



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Special Double Issue due to the Presidents' Holiday  
OXNARD COLLEGE Weeks of February 15 and February 22, 2016

## Data Portraits: Oxnard College's Student Enrollment Patterns

As we continue our exploration of “who we are,” enrollment patterns add to the burgeoning picture of ourselves as an institution.

- The part-time to full-time student ratio has remained fairly steady for the past five years. In the fall of 2015, 72% of students were posted as part-time with the remainder – 28% – listed as full-time attendees.
- Continuing students remain the greatest portion of our enrollment, hovering around 60% for the past five years and counting for 61.5% of enrollment as fall 2015. During this same time, as a percentage of total enrollment of 7,014 headcount,
  - First-time students counted for 16.2%;
  - First-time transfer students weighed in at 5.1%;
  - Returning students comprised 15.8%;
  - And concurrently enrolled students rounded out enrollment at 1.4%.
- Over the past six years, the proportion of OC students that identified transferring to a four-year institution as their educational goal has increased substantially—from 65.4% in fall 2010 to 79.5% in fall 2015.
- Over the previous five years, the average GPA of our students has been relatively consistent:
  - 2010-2011: 2.65;
  - 2011-2012: 2.63;
  - 2012-2013: 2.59;
  - 2013-2014: 2.64;
  - 2014-2015: 2.66.
- In career and technical education programs, between 2010-11 and 2014-15 the proportion of students awarded certificates has steadily increased (with the exception of 2011-13, when budget challenges necessitated reductions in CTE course sections). Overall, however, the comparison of 2010-2011 and 2014-2015 certificates awarded to students indicates a significant increase of 17.63%.
- In Fall 2015 at 4th week, 42.2% of students reported both parents having no college education. (Note: Another 6% reported one parent with no college experience and the other with unknown highest education level, meaning that as many as 48% may have no parent with college level experience.)

*James L. Hinke*

*Thank you to Cynthia Herrera and Lisa Hopper for providing the data for this report.*

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

## Karla Banks Recognized at VCCCD Board of Trustees Meeting

Karla Banks, Executive Assistant to the President, was recognized at the February 16 meeting of the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees as Oxnard College's nominee for the California State Classified Employee of the Year. Thank you, Karla, for being such an outstanding representative of the spirit and commitment of Oxnard College.



Selected to represent the VCCCD at the State level was Kerry Mehle, Graphics and Communications, Moorpark College.

## Trustee McKay Named 2016 Education Advocate of the Year



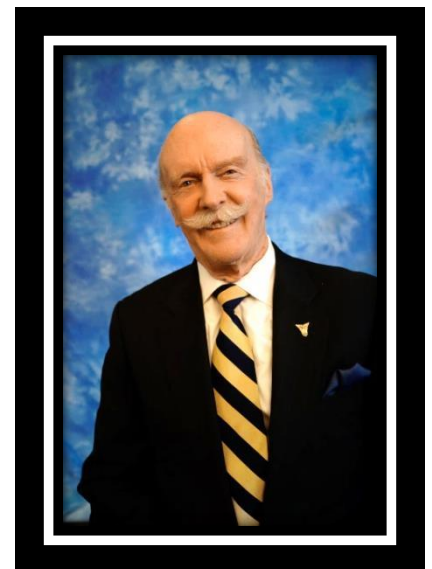
Chancellor Luskin shares with us this good news about Trustee Dianne McKay: “Kudos to Ventura County Community College District Trustee Dianne McKay, Vice President of Mustang Marketing, Thousand Oaks, who has been recognized as the National Association of Women Business Owners *2016 Education Advocate of the Year*.

“As a business owner, Dianne McKay joined Mustang Marketing in 2010, sparking huge growth in clientele and profits. After Dianne became Vice President in 2013, the company attained a three-year growth rate that landed it a spot on the coveted, Inc. 5000 2015 Honorees List – the annual ranking of the fastest-growing private companies in America. Aside from her professional career, Dianne has maintained a commitment to education. She has provided more than 20 years of volunteer service in public education, running organizations like PTA and DAC, and founding the Conejo Schools Foundation. Dianne is a Trustee for the Ventura County Community College District, serves on the Community College League of California's Advisory Committee on Education Services, and is an active member on both the Conejo Schools Foundation Board and the CLU Graduate School of Education Advisory Board.”

