americans.

Swimmer Sets 200 Backstroke Record at NJCAA Nationals

Christian Giglio set a new Ocean County College record in the 200 backstroke at NJCAA Nationals in Buffalo, NY. He swam 1:58.63 to best a 15 year old record formerly held by Chris Debari (2:01.98). Congratulations to Chris for this excellent accomplishment!

Baseball Has Another Winning Season

The Ocean County College Baseball Team finished their 2013 season with a record of 17 wins 12 losses and 1 tie. The team qualified for the Region Tournament and defeated Lehigh Carbon in the first round of the playoffs. The team played some extremely tough competition including 4 games against Gloucester (two in the 2nd round of the playoffs), the #1 ranked team in the nation where they lost by one run twice.

The team had a strong season highlighted by a number of accomplishments. On April 4th in a 19-9 win vs. Atlantic Cape in his first collegiate at bat, Kevin Corris hit a grand slam homerun for the Vikings. Mickey Donnelly pitched two games vs. the number one team in the nation. In the first appearance Mickey gave up 2 runs on 7 hits and struck out 6. In the second appearance he allowed 2 runs on 2 hits and struck out 13. Two players were named to the All-Region Team including Jon Del Valle and Rowland Goodman. Del Valle played center field for the Vikings and had a perfect fielding percentage. He hit 0.414 on the season with 11 stolen bases and 15 RBI’s. Rowland Goodman played first base and had a stellar 0.995 fielding percentage. He hit 0.338 on the season with 16 RBI’s and 1 Homerun. Del Valle was named to the 2nd team All-Region and Goodman to 3rd team All-Region for their excellent play this season. Del Valle, Goodman, and Jackman Bush were all also named to the All-Garden State Athletic Conference Team.

THE FIRST YEAR MATTERS!

Visit Ocean County College’s “First Year Student” web page at www.ocean.edu/fy. With explanations of what should be completed in each phase of your first year at the college, the website answers what you want to know and what you should know to succeed.
Men’s Tennis Finishes 4th in Region XIX Tournament

The Ocean County College Men’s Tennis Team completed their 2013 campaign with a record of 3 wins and 9 losses. The team played a very competitive schedule and qualified for the Regional Tournament held at Mercer County Park on May 3rd and 4th, 2013.

Bill Humphries, Kory Kahley, Justin Ramos, Matt Fazzi, Dan DeTata, and Mike Hull each advanced to a semi-final match in the Region XIX tournament earning the team 7 total points good enough for a 4th place finish. Congratulations on an excellent season.

Golf Finishes 5th in Region XIX Tournament

The Ocean County College Golf Team completed their 2013 season and finished 5th in Region XIX. The team had a strong regular season and held 2nd place in the South Division through the Garden State Athletic Conference Championship Golf Tournament. The team qualified for and competed in the Region XIX Golf Championships at Cape May National on May 6th and 7th and finished 5th in Region XIX out of 16 teams. Congratulations to the team on an excellent season.

Athletes Earn High Academic Honors

ACADEMIC All-Americans (Recognizing academic achievement during season of participation)

Christine Garbaravage
W Tennis • 3.9 GPA
Superior Academic Achievement

Christina Polihrom
W Softball • 3.97 GPA
Superior Academic Achievement

Annmarie Wodell
W Tennis • 3.91 GPA
Superior Academic Achievement

Tyler Shan
M Soccer • 3.8 GPA
Superior Academic Achievement

Gene Tutzauer
M Swimming • 3.78 GPA
Exemplary Academic Achievement

Spring Semester Athletes Earn Academic Honors

Student athletes who earn All Academic Region Team also Earn All Academic GSAC

Women’s Basketball
Emily Kunzman, Toms River East
Corinne Morgan, Manchester
Amber Nafziger, Lakewood
Alexis Sabo, Brick Township

Men’s Swimming
Darien Fernandez, Jackson Liberty
Anthony Maruca, Toms River East
Gene Tutzauer, Toms River North

Women’s Swimming
Elizabeth Davis, Southern Regional
Alexandra Penczuk, Toms River North
Heather Yannich, Toms River South

Women’s Basketball & Softball
Heather Tice, Central Regional
Charli Topinka, Brick Memorial

Softball
Meagan Lorenz, Point Pleasant Boro
Taylor Norris, Toms River South
Christina Polihrom, Howell

Men’s Basketball
Jeremy Wozniak, Central Regional

Men’s Tennis
Raymond Petit-Clair, Central Regional
Golf
Jeffrey Lawrence, Manchester
Men’s Basketball
Raymond Petit-Clair, Central Regional
Golf
Jeffrey Lawrence, Manchester
Baseball
Michael Rytelewski, Brick Memorial

Summer 2013 Athletics Update
The OCC Women’s Basketball Team was honored by Russell Athletic and the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) as the recipient of the 2nd Annual WBCA Russell Athletic “Together We R” Team Award. Dana Kovich, OCC Women’s Basketball Head Coach, accepted the award on behalf of the team and spoke in front of 500 of her colleagues at the annual WBCA Awards Show held on Monday, April 8 at the New Orleans Theater, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. The Awards Show is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women’s Final Four®.

