

This Week at the District

American Council on Education

Martha Parham and I attended the American Council on Education's panel discussion on the State of Higher Education in Los Angeles this week. Panelists included Dr. E. Gordon Gee from The Ohio State University, Dr. Andrew Benton of Pepperdine University, Dr. Michael Drake of UC Irvine and CCC Chancellor Brice Harris. The panel discussed higher education issues that have a national impact including Student Success Initiatives, Federal legislation and the potential for sequestration and Federal financial aid changes. The event brought together colleagues from all facets of college and university life and was an important step in understanding all of our students and how to ensure they are successful in whatever path they choose.

Meeting with Axoro

I am continuing discussions with March Pakbaz of Axoro. As a leader in digital signage, Mr. Pakbaz has access to current and future cutting edge technologies and resources. Mr. Pakbaz is also concerned regarding the needs of businesses to find and retain competent and skilled workers for these emerging technologies. I have asked Mr. Pakbaz to come back to Coast and meet with our CTE colleagues. I look forward to continuing this important dialogue and developing this and other partnerships with our local business leaders.

Orange County Legislative Task Force

Trustee Mary Hornbuckle, Martha Parham and I attended this month's Orange County Legislative Task Force. The OCLTF discussed their recent trip to Sacramento and their upcoming trip to Washington, DC, to lobby on behalf of Veterans' issues. The OCLTF will be lobbying in favor of proposed federal legislation that will provide Veterans with in-state tuition regardless of where they are living at the time of their release from the military. This will help to resolve many issues for our current Veterans as they navigate varying rules and state laws regarding tuition and residency.

Coastline Awards Scholarships

I hope you will join me in congratulating Coastline students Son Mai, Catarina Nguyen, Sophia Sourivong and Hung Ta for being selected as recipients of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund/Walmart Foundation Scholarship. Trustee Jim Moreno was in attendance to congratulate the winners and represent the District. Coastline is one of four community colleges in the country that have been selected for funding for these scholarships, which provide access to first generation Asian and Pacific Islander Americans enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program. Congratulations to our students and to Coastline!

Reminder

There will not be a News Brief next week due to my travel schedule. I hope you all have an enjoyable Presidents' holiday.

Sincerely,



Board Meeting Reminders

February 20 – Regular Meeting

March 6 – Regular Meeting

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Chancellor's Calendar

Week of February 11, 2013

Monday - Thursday
Scientia Visit, UK

Friday – Lincoln's Day

Harkins to Serve as Panelist at International Education Conference

Friday, February 8, 2013

Dennis Harkins, Ph.D., president of Orange Coast College, will serve as a featured panelist at UCLA's international education conference, "Educational Access and New Models of Education," which begins Friday in Westwood. Sponsored by the British Council, the conference is part of its Higher Education Series presented across the United States and Canada.

Dr. Harkins, a noted expert in international education, student recruitment and cultural relations, will discuss community colleges' role in reshaping higher education for the 21st century.

The British Council's purpose is "to build mutually beneficial cultural and educational relationships between the United Kingdom and other countries, and increase appreciation of the United Kingdom's creative ideas and achievements." Its overseas network extends to 233 locations in over 100 countries and territories.



Culinary Arts Team Prepares for State Championships



Orange Coast College's Hot Food Team will be the sole community college competing in the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Western Regional Competition state championships that will take place at Le Cordon Bleu in Pasadena on February 10th.

Their rivals will be four private culinary arts programs—the Pasadena Cordon Bleu, the

Sacramento Cordon Bleu, the San Francisco Cordon Bleu and the Arts Institute of Hollywood.

OCC's team includes Alma Benitez, Santa Ana; Mary Conaty, Rancho Santa Margarita; Emilie Damgaard, Laguna Hills; Lauren Lopez, Westminster; and Vince Terusa, Mission Viejo. The students are under the direction of coach Ciara Crivello, a former team member, and team manager and coach Bill Barber, CEC (Certified Executive Chef).

The team spent months preparing for the competition. The winner will move on to regional and national championships later this year.

This year's menu includes:

1st Course: Shallow Poached Fillet of Sole with Yam

Gnocchi, Sautéed Parsnips and Celery-root Puree

2nd Course: Apple Salad: Baby Greens, Waldorf Salad,

Apple Smoked Bacon, Macerated Grapes and Apples and Apple Gelée, Toasted Walnuts

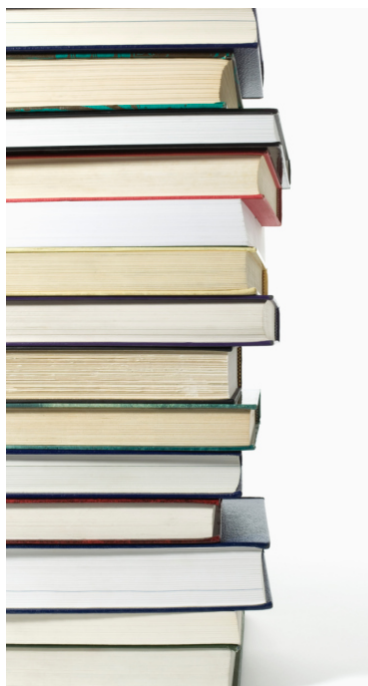
3rd Course: Poulet Sauté Bercy, Glazed Carrots, Tourné Potato

4th Course: Pear-Almond Tart with Dried Cherry Ice Cream and Almond Cookie



One of OCC's graduates and former OCC Hot Food Team member, Chef Randy Torres, is now working at the corporate level for the Cordon Bleu and is helping to advise their coaches on a system-wide level, Barber said.

