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The tournament was kicked off with a banquet on Wednesday, November 12 where participating student-athletes celebrated the hard-fought success of their seasons. OCC president Dr. Jon Larson offered some congratulatory remarks while Executive Director of Athletics and Judicial Affairs, Ilene Cohen, welcomed teams to the Jersey Shore with a presentation of gifts. The keynote speaker was Kristen Edmonds, professional soccer player for the Western New York Flash. Her message to the student-athletes was that despite athletic success, education and academic achievement is what should always come first.

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The tournament was a great success due to the collaborative efforts of numerous Ocean County College departments and the countless number of faculty and staff who volunteered their time. Ocean County College will again host this tournament for 2015 and 2016.

Women’s Volleyball Caps Off Amazing Inaugural Season; Finishes as GSAC Champions

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Men’s Basketball
Anthony Walker
Scores 1,000th Career Point

On February 16th, 2015 Ocean County College Men’s Basketball player Anthony Walker became the 6th person in Ocean CC Men’s Basketball history to score 1000 points! Anthony needed 21 points entering the game and did it late in the first half on a free throw. Anthony went on to score 45 points in the Vikings 121-78 victory.

Anthony lead the team in scoring, averaging 25 points per game this season.

OCC Student Athletes Give Back, Assist with Sandy Relief, Pediatric Cancer

In a true display of class and dignity, OCC student-athletes from the men’s and women’s soccer programs gave back to those less fortunate. The teams supported the Love Your Melon Foundation. The Love Your Melon Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) dedicated to putting a hat on every child’s head in America battling cancer. Through its Buy One – Give One program, Love Your Melon goes into the hospital and provides comfy hats to give them something to wear during this difficult time.

Additionally, both programs volunteered for the Ocean County Habitat for Humanity effort to help victims of Superstorm Sandy recover from the devastation they endured. The teams also both took on the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge during preseason in August.

OCC Earned Player of the Week Honors in Five Fall Sports Programs

OCC had an outstanding Athletic programs this past Fall 2014 with five of the programs having earned a student-athlete recognized as GSAC Player of the Week. Way to go Vikings!

Marykate Sullivan
Women’s Soccer

Elizabeth Kowalski
Women’s Cross Country

Meggie Weinberger
Women’s Cross Country

Elizabeth Kolesar
Women’s Volleyball

Kevin Charette
Men’s Cross Country

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All-America Honors

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Toms River East

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Men’s Cross Country  
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Elizabeth Kowalski  
Women’s Cross Country  
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Toms River South

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WOMEN’S SOCCER  
Jackson Liberty

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2014 All-Region and All-Conference ATHLETIC Recognition

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Toms River/Toms River South
Justin Pfeiffer,  
Brick/Brick Memorial
Craig Smith,  
Toms River/Toms River East
Pablo Bedoya,  
Toms River/Toms River East
Sean Moore,  
Toms River/Toms River North

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL
Elizabeth Kolesar,  
Toms River/Toms River East
Brandy Bikley,  
Toms River/Toms River North
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Rahway/Roselle Catholic

WOMEN’S TENNIS
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Manahawkin/Southern Regional

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Dana Knoetig,  
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Women’s Soccer Wins Region XIX; Takes 5th Place in Nationals

The Viking Women’s Soccer Team compiled an impressive 15-2 record on their way to winning the Region XIX Championship this season! The title earned the team a spot in the NJCAA National Tournament that Ocean County College hosted in Ocean County Stadium from November 13-16. Marykate Sullivan (So. D #3) was named Defensive MVP and Morgan Sartori (So. D #22) was named Offensive MVP at the championship. Marykate Sullivan (#3) was also voted by the DIII Women’s Soccer Coaches of Region XIX as the top defender this year and #2 player overall. Marykate was also selected as NSCAA Scholar Player of the Year and was named an NJCAA & NSCAA All-American. She also earned a position on the first team All-Region and GSAC. She led the Viking defense to a stellar 14 shutout victories this season and a 0.35 GAA which led the nation. Freshman Defender Justine Mangiafico (#11) also earned second team All-Region XIX and first team All-GSAC honors for her contributions to the defense. Ariel Donza (#0 So. Goalkeeper) was ranked in the top 5 in numerous national stat categories including shutouts, GAA, and save percentage. For her excellent play, she was named to the NJCAA All-America Team, first team All-Region XIX, and second team All-GSAC. Not to be outdone, the Viking Midfield placed 3 players on the All-Region/ GSAC teams. Melissa Fichtner (#8 Fr. Midfield) leads the team in points was voted the #1 midfielder and #3 player in Region XIX and named an NJCAA and NSCAA All American. She was also named to the first team All-Region and GSAC. Jacki Wolf (#4 So. Midfield) was also voted to the first team All-Region and second team All-GSAC. Jacki was additionally named an NSCAA Scholar All-American.

Brittany Mangiafico (#13 So. Midfield) was voted to the third team All-Region XIX for her strong play as an outside midfielder this year. Morgan Sartori (#22 So. Defender) was also named an NSCAA Scholar All-American. Head Coach A.J. Trump and Assistant Coaches Tracy Cole and Alyssa Morris were named Region XIX Coaching Staff of the Year! The Vikings provided a great showing in the NJCAA National Tournament. Despite a very tough opening round loss to Richland, TX on penalty kicks, the Vikings went on to defeat Geneseo and Anne Arundel to finish 5th in the tournament. Marykate Sullivan and Melissa Fichtner earned recognition on the all-tournament team and the Vikings won the team tournament sportsmanship award selected by the NJCAA Soccer Committee.

Sullivan Earns Player of the Year Award

National Girls and Women in Sports Day was held at Seton Hall University on Sunday Feb 1, 2015. The 2-year, 4-year and high schools throughout the state of NJ honored a female player of the year from their respective school. Women’s Soccer player Mary Kate Sullivan received the honor as OCC Player of the Year.

Respectively, Marykate was also honored in the sport of Soccer and was awarded NSCAA Scholar All-America Player of the Year. She was selected the top scholar-athlete of all Junior College women’s soccer players in the country regardless of division. Marykate received the award in front of 1400 people on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the NSCAA Luncheon in Philadelphia, PA. In her two years as a Viking, Marykate has been named an All-American in each season and holds a perfect GPA. The Vikings also had Melissa Fichtner (Fr.) honored as an NSCAA All-American at the luncheon. Jacki Wolf (So.) and Morgan Sartori (So.) were also honored as NSCAA Scholar All-Americans.
Meet the Viking Coaching Staff!

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Asst. Coach Vasilis Foukarakis

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Coach Brett Killman

A Special Welcome to the New Viking Coaches!

Women’s Basketball
Ciara Mastrodomenico
Swimming Asst. Coach Bethany Wozniak
Women’s Soccer
Coach Carl Leschinski
and Golf Coach Kevin Clarke

FALL

WINTER

SPRING

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Asst. Coach James Stockton

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