From initial submissions, a committee composed of WBCA past-presidents narrowed the field to four finalists: Cal State Fullerton, Ocean County College, Purdue University, and the University of Oklahoma. Each institution submitted a video telling its story, which was posted on the WBCA’s YouTube channel. Fans were asked to watch the videos and show support by voting for which college they believed should be the winner of the award. The OCC Vikings’ video garnered the most fan votes with more than 1,600 views, 275 “likes,” and then received one additional vote when the selection committee met to determine the winner. To view the OCC Women’s Basketball video, visit tinyurl.com/occwbb2013.

As part of its story, OCC was shut down for two weeks after being affected by Hurricane Sandy, the devastating storm that hit the East Coast in late-October. Kovich, who lived on the Barrier Islands where there was utter devastation, lost her home. The start of the women’s basketball season was pushed back to allow the team ample time to regroup, and the coaches and players participated in numerous community service projects to help the community clean up after the storm. When the season finally began, the Vikings started out with three wins and seven losses, but the team battled back, winning the 2013 NJCAA Division III Region XIX Women’s Basketball Championship.

A.J. Trump, OCC Athletic Director, said, “The circumstances that all these teams have faced and the resolve they showed is truly remarkable. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our Women’s Basketball Team this season and are honored to receive recognition with this award.”

“We knew the storm was coming,” explained Kovich. “We live on the ocean block and we knew on Sunday night that we would be under water. The first phone call was to the players to make sure they were okay and it was almost as important to do as worrying about the money.”

According to Beth Bass, CEO, WBCA, “Hurricane Sandy affected so many people’s lives. All natural disasters eventually seem to be forgotten, and although this disaster struck in October, there are still people who are working hard to get their lives back to normal. Coach Kovich is a true example of a great leader and by Ocean County College winning the ‘Together We R’ award people are reminded that although such an event may not be talked about in the news anymore individuals are still coping with the after effects.”

“Being able to overcome tremendous adversity is the truest sign of a team,” Gary Barfield, Senior Vice President, Russell Athletic, said. “The perseverance and selflessness of the Ocean County College Women’s Basketball Team in the wake of Superstorm Sandy is truly inspiring. This group of young women has overcome tremendous odds to be both successful on the court and at putting their community first. For this, we are proud to award them the ‘Together We R’ Award.”

In its second year, the “Together We R” Team Award honors programs that have strived to succeed in the face of adversity, overcoming extraordinary circumstances such as an unforeseen team crisis, barrier, or unfortunate situation that caused extra stress. The team must exemplify strong commitment to core values of togetherness, courage, unparalleled work ethic, and heart, and must personify the “Together We R” belief that teams are stronger than individuals.
OCC Athletes Named National All-Americans

ATHLETIC HONORS • KEY

INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPION
REGION XIX PLAYER OF THE YEAR/INDIVIDUAL REGION CHAMPION
ALL-REGION XIX HONORS
ALL-GARDEN STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE HONORS

WOMEN’S SOCCER
Rachel Marino
Brick Township

Taylor Mize
Toms River East

WOMEN’S TENNIS
Allison Dennis
Brick Memorial

Emily Gaydos
Brick Township

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
Samantha Farina
Central Regional

Annmarie Wodell
Point Boro

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
Keith Charette
Lacey

ATHLETIC ALL-AMERICAN Honorable Mention

Women’s Swimming
Elizabeth Davis (Fr.), Southern Regional
Brittany Earley (Fr.), Toms River East
Patricia Keene (So.), Lacey
Alexandra Penczuk (So.), Toms River No.

Men’s Swimming
Andrew Bajor (So.), Brick Township
Anthony Domanoski (Fr.), Central Regional
Chris Giglio (So.), Central Regional
Anthony Maruca (Fr.), Toms River East

Rob Newman (Fr.), Toms River So.
Gene Tutzauer (So.), Toms River No.

All-Region and All-Conference
ATHLETIC Recognition, 2012-2013

Men’s Soccer
William Bartels (Fr.), Toms River East
Kevin Istvanditsch (Fr.), Toms River North
Benjamin Vergara (So.), Toms River North
Rafael Vergara (Fr.), Toms River North

Women’s Soccer
Brianna Cummings (Fr.), Wall
Dana D’Ambrosio (Fr.), Toms River East
Samantha Franco (So.), Barnegat
Samantha Varsalona (So.), Jackson Liberty

Women’s Tennis
Amanda Cabey (So.), Toms River North

Women’s Cross Country
Megan Duffield (So.), Brick Memorial
Paige Fisk (Fr.), Jackson Liberty

Men’s Cross Country
Brandon Eldershaw (Fr.), Jackson Mem.

