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New Home Stadium Sees Viking Success

The new Ocean County Stadium, on the OCC Main Campus in Toms River, opened for its first game on September 8, as the Women’s Soccer Team defeated Bucks County Community College 6-1. Later in the month, the College held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the facility’s grand opening. This first-class sports facility is an impressive addition to OCC and the surrounding community.

Ocean County Stadium features OCC’s new athletic field and tennis courts. Specially lined for soccer and lacrosse, this facility will be used by OCC’s athletic teams with future plans to not only host National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Tournaments but to also host local high school games and tournaments.

Head coaches A.J. Trump (women) and Kirk Pericciuoli (men) said in a joint statement that “the Astroturf gives the players a high-tech and top-shelf surface to play on, and we are very excited for our games.”

Ilene Cohen, Athletic Director, noted, “Every student-athlete I’ve spoken to is excited to have the opportunity to play on such an exceptional field!”

Women’s Soccer Excellence

The Women’s Soccer Team once again took first place in both the Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) and Region XIX. The team also earned its fourth straight trip to the NJCAA National Championship, where the women finished third in the country.

The Vikings, who finished the season with an impressive 19-2-1 record, saw a number of players named to the 2011 All-Region XIX Team, including Taylor Mize, who was selected as Region XIX Player of the Year. Elizabeth Lawler, Rachel Marino, Carly Loverde, and Chrissy Stergiou were also named to the 2011 All-Region XIX Team.

Soccer coaches A.J. Trump and Caitlin Toomey were named Region XIX and GSAC Coaches of the Year.

Women’s Tennis Success

This fall the Women’s Tennis Team won three individual championships and finished fourth in the nation as a team when it competed at the NJCAA Division III Tournament in New York.

Mikaela Louise Chua, Annmarie Wodell, and Kaitlyn Scrudato were designated First Team All-Americans in recognition of their achievements. Scrudato received an award for the tournament participant with the highest grade point average (GPA).

The team also won its conference this year, and took second place in the Region XIX tournament. In the regular season, the squad notched five wins and only one loss.

The women were coached to success by 2011 GSAC Coach of the Year Stan Friedman.

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Major Capital Projects Underway

Gateway Building / College Center in Focus

Two extensive building and renovation projects are currently on the docket at OCC. Construction is currently underway on the Gateway Building, a five-story classroom and office complex, which will house both OCC and Kean students (see “Three College Presidents,” page 6). The second project, which consists of the renovation of the College Center, as well as the addition of a new wing, awaits alternative capital funding resources.

Renewal & Renovation

In addition to last summer’s major renovation of the Robert J. Novins Planetarium and the addition of a co-generation plant, with anticipated completion before the end of 2011, OCC has also evaluated all 19 campus buildings to identify areas that require improvement. Foundations, roofing, plumbing, HVAC and electrical systems, fire protection, and stairways were evaluated, as was ADA and building code compliance. More than $8 million of improvement projects were prioritized and have been incorporated into the College’s Facilities Master Plan.

Online Learning Programs Expand

OCC is advancing its institutional goal to develop the potential for distance learning. As part of the effort, the College has contracted for services from Pearson eCollege, including the company’s learning management system. OCC currently has about 10,000 students, and is aiming to grow to a total of 32,000 by 2025, as more students seek their education through online programs.

Under a new agreement, OCC has licensed Pearson’s online Learning Management System, Learning Studio, and enterprise analytics services, along with a learning outcomes manager to track learning objectives and goals. Pearson will also provide digital content and support services in areas such as course conversion, integration with the college’s student information system, and student support and enrollment.

Prior to the agreement, OCC offered individual online courses. With the new arrangement, the College will be able to offer fully online two-year degree programs, beginning with criminal justice, computer science, homeland security, general studies, and business.

Colonial-Era Document Found

Staff members of OCC’s Library recently found a valuable public document from 1716. According to Caitlyn Cook, Reference Librarian, the artifact was discovered while an inventory of miscellaneous material was being conducted in OCC’s Technical Services area. The original handwritten document “An Act for the better lay out, Regulating and Preserving Publick Roads and High-ways thro’-out this Province,” was written by John Kinsey, Speaker of the Assembly, and signed by Kinsey and Robert Hunter, Governor of New Jersey and New York.

The document was immediately turned over to the New Jersey State Library, which learned that it had been purloined from the NJ State Archives – one of approximately 500 documents on the Department of State’s website under “Missing or Alienated Records.” This historic document is now back in the State Archives and is believed to be one of the earliest documents that are known to have survived.

“Finding these documents was an unexpected surprise,” explained Cook. “I’m so proud that we could be a part of bringing these valuable pieces of history home.”
9/11 Commemoration and Homeland Security Conference

On September 12, OCC hosted a 9/11 Commemoration and Homeland Security Conference, in the Arts & Community Center Theatre. The Commemoration featured an introduction by Bray Barnes, Former Senior Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; a welcome from Dr. Jon H. Larson, OCC President; and remarks by Charles Amoroso (see photo, top left), whose son – Chris Amoroso, a Port Authority Police Officer – died in the attack on the World Trade Center.