Congratulations, Trustee McKay, from the entire Oxnard College community.

## Long-Time Advocate for Oxnard College Dies

Oxnard College has lost one of its most committed and enthusiastic advocates in the death of Richard “Dick” Regnier, who passed away on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of 84. Dick was an active member of the Oxnard College Foundation Board of Directors for 32 years, serving two terms as President and, for the past twenty years until his death, as Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel.



## Oxnard College Faculty Granted Tenure

Achieving tenure is a capstone event in the life of a college faculty member. Please join in congratulating our colleagues who have attained this significant professional milestone, as per the approval of the Board of Trustees at its February 16 meeting.

**Tamara Crudo:** Fire Technology

**Deanna Flanagan:** Health Services Coordinator

**Jessica Kuang:** Mathematics

**Arion Melidonis:** Anthropology

**Brett Enge:** Mathematics

**Kevin Hughes:** History

**Jerry Lulejian:** Legal Assisting

**Justin Miller:** Physics

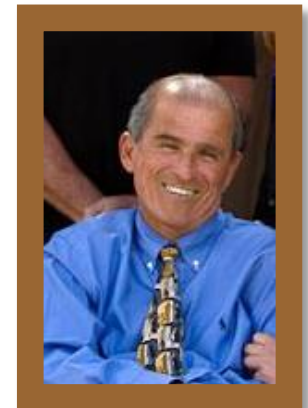
*Congratulations*

## Leo Orange Receives Service Award

Leo Orange, DSPS Coordinator, received the RJ Scuderi Exemplary Service Award at the fall convention of the California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disability. According to Ms. Denise Simpson CAPED President, “The RJ Scuderi Exemplary Service Award recognizes outstanding contribution on the part of a CAPED member through their advocacy on behalf of the association and students with disabilities over many years. This award is chosen by RJ Scuderi himself and is only given when he deems that someone meets the high standard of receiving this award.”

The statement on the award truly illustrates Leo’s dedication to our students: “Recognizing exemplary service over the ‘long haul’ to CAPED and individuals with disabilities through involvement or as an advocate.”

Congratulations, Leo!



## Oscar Cobian Nominated for Community Leadership Award

Oscar Cobian, Vice President of Student Development, has been named an honoree to be recognized at El Concilio’s 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Latino Leadership Awards gala for his contributions to the community.

## Accreditation Team Confirms Fall 2016 Site Visit

Oxnard College has been officially notified by its accrediting body, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges/Western Association of Colleges and Schools that the External Evaluation Team will visit the campus from September 26 through September 29, 2016.

## OC CRM Students Participate in VC Innovates Entre to Employment Dinner



*From left: OC CRM Students Gabriel Contreras, Kilala Simley, Executive Chef Jesse Hansen of the Westlake Village Four Seasons Hotel, & OC CRM Student Daniel Ceco.*

This month's Entree to Employment Dinner focused on Hospitality and featured our own Oxnard College CRM students.

Entre to Employment, a program of VC Innovates, brings together high school, adult education and community college students with real-world employers in Ventura County. Every month, VC Innovates holds a dinner event representing a different industry sector. Over one thousand students so far have participated in these events. According to Celine Park, VCI Director, "These dynamic dinner conversations provide a unique opportunity to share, engage, and connect to the future business world."

VC Innovates is a product of the California Career Pathways Trust, established in 2013 by the State Legislature to provide a competitive grant to K-12 schools and community colleges that will better prepare students for the 21st Century workplace. VC Innovates was one of 12 grant recipients in the state to receive \$13.2 million in the first round of funding. In the spring of 2015, the local collaborative applied for a second round of funding and was awarded an additional \$10.2 million. OC's liaison is Dr. Christina Tafoya, CTE Dean.

## Highlights of the ACCT National Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., Feb. 9-11, 2016

Dr. Bernard Luskin posts this report on his attendance at the ACCT National Legislative Conference:

“Dr. John B. King, Jr., Secretary of Education, newly appointed by President Obama spoke to us during ACCT this week. Undersecretary Ted Mitchel, former dean of the school of education at UCLA joined him. King replaces Arne Duncan. Also, the Obama administration released its FY 2017 budget while we were there.

