The Champions of Character Award was presented to both Brookdale Community College and Ocean County College in mid-October at the Region XIX Meetings. Brookdale proudly displayed the cup for the first half of the year.

In a ceremony on January 26, 2014, Brookdale Athletic Director, Shawn Noel, presented the Champions of Character Cup to Ocean County College between the men’s and women’s basketball games. Ocean County College continued on page 2
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will now proudly display the Champions of Character Cup for the remainder of the year.

The Champions of Character Institutional Award is given annually to a Region XIX Athletic Department that best embraces community service and athletic competition as a means of character development through athletics. Both Brookdale Community College and OCC shared the award this year as each institutions athletic programs helped tremendously in the recovery efforts after Super Storm Sandy and made donations to the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean County. Both programs also earned outstanding achievements in their programs.

Fall Sports Shorts

Women's Soccer

Under the guidance of Head Coach A.J. Trump and Assistant Coach Tracy Cole, the Viking Women’s Soccer Team was nationally ranked throughout the fall, and finished its regular season with 12 wins and just three losses. The team earned the third seed in the Region XIX Tournament and finished in third place in the Garden State Athletic Conference.

Student-athletes Marykate Sullivan (photo above), Jacki Wolf, Hailey Neluna, and Maev Burg were named to the All-Region Team. The Vikings began regional play by defeating Union 4-1 in the semi-finals, but then fell 1-0 to Gloucester. OCC defender Sullivan was named Defensive Most Valuable Player in the finals and eventually earned honors as a NJCAA All-American.

NSCAA Team Ethics Award

The Women’s Soccer Team was also recognized with Silver Team Ethics Award from the National Soccer Coaches of Association of America. This award recognizes programs receiving no red cards and a maximum of 5 yellows during the season.

Women’s Tennis

OCC’s Women’s Tennis Team, led by Head Coach Stan Friedman, capped a fantastic 10 win and 2 loss regular season with a second-place finish in the Garden State Athletic Conference and a third-place finish in the Region XIX Tournament. Team member Allison Dennis (photo above) was named to the All-Garden State Athletic Conference Team, while Casi Callahan, Heather Kaba, and Cynthia Vitolo each earned All-Region honors.

Based on a strong team finish, the women qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association’s National Tournament, held at the Billy Jean King Tennis Center in New York City from October 22 to 25 and finished as the ninth place team in the nation.

Men’s Soccer

This past fall, the OCC Men’s Soccer Team compiled an impressive 12-3 regular season record on its way to the fourth seed in the Region XIX Tournament and a third place finish in the Garden State Athletic Conference. The men were nationally ranked throughout the season, and team members Kevin Istvanditsch, Justin Pfeiffer, Bill Bartels, Ben Osei, and Pablo Bedoya were named to the All-Region Team. Additionally, Istvanditsch was named a NJCAA All-American.

At the end of October, first-year Head Coach Sal Colino and Assistant Coach Vasili Foukarakis began preparing the team for a run in the regional playoffs with hopes of a return trip to the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championships. On October 29, OCC hosted Bergen in the Regional Quarterfinals with the Vikings defeating Bergen 2-0, but two days later, the men lost a close 4-2 semifinal match to Camden, just missing out on a return trip to the Nationals.
Ocean County College Athletics is pleased to announce that the NJCAA National Championship Events Committee has selected Ocean County College as the host for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 NJCAA Division III Women’s Soccer National Championship Tournament.

This highly prestigious event will bring 8 of the top women’s soccer teams from around the nation to the college for a 4 day tournament experience.

OCC Adding Two New NJCAA Sports

We are very pleased to announce two new teams to our athletic program for next academic year 2014-2015. Women’s Volleyball will begin Fall of 2014 and Men’s Lacrosse will begin Spring of 2015. There has been a great deal of interest in adding sports here at Ocean. These two teams will up our total to 16 intercollegiate athletic programs.

Anyone that is interested in trying out for the teams should e-mail the coaching staff mlacrosse@ocean.edu or wvolleyball@ocean.edu

Fall 2013 Academic Honors

All-Region & All-Conference

(3.25 GPA+ during season of participation)

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Academic All-Conference

(3.0 GPA+ during season of participation)

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A Special Welcome to the
New Viking Coaches!

Women’s Volleyball Coaches
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and
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FALL

WINTER

SPRING

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OCC Athletes Earn National, Regional, and Conference Athletic Honors

**ATHLETIC HONORS • KEY**

- [NJCAA ALL-AMERICAN](#)
- [ALL-REGION XIX](#)
- [GSAC ALL-GARDEN STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE HONORS](#)
- [INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPION](#)

These Athletes have earned All American Status in their sport by being selected by the NJCAA and/or their respective Sport Coaches Association. Congratulations to all!