Dr. Richard M. O’Meara, retired Brigadier General United State Army, served as keynote speaker (see photo, bottom left). Currently an OCC Instructor of Homeland Security, Dr. O’Meara is the former Assistant to the Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army for Operations. Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, Holy Innocents Church, Beach Haven, offered the Invocation, and OCC sophomore Evan Washburn, a member of the Ocean County Emerald Society Pipes & Drums, played bagpipes.

As Dr. Larson noted in his welcome that 9/11 is “a solemn and momentous occasion” in which we remember “all those who perished on that dark and terrible day, as well as recognize the courageous response of all those American men and women who served their fellow countrymen in the aftermath. We give thanks for all the brave soldiers, sailors, airmen, and guardsmen who have been serving our country in the 10-year War on Terror, which ensued on 9/11, a war triggered by the actions of those who fear the freedom that America symbolizes.”

Later that same day, a Homeland Security Conference held in John C. Bartlett Jr. Hall included panel discussions on various topics within homeland security and emergency management.

Salute to Veterans

The College held its annual Salute to Veterans on Friday, November 11. The program took place at the OCC Veterans’ Memorial, located on the Main Campus. A brief reception followed in the Library Tower Room. The half-hour ceremony featured guest speaker Colonel John Wood, Air Base Wing Commander, McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (see photo top left). Dr. Jon H. Larson, OCC President, gave the welcome and introductions (see photo, middle left).

Standing in front of the Veterans’ Memorial, Dr. Larson explained that OCC’s annual commemoration of America’s veterans acknowledges the bravery of all servicemen and women. “We pay tribute today to the military heroes who vowed to protect the values of a republican form of government and a democratic society, and to preserve the freedoms Americans cherish, freedoms our forefathers fought to secure,” he said.

The Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 1998. The inscription on the marble monument at the memorial’s center reads, “In memory of all Americans who sacrificed themselves in wars so that we may learn the paths of peace.”

Among the attendees were three OCC Veterans (see photo bottom left): John DiRocco, Security Shift Sergeant; Ron Bogota, Physical Plant – Retired; and Bob Arvelo, Building Engineer Inspector Technician.

The ceremony featured a Color Guard from United States Marine Corps League, Attachment 796, and a Rifle Squad Salute presented by the American Legion, Post 129, (both Toms River). Among the musical selections, the OCC Concert Band played a “Salute to the Armed Forces.” Frank Richetti, United State Marine Corps League, closed the ceremony with “Taps.”
What is the Barnegat Bay Partnership?

The Barnegat Bay Partnership (BBP) is one of 28 National Estuary Programs established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to identify, restore, and protect nationally significant estuaries. An estuary is a body of water formed where freshwater from rivers and streams mixes with saltwater from the ocean. Originally called the Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program, the BBP is made up of federal, state, county, local, academic, and private organizations, all working together to protect and restore the Barnegat Bay ecosystem. The BBP is funded by the USEPA, but also receives support from OCC and the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

What is the connection between OCC and the BBP?

When the BBP was in the initial planning stages, it was administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and then later by the Ocean County Department of Planning, which provided office space and support services. When the BBP entered the implementation stage of the program, more visibility and interaction with the public was needed. In 2003, OCC agreed to sponsor the program. Since then, the BBP has participated in many campus and community activities, such as hosting on-campus public meetings and science symposiums; working with OCC clubs such as WaterWatch and the Science Club; and offering continuing education courses like the Barnegat Bay Volunteer Master Naturalist Program.

What is the State of the Bay Report 2011?

The BBP staff and its partners used the most current scientific data available to prepare the State of the Bay Report, which examines 19 environmental indicators to assess the overall condition of the Barnegat Bay. The findings of the report show that the bay has been disturbed by human activities and is in trouble. Most of Ocean County lies within the Barnegat Bay watershed, the land area that drains into the bay. With about 600,000 full-time residents and a summer population of over 1,000,000, Ocean County is one of the fastest growing areas in New Jersey.

The rapid increase in population has resulted in changes to the landscape; the loss of forests and wetlands and the addition of structures and paved areas have increased the quantity of storm water-carried pollution entering the bay. Algal blooms; low dissolved oxygen levels; declines in some species, such as eelgrass and shellfish; and increases in others, such as sea nettles; and brown tides are all signs of changing conditions in the bay. Not all of the news in the report is bad, however. Open space preservation throughout the watershed has protected more than 8,000 acres in the watershed over the past five years. In addition, some threatened species have shown improvement, including osprey, whose population in Barnegat Bay is approaching near historic levels. The full State of the Bay Report 2011 is available on the BBP’s website, http://bbp.ocean.edu.
Three College Presidents Unite for Educational Advancement in Ocean County

Over the past few years, Ocean County College President Dr. Jon H. Larson has worked closely with Kean University President Dr. Dawood Farahi and Monmouth University President Paul G. Gaffney II to greatly enhance educational opportunities in Ocean County. The three presidents came together to celebrate OCC’s 44th annual Commencement Ceremony and shared their unique partnerships with the graduates and community.

