



FROM THE PRESIDENT

OXNARD COLLEGE

November 16, 2015



Oxnard College Students Featured at the Museum of Ventura County

[submitted by Christine Morla, Art Professor]

Spearheaded by adjunct Art faculty, Kindah Brennan, students from Brennan's Art Appreciation class and Christine Morla's Art students were featured in the Day of the Dead exhibit at the Museum of Ventura County on Friday, November 6th, 2016. Many of the Visual & Performing Arts Department were on board to help set up the big event including department chair, Amy Edwards, instructors Ian Pines and Christine Morla and newly hired Music Professor Scott Wolf who performed for the duration of the evening. Over 300 people were in attendance at the reception including our own staff and their families, Dr. Limbaugh, Ken Sherwood and Art Sandford. Special thanks to Guy Edwards and to all the students who were involved in making this event a success. The Museum of Ventura County has invited Oxnard College to make this an annual event.

We hope to see you next year!

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

STEAM Open House

[submitted by Christine Morla, Art Professor]

Geography students and Art students have teamed up this semester to work on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) projects. Led by professors Christiane Mainzer (Geography) and Christine Morla (Art), the student learning projects center around the theme of sustainability and climate change. They include drought resistant gardens, rain harvesting and vertical herb gardens. On November 3rd, the STEAM Open House took place at the North Hall Gardens and showcased the works in progress by the student teams as well as special guests from the Culinary Arts Restaurant Club, Green Society and the Engineering/Math/Physics Club.

Special thanks to Dave Yzaguirre and the Grounds Department and to M&O who have been gracious and instrumental in assisting the STEAM groups develop their projects!



OC's Tenth Annual Youth Conference Focuses on "Think it Forward"



Judge Romero addresses student attendees.

Oxnard College hosted over 600 area high school students for the 10th Annual Youth Conference on Friday, November 6. Prior to attending multiple workshops highlighting educational and career choices, the students had the opportunity to engage with the keynote speaker, Judge Gilbert Romero. Judge Romero, a native of Oxnard and Ventura County, recounted his experiences and challenges as he pursued his educational goals, reminding the students to constantly challenge themselves.

Our thanks go to Marcos Lupian, John Habal, Julius Munyantwali, Gaby Rodriguez, and the entire Student Services staff for their efforts in making this another successful conference.



A future OC student!



Over 600 students listen to Dr. Cobian's remarks.

OC Veterans' Center Coordinates Veterans' Day Observance Ceremony November 11



Dr. Limbaugh addressed the importance of the Pledge of Allegiance as a statement of civic responsibility and duty to country.



Pat Coley, chaplain at Port Hueneme Naval Base, provided keynote remarks about the life and commitment of active servicepersons and veterans in support of our country.



Israel Lopez, OC student and Army veteran, served as coordinator of the event and master of ceremonies.



Approximately sixty people attended OC's observance.



US Marines hoist the POW/MIA flag as part of a ceremony of remembrance.