“We contributed in many sessions. Chair Kennedy and Trustee Hernandez participated in major sessions on security and safety on campus, a VCCCD priority. Trustee Perez attended sessions on America’s College Promise, and Chair Kennedy and I met at length with the Veterans Committee staff of the house committee on veterans education about getting specific funds to support veterans counselors on college campuses. Additional highlights included Dr. Jill Biden’s participation underlining the importance of America’s College Promise, and arranged meetings on the hill that included a presentation by Nancy Pelosi and other legislators who enthusiastically articulated their support for community colleges. It was an action packed, productive conference in which more than 1,000 trustees from America’s community colleges enthusiastically participated. The VCCCD was actively and visibly present and having so many trustees and CEOs representing community colleges in support of important programs made a difference.”

## Department Fully Staffed – 1<sup>st</sup> Time in 20 Years

We are very excited to announce that for the first time in 20 years our Facilities, Maintenance & Operations department is fully staffed!



*Back Row, left to right: Mel Soto (Electrician), David Gardner (Maintenance Supervisor), Brian Geisler (Warehouse Operator II), Bob Sube (Facilities, Maintenance & Operations Director). Front Row, left to right: Pete Tyrk (Plumber), John Pena (Carpenter), Matt Perreira (Electrician)*

## Oxnard College Alumni Featured in Art Exhibit in Downtown Oxnard

On Saturday, February 6, 2016, Oxnard College Art alumni were featured in an exhibit entitled, “Territorial Nomads: Tales of Diaspora” at 519 “C” Street in downtown Oxnard. Aaron Dadacay, Olguin Tapia, Gladys Rodriguez and Maria Villote pursued Art degrees at reputable art programs including UCLA and Cal Berkeley and recently were recipients of the City of Oxnard Cultural Arts grant. Through paintings, sculpture and video, “Territorial Nomads” showcases their experiences as first generation immigrants and their cross-cultural backgrounds.



## Correction from Last Week’s Edition of “From the President”

We goofed...

In our previous issue, we identified Marlene Dean and Luis Gonzalez as representing TRADITIONAL Studies at Oxnard College at the recent legislative hearing. The correct nomenclature is TRANSITIONAL Studies. Our apologies.



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

## Coach McClurkin is WSCN Women's Basketball Coach of the Year



In only his second year coaching the Women's Basketball team at Oxnard College and only the second year back from a suspended program, Coach Ron McClurkin was named WSC North Coach of the Year by his peers. Coach McClurkin and assistant coach, Christina Torres turned around a team that went 2-20 last year. They recruited students from the local community who improved throughout the year and may be a playoff contender.

The Lady Condors finished the regular season at 15-9 and 8-4 in WSC play. This was their best record since the '80s and their highest conference finish since 1994.  
*(reported by Jonas Crawford, Director of Athletics)*

## Oxnard College Fire Academy Battalion #45 Practices Firefighting Methods on Campus

This week, Battalion #45 practiced in their companies on the lawn outside of the Oxnard College athletics building. Companies consist of eight cadets. It was their first experience using hoses with actual water pressure from a fire hydrant. Bravo & Delta Company practiced a two-firefighter method, grinding a large hose forward, which is used for commercial fires. The Charlie Company practiced the one-firefighter large line method, coiling the hose and sitting on it to control the water pressure. Alpha Company had to stay low or crawl on the ground, mimicking the experience of a house fire in which the heat and smoke rises to the ceiling. They simultaneously watered the large lawn area that was much in need since the college has reduced water usage during the current drought.

*(reported by Dr. Christina Tafoya, CTE Dean)*



## Oxnard College Students Win Scholarship awards in Collegiate Art Competition

On Sunday, February 14, Oxnard College students raked in awards in Buenaventura Art Association's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Art Competition. Among the winners were Jennifer Garcia (First Place/Best in Show, \$800 scholarship), Nicole Hense (Third Place, \$350 scholarship) and Honorable Mentions (\$250 awards) to Luis Campa and Hannah Haddock. Ten other students were accepted in the juried competition including Antonio Acosta, Joseph Carruso, Edwin Escobedo, Javier Flores, Jewel Harris, Tayde Luevano, Gerardo Ortega, Lucresha Pilgram, Carly Silva and Elisa Torres. The competition included students from CSU-Channel Islands, Brooks Institute, Moorpark College and Ventura College. The exhibit, juried by renowned artist and retired Pepperdine University Professor Bob Privitt, can be viewed through February 27, 2016 at Harbor Village Gallery, 1591 Spinnaker Dr., Suite 117C, Ventura, CA 93001. For more information visit, <http://www.buenaventuragallery.org/>.