Dr. Larson, who became OCC’s fourth president in 2000, and Dr. Farahi, president of Kean since 2003, partnered to establish the Kean-Ocean Alliance in 2005. The partnership allows students to pursue associate, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees right on OCC’s Main Campus in Toms River. Students can first earn their two-year degree from OCC then continue on to complete a Kean bachelor’s and master’s degree, without ever leaving Ocean County.

An enthusiastic and innovative leader, Dr. Larson has dedicated himself to education and community service, while Dr. Farahi has initiated and implemented some of the most significant improvements in Kean’s history. Both college presidents strive to provide a world-class education.

More than 1,500 students are already furthering their education by taking advantage of the Kean-Ocean partnership. Currently, there are 25 bachelor’s degrees offered on OCC’s campus; programs range from Biology to Criminal Justice, Education to Graphic Design, and History to Psychology. Graduate programs include Accounting, Business Administration (executive MBA), Counselor Education, Educational Leadership, Nursing, and Public Administration.

Last year, 281 OCC graduates completed requirements for a bachelor’s degree and 15 completed master’s degree requirements. “The number of students who are taking advantage of the Kean-Ocean advantage continues to grow,” said Dr. Larson.

To accommodate the growing number of students involved in the Kean-Ocean partnership, the two institutions anticipate a fall 2012 ribbon-cutting for the new Gateway Building, a 74,000-square foot, five-story, $30 million academic facility currently under construction on OCC’s Main Campus. Situated on the campus’ west side, this impressive building will be shared and owned equally by Kean and OCC. The complex will include state-of-the-art classrooms and conference rooms; a lecture hall; laptop computer labs; a physical education and nursing demonstration room; a graphic design studio; student and faculty lounges; and faculty, administrative, and support staff offices.

“...including our colleagues from Kean University, our partners at Monmouth University, all of us are united by one single vision: To be ‘optimus ad optimum’ – ‘the best of the best.’ Our goal is to create a premier learning-centered environment, a caring citadel of excellence.”

– OCC President Dr. Jon H. Larson
said as he addressed OCC’s graduates last May.

“Now,” he continued, “come to Kean.

“But if you don’t choose Kean,” he quipped, “Monmouth is OK.”

As part of his Commencement address, Dr. Larson explained that OCC “has formed a unique partnership with Monmouth University to offer baccalaureate and master’s degrees in Homeland Security. Additionally, and together with various local, state, and national agencies, a Homeland Security Education Center is being created at Lakehurst-McGwire-Dix Joint Base, which is the first of its kind in the nation.”

A former Platoon Leader/Company Commander in the United States Army’s 63rd Armored Battalion – 1st Infantry Division, stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, Dr. Larson was recently “inducted” as an Honorary Base Commander at Lakehurst-McGwire-Dix.

Meanwhile, as a retired Vice Admiral, United States Navy, Adm. Gaffney became the seventh president of Monmouth University in 2003. He previously served as president of the National Defense University and Chief of Naval Research with responsibility for science and technology investment.

During his address to OCC’s 2010 graduates, Adm. Gaffney made a point to acknowledge the veterans among the student body, and noted that he is proud of the OCC and Monmouth partnership in Homeland Security. This new degree program allows students to follow a seamless pathway from high school to associate, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees in Homeland Security.

The associate degree at OCC provides students with a broad understanding of organizational integration and management; law enforcement; intelligence; risk management; forensic science; along with safety and security issues, including terrorism, natural and man-made disasters, cyber-security, and emergency management.

According to Dr. Richard O’Meara, OCC Homeland Security Program Coordinator/Lead Lecturer, and retired Brigadier General, United States Army, the Homeland Security Program is essentially comprised of two primary overlapping parts: counter-terrorism and emergency management. “9/11, Katrina, and the earthquake in Japan have demonstrated how important homeland security is to our ability to live long and productive lives,” he said. “We need young, responsible men and women who are educated in the field and prepared to step up. OCC now supplies that need.”

In his final words to the OCC graduates last May, Adm. Gaffney encouraged them to “Grab, and grab firmly” onto opportunities.

“Here, at this college,” Dr. Larson added, “we are continuously engaged in a process of building a great collegiate institution. It is a labor of love, and a total commitment by our entire college community... including ‘our colleagues from Kean University, our partners at Monmouth University, all of us are united by one single vision: To be ‘optimus ad optimum’ – ‘the best of the best.’ Our goal is to create a premier learning-centered environment, a caring citadel of excellence.”
Alumnus Mary Alburtus, '11, of Toms River, was selected as this year’s Student/Alumni Representative for the OCC Board of Trustees, which provides leadership and develops policy for the College.

