



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

OXNARD COLLEGE

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## **Building Data Portraits of Oxnard College**

As you are all aware, we have two ongoing priorities at Oxnard College: student success and enrollment stability/growth. However, no matter how we approach these topics—through enrollment planning, strategic planning, market positioning, or development of student services—we must first understand who we are as an institution.

Therefore, in her new role as Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Cynthia Herrera, along with the invaluable expertise of Lisa Hopper, have developed an initial round of “data portraits”—pictures of Oxnard College as seen through the lens of data. These efforts are integral to future initiatives in planning and resource allocation.

Here is a glimpse of Oxnard College’ demographics, “by the numbers”:

- For the past five years, Oxnard College students have predominantly self-identified as Latino; currently, OC is 72% Latino.
- In comparing the fall semesters of 2010 through 2015, the largest proportion of OC’s student population continues to be in the 20-24 age range. This cohort constituted 37.9% of our fall 2015 enrollment.
- Female enrollment has consistently outpaced male enrollment for the past five years, averaging a 55%/45% split.
- Between 2010-22 and 2014-15, the proportion of student population receiving financial aid increased substantially, from 60.8% to 74.9%.
- In fall 2015, the proportion of students coming from the Oxnard Union High School District (Oxnard North, Oxnard South, Oxnard Beach, Port Hueneme, and Camarillo) totaled 75.1% of OC’s enrollment. Overall, 90.1% of our enrollment comes from Ventura County.
- The majority of OC’s student population is generated from two local schools: Channel Islands High School and Hueneme High School. This is a trend that has been true for the past five years and, as of fall 2014, 43.4% of Channel Islands graduates attended OC, as did 45% of Hueneme graduates.
- The Ventura County Civic Alliance, in its publication “State of the Region Report 2015,” provides an overview of seven socioeconomic indicators that affect quality of life:
  1. The poverty rate among children age 5 and under;
  2. The percentage of women-led households with children 5 and younger who are below the poverty line;
  3. The percentage of adults 25 and older without a high school diploma;
  4. The percentage of people who speak English “less than very well;”
  5. The portion of schoolchildren eligible for subsidized lunches;
  6. The portion of students classified as English learners; and
  7. The percentage of students who tested at “below proficient” for math and language arts.

When applied to Ventura County regions using the Neighborhood for Learning Index, we find that our feeder schools are in the neighborhoods that reflect virtually all seven socio-economic indicators: Oxnard, Hueneme, Rio, and Ocean View.

***Every Wednesday – SHOW YOUR CONDOR SPIRIT – Sport Your “Condor wear”!***

- In 2013-2014, Ventura County Public Schools had 33,744 English learners, more than ever before.

In the next issue of “From the President,” trends in enrollment will be highlighted.


*James L. Banks*



## February Condor Spirit Citation Awardees

Liz Burnett and Joe Carabajal were joint awardees of this month’s Condor Spirit Citation. In writing about Liz and Joe, their nominator remarked, “Liz and Joe are the dynamic duo in Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management/Hospitality Management. They never complain and they find a way to always say yes to the constant requests that come in from people from all over campus and the community. They work tirelessly and with such pleasant and accommodating attitudes.”

Thank you, Liz and Joe, for exemplifying the spirit of Oxnard College.



**Announcing the  
CONDOR SPIRIT CITATION**

The CONDOR SPIRIT CITATION recognizes members of the Oxnard College community who consistently go above and beyond their duties to show our students that they are indeed special and that their present and their future is our primary concern.

This Citation, awarded on an occasional and unannounced basis throughout the year, celebrates those individuals—faculty, staff, or student employee—who show their dedication to Oxnard College and its mission on a daily basis and in every interaction with our students and with other employees. They truly “go the extra mile” in attitude, in professionalism, in enthusiasm, and in compassion for our community.

You all know someone like this. So here’s your opportunity to give them some well-deserved recognition.

Please fill out the form below and mail to Karla Banks, Executive Assistant to the President, at [kbanks@vcccd.edu](mailto:kbanks@vcccd.edu) or via interoffice mail. Every nomination will be closely reviewed. There’s no limit on the number of citations that can be awarded.

**NOMINATION FOR CONDOR SPIRIT CITATION**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION/DEPARTMENT OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide some general comments on why you think this person is deserving of a Citation.

Please share with us a specific instance or occurrence that clearly illustrates why this person should be honored.

NOMINATOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any one from OC’s faculty or staff that you wish to nominate for the Condor Spirit Citation, you’re encouraged to fill out the nomination form and forward to Karla Banks, Executive Assistant to the President, at [kbanks@vcccd.edu](mailto:kbanks@vcccd.edu) or via interoffice mail. You can access the nomination form from the Oxnard College website as follows:

- ❖ Click on “*Faculty and Staff*” from the left-hand menu
- ❖ Then click on the “*Condor Spirit Citation*” logo to access the fillable PDF form (see sample to the left)

## OMEGA Initiative Holds First Awards Banquet

On Friday, February 5, The OMEGA Initiative held its first awards banquet, recognizing several of our male students for their achievements in the first semester. In addition to highlighting the students' scholastic achievements, a special Persistence Award was given to Gabriel Contreras for his dedication to his studies. Dr. Luis Gonzalez, Assistant Dean and program coordinator, also distributed special certificates of recognition to several staff and community members for their contributions to bringing the program to fruition. Our thanks go to Dr. Gonzalez for his leadership in making this important program a reality.



*An impromptu "tie-tying" lesson with Dr. Limbaugh and Cristobal Solorio, one of the student honorees.*



*The men of OMEGA Initiative, sporting their official OC blue and green ties, courtesy of the Oxnard College Foundation.*

## Baseball Alumni Celebration a Success

OC Athletics recognized the achievements of the inaugural 1979 men's baseball team—who eventually became Western State Champions and CCCAA State Championship Finals participants—at the home game against Long Beach CC. In attendance were former major league players, including Jerry Willard and Jack Wilson, as well as alumni from all teams. To cap off a perfect day, the Condors won the game!



Members of the 1979 Condors baseball team with Coach Jerry White (in green hat on right).



Tom and Jessica, introducing VCCCD to potential new faculty.

administrators who gave up their Saturday; their enthusiasm and friendliness was visible and invaluable.”

## Oxnard College Well-Represented at LAX Community College Job Fair

Our thanks go to Tom Stough (Library), Jessica Kuang (Mathematics), and Carmen Eblen (Spanish) for ably representing Oxnard College at the recent Community College Job Fair held in Los Angeles. The fair's purpose was to introduce teaching opportunities in the district to potential faculty. According to

Michael Shanahan, VCCCD's Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, “We thank the faculty and



An overview of the VCCCD booth.

## Associated Student Government's February Activities

The ASG has announced several activities available to students and staff this month, in addition to last week's movie afternoon in the Student Lounge and Scholarship workshop.

- **February 12, 2016**  
*SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP.*  
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., OE-3
- **February 18, 2016**  
*"EXECUTIVE LUNCH."* Open to all faculty, staff, and students; an opportunity to "meet and greet."  
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Student Lounge.  
Lunch served
- **February 23, 2016**  
*"TALK WITH TONY"* Lecture and discussion with Tony Magee, author of "Can't Shove a Great Life into a Small Dream."  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Student Lounge.  
Refreshments served.

## Oxnard College Hosts Legislative Hearing on Basic Skills Funding

Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin selected Oxnard College as the site for her budget hearing regarding \$60 million in one-time funding for the Basic Skills and Student Outcomes Transformation Program. The focus of the hearing was to provide background information on the funding and to outline guidelines for submittal of grant proposals. Oxnard College has already assembled a group of faculty and staff to develop the grant request, which is due March 25.



*Marlene Dean (Mathematics) and Luis Gonzalez (Traditional Studies) were featured panelists at Friday's budget hearing, discussing OC's programs.*

## Special Breakfast to Honor our Outstanding Classified Employees

With Chef Mike Bush at the helm, and with the able of assistance of all the members of the President's Council, a "thank-you" breakfast will be presented for **all** classified employees on Friday, February 19, at 8:00 AM in Condor Café. Yes, OC's leadership team will do the cooking, the serving, and the cleaning to show our appreciation for the immeasurable contributions that our classified staff make to the vitality of Oxnard College on a daily basis.



## Get Ready for “UBER BLUE AND GREEN DAY”!

Since the beginning of the fall semester, and through the kindness of the Oxnard College Foundation, we have all been proudly sporting our blue and green OC polo shirts, ties...and bow ties (in fact, the servers at the Bistro now have our blue and green bow ties as part of their uniform). Visitors have remarked on how much they enjoy seeing the color across campus and feeling the enthusiasm for the College and its focus on students.

So this spring, we’re stepping it up a notch. On **Wednesday, February 17, 2016**, find everything you have that’s blue and green and participate in “**Uber Blue and Green Day**.” Yes, we’re having a campus-wide contest to identify who can wear the most school colors: socks, shirts, slacks, skirts, hats, dresses, shawls.... At 11:30 AM in the OE-10/11, there will be an open reception and a judging (with totally unbiased judges, of course) to identify winners in several categories.