Nicolo Spadavecchia (So.), Central Reg.
Wesley Styles (Fr.), Barnegat
Haroldas Subertas (So.), Point Boro

Men’s Basketball
Lawrence Brodie (So.), West Windsor Plainsboro North

Women’s Basketball
Amber Nafziger (So.), Lakewood
Jacquelyn Caravella (So.), Brick Memorial
Corinne Morgan (So.), Manchester Township

Baseball
Jon Delvalle (So.), Brick Memorial
Rowland Goodman (So.), James Caldwell
Jackman Bush (Fr.), Southern Regional

Softball
Heather Tice (So.), Central Regional
Charli Topinka (Fr.), Brick Memorial
Ocean County College Softball Wraps Up 2013 Season

The Ocean County College Softball Team finished their 2013 season with a record of 9 wins and 23 losses. The team had a solid season highlighted by a number of accomplishments. Meagan Lorenz pitched a 5 inning no hitter on April 3rd in the Vikings victory over Union. She struck out 5 batters in the strong outing. On April 23rd the team defeated one of the top teams in the Region, Northampton, by a score of 2-0. Heather Tice hit a 2 run homerun in the bottom of the 5th to break the deadlock and Taylor Norris pitched the 5-hit shutout. The team also had two players named to the All-Region Team. Heather Tice played shortstop and hit 0.454 on the season and Charli Topinka played center field and hit 0.408 on the season. They were named to the 2nd and 3rd team All-Region and All-Conference respectively.

Men’s Basketball Completes 2013 Campaign

The Ocean County College Men’s Basketball Team completed the 2012-2013 on February 19th, 2013. The team was coached by Tory Fisher and Jeff Mogila. Dara McKeon, former OCC standout basketball player, was a strong addition to the coaching staff this season.

A number of the players were directly affected by Hurricane Sandy but through the difficulties, the team worked hard to achieve their goals. Unfortunately the team did not come up with as many wins as they would have liked but they played hard, with class, and with a tremendous amount of heart. The team was led by Captain Larry Brodie who earned All Region and Conference honors. The team finished the season with an overall record of 7 wins and 20 losses.

Cheerleaders Qualify for National Competition 2nd Straight Year

The Ocean County College Viking Cheerleaders are gearing up for another successful season. Last season once again, the team qualified and competed at the NCA/NDA Collegiate National Championships, finishing 4th this time. The group held their own against Division II and III four-year universities.

The Viking Cheerleaders are now looking forward to the 2013-2014 season with new freshman as well as returning cheerleaders. The team is currently planning to head to Boston University for this year’s camp to prepare for the season. They plan to compete locally as well as cheering at some of the mens and womens basketball games.

They also will start planning their annual “Cheer and Dance for a Cure” to benefit Breast Cancer Research, coming this fall.

Welcome, New Viking Coaches!

MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH
Andy Smith

MEN’S SOCCER COACH
Sal Colino

ASST. MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH
James Stockton

ASST. WOMEN’S SOCCER COACH
Tracy Cole
This spring the OCC Sailing Team showed its ability to compete and win against major Universities. The team competed in seven regattas this spring, and won four of them.

Winning four regattas in a season is a new record for the 10 year-old sailing club. Other victories include their home regatta, sailing on the Toms River out of Toms River Yacht Club. The team also won the U. of Delaware Spring Open sailing on the Bohemia River, then traveled to West Point and won the Army Spring Open sailing on the Hudson River. In May the team raced on the Delaware river and won the Drexel Open regatta.

Teams the Vikings have defeated include the University of Pennsylvania, Fordham, Cornell, Monmouth, Drexel, Webb Institute, Rochester, Rutgers, Syracuse, Delaware, Maryland, and Bucknell.

Coaching the team are Bill Warner and Roy Wilkins. The sailors who have contributed to the success this season are:
- Zach Schippe (So.), Captain, TR South – A Skipper
- Nick Rinaldi (So.), TR South – B Skipper
- Teddy Wingender (Fr.) TR North – B skipper
- Liam Boyle (Fr.) TR South – B Skipper
- Sean Hartigan (So.), Jackson – A Crew
- Mary Norcia (So.), Monsignor Donovan – A Crew
- Megan Clark (Fr.), Lacey – B crew
- Liz Davis (Fr.), Southern Regional – B Crew
- Megan Davis (So.) Southern Regional – A Crew
- Jenny Kempton (Fr.), Shawnee – B Crew
- Connor Wells (Fr.), Monsignor Donovan – B Skipper
- Hannah Saunders (So.), TR South – B Crew

Members of the Athletic Department Staff and numerous teams got together to shovel sand from peoples homes after Superstorm Sandy devastated our community.
OCC competes in Region XIX of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Member schools include:

**Garden State Athletic Conference**
- Atlantic Cape
- Bergen
- Brookdale
- Burlington
- Camden
- CC Morris
- Cumberland
- Essex
- Gloucester

- Mercer
- Middlesex
- Ocean
- Passaic
- Raritan Valley
- Salem
- Sussex
- Union

**Eastern Pennsylvania Athletic Conference**
- Bucks
- CC Philadelphia
- Delaware County
- Harcum
- Harrisburg Area CC
- Johnson College
- Lackawanna
- Lehigh Carbon
- Luzerne
- Manor
- Montgomery
- Northampton
- Stevens
- Thaddeus Stevens
- Valley Forge
- Williamson Trade

**Delaware**
- Del Tech - Terry
- Del Tech - Stanton
- Del Tech – Owens

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OCC hosts the Region XIX Soccer Championship Tournament
Oct. 25-26, 2013