The Army is in Mary Alburtus’s blood. It has formed much of her life from early childhood up to the present.

With an Army drill sergeant for a mother, Alburtus comes from a military family – a family that “all loved the military … I love the military,” she proudly noted.

Following her 1975 graduation from Miami High School in Florida, Alburtus followed in her mother’s “boot steps” and began a career in the United States Army – a career that spanned more than two decades.

After her initial boot camp in 1977, the Army sent Alburtus to school for training in terminal operations. Her first job in the Army was as a longshoreman, hauling cargo on boat docks. She later transferred to an administrative office position and was stationed in Fort Eustis, Virginia. In 1979, Alburtus worked as an executive assistant stationed in Germany, after which she was discharged in 1982.

Missing her military career, Alburtus joined up with the Army Reserve in 1984, assuming a position as a career counselor in Mount Freedom, New Jersey. In 1990, she rejoined the active duty Army and worked as an Army Reserve recruiter, a role she held for seven years. After completing her second stint in the military, Alburtus landed a job with Transamerica Insurance and then worked in data analysis.

In February 2005, Alburtus married her husband, Robert, who she calls her “biggest fan.” With a desire to pursue an academic degree, Robert wholeheartedly supported his wife’s decision to attend OCC, and always encouraged her in her studies.

As a student, Alburtus served as Vice President of the Veteran’s Club, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Beta Gamma, and the Business Club. “I studied seven days a week for four hours each day,” she noted.

In 2008, Alburtus completed a Medical Office
Specialist certificate as well as an Electronic Health Records Specialist course in 2011 from OCC’s Continuing and Professional Education Department. In May 2011, Alburtus graduated summa cum laude from OCC with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Administrative Office Management.

After graduation, Alburtus was named the Student/Alumni Representative to the OCC Board of Trustees. After two Board meetings and a trustee retreat, Alburtus is settling into her new role. She pointed out that she has “no vote – but a voice,” and added, “I hope to bring fresh ideas to the Board of Trustees. I feel honored to sit on the Board and learn the workings behind it. I’m impressed to see the Board members in action and what it takes to actually run the college.”

Finally, Alburtus looks forward to getting to know current students and helping to guide them to success at OCC. She is also hopeful that, as the Board of Trustees Student/Alumni Representative, she will be able to “maintain a voice for the veterans at OCC.”

WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE OCCASION IN YOUR LIFE?
Taking my oath to join the military... also my proudest.

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM VACATION?
Visiting the Highlands of Scotland.

I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO...
Go to college, and I did.

IF YOU COULD BE ANY CHARACTER IN FICTION, WHO WOULD YOU BE?
Xena, the Warrior Princess.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE PLACES FOR A WEEK WITH ANY OTHER PERSON – FAMOUS OR NOT, LIVING OR DECEASED, REAL OR FICTIONAL – WHO WOULD IT BE?
The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric K. Shinseki, so I could make changes to help our veterans.

IF HOLLYWOOD MADE A MOVIE ABOUT YOUR LIFE, WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE PLAY THE LEAD ROLE?
Reese Witherspoon.

DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN ONE WORD.
Loyal.

WHAT ESSENTIAL ITEMS WOULD YOU BRING ON A ROAD TRIP?
Games, word search puzzles, 6-pack of Pepsi, Special K crackers with sour cream and onion dip.

WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?
“Vampire in Atlantis” by Alyssa Day.

WHAT IS ONE THING PEOPLE DON’T KNOW ABOUT YOU?
I’m stronger than I look.
Alumni Spotlight

Steven Spino Keeps it Local on Campus

Alumnus Steven Spino ’10, of Jackson, served as the Student/Alumni Representative for the OCC Board of Trustees from 2010 to 2011. He found his time on the Board to be a valuable experience and enjoyed working arm-in-arm with all the Board members.

Spino participated in all Board activities and responsibilities. In one particular meeting, he recalled a discussion about distance learning, which allowed him to cite his own experience with on-line courses. The positive response he received from Board members made him aware that his first-hand perspective was appreciated. As part of his duties on the Board, Spino made it a point to reach out to his fellow OCC students to “let them know that (he) was the voice of the student body.”

Spino, a 2008 graduate of Jackson Memorial High School, decided to attend OCC because of the opportunity “to stay local, stay at home, work, and get an education at the same time.” He is currently continuing his education through the Kean-Ocean program working toward a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice.

“I chose the four-year program through Kean-Ocean for affordability, and I knew I wouldn’t compromise my education by attending Kean University. Having my classes close to home made it a no-brainer.”

