



ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

*Emeritus Institute*

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Newsletter

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## *OCC Foundation Celebrates 25 Years*

More Than \$63 Million Has Been Donated Since 1986

The Orange Coast College Foundation is celebrating its silver anniversary with a special edition of its 2010-2011 annual report that outlines the Foundation's legacy—more than \$63 million in donations during the past 25 years that support students and campus programs and projects.

Doug Bennett, who was hired in January of 1986, describes his role as the first full-time executive director of the Foundation as “the opportunity of a lifetime.”

“The college had already started building a tradition of entrepreneurial philanthropy,” Bennett said. He credits Dave Grant, former OCC

president and dean of students, and Sharon Donoff, former vice president of student services, for laying the groundwork for the Foundation's success. The Foundation has also received support from volunteer board members, community volunteers, faculty, staff and more than 20,000 donors.

Among those donors are 590 current OCC employees who contributed \$968,000 to the Foundation and 545 retirees who donated another \$1.9 million.

“The OCC Foundation has helped change the lives of thousands of students,” the executive director said.

More than \$9.8 million in scholarships has been distributed to 6,500 students since the Foundation opened its doors.

The Foundation has led the way on major fundraising campaigns including the \$1 million Robert B. Moore Theatre renovation, \$1.5 million to build the Harry and Grace Steele Children's Center, \$900,000 for the school-age classroom building, a \$1 million endowment to support the OCC Crew, \$2 million for the Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion and \$1 million for the School of Sailing & Seaman-ship Nautical Library and offices.

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### *On the Calendar at OCC...*

- Dec. 1 – Deadline to Adopt-a-Family for Christmas
- Dec. 2 & 3 – Holiday Ceramic Sale. Art Center 113, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
- Dec. 2-11 – An Old-Fashioned Christmas Melodrama & Ice Cream Social.  
Drama Lab Theatre; Fri., 7:00 pm, Sat. & Sun, 2:30 pm & 7:00 pm
- Dec. 5 – OCC Jazz Ensembles. Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30 pm
- Dec. 9 – Poinsettia Sale. Horticulture Garden, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- Dec. 9 – Emeritus Holiday Luncheon. 11:30 am-1:30 pm
- Dec. 15 – OCC Wind Ensemble Christmas Concert. Student Center, 6:30 pm.
- Jan. 30-31 – Spring Semester Information Tables, 7:30 am- 7:00 pm
- March 20 – 2012 Senior Day



## Foundation *continued*

Currently the Foundation is spearheading capital campaigns for a \$10 million Planetarium, \$300,000 to build a new entrance and facilities for the baseball field, and a proposed Marine Science Training Center and Bridge at the School of Sailing & Seamanship.

The Orange Coast College Foundation is now accepting online donations on its website at: [http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/about\\_occ/foundation/](http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/about_occ/foundation/)

## Adopt a Family For the Holidays

OCC's Adopt-a-Family Program provides holiday cheer to 90 single parent students and more than 200 children. "For some of these families, this is their only support during the holiday season," said Jennifer LaBounty, EOPS/CARE specialist.

Some donors adopt families, while others donate cash and items that the OCC CARE Club sells at the OCC Swap Meet. For more information on how you can help, contact Jennifer at [jlabouty@occ.cccd.edu](mailto:jlabouty@occ.cccd.edu) or call (714) 432-5173.

## Your Opinion Matters!

- **Is the Emeritus Institute meeting your expectations?**
- **How can we improve?**

We appreciate your feedback. Please return by Dec. 15.

Email to: [mroda@occ.cccd.edu](mailto:mroda@occ.cccd.edu) or mail to:

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## Emeritus in the News

**Laird Hayes** and **Barbara Bond** were included in the Daily Pilot's annual "103" top community leaders. Hayes coached the OCC men's soccer team and continues to officiate for the National Football League. Under Bond's watch as athletic director, OCC was recognized as one of top community college athletic programs in California.

**Nancy Timmons** has been named the Kati Netzley/Bill James Rescuer of the Year for her tireless work rescuing Basset Hounds

**Brad Budde**, OCC's offensive line coach from 1995 to 2005, was selected to the 2010 Rose Bowl Hall of Fame.

**Van A. Romans**, a professor of fine arts for 30 years, was named to the international Board of the American Association of Museums (AAM). Romans is the president of the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

**Dr. Bernard Luskin**, OCC president emeritus, earned lifetime achievement recognition from the American Psychological Association Media Psychology Division for his pioneering work in the field of media psychology.

**Jeff Dimsdale**, Emeritus Dean of Student Services, has been busy as advisor to OCC's Circle K Club, which has grown to more than 100 members. Club members helped build the Kiwanis International's Rose Parade float. The club received first-place awards in a national Circle K competition in Virginia Beach, VA, this summer. Members also join Dimsdale at the Adams Avenue welcome table to greet students at the beginning of each semester.

A \$900,000 endowment to OCC by the late **Shirley Brooke**, a member of OCC's physical education faculty

from 1956 through 1964, provides students access to the top 200 textbooks on reserve in the Library. Last year, students took advantage of the program 56,000 times.



## Poinsettia Sale December 9

The Orange Coast College Horticulture Department will open its doors for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Poinsettia Sale on Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More than 11,000 individual plants, hanging baskets and 14-inch bowls will be available. Prices range from \$5 to \$40. Proceeds from the sale support the OCC Horticulture Department. Enter the campus at Adams Avenue and follow the signs to the poinsettia sale.

## Keep Up With Coast

Sign up to receive OCC's weekly online newsletter by email. Send your request to Mary Roda, Coast to Coast editor, at [mroda@occ.cccd.edu](mailto:mroda@occ.cccd.edu).





## OCC Staff in the News

**Melinda Nish**, OCC vice president of instruction, will become superintendent/president of Southwestern College in Chula Vista on January 2nd.

**Richard Hutchison**, OCC professor of welding, was recognized as the top welding instructor in the nation at the Fabtech Conference in Chicago.

**Kate Mueller**, Orange Coast College's Dean of Student Services, received the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA) National Community College Professional Award at the NASPA Annual Conference in Philadelphia.

**Robin O'Connor**, associate professor of physical education and athletics, was the top fundraiser in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, raising \$2,400 to lead her team, Orange Coast Cruisers 1, to a second place team finish.

**Candy Pettus**, Professor of Sociology, is Orange Coast College's Full-Time Faculty Member for 2010-2011. **Denis Jana**, who teaches history, was selected Part-Time Faculty Member of the Year, and **Christine Sta Ana**, EEO/recruitment coordinator in Personnel

Services, is Classified Staff Member of the Year.

**Melissa Moser**, director of Financial Aid, was named OCC 2010-2011 Manager of the Year by the Coast District Management Association.

**Ben Lohman**, OCC associate professor of speech and director of forensics, was elected President of the California Community College Forensics Association for 2012.

Sociology instructor **Jessica Alabi** was inducted into Santa Ana College Alumni Hall of Fame.

**Julie Clevenger**, staff assistant for OCC's Foundation Office, joined the President's Office as executive secretary to Dennis Harkins. She replaces Lynanne Minton, who retired last year after 20 years with the District.

2011 Strong Rower Award Winners – **Allison Paine**, staff aide to the Academic Senate, **Terry Scarbrough**, Honors Program; and **Maria Traver**, Puente Program. The award was created by the late Barbara Wright, physical education professor and Faculty Senate president, to recognize OCC's unsung heroes.

## OCC in the News

- Orange Coast College has been recognized as one of the nation's "top 100 degree producers" in a report published by Community College Week.
- Orange Coast College's LeBard Stadium was voted "Best High School Football Field" by OC Weekly readers.
- Orange Coast College's Manufacturing Technology Department has been awarded a two-year Industry Driven Regional Collaborative (IDRC) Grant from the State of California totaling \$450,000 for its CNC (computer numeric controlled) program.
- The OCC Recycling Center posted a \$331,000 profit in the fiscal year ending June 30th, more than double its 2009-2010 record of \$140,000.

## Donate Your Gently Used Books!

Orange Coast College Friends of the Library is seeking book donations to bolster its supply of gently used books for bi-annual book sales and to stock the FOTL Store in the Library lobby.

Donations can be dropped off 24/7 in the new book bin designated for donations in Lot E adjacent to the Library. Tax receipts will be mailed to donors who request them.

Arrangements can also be made for pick up of donations of large book collections. Call Carl Morgan at (714) 432-0202 x21058.



## Passings

**Paul Briggs**, Football Coach

**Bob Davis**, Computer Services Director

**David Johns**, Art Professor

**Robert Ledford**, Construction and Technology Instructor

**James Pitton**, Associate Professor of Chemistry

**Loretta Shelton**, Personnel Technician

**Margaret Tomka**, Cafeteria Manager

**Robert Wendell**, Associate Professor of Art

**Pat Whalen**, Re-Entry Center

**Dale Wonacott**, Physical Education Professor

**Jay Zimmermann**, English and Education Professor

**Orange Coast College President**  
Dennis R. Harkins, Ph.D.

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## Orange Coast College 2011 Retirees

**Valerie Anderson**, Division Coordinator,  
Counseling & Admissions, 10 years

**Christine Bednarski**, Course Assistant 2,  
Large Group Instruction, 20 years

**David Belk**, Bursar's Office

**Olga Benavides**, Lead Staff-Admissions, Admissions,  
Records & Enrollment Tech, 31 years

**Dale Berry**, Construction Facilities Manager, 20 years

**Dan Bright**, Athletic Trainer, 27 years

**Rich & Sheri Crowe**, Alaska Eagle captains, 29 years

**Sharon Daniel**, Professor, Biological Science, 37 years

**David Dunbrack**, Theater Lighting/Sound Technician,  
28 years

**Sabine Ferrara**, Admissions Technician, 12 years

**Frank Fonseca**, Director, Maintenance & Operations,  
22 years

**Andrea Galbraith-Prell**, Child Care Center Assistant, Early Child-  
hood Lab School, 6 years

**Tom Garrison**, Professor, Marine Science, 42 years

**Laird Hayes**, Professor, Physical Education & Athletics; Head Soc-  
cer Coach, 35 years

**Leslie Henninger**, Course Assistant, 30 years

**Allen Herman**, Chemistry Lab Technician, 40 years

**Gary Hoffman**, Professor, English, 40 years

**Jim Jorgensen**, Professor, Physical Education & Athletics; Head  
Sailing Coach, 38 years

**Nancy Keyser**, Transcripts - Admissions,  
Records & Enrollment Tech

**Lynda Lariosa**, Office Coordinator,  
Internet Technology, 26 years

**Mary Ann Lee**, Course Assistant 2, 22 years

**Kathy Mahler**, Instructional Food Service Manager,  
Cafeteria, 15 years

**Nuha Salebi**, Professor, English as a Second Language, 26 years

**Salvador Sanchez**, Food Service Worker,  
Child Care Center, 20 years

**Joanne Suozzo**, Professor, English, 22 years

**Julie Tran**, EOPS Staff Aide, 16 years

**Janet Znider**, Child Care Assistant,  
Early Childhood Lab School, 18 years

**Lynanne Minton**, executive secretary to the president,  
20 years