



FROM THE PRESIDENT

OXNARD COLLEGE

April 25 and May 9, 2016

Inaugural Oxnard College Fire Academy “Career Day” a Success

On April 28, 2016, Oxnard College Regional Fire Academy hosted its first-ever “Career Day”. Recruiters from the following Fire and EMS agencies were present:

- Advanced Fire and Rescue
- American Medical Response Ambulance Company
- Glendale Fire Department
- Lifeline Medical Transport
- Los Angeles City Fire Department
- Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Oxnard Fire Department
- PRN Ambulance Company
- Santa Barbara City Fire Department
- Santa Barbara County Fire Department
- Santa Paula Fire Department
- Ventura City Fire Department
- Ventura County Fire Department

This event marked the first opportunity to have a large number of recruiters at one location to make contact with students and cadets, bringing together Fire/EMS recruiters, Fire Academy Cadets, Fire Technology Students, EMT students, high school students and military personnel. Recruiters were able to express specific information concerning their department and their hiring requirements. Attendees were able to gather department information and ask direct questions about hiring procedures. With approximately 200 attendees, the event, many of the presentations were “standing room only.” Due to its success, the Career Day will become an annual event.

(Submitted by Gail Warner)



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



OC Students Serve It Up at Hospitality Week – April 25-29

Students from Oxnard College’s Hospitality and Culinary Program participated in a week long opportunity to visit Ventura County hotel industry partners and participate by cooking at their properties and shadowing various department heads to gain insight into operational objectives.



Pictured left to right are General Manager of the Ventura Beach Marriott, Shannon Hillygus; and OC Students Ashly Williams, Adalberto Granados, Abegail Dandog, Monica Nunguiz and Executive Chef Rick Rossingal

The students really enjoyed the opportunity to work and learn from industry professionals like Ventura Beach Marriott Chef Rick and Hotel General Manager Shannon Hillygus. Students also had the chance to present themselves as possible employable candidates at the properties. This event was a result of partnerships between Oxnard College (especially Hospitality instructor, Ody Milton), VC Innovates, and the Ventura County Lodging Association. *(Submitted by Christina Tafoya)*



Congratulations, Dr. Amy Edwards!



Please join me in congratulating Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair (soon to be Dr.) Amy Edwards, who successfully defended her dissertation: *“The Role of Gender in Higher Educational Leadership”* on Friday, April 29 at Cal State Northridge. While she still has to endure one more class this summer, she will be proudly updating her syllabi and her business cards to reflect her hard-earned title come this August. OC veterans might recognize Dr. Erika Endrijonas in the picture. Dr. Endrijonas served as a member of Amy’s dissertation committee. Congratulations, Amy, on your accomplishment.

New Student Artwork Graces Campus



If you’ve not yet seen our latest mural, please stop by our art complex adjacent to McNish Art Gallery and view this outstanding mural created by our art students, celebrating the contributions and lives of Oxnard-area field workers.

Oxnard College Art students, Julio Almaraz, Adriana Velázquez, Florence Toralba, Taydé Luévano, Luis Campa, Roxanna Ramirez and John Del Rosario just completed the latest campus mural project (*pictured above*) that graces the North Hall wall facing the gardens. The mural, designed by Art Club president Monica Sánchez, was approved by the CUDS committee in late spring 2015. The Art Club’s vision for the mural project is to help beautify the campus while celebrating Oxnard’s cultural history and recognizing one of its largest commodities, agriculture.

(Submitted by Christine Morla)

EOPS Ceremony Recognizes Student Achievement



Graduating EOPS students are presented their Kente cloths.

This past Tuesday, May 3, EOPS held its 2016 Recognition Ceremony event in the Oxnard College Performing Arts Auditorium. This event is held annually to acknowledge and honor EOPS students that will be obtaining an AA/AS degree, certificate, and/or transferring to a four year university. In addition, following the ceremony, dinner was provided at the Condor Café for all honorees and guests.

Needless to say, a lot of work goes into planning and implementing a celebratory event of this size as we had approximately 315 in attendance. Thanks to our wonderful EOPS staff, this event was a great success. This success was evident and illustrated by the smiles and warm responses shared by our students, families and OC staff and faculty that were in attendance. The program was beautifully put together and printed in a timely manner by our OC publications unit, the honorary speaker Rene Corado was inspiring, and hearing from our students was also uplifting. Our EOPS Counselors (Ross, Everardo, Gloria and Rene) added their flavor to the event and made the evening entertaining and memorable!