Spino recommends Kean-Ocean because “it is affordable and convenient, and now the program is so popular there are many more programs available, and one never has to leave Ocean County.”

A member of the Honor Society for Criminal Justice, Spino plans to graduate from Kean in May 2012. He currently holds an internship with the United States Marshall at the Court House in Newark, and, after finishing school, he would like to find a job in law enforcement. “It is a really good field where I can help the public and pursue my interest in law in general. With my four-year degree, I have many opportunities,” he added.

During OCC’s Commencement ceremony in May 2011, Spino sat on stage, and, noted, “I realized what an honor it was to have that overall experience, and just how much it really meant to me to sit on the Board of Trustees.”

Spino offered a word of advice for all future OCC Board of Trustees Student/Alumni Representatives: “Always voice your opinion in the board room. Sometimes you might feel intimidated, but your opinion is valuable and all the Trustees will listen to you as an equal.”

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If you have any comments or would like to see one of your favorite businesses become a partner, call Joanne Padrone, Manager of Resource Development, at 732-255-0400, ext. 2065.

For questions or comments about the OCC Alumni Rewards Program, e-mail us at occalumni@ocean.edu.
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**MEREDITH DEVINE ’07**, Interpreter Training Program, interpreted at two fundraisers for President Barack Obama.

**MARY GIBSON ’98** received a bachelor’s degree from Stockton College and a master’s degree from New Jersey City University. For more than six years she has been employed by the Ocean County Health Department, where she works on projects such as public health preparedness and community health assessments.

**JAMES EVERETT ’80**, Criminal Justice, served as a police officer with the Dover Township Police Department for 29 years. He retired as a lieutenant in 2003 and purchased Toms River Locksmith. He is First Vice President of the Ocean County Business Association. Everett has been married to wife Jo-Ann for over 39 years; they have one daughter and one granddaughter.

**CHARLES “CHUCK” LAING ’75** graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Arts Education from Trenton State College in 1977. He owns Chuck Laing Construction Consultant, LLC., and serves as President of the Ocean County Business Association. Laing and wife Lynn have four children and seven grandchildren.

**ROBERT OTT ’80** has been landscaping since high school. For the past 33 years, he has been the Owner/President of Robert Ott Landscaping. He is a member, and past President, of the Ocean County Business Association. Ott is married to Dr. Mona Yousef-Ott and is the father of three.

**NICOLE RUSSO ’10** just completed her first year of Physical Therapy School at Touro College and is slated to receive her doctorate in 2013. Russo enrolled at OCC in 2008 at the age of 35, unsure of how things would go, and is now just two years away from becoming a physical therapist!

**IRENE SPINELLI ’93**, Nursing, has a master’s degree in Social Work and is the manager of Healthy Living and Diabetes Education at Barnabas Health-Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood.

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  (Executive MBA program)

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Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig, Assistant Professor of English and Literature, received the prestigious USA Book News Award for Best Book in the category of religious books for *Heart of the Stranger: A Portrait of Lakewood’s Orthodox Community,* now in its second printing with two additional sections, a prologue and a new chapter on the “Orthodox View of the Afterlife.”

Dr. Marcia Bradley, Professor of Science, presented a lab and lecture to middle school and high school students wherein the students extracted their own DNA and put it into necklaces. She was also selected for Who’s Who Among Collegiate Faculty 2010-2011 and Who’s Who in North American Education 2010-2011.

Scott Bruinooge, OCC Coordinator of Publications, received a Silver Medallion Award from the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations for his exceptional skill in designing the layout for the Barnegat Bay Partnership’s “State of the Bay Report 2011.”

Rosalie Cardinale, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of College Advancement, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by William L. Polhemus, Ocean County Sheriff, and Laurie B. Cahill, FBI National Academy Associates Executive Board, for her outstanding performance and lasting contribution during the “Surviving Critical Incidents and Officer Survival Seminar.”

Maureen Conlon ’04, Manager of Web Services, graduated with honors from Thomas Edison State College with a bachelor’s degree in Marketing. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Management from Thomas Edison, where she is a member of Sigma Beta Delta, the international business honor society.

Dr. Jennifer Dellner, Associate Professor of English and Literature, presented her paper “Interdisciplinarity, The Net, and the Self: Emergent Modes of Discourse” at an international symposium in the Netherlands. She also presented “Narrative and (Dis) Order in The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time” at a meeting of the Eastern Regional Conference of the Community College Humanities Association in Connecticut. Dr. Dellner was also elected Vice-President of the Eastern Division of the Community College Humanities Association.

Katherine Dillon, Associate Professor of Business Studies, won the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Regional Advisor Award for the third time and was honored as the Outstanding Advisor of the Year during PBL’s National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL. Dean Labolilita, Assistant Dean of Social Science and Human Services, was named Businessperson of the Year, and Dr. Virginia Reilly, Professor of Business Studies, was named Local Chapter Professional of the Year. In addition, OCC student Frank Gorman was elected vice president of PBL’s Eastern Region. Named a Gold Seal Chapter, OCC is one of only nine schools to be designated a national chapter.