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

MaryKate Sullivan
Freshman
Toms River East

- [1st Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

Hailey Neluna
Freshman
Southern Regional

- [2nd Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

Maeve Burg
Freshman
Central Regional

- [2nd Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

**MEN’S SOCCER**

Kevin Istvanditsch
Sophomore
Toms River North

- [1st Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

Meggie Weinberger
Freshman
Toms River North

- [Hon.Mention](#)
- [GSAC](#)

**WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**

Elizabeth Kowalski
Freshman
Toms River North

- [1st Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

**MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**

Keith Charette
Sophomore
Lacey

- [1st Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

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

**Women’s Soccer**

Jacki Wolf (Fr.), Toms River East

- [1st Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

Hailey Neluna (Fr.), Southern Regional

- [2nd Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

Maeve Burg (Fr.), Central Regional

- [2nd Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

**Men’s Soccer**

Billy Bartels (So.), Toms River East

- [1st Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

Justin Pfeiffer (Fr.), Brick Memorial

- [1st Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

Pablo Bedoya (Fr.), Toms River East

- [3rd Team](#)
- [GSAC](#)

Benjamin Osei (Fr.), Toms River South

- [3rd Team](#)

**Women’s Cross Country**

Paige Fisk (So.), Jackson Liberty

- [GSAC](#)

Brianna Sanzone (Fr.), Toms River North

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**Men’s Cross Country**

Brandon Eldershaw (So.), Jackson Memorial

- [GSAC](#)

Raymond Newman (So.), Toms River South

- [GSAC](#)

**Women’s Tennis**

Allison Dennis (So.), Brick Memorial

- [GSAC 1st Team](#)

Cassandra Callahan (Fr.), Southern Regional

- [2nd Team](#)

Heather Kaba (So.), Toms River North

- [2nd Team](#)

Cynthia Vitolo (So.), Toms River North

- [2nd Team](#)

Winter after year, Ocean County College is consistently ranked in the top 10 nationally as an athletic program for success in championship competition by the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA).

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.
Sailing Team Excels in Fall

The 2013 Fall season was by far the best season in the history of the program. We introduced 22 new students who have never sailed before to the sport of sailing. Many of them got to compete in intercollegiate regattas. The season began at Cornell with a 8th finish out of 18 teams, then a 5th finish at our home regatta. The team went on to finish second at the Delaware regatta and the next week won the regatta at Webb institute on Long Island Sound. The team qualified and participated in the prestigious War Memorial regatta. Only the top 18 teams, out of 48 teams, in the MAISA conference can attend. The team finished 13th.

The season ended with the Club Championship held on Toms River. The team finished 3rd out of 18 clubs and was the unofficial state champions. They did this by finishing ahead of Monmouth U, Princeton U, Stevens I.in the club championship as well as being ranked 15th in the conference of 48 teams.

Zac Shippe was the captain of this outstanding team and finished his career at OCC in fine fashion. Coach Bill Warner brought this young team to new heights. Hard work on the water really paid off and we are looking forward to a fun spring.

OCC Athletic Facilities: Courts, Fields, Pool, and More

Our Athletic facilities continue to grow and have been renovated to add additional beauty to the campus.

Some highlights:
- Turf, multipurpose field
- Six lighted tennis courts
- Scenic softball and baseball diamonds
- Newly refurbished gymnasium floor
- Fitness room
- Competition size swimming pool
- Grass practice and match soccer/lacrosse grass fields
Five Inducted into OCC’s Athletics Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Nominations

Bob Czarniewski – Long Time Clock Operator
Dom Alagia – Long Time Announcer
Mary Belleza – Basketball Player
Karen Geiger – Soccer/Basketball Player and Coach
Mike Kavanaugh – Basketball Player

OCC honored five outstanding alumni-athletes, coaches, and others of distinction at the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Dinner held on November 20 in the Health & Human Performance Center, OCC Main Campus, Toms River. The Master of Ceremonies was Kevin Williams, Sports Director at WOBM Radio.

The Athletic Hall of Fame honors distinguished OCC alumni-athletes, former coaches, and others whose achievements have had a significant impact on OCC’s athletic program. The 2013 inductees are:

Dom Alagia (Toms River) has been Public Address Announcer for sporting events at OCC since the 1990’s. Alagia is an actor and voice over artist in TV, movies, radio, and videos.

Robert Czarniewski (Ocean Gate) has been Scoreboard Operator for sporting events at OCC since 1972. Czarniewski teaches physical education at Island Heights Elementary School.

Mary Bellezza Gibson (Beachwood) graduated from OCC in 2002. She played on the Viking Women’s Basketball Team (1996-1998). Gibson works as the County Municipal Alliance Coordinator for the Ocean County Health Department and is Adjunct Instructor for Health Science at Richard Stockton College.

Michael J. Kavanaugh (Brielle) graduated from OCC in 1978. He played on the Viking Men’s Basketball Team (1976-1978). He is a trial attorney with GEICO (Government Employees Insurance Company).

Karen Geiger Trump (Beachwood) graduate from OCC in 1999. She played on the Viking Women’s Soccer and Basketball teams (1997-1999). In addition, Trump was the Viking Women’s Head Soccer Coach (2003-2010). She currently serves as the Director of the Micro Program for the Beachwood Soccer Club.

OCC alumni-athlete nominees must be two-year participants (eligibility begins the seventh year after departure), made a significant impact in the sport, and maintained a 2.0 or higher grade point average. OCC coaches must have been an outstanding coach for three or more years; be retired as a coach for at least one year; hold state, regional, or national achievements; and have been an employee in good standing while coaching. Individuals who do not qualify under the above criteria due to extenuating or extraordinary conditions may still be eligible upon the consideration of the OCC Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.
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Catch a live webcast of most of our home games at www.ihigh.com/oceancounty

OCC competes in Region XIX of the 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

**NOV. 13-16, 2014**
OCC hosts the NJCAA Women’s D-III Soccer National CHAMPIONSHIPS!