(Submitted by Cesar Flores)

Senator Jackson Visits OC's Clothesline Project



State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson visited OC's campus on April 28 to view our Clothesline Project. The Project focuses on victims of domestic and sexual assault and abuse, allowing victims to tell their stories through T-shirts carrying their thoughts. Senator Jackson reviewed the collection of T-shirts and had the opportunity to meet with students who participated in the Project. The event was organized by Dr. Deanna McFadden and Linda Martinez.

Congratulations Jeff Hiben – Winner of VC Innovates 2016 Pathfinder Award



Jeff Hiben, Auto Technology, was recently presented the 2016 Pathfinder Award by VC Innovates at their Annual Pathfinder Award Luncheon on May 4. This award was given to those involved with the VC Innovates pathways initiatives who “demonstrated distinct accomplishments in providing students with irresistibly engaging learning experiences.” Pictured with Jeff and the citations he received is his wife, Rosa.

Congratulations to Our April 2016 Condor Spirit Citation Award Winner- Tami Crudo!

Congratulations to Tami Crudo, Fire Technology faculty, on her selection as our most recent winner of the Oxnard College Condor Spirit Citation. In citing Tami for this award, her nominator commented that “Tami has a work ethic that makes the rest of us look like slugs. She is disciplined and yet caring and fair with students. She is well respected by her peers. More than anything she has a vision for the Fire Academy and has the passion to improve the Academy in a tireless and meaningful way.” Needless to say, Tami was quite surprised...especially when every member of Battalion #45 showed up for the impromptu celebration.

Thank you, Tami, for exemplifying the spirit of Oxnard College.



The Spring 2016 Speech Tournament A Great Success!

This was our 21st Speech Tournament here at OC! 113 students were registered in the tournament! Wow!



And the winners are....

Informative

1st: Hannah Haddock (Professor Fulkerson)

2nd: Juan Segovia (Professor Robinson)

3rd: Jocelyn Mercado (Professor Fulkerson)

Persuasive

1st: Moises Mendez (Professor Fulkerson)

2nd: Sabrina Jimenez (Professor Edwards)

3rd: Steven Fimbrez (Professor Fulkerson)

Oral Interpretation

1st: Basia Piekarski (Professor Edwards)

2nd: Ernesto Quintero (Professor Edwards)

3rd: Frankie Fonseca (Professor Edwards)

Thank you to our Volunteer JUDGES: (so many of you!)

1. Lisa Hopper
2. Candice Wittkins
3. Janet Dawald
4. Christina Tafoya
5. Mike Ketaily
6. Teresa Bonham
7. Lilia Ruvalcaba
8. Chris Mainzer
9. Stephanie Mutz
10. Schuyler McKaig
11. Luis Gonzalez
12. Shannon Davis
13. Darla Anderson
14. Gaylene McPherson (Also, our photographer today so THANK YOU!)
15. Peggy Smith
16. Nelly Perez
17. Ishita Edwards
18. Oscar Cobian
19. Michelle Castelo
20. Aynah Askanas
21. Jan Straka
22. Carey Smith
23. Amparo Martinez

Thank you to our COMM professors for sending students to the tournament and judging! Look how big our department is getting....

- Marcia Fulkerson, Darla Anderson, Polly Robinson, Schuyler McKaig, Jacqueline Degrandis, and Gary Amar

Thank you to Liz Burnett and Culinary Arts Team for the catering!

Thank you to Dr. Limbaugh for the welcoming remarks. Great motivation for the students!

Thank you to the OC Bookstore for helping with scholarships for the winners!

Overall, it was a marvelous afternoon! The students did a spectacular job and made the Communication Studies department very proud! Until next semester (Dec. 7th mark those calendars)....think about judging!! You WILL have a great time!!

(Submitted by Amy Edwards)



Why is this picture here? Because it's a great view of our OC marquee that elevates it to an art form, and I wanted to share it with you.

Congratulations to Our 11th Annual Student Art Show Award Winners

Thank you to all the students, faculty and staff who attended our 11th Annual Student Art exhibition and awards ceremony yesterday, May 4th. We especially would like to thank everyone who helped make this event happen, including Dr. Limbaugh, Dr. Sandford, Amy Edwards, Ichiro Irie, Ian Pines, Carmen Eblen, Karla Banks, CRM Staff, M&O and the Ricoh Copy Center. The competition was juried by artist and CSUCI Art Dept. Chair, Luke Matjas. Dr. Limbaugh purchased three works of art this year that will be part of Oxnard College's permanent collection. Our exhibit will run through May 16 with gallery hours on Monday through Thursday, 10am to 2pm. Please visit additional exhibits of more student work in studios NH6 and NH7.