John Di Rocco, Security Shift Sergeant, and Carol Foray, Security Officer, attended New Mexico Tech Seminars’ “Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing” and “Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents” at Gloucester County College.


Dr. Yehia Elmogahzy, Acting Dean of Math and Science, presented two papers as part of OCC Global Education activities: “The Impact of Global Education on Technology and the Ample Global Opportunities Provided to Community Colleges” and “3Es1Q Challenge in Higher Education: Equity, Equality, Efficiency, and Quality.” He also led a two-day workshop in Egypt, titled “Developing Reliable Metrics for Evaluating and Measuring Egyptian Higher-Education Performance.”

Karin Gargone, Instructor of Humanities, was appointed Music Associate at the Presbyterian Church in Toms River, where she serves as organist.
Dr. Loring Garrison, Associate Professor of Science, presented “What’s New in Star Formation?” at a meeting of the Union County College Astronomy Club. He also represented the Novins Planetarium promoting its programs at the Jersey Shore Council of the Boy Scouts of America’s “Scout University” event in Barnegat.

Dr. Stan Hales, Program Director of the Barnegat Bay Partnership, was elected Vice Chair of the Association of National Estuary Programs, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible stewardship and a common vision for the preservation and restoration of our nation’s bays and estuaries.


Linda Henderson, Professor of Mathematics, was the primary fundraiser for the Faculty Association’s Scholarship Fund. She successfully generated over $2,000 for the fourth consecutive year. The funds were awarded to deserving graduating OCC students.

Grace Johnson, Assistant Director of Multicultural Services, received the “Women’s Advocate of the Year Award” from the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women. The award recognizes an agency, organization, program, or individual that has demonstrated a personal commitment to women’s issues through the required leadership skills and resources necessary to advocate for improved services for women in the county.

Ed Kissling, Professor of Business Studies, presented at the Eastern Educational Research Association Annual Conference on the topic “Student Achievement within DL and OSOL Classes.” He also presented twice for the Marino Institute for Continuing Legal Education on the topic of “New Jersey Real Estate Practice.”

Michael Klecan, Assistant Professor of Health and Performance, created a new Physical Therapy Aide internship for OCC students, and was instrumental in securing an articulation agreement with the United States Sports Academy, where students can pursue an online Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management.

Dr. Marilyn Kralik, Professor of Humanities, was elected President of the Rotary Club of Toms River.

Colleen Manzetti, Dean of Nursing, earned her Doctorate of Nursing from Sanford University.

Dr. Mary Morley, Associate Professor of Mathematics, wrote the educational column for the American Women in Mathematics newsletter. She is a fellow for NJ Next, a program designed to offer mentoring and support to untenured faculty in mathematics.

Dr. Richard O’Meara, Homeland Security Lecturer, co-published “Jus Post Bellum: Reflections on the Right Way to End a War; International Governance of Autonomous Military Robots,” in the Columbia Science and Technology Law Review. He also contributed the chapter “Contemporary Governance Architecture Regarding Robotics Technology: An Assessment” in Robot Ethics: the Ethical and Social Implication of Robotics, which is due to be published in late December 2011. Dr. O’Meara was a panel member at the International Studies Association International Conference in Montreal on the topic of “Weapons and Arms Control in International Law.” As a keynote speaker, he presented “JUS POST BELUM Considerations” at the National and International Security Conference in collaboration with the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism and the Moynihan Institute for Global Politics at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, held at Syracuse University.

Dr. Virginia Reilly, Professor of Business Studies, participated in a six-week course at Princeton University entitled “Post-Recession America: Lessons Learned.” The lecture series brought together policy makers, academics, business leaders, and journalists to examine the Global Financial Crisis of 2008 in terms of what we learned and how the crisis will shape U.S. economic policy into the future. continued on page 16
Summer Celebration Slides into Home!

The OCC Foundation netted nearly $200,000 at its Summer Celebration on October 22. The event was originally scheduled for August 27, but the date was moved due to unfavorable weather conditions caused by Hurricane Irene. Proceeds from the annual event, held on OCC’s Main Campus, support the Foundation’s general scholarship program.

This year, the OCC Foundation honored longtime Point Pleasant resident and retired New Jersey Superior Court Judge Robert A. Fall with the prestigious “Humanitarian of the Year Award” in recognition of his contributions to the community.

Fall earned a bachelor’s degree from Monmouth College (now University) and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law. He subsequently practiced general law for 13 years, with specialties in general practice, negligence defense litigation, civil trials, municipal representation, and real estate and commercial transactions. He was first appointed Judge to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Family Court in 1986 and began serving as Presiding Judge of Family Court in 1989. He was appointed Judge to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division in 1998, and served as Acting Presiding Judge from 2005 until his retirement from the bench in 2006.