Coast's team must raise at least \$5,000 to compete at the state level. Funds are provided through the Associated Students of Orange Coast College and private donations. Students also use their own money. Uniforms are donated by New Chef Fashion, OCC's uniform company. "We are always asking for donations to help the team," Barber said. If you would like to help, contact Barber at bbarber@orangeoastcollege.net or call him at 714-432-5835 ext. 2.



Book Loan Program Helps Students

Through an endowment established with the OCC Foundation by a bequest from former OCC faculty member Shirley Brooke, the Foundation provides an annual stipend of \$20,000 per year to the OCC Library for the Brooke Textbook Loan Program.

Students are able to check out books from the top 100 classes at OCC in two-hour increments; they are required to keep the books in the library while studying. Hopefully, this encourages them to do their studying in a timely and efficient manner.

For more information on the program please call Doug Bennett at (714) 432-5126 or email him at dbennett@ccd.edu.

Since the program began in 2009, 132,172 books have been checked out.

LPA Magazine Puts Spotlight on ABC Complex

Orange Coast College's Allied Health, Biology and Consumer Sciences (ABC) Building, a two-story multi-disciplinary complex that opened for classes in January 2011, is featured on the cover of this month's issue of "LPA Studies."

LPA, an Irvine firm that was recognized in 2009 as the nation's #11 Top Green Design Firm with the highest percentage of LEED accredited professionals of any U.S. company, designed the building.

The magazine said the building design was inspired by Richard Neutra, an architect who was master planner for the OCC campus and who designed many of the college's major buildings, including the Robert B. Moore Theatre and The Giles Brown Forum.

LPA followed Neutra's example of "biorealism" when its designers planned the ABC Complex. "The main circulation spine, all lobbies and social spaces have been designed as protected exterior spaces with classroom space that interweaves light and atmosphere—inside and outside," the article states.

The building won LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in June 2012. It is the first building to achieve LEED certification on the OCC campus—and within the Coast Community College District. "We believe this is another great example of sustainability leading the design process to create a facility that yields long-term operational savings and long-term value for the students, the faculty and the district," LPA said.

The complex features 32 instructional rooms, eight standard lecture classrooms and 24 labs. The three-building development—totaling 72,000 square feet—replaces an older row of buildings, which were built in the 1950s and were at the "last of their useful life," according to Richard Pagel, OCC Vice President of Administrative Services.

The diagonal geometry of the walkway that connects the three buildings complements the adjacent Planetarium, also designed by Neutra. The layout of the ABC Complex is the result of combining three different programs, of three different sizes, for each of the building's major departments. Consumer Sciences and Design, the smallest of the three programs, is placed in front of the Merrimac parking area, Allied Health Sciences is housed in the middle block, and the largest of the programs, Biological Sciences, is located at the campus edge.

According to the building's lead architect, Design Principal Glenn Carels, the ABC Complex was an opportunity to pay homage to a designer who inspired him deeply, and often, throughout his career. "To look beyond Neutra's aesthetic and understand what it was he was trying to create resulted in a building completely inspired by—and in balance with—nature," said Carels. "From the open-air corridors and walkways to the naturally ventilated social spaces, the ABC Complex is an inspiring place to be."

"We absolutely love our space. It's an amazing space to work in," said Joy Myers, OCC dental assisting instructor. "The students have a lot of room ... they have state-of-the-art, the finest



equipment we could get. A lot of dental offices don't even have this nice of a space. The students can really sit down and assist each other as they would in a dental office. It's a great learning environment, and it really, really gives our students an advantage when they go out to work, because they've been here."

The ABC Complex was built at a cost of \$52 million, with most of the funds provided by Measure C, a bond approved by Coast Community College District voters in 2002.

View the magazine article on the LPA website at lpainc.com/lpa/studies.

To see a related video on YouTube,

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpsYJaUW0xs&feature=share&list=PL834C8DA5ED42D7A7>.

Melissa Moser to Lead New District-Wide Financial Aid Team

Orange Coast College Financial Aid Director Melissa Moser will move to the District in mid-February to lead a new District-wide financial aid team that will provide support services to all three District colleges, including OCC, Coastline and Golden West.

The announcement was made last week by Andrew Jones, District Chancellor, who said the changes will streamline the financial aid process for students. "Our colleges and students will benefit with increased efficiencies in processing their financial aid and getting the advice and counsel they so deserve," he said.



The Financial Aid team began working in May with Admissions and Records, Fiscal Services and Information Technology staff from all four Coast Community College District sites to identify processes and systems common among the colleges. The new District-wide back office will provide support services to all three colleges. The District-wide team will include six financial aid technicians and two financial aid accounting/fiscal specialists directed by Moser.

Financial Aid staff will continue to provide face-to-face support to students on each campus to help them with financial aid applications, including Federal Work Study, CalGrants and direct loans.

In 2011, Moser was named Orange Coast College's Manager of the Year by the Coast District Management Association.

Moser is active with professional financial aid organizations at the state and national levels. She is the current president of the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA) and served as the vice president, federal issues. She was the vice president, federal issues for the California Community College Association (CCCSFAAA).

In 1992, Moser began her career as an administrative secretary for enrollment services. In 1999, she moved to Coastline College, where she served briefly as staff assistant in administrative services before becoming registrar at Saddleback College in 1999. In 2001 she returned to Coast to lead the OCC Financial Aid Office.