(Submitted by Christine Morla)



AWARD WINNERS	
<p><u>Best In Show</u> John Del Rosario</p>	<p><u>President's Choice Awards</u> Jennifer Garcia Wendy Ledner John Del Rosario</p>
<p><u>Painting Awards</u> 1st Place – Elisa Torres 2nd Place – Wendy Ledner 3rd Place – Antonio Acosta</p>	<p><u>Drawing Awards</u> 1st Place - Sara Law 2nd Place - Armando Zavala 3rd Place - Sydney Pena</p>
<p><u>Citation in Sculpture Award</u> Tayde Luevano</p>	<p><u>Honorable Mentions</u> Adriana Velazquez Monica Sanchez Jim Christopher Thorpe Roxanna Ramirez</p>



The McNish Gallery featuring the student art show.

Oxnard College Scholarship Awards Ceremony Awards Over \$250,000

On Wednesday, April 27, over 250 Oxnard College students were awarded over \$250,000 through the Oxnard College Foundation with the help of community donors, such as Mike Barber (as seen in the photo, far left) representing Santa to the Sea Marathon donating \$20,000 this year!



Over 300 students and family members attended the Awards Ceremony starting with a Reception provided by the OC Culinary Department highlighting their fabulous desserts. The faculty chose 15 students to honor for the 2015-16 Academic Excellence Awards which included an OCF \$500 Scholarship.

In the Social Science Department, Vernard Williams received the Outstanding Psychology Student Award and donated his \$500 award to the OC Veteran Center. Every student received their scholarship certificates along with a 40th Anniversary Pin.

(Submitted by Connie Owens)



OC Foundation Board Member Teresa Elenas-Waisman and OC President Jim Limbaugh enjoying the scholarship ceremony.



Vernard Williams
Outstanding Psychology Student Awardee

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Letters Department says “Farewell” to Retirees



Pictured left to right are Liberal Arts Dean Art Sandford, and faculty members Gaylene McPherson, Emily Zwaal, Carmen Eblen (Retiree), Erik Boys, Cristy López-Bowlin, Anthony Rodriguez, Evangeline Wilkes (Retiree), Teresa Bonham, Elissa Caruth, Mati Sanchez, Jeannette Redding and Cecilia Milan

The Letters Department faculty bid a fond farewell and happy retirement to professors Carmen Eblen and Evangeline Wilkes on May 2. Thank you, Carmen and Evangeline, for your many years of dedicated service to the students of Oxnard College.

Best Wishes Christiane and Luanne



On April 22, retiring Science faculty Christiane Mainzer and Luanne Crockett enjoyed a Bistro full of guests and well-wishers—current faculty, former faculty and staff, and family friends—to celebrate their service to Oxnard College and to our students.



To show their appreciation to our CRM students, Chris and Luanne brought all the students out from the kitchen and led all the guests in a resounding “thank you” for creating such a memorable evening.

April Activities of the Sociology Club

We have been very busy planning and participating in a number of activities for the club and its members over the past few weeks.

- Students volunteer regularly feeding the homeless, both in Oxnard and Los Angeles.
- We also planned the “One Book, One Campus” event this year for Shyima Hall, who recounted her experience as a child who was a domestic slave, human trafficked out of Egypt. On April 15, Ms. Hall met with Sociology students over a luncheon planned in her honor and later discussed her experiences in a lecture at the OC Performing Arts Auditorium. It was pleasure meeting the speaker and students were impressed with her candor and openness.
- Sandra Mayoraga received the Outstanding Student in Sociology Award on April 27, as part of the College’s recognition of student achievements at the Awards Ceremony.
- The Club held a campus celebration event in honor of Cinco de Mayo on May 4, which included performers, music, food and piñatas for the OC Child Care Center children.
- An end of the year pot luck is being planned for May 11 to thank all the Sociology club members for their participation in this exciting year.

(Submitted by Marie Butler)



Highlights of the Graduation Ceremony 45th Battalion Oxnard College Fire Academy on May 9, 2016

Thirty-two cadets received their certificates at a ceremony attended by friends, family, and representatives of regional fire agencies. A special thanks is extended to Tami Crudo and Gail Warner for presenting such a memorable evening for the cadets.

Morgan Clark, Class President, recounts one of his many experiences as a member of Battalion 45.







Gail Warner with Battalion Chief Norm Plott from Ventura County Fire Department



35th Anniversary of Ballet Folklórico Mestizo

On April 29-30, Oxnard College's Ballet Folklórico Mestizo celebrated their 35th anniversary with a stellar performance at our Performing Arts Auditorium. Congratulations to Mati Sanchez and the Ballet Folklórico Dancers!









Upcoming Events

- ❖ **May 10, 2016**
Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration

