

**This Week at the District**

**Accreditation**

This week has been extremely busy for all of us. Accreditation teams visited all entities and campuses of Coast Colleges and many of you participated in gathering evidence, interviews and open forums. Accreditation is a great reminder that we need to be in a mode of continuous assessment and improvement. Setting goals, developing strategies, implementation and assessment must be on-going and are critical to our success in all areas. I know you will join me in commending our colleges for a job well done and thanking the teams that worked so hard in preparation for these visits. Like you, I anxiously await the official reports and look forward to the next step in our continuous improvement cycle.

**Student Trustee Application**

I wanted to provide a quick reminder that the District Student Council is now accepting applications for Student Trustee. Required qualifications, the application and instructions may be found online at [www.cccd.edu/students/student\\_council](http://www.cccd.edu/students/student_council). Completed applications are due no later than 3:00pm on April 18, 2013.

**Spring Break**

I wish all of you a relaxing, refreshing and fun-filled Spring Break! Please remember that the all Coast facilities will be closed on Thursday, March 28 due to furlough and Friday, March 29 for Spring Break.

**Board Meeting Reminders**

**April 3** – Regular Meeting

**April 17** – Service Awards/  
Regular Meeting

**May 1** – Regular Meeting

**Chancellor's Calendar**

**Week of March 25, 2013**

Monday and Wednesday  
In the Office

Tuesday  
Governor's Office, Sacramento

Thursday  
Furlough Day

Friday  
Spring Holiday

Sincerely,





## Campus Says Goodbye to Retiring Staff

Thursday, March  
21, 2013

OCC will bid farewell to several staff members who will retire at the end of this month.

**Judi Lagerlof** has worked at OCC for 28 years. Judi began her Coast



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**Linda Newman**



**Joe Velasquez**

Career working for Barbara Newbern and ASOCC before she became a registration clerk and eventually a senior staff assistant in matriculation. She helps new students with testing, orientation, counseling and registration. "I have loved it all, especially the students. All of us who work this closely with the students have decided we need to write a book 'Students Say Some of the Strangest Things.' One of my favorites was when a student called me and asked if I remembered him. He was the 'tall guy with dark hair.'"

Judi lives in Huntington Beach. "I plan to sleep the first month I am off and then to help my son and his wife with the new baby that is coming. It has been a great ride, but I am ready to move forward to the next phase of my life."

**Carolyn Thomas** is also leaving OCC after a 19-year career, which began when she became a registration cashier. She returned to school and then resumed duties at OCC as an accountant in registration. "I was then moved out to the floor assisting student with registration and have been here since." Carolyn lives in Costa Mesa, just a mile from campus. She looks forward to having more time for gardening, exercising, reading, traveling and having more fun with her two grandsons.

**Linda Newman** joined OCC in 1986 as a photo typographer in College Publications. She has helped produce thousands of brochures, media guides and web-based publications. She also coordinates the college's social media presence on Twitter. Retirement plans include long-neglected genealogy research and traveling to parts of the state she has yet to visit. Linda is a Costa Mesa resident.

**Signe Johnson**, an OCC alum, joined OCC in 1979 as a graphic designer after earning a BA degree in design from Cal State Fullerton. Signe has produced thousands of graphics for OCC publications, including logos, theatre programs, posters and pamphlets. She also designs the college's Class Schedule, special reports and website graphics. Signe resides in Costa Mesa with her dog, Dash.

Also retiring are **Joe Velasquez**, a technician with Financial Aid, and **Craig Dahl**, a utility worker on OCC's custodial staff. Joe plans to travel the National Park system, become more involved in his exotic fruit club and complete projects around his home.

## OCC Film Grad Works on Academy Award-Winning Visual Effects for "Life of Pi"



OCC alum Christian Zeiler, who completed a Certificate of Achievement in OCC's Film and Video Program in 2011, has racked up nearly a dozen film credits including work on the visual effects team that just won an Academy Award for the movie, "Life of Pi."

An international student from Germany, Zeiler got on-the-job experience as a student intern while he was at OCC working on visual effects for "Hereafter," directed by Clint Eastwood, and "Gulliver's Travels." Coast to Coast featured Zeiler in an October 2010 story at <http://goo.gl/lcwFp>.

In addition to "Life of Pi," Zeiler's credits include the HBO miniseries "Boardwalk Empire" and the hit comedy "Identity Thief."

## Orange Coast College to Host Choc Follies March 28-30



Orange Coast College's Robert B. Moore Theatre will host "Viva CHOC Vegas! Guys, Gals and Romance in the Land of Lady Luck," on Thursday Friday and Saturday, March 28-30. Performances are at 8:00 p.m. with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday.

This hilarious musical production features 100 of Orange County's prominent business, civic and society leaders singing and dancing to raise funds for CHOC. Now in its 16th year, the CHOC Follies has netted nearly \$6 million for CHOC and is considered one of Orange County's most popular fundraising events.

Tickets are available at <http://www.choc.org/chocfollies/index.cfm?id=P00511>.