**Jennifer Garcia**  
(First Place/ Best  
in Show, \$800  
scholarship)



**Edwin Escobedo**  
(Accepted into the  
Juried  
Competition)



**Javier Flores**  
(Accepted into the  
Juried  
Competition)



**Carly Silva**  
(Accepted into the  
Juried  
Competition)





## Men's and Women's Sophomore Basketball Players Recognition Ceremony

At their last home game of the season (this past Saturday, February 20), Mens' and Womens' sophomore basketball players were recognized for their contributions to the teams.



## OC Leadership Team Commandeers the Kitchen to Say Thanks to Classified Staff

Oxnard College's classified employees are truly the backbone of our institution, providing exemplary front-line and back-of-the-house service to our students and fellow staffers that creates a compassionate, supportive learning environment. To show our appreciation, the President's Cabinet\* occupied the kitchen of the Condor Café on Friday, February 19, and cooked breakfast for over seventy members of the classified staff. Included on the menu were pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, and a wide assortment of pastries and coffeecakes.

In particular, thanks are extended to Mike Bush for organizing the entire event; Carolyn Inouye, who personally baked multiple coffee cakes for everyone's enjoyment; Mike Alexander, who volunteered to assist, donning his chef's hat and Lone Star apron; Liz Burnett, who provided on-site instruction; Christina Tafoya, who did much of the advance shopping; and Trish Limbaugh, who created and distributed special "Thank you" gifts to everyone who attended.

*\* Cabinet members include Mike Bush, Vice President for Business Services; Oscar Cobian, Vice President for Student Development; Ken Sherwood, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Learning; Carolyn Inouye, Dean, Math, Science, Health, PE & Athletics; Christina Tafoya, Dean, Career and Technical Education; Gail Warner, Assistant Dean, Fire Technology; Luis Gonzalez, Assistant Dean, Transitional Studies; Cynthia Herrera, Dean, Institutional Effectiveness; and Bob Sube, Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Operations*



**Cynthia Herrera and Bob Sube**, dishing out pounds and pounds of bacon and sausage

**Carolyn Inouye** cutting and preparing her home-baked coffee cakes for everyone's enjoyment





**Our Leadership Team** ready to serve at the *Classified Staff Appreciation Breakfast*



**Dr. Limbaugh** trying his hand at flipping pancakes



*(from Left),* **Liz Burnett**, CRM staff, helps **Ken Sherwood** and **Gail Warner** with the fine art of fruit-cutting and presentation...  
*(drum roll please)*



...And the “fruits of their labor”!

**Luis Gonzalez** applying the “drizzle” to the top of CRM’s fresh-baked turnovers



**Mike Alexander** and a little Lone Star Pride

**Mike Bush** (an executive chef in his former life) instructing **Oscar Cobian** on the fine art of making hash browns



**Oxnard College's  
UBER BLUE AND GREEN DAY  
February 17, 2016**





**UBER Green & Blue Day Award Winners**

*Most Spirited* – Bob Sube (FM&O); *Most Colorful* – Linda Chapparo (Psychology);  
*Most Blue* – David Casas (Fiscal Services); *Most Green* – (Bola King-Rushing (English))



## 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.

### ❖ March 2, 2016

#### The United States Army Field Band and Soldiers’ Chorus Coming to OC!

The US Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus will be performing at the Oxnard College Gymnasium on March 2, 2016, at 7:00 PM. This is a FREE event. The Oxnard College Foundation will have free tickets available for all faculty, staff and students interested in attending. Please contact Connie Owens at (805) 678-5889 or via email at [cowens@vccd.edu](mailto:cowens@vccd.edu).



### ❖ April 2, 2016

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

Oxnard College will be co-sponsoring this benefit concert with the 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](mailto:alanandmary075@roadrunner.com).