So begin now to assemble your attire, and let’s take our school spirit to the next level.

## National Association for Developmental Education (NADE)

The mission of the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE) focuses on the success of all students from undergraduate through graduate levels. The NADE motto is “Helping underrepresented student prepare, prepared students advance, and advances students excel.” NADE certifies three types of programs: 1) Developmental Coursework; 2) Tutoring Services, and 3) Course-Based Learning Assistance. Also, “NADE focuses on the academic success of students.

In our District, Dr. Evangeline Wilkes is the only member of NADE, and an “Experienced Reviewer” in the NADE certification process. She has been working with NADE reviewers across the country and has participated in reviews of applications from community colleges and universities. All of the NADE reviewers are volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to helping institutions achieve certification, and given her expertise in basic skills, ESL, English, law, sociology, and psychology, Dr. Wilkes has been commended for her preparation and dedication as a robust reviewer. When asked about the process, Evangeline added, “Reviewers have a remarkable opportunity to acquire an in-depth knowledge of how institutions strive to improve student success. In addition, reviewers assist institutions as they work toward certification.”



The 2016 NADE Conference will be held in Anaheim, CA in March. For more information, please contact Dr. Evangeline Wilkes at (805) 678-5083 or via email at [ewilkes@vccd.edu](mailto:ewilkes@vccd.edu), or visit the website at [www.nade.net](http://www.nade.net).

## Culinary Club Wins Award!

In December, Oxnard College’s Culinary Club took funds from their pie sales and donated over \$700 worth of canned goods to the *Food Share Canned Tree Event* hosted by The Collection in Oxnard. Fifteen of our culinary students went to The Collection and made a 6ft tall Christmas tree out of canned goods and decorated it with culinary swag. This event was county-wide and raised over 200,000 cans to feed our county.

Unbeknownst to us when we made the decision to participate, Food Share was holding a contest and our Culinary Club entry was awarded the best decorated tree of all the schools who participated. Come check out our cool trophy in the Condor Café! (Report submitted by Liz Burnett)



## Upcoming Events

### ❖ February 24, 2016

#### OC Literature, Arts & Lecture Series – “Frederick Douglass and the Starry Road to Freedom”

In celebration of African American History Month, professional actor, Darius Wallace, will perform his one-man play about Frederick Douglass, a man born into slavery, who became an abolitionist, statesman and a reformer, as well as a firm believer in the equality of all people. Event begins at 1:00 PM in the Oxnard College Performing Arts Auditorium. This is a FREE event.

### ❖ April 2, 2016

#### “Dreaming of You” – Soñando Contigo

Oxnard College will be co-sponsoring this benefit concert with Susan Curtis Denham Memorial Scholarship Fund which will feature Las Divas Latinas Michelle Pina and Kat Monzon who will pay tribute to the music of Selena and other recording superstars. The event will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at 7:00 PM in the Oxnard College Performing Arts Auditorium. The net proceeds will benefit the Oxnard College Foundation – Susan Curtis Denham Scholarship Fund which has provided 65 Dental Hygiene scholarships since its inception in 2005. Cost: \$40-VIP, \$30-General Admission (Student Discount \$10 OFF). To order tickets, please contact Alan Curtis at (805) 432-5942 or via email at alanandmary075@roadrunner.com.



## OC Foundation– STILL ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

The Oxnard College Foundation will be accepting 2016-2017 scholarship applications through February 25, 2016. Please encourage student to apply for these scholarships. Additional details provided on the flyer below, or contact Connie Owens, Oxnard College Foundation, for more information.

The flyer features the Oxnard College Foundation logo at the top, flanked by two graduation caps. Below the logo, it says "Questions or for additional information, please contact the Oxnard College Foundation at (805) 986-5889". The main heading is "SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS" in large yellow letters. Below this, it states "Available online at [www.oxnardcollege.edu/scholarships](http://www.oxnardcollege.edu/scholarships) or from the Oxnard College homepage click the  button and then click on "Scholarships". A red banner indicates the "FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE February 25, 2016 by 3:00 PM". At the bottom, a section titled "FOUR EASY STEPS TO FOLLOW" lists: 1) Go to the Scholarship webpage; 2) Complete the appropriate scholarship application including required essays and all attachments; 3) Print and sign your completed application packet; 4) No later than February 25, 2016, submit original Scholarship packet, one full copy of packet for Section A, and a full copy for each scholarship you are applying for in Section B. Be sure to follow the detailed instructions outlined on the website.