



FROM THE PRESIDENT

OXNARD COLLEGE

Week of August 24, 2015



KUDOS!

Kudos to our CRM students who, under the guidance of Frank Haywood, Liz Burnett, Joe Carabajal and Genneah Figueroa presented a wonderful “meet and greet” luncheon yesterday to for me and my wife, Trish.

On behalf of us both, thank you for welcoming us into the wonderful, caring community that is Oxnard College.

Assessing Our Current Enrollment Picture

As we’re all aware, our budgets are built on the enrollment successes of the previous year. Here is how our numbers stack up so far, as of Monday, August 24:

- **7,081** student headcount (down .06% from last Fall at this time)
- **57,053.0** units (**up .12%** over last year at this time).
- Average units is 8.06 compared to **8.04** last Fall.

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

Ultimately it is the FTES (Full-time Equivalent Students) that the state uses to fund our district. Oxnard College has projected a total FTES target for this academic year of **5,411**, with goals for of 2,486 for fall 2015, 2,485 for spring 2016, and 450 for combined summers of 2015/2016.

As of today, we are slightly below our FTES target but I wish to thank each of you for your tireless efforts to ensure that Oxnard College will meet its projections by the end of the academic year.

To ensure that we meet our enrollment targets and thus maintain a healthy budget, the President's Cabinet has already developed an action plan for the coming year. As we meet to refine the various items and to establish target dates for implementation, I will keep you posted.

Beginning the Final Push for Accreditation

Preparing the College for Its Next Accreditation Visit

As you know, many of you have been working on preparing the College for its next accreditation visit (October 2016). Linda Kama'ila, co-chair of the Accreditation Committee, reports that the committee "has been meeting regularly. All four standards and each major subsection have managerial and faculty co-chairs, with teams of writers including classified and students. Writing has begun and will be completed on schedule during fall semester. Further gap analysis will take place as drafts of the report are distributed. Campus-wide forums to discuss the draft will take place during fall semester." To complete mandatory sections of the comprehensive report, "Two or three areas have been tentatively chosen as the focus for the quality essay. Those areas will be vetted at Academic Senate during August and September."

In encouraging additional campus participation, Linda notes that "The content of each standard has been outlined, discussed and initial gap analysis has been completed in several venues. All members of the Oxnard College community are encouraged to take part in completing the gap analysis."

Overall, according to Linda, "On virtually every standard, we believe we have excellent analysis and evidence showing that Oxnard College is excelling at meeting the standards."

We will continue to keep you updated on this important task. To all members of the Accreditation Committee and sub-committees, thank you for the important work that you are doing.

Reviewing California's Post-Secondary Educational Picture

Facts About California and Its Two-Year Colleges

The Chronicle of Higher Education, on a regular basis, publishes an almanac that is a trove of information about U. S. higher education. From the most recent issue (August 21) I've pulled out some facts about California and its two-year colleges, using 2013 numbers that have been compiled from multiple sources, that you may find interesting.

- Of our 38,332,521 residents (the most populous state in the U.S.),
 - 20.8% hold a high school diploma;
 - 22.0% have some college, but have not completed a degree;
 - 7.9% have earned an associate's degree; and
 - 19.5% completed their baccalaureate degrees.

- 43.8% of the population speaks a language other than English at home.
- State residents make up 95% of all first-year students who enrolled in California post-secondary institutions in the fall of 2012 who had graduated from high school the previous year.
- Two-year institutions enroll 58% of California’s post-secondary students, vs. 42% who attend bachelor’s-granting colleges and universities
- Women comprise 54.2% of enrollment in California’s colleges and universities, while Hispanic students are 34.1% of the total college-going population.

Finally, consider these national statistics: (to further explain the numbers below: students who were 20 or younger when they started community college, or 25 and older, were more likely to have completed a two-year or four-year degree within six years than were those who first enrolled between the ages of 21 and 24).

“Six Year Outcomes and First College Completion for Students Who Started at Two-Year Public Institutions in the Fall of 2008, by Age at First Try”

	Number	Completed at Starting Institution	Completed at Different Two-Year Institution	Completed at Four-Year Institution	Still Enrolled (at any institution)	Not Enrolled
20 or younger	694,224	25.8%	3.5%	12.0%	19.6%	39.1%
21-24	87,664	20.0%	2.9%	4.9%	17.3%	54.9%
25 and older	197,060	30.2%	2.5%	4.3%	12.6%	50.4%

What does this mean for Oxnard College? We need to consider our performance in these age cohorts and continue to build our services and our outreach to ensure that all our students, especially those that may traditionally not have been as successful in achieving their educational goals, can do so with the attention and commitment to students for which OC is known.

Preparing for El Niño

We May Be Facing a Very Wet Winter

“It is hard to believe that after four years of severe drought, we may be facing a very wet winter. El Niño continues to build and all indications are we will be hit with some strong winter storms. In preparation for possible storms, Maintenance and Operations has hired a roof inspector and already began necessary repairs. They are also replacing rain gutters and down spouts where needed. We will hire a plumbing survey company to run a camera through our storm drains, to insure they are in good shape. Since El Niño storms can also come with high winds, we will have an arborist examine our trees. We are concerned that after years of drought some may not be healthy enough to stand up to the high winds.”
(Mike Bush, Vice President of Business Services)



Reporting a Successful Start for the OMEGA Initiative

OC Holds Its 1st OMEGA Initiative Orientation



I'm pleased to share this information from Dr. Luis Gonzalez regarding the OMEGA Initiative: "We held our first OMEGA Initiative Orientation today. We had 26 students present and we will hold another orientation next week. It was a great meeting and I'm looking forward to working with these young men as we work together to help them meet their academic goals." As of Tuesday, August 25, 2015, Dr. Gonzalez reports that he has 66 applicants which exceeds his targeted goal of 60 participants.

Here's a picture that Dr. Gonzalez has provided. Congratulations on the successful inauguration of this important program.



Dr. Luis Gonzalez and the participants in the first OMEGA Initiative orientation.

Extending a Welcome to Our New Interim Dean of Liberal Studies

Congratulations to Art Sanford on his new Interim Appointment

Art Sandford comes to Oxnard College with many years of experience at Ventura College. He has served as a tenured Spanish Instructor, Interim Dean of Academic Affairs, Academic Senate President, Director of the Santa Paula Center, and most recently as Accreditation Chair. His depth and breadth of experience will serve Oxnard College well in fulfilling the duties of Interim Dean of Liberal Studies. Art begins his assignment in Liberal Studies on Monday, August 31, 2015.



Announcing the Condor Spirit Citations Awards



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@vccd.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: _____