



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

OXNARD COLLEGE

October 19, 2015



Dear Colleagues:

Three months have passed since I had the privilege of assuming the leadership of Oxnard College. During that time, my initial impressions have been confirmed. This campus is exemplary in its dedication to student success and its focus on ensuring that every student feels respected, welcomed, and valued.

I believe in the future of Oxnard College. As a result, I have identified over the past 90 days three areas of significance that will serve as priorities for the next nine months, with each focusing on ensuring institutional stability and promoting future growth:

- **Enrollment**, reviewing current practices, implementing best practices, evaluating programs and services;
- **Accreditation**, concurrently completing our self-study and implementing a program of ongoing continuous improvement based on the tenets of institutional effectiveness and accreditation standards; and
- **Campus safety**, aggressively offering classroom response training to faculty, reviewing and replenishing emergency supplies, and partnering with the District and the other two colleges on facilities upgrades (e.g., classroom security and communications systems).

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you in pursuing our mission and its emphasis on student success.

Sincerely,

*James W. Hinke*



## Breast Cancer Awareness

Battalion 44 of the Oxnard College Fire Academy proudly sports their pink shoelaces in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

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

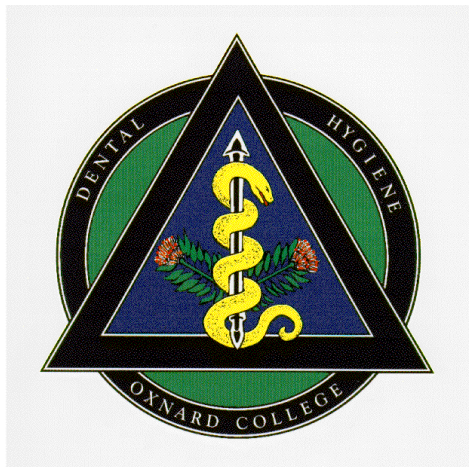
## Ventura County Community College District Police Officers: Police Maintain Vital Skills for Our Protection

In our continuing focus on campus safety, I asked Lt. Cesar Romero of the College Police to provide an overview of the type of training undertaken by his officers. According to Lt. Romero, “Campus Police are held to the same requirements for training and preparation as those expected of city police.” He emphasizes that “officers and lieutenants qualify every quarter at the shooting range to keep their shooting skills sharp and are constantly attending other training classes.” Lt. Romero notes that his department’s first priority “is to provide a safe and secure campus environment for our students, faculty, staff and visitors;” in support of this priority, “officers patrol the campus by vehicle, foot and bicycle and are trained to respond to all calls including active shooter incidents.”

When you see one of the VCCCD officers stationed here at OC, please thank them for their training and for their commitment to providing a protective working and learning environment for us all.

## Dental Hygiene Program Poised to Enter New Era

Dr. Christina Tafoya, our CTE Dean, has provided this update on the Dental Clinic.

