



FROM THE PRESIDENT

OXNARD COLLEGE

May 16, 2016

My friends in the Oxnard College Community...

In this, my last newsletter as your interim president, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to have worked with each of you for the past year. It has been a distinct pleasure for both Trish and me to have been so warmly welcomed as members of the Oxnard College community, and it has been my privilege to lead an institution that so clearly is committed to its students. The caring and compassionate environment you have created is of singular importance in showing students that we care about them and about their future.

My last day on campus will be Friday, May 20. Dr. Cynthia Azari will take the reins as Oxnard College President as of Monday, May 23.

My best wishes are extended to you all.

Cordially,

Our Shared Accomplishments This Year

- An elevation of campus pride: Spirit Days, polo shirts, OC ties



The men of the OMEGA Initiative

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

Men's Soccer State Champions (and the first state championship in the history of Oxnard College)

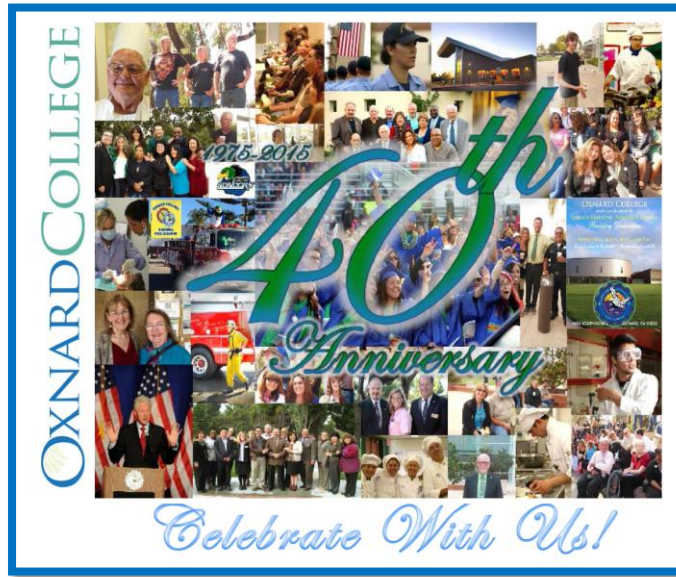


Receipt of \$1 million donation from Oxnard College Foundation for renovation of science labs



Awarding of \$1.5 million grant: Basic Skills and Student Outcomes Transformation Program

40th Birthday Celebration



Recognition of six outstanding employees with unannounced presentations of the Oxnard College Condor Spirit Citation.



JEFF HIBÉN
Instructional Lab Technician, Auto Technology



CHRIS HORROCK
Professor of Philosophy



LINDA FAASUA
Financial Aid Supervisor



LIZ BURNETT & JOE CARABAJAL
Instructional Lab Technicians, CRM



CONNIE CAMPOS
Administrative Assistant



TAMI CRUDO
Professor of Fire Technology

- Official implementation of the OMEGA Initiative
- Conservation of 24,703,453 gallons of water as of July 1, 2015
- Implementation of STEM first-year experience
- Significant progress in emergency planning

- Hosting of California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Circle
- Listed in top 100 in the nation by Community College Week for Latino students receiving associate’s degrees across all disciplines
- Mounting of the OC marquee
- Refinement of Behavioral Intervention Team initiative
- Sponsorship of locally-written mariachi opera “El Bracero”
- Successful completion of the accreditation self-study
- Opening of Foster Youth Center
- Celebration of 35 years of Ballet Folklorico Mestizo



- Classified staff appreciation breakfast prepared by President’s Cabinet

Finally, a key measurement of our success as educators is our students’ persistence to graduation. As of this writing, 1,361 students have applied for graduation: an increase of 38.3% over last year (984). In addition, 209 students have or will be completing ADTs. Congratulations to you all for the part you have played in helping these students achieve their educational goals.