Among his honors, Fall was the recipient of the Ocean County Bar Association’s Achievement Award, the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Legislative Services Award, and the Rotary International’s Paul Harris Fellow Award. He is a member of the Point Pleasant Borough Rotary Club and the OCC Foundation.

He was a member of the OCC Board of Trustees from 2006 to 2010, during which he served as Trustee Ambassador to the New Jersey Council of County Colleges and was a strong advocate for the New Jersey community college sector on legislative issues for the benefit of OCC students.

Fall was also instrumental in helping to make the OCC Foundation’s Reach for the Stars Campaign a rousing success, working alongside fellow Foundation members to raise $1.5 million to refurbish the Novins Planetarium.

His contributions of time, energy, and expertise had a significant impact on the continued growth and excellence of OCC in its goal to be recognized as one of the finest community colleges in the nation. The OCC Foundation pays tribute to him for his dedication to the College and expresses its deep appreciation for his service and friendship through the presentation of the 2011 Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Fall and his wife, Elaine, live in Point Pleasant and have two married children and three grandchildren.

According to Sandy S. Broughton, Executive Director of the OCC Foundation, “Investors Bank was the event’s major sponsor, with a $50,000 donation for the second time in a row. Sincere appreciation is expressed to Investors Savings Bank for its role in ensuring the success of the Summer Celebration. Thanks also go to the many donors and supporters of this year’s event.”

Nearly 300 people attended the celebration, where they were entertained with live music provided by Fate. Food was prepared by Kessler’s Catering. The souvenir journal was printed by Urner Barry of Toms River.

The capstone of the event was the live and silent auctions, which netted more than $20,000. Guests bid on an array of items, including golf outings, sporting event tickets, sports memorabilia, vacations and entertainment packages, theater tickets, collectibles, artwork, and gift certificates.

The Summer Celebration Chair was Steve Leone, who was unable to attend due to travel plans solidified before the event; Leone welcomed guests in a video presentation, and Tom Hourigan graciously “pitch hit” as Master of Ceremonies.

Joe Coronato serves as the OCC Foundation Board Chairman.

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Obituaries

Frank A. Bannister

Frank A. Bannister, a former Payroll Technician and Programmer, passed away on September 12, 2011. Bannister was employed by OCC for 26 years prior to his retirement and relocation to Texas in 2006.

Sandra Carine

Sandra Carine, a former Director of Institutional Development (2000-2006), passed away on June 13, 2011. Carine, an OCC alumna, worked as a teacher, principal, and superintendent in Hunterdon, Ocean, and Monmouth County School Districts before her tenure at OCC.
Cross Country Teams Finish Strong

Though the Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Program has been back in action for only a few years, the teams have already established a tradition of excellence under the guidance of Head Coach Ed Baynes. At the 2011 National Championships in Massachusetts this past November, the women finished third in the nation, and the men finished sixth.

Both the men and women also took home the team titles at the Division III Region XIX Championships. The Viking men edged out Gloucester County College to clinch their division, and also earned the Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) title. Haroldas Subertas, Raymond Newman, and Nico Spadavecchia each earned first team All-Region honors. In addition, Subertas and Newman were named to the first team All-GSAC. Spadavecchia and Huey were named to the second team All-GSAC.

The women, meanwhile, swept their way to their third consecutive Region XIX title and finished as the GSAC runner-up. Samantha Farina, Amanda Farina, Stephanie Paluchowski, and Jaclyn Rizzo-Cascio were named to the first team All-Region. The trio also earned first team All-GSAC honors.

See page 2 for more OCC Athletics news!

Men’s Soccer Enjoys Successful Season

The Men’s Soccer Team enjoyed a fantastic 2011 season, their first on OCC’s new turf playing field! Led by Head Coach Kirk Pericciuoli and Assistant Coach Sal Colino, the men earned the fourth seed for the Region XIX tournament, where they made it to the quarterfinals. The team ended the season fifth in the region and fourth in its conference.

Also this year, goalkeeper Daniel Wroblewski was selected by the College Athletic Administrators of New Jersey as the 2011 Junior College Male Student-Athlete of the Year. This award is given annually to one male athlete at each level of college competition who stands out both in the classroom and on the playing field.

Athletics Welcomes Four Coaches

The Vikings are happy to welcome three new head coaches and one assistant coach to its athletic program roster!

Ed McRae brings 28 years of coaching experience to his new position as Head Baseball Coach. McRae’s baseball background includes 320 coaching victories and four Coach of the Year awards at the junior college level. He has also coached for the USA Baseball Program and authored books and instructional videos on baseball. McRae currently works as the Athletic Director at the Atlantic Club in Wall Township.

T auruean Fisher came on board this year as the Head Men’s Coach. Pre-viously, Fisher served as the Assistant Basketball Coach for three years, helping the squad to a fifth place finish in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Tournament last season. As a former-OCC student, Fisher was a standout men’s basketball player.

After eight seasons as the Assistant Coach, A.J. Trump signed on as the new Head Women’s Soccer Coach. During his time as an assistant, the team won four Region XIX titles and qualified for the NJCAA National Championships three times. Trump will draw on his experience as OCC’s Assistant Athletic Director to help the squad continue its success.

Caitlin Toomey joined the OCC coaching staff this year as the Assistant Women’s Soccer Coach. A former First Team All-Shore Player and State Champion from Brick Memorial, Toomey attended Rowan University, where she started for the school’s soccer team. After graduation, Toomey assisted the Brick Memorial girls’ soccer program before becoming a Vikings coach.
Leonard Anen
Former OCC girls basketball coach Leonard Anen worked in the Lakewood school system for 40 years, at one point coaching the middle school boys basketball team for a successful five-year stretch. He was later named head coach of the OCC women’s basketball team, a position he held for 11 years. Anen fondly remembers his tenure as an OCC coach, during which son Stephen compiled statistics and son Jeff filmed games. Following his time at the helm of the OCC women’s basketball program, Anen coached at Georgian Court and Lakewood High School. He currently resides in Pine Beach with wife Kathleen and his two step-daughters, Rebecka and Patrisha, and he and son Chris – one of four sons – coach together in the Barnegat recreational boys basketball league.

Linda Friggle
Lynda Friggle was a standout soccer player for the Vikings. Her athletic accolades include, in 1995: All-American Honorable Mention, NJCAA All-Conference Team, NJCAA All-Region First Team, NJCAA All-Tournament Team, Outstanding Student Athlete, and Team Co-MVP. The College also honored Friggle by creating the “Lynda M. Friggle Courage Award.” After earning her associate degree, she attended William Paterson University, and continued to shine in soccer. Friggle, a Bayville resident, has two children, Chelsey Friggle, 19, and Thatcher Friggle Pero, 5. Chelsey is currently a student at OCC, and is following in her mother’s footsteps as a member of Vikings soccer team. Friggle has recently returned to competing in soccer, currently playing for two teams.

A Home Run for OCC Baseball History

David Kalash, a Viking Baseball standout, was recognized for the second year in a row by Rawlings as a Gold Glove Award recipient for his excellent play in the outfield. In addition, for the second consecutive season as OCC’s center fielder, Kalash did not commit an error and had a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage. He batted .363 in 2010 and .404 in 2011 as one of the Vikings top hitters. Kalash is the first player in OCC history to ever earn this award in back-to-back years.
As an OCC student-athlete, Rene Martinez competed for both the swim team and softball team. She twice qualified for the NJCAA National Championships in three individual swimming events, and, in 1992, she was named an All-American, and ranked among the top 16 junior college swimmers nationwide for the 100-yard backstroke. That same year, the OCC women’s swim team captured the Northeast Junior College and Diving Championship. Martinez played second base and outfield for the Vikings softball team, which she captained her second year on the team. Martinez and husband Roberto now live in Florida with their son Luis, 7. They enjoy many outdoor athletics activities, including triathlons and marathons.

Margaret (Peggy) M. Graham Matthews enjoyed an illustrious run as a coach for the OCC women’s soccer team. She helped steer the Vikings to a 69-9 record from 1994 to 1998, and was at the helm for three regional championships. Matthews was named Region 19 Coach of the Year and GSAC Coach of Year four times each, and was runner-up for NSCAA National Coach of the Year. She was also presented with the Shore Conference Officials Sportsmanship Award. Following her tenure with the Vikings, Matthews coached the Rider University women’s soccer team, and is currently the head girls soccer coach at Manasquan High School. Matthews’s sons, Graham, 20, and Shamus, 18, attend Moravian College.

Special thanks to former Viking soccer player Donny Sanders for his generous donation to the Athletic Hall of Fame! Sanders studied Business and Marketing at OCC and played soccer for the Vikings (1979-1981). He believes his time at OCC prepared him “to find success in the real world.”

As a businessman, Sanders owned Monaghan’s Liquor Store for 28 years and is currently a consultant and field manager for the Spirits Unlimited organization.

“I hold the college in very high regard, and encourage young people to consider it as a great start to a college career,” Sanders noted.

Soccer Teams Host Family Fun Day

This fall, the Men’s and Women’s Soccer Teams joined together to host “Family Fun Day,” for which families were invited to the Ocean County Stadium to have fun while learning skills from the Vikings soccer players.

The team members wore pink, and voluntary donations were accepted to help raise money for the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

A.J. Trump, Head Women’s Soccer Coach, remarked, “These events develop character and give the athletes the chance to show that they care about the community. Giving back goes a long way in the social development of our athletes and means a lot to the community of Ocean County.”

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