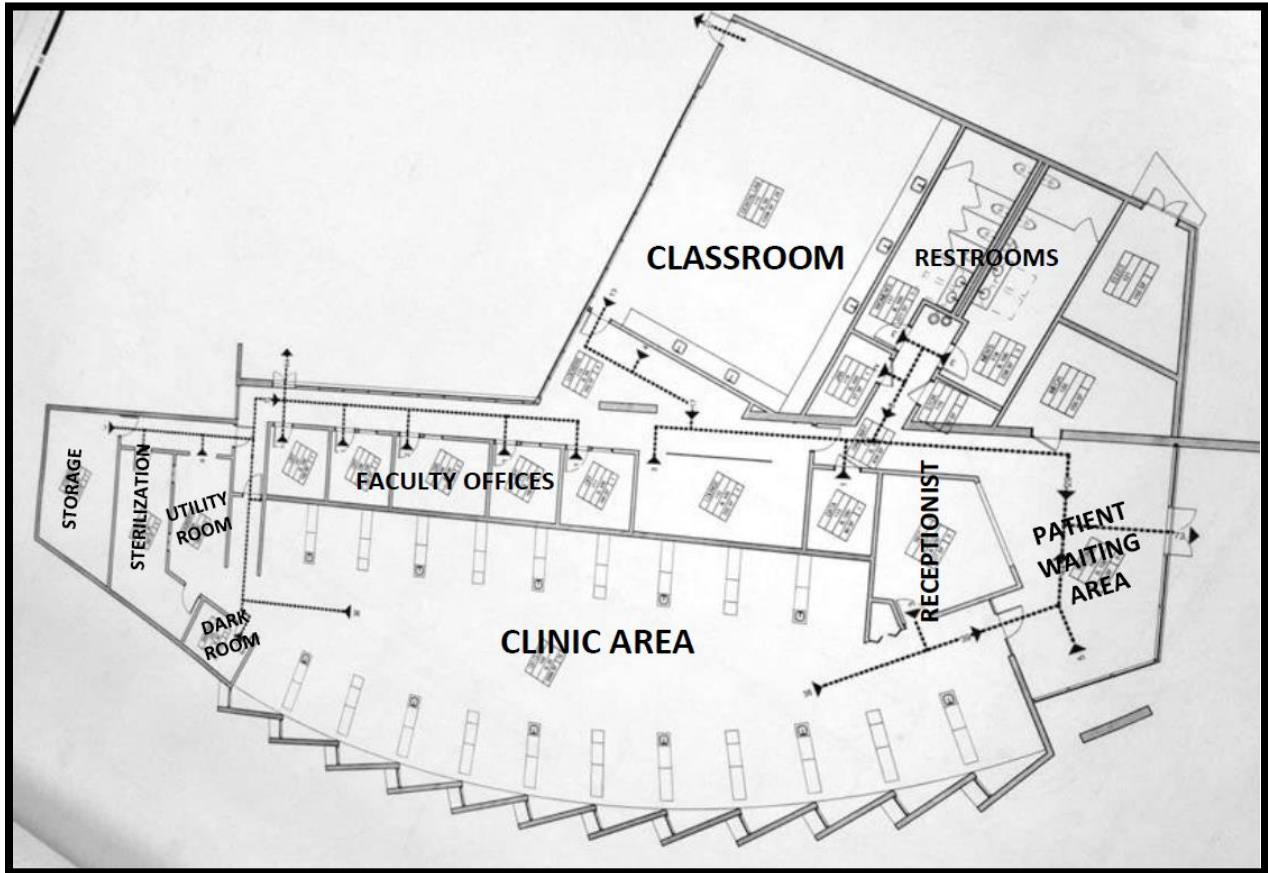


The Oxnard College Dental Hygiene department is preparing to enter into a new era in training future hygienists and assistants with our move into the brand new, state of the art facility! Many years of planning and collaboration have gone into the design, equipment selection, technology choices as well as numerous other factors in order to make this building a reality. The dental programs are looking forward to implementing digital radiography, paperless charts, digital software management system, and smart classroom technology; e.g., each student will have a Microsoft Surface Pro to use during lectures. All of these changes and upgrades will allow our programs to produce the most prepared and capable hygienists and assistants possible. The change will coincide with reinstating a second dental hygiene cohort and fulfilling Commission on Dental Accreditation requirements. The hygiene program started in 1997 and was planned to have moved out of

the second-hand, temporary trailers back in 2007! The programs are confident that this will assist in maintaining their students’ consistently high pass rates on both the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE), as well as on licensure examinations such as the Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) and the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS).

According to Mike Bush, VPBS, “We anticipate the building will be complete early in spring 2016, at which time we will transition the program into its new surroundings with the clinic being available early summer 2016.”

## Blueprint Layout of OC's New Dental Hygiene Building



## EOPS/CARE Honors Night

On October 14, Oxnard College's EOPS/CARE program hosted its Honors Recognition Ceremony and Dinner in the Oxnard College Performing Arts Auditorium. This event was to recognize EOPS/CARE students with a 3.0 and above. Approximately 100 students attended the event to receive their recognition. The event was also open to the family and friends of those receiving recognition that evening. Dr. Jim Limbaugh, President of Oxnard College, opened the event with a welcome address. The keynote speaker for this event was Dr. Oscar Cobian, Vice President of Student Development at Oxnard College, who shared his experience as a former EOPS student in addition to some suggestions on how these students could ensure their continued success. The event was followed by dinner in the Condor Café. It was a wonderful and well attended celebration!





## Oxnard College Pride Patrol Strikes Again!



The Oxnard College Pride Patrol surprises its second recipient of the Condor Citation Award. With balloons, cookies for the class and other gifts in tow, President Jim Limbaugh, Vice President of Academic Affairs Ken Sherwood and Interim Dean of Liberal Studies Art Sandford, paid an impromptu visit to Professor Horrock's Thursday afternoon class. While the students looked on, the managers shared their insight on why Chris is so deserving of the award. Please join us in congratulating Chris Horrock, Philosophy Professor, on being recognized by his

colleagues for his "immeasurable contributions" to Oxnard College.

## Oxnard College "Represents" at the Annual VCCCD Get MooVin' Event

Oxnard College came in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in overall number of participants (33) at Saturday's Get MooVin' event held at the District Office in Ventura. Our colleagues began and ended the 3<sup>+</sup> mile run/walk with enthusiasm and smiling faces.

Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> Place finisher, Oxnard College's very own Aaron Sharp, and to Deanna McFadden, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finisher in the Women's division.

**Keep MOoVin'!**