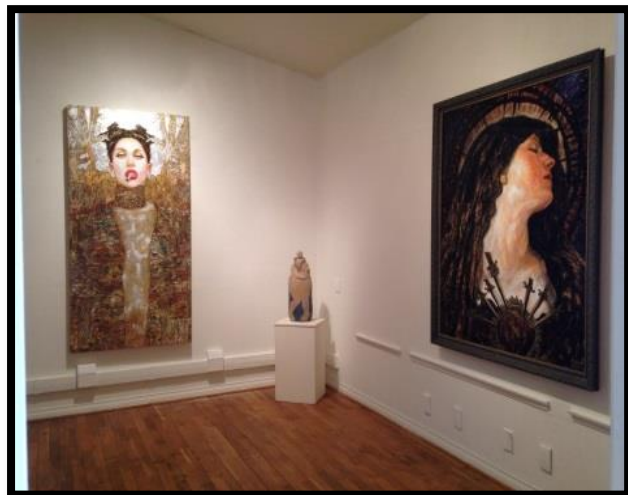
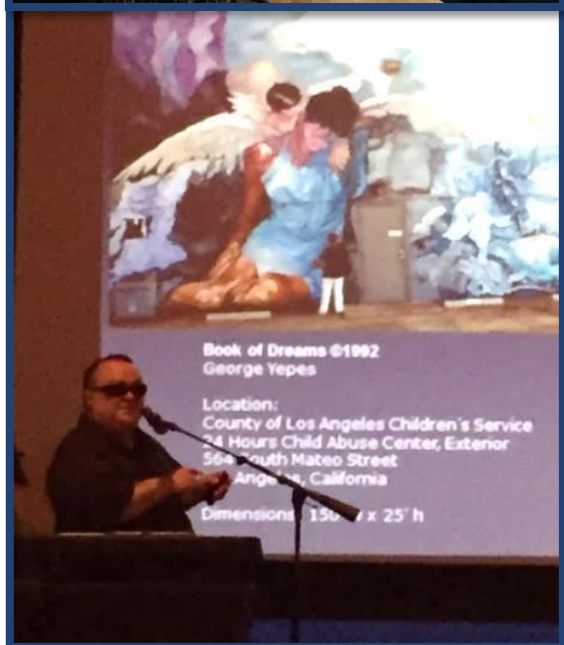
The parade of service flags presented at the ceremony.

“McNish Gallery Opened Exhibit featuring renowned L.A. muralist, George Yepes and local ceramics master, Jacqueline Biaggi”

[submitted by Christine Morla, Art Professor]



On November 4th, the McNish Gallery opened an exhibit featuring the art of renowned L.A. muralist and founder of the 1980's arts activist group, East Los Street Scapers, George Yepes and local ceramics master, Jacqueline Biaggi. The exhibit and lecture was attended by students and staff as well as local community leaders and members. Artist Yepes gave students advice and insight on the business of Art while Ms. Biaggi shared stories about being an artist in Puerto Rico and her community work with at risk youth at Oxnard's Café on "A". The exhibit will be on display through December 4th, 2015. Gallery hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 10:00 am to 3:00pm or by appointment. For more information contact Christine Morla at cmorla@vccd.edu or visit www.oxnardcollegeart.wordpress.com.

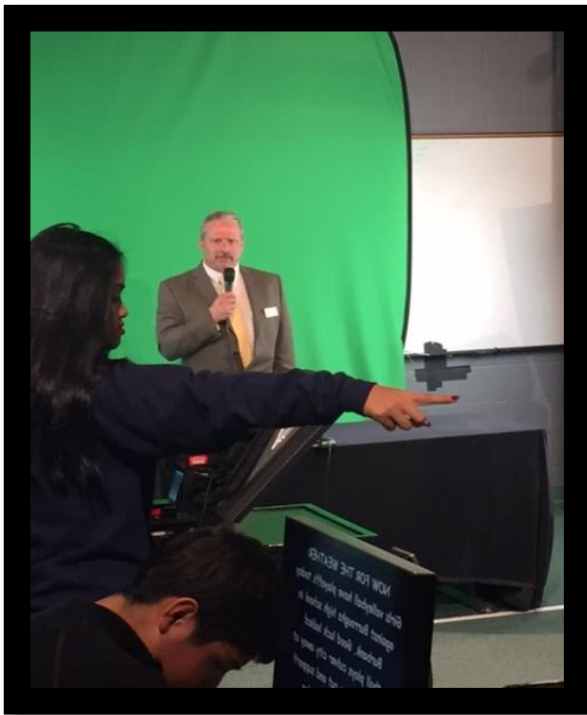




November Latino Thought Makers

Our November Latino Thought Makers event was a departure from the traditional focus on the arts. The evening of November 12th saw three outstanding Latino journalists, Myrka Dellanos, Julio Ricardo Varela, and Ruben Navarrette Jr., join Latino Thought Makers' creator and host, Rick Najera, for an in-depth discussion of American politics as they impact the lives of Latinos in the US. These three, nationally renowned, journalists shared their insights and experiences in a discussion that kept the audience engaged for more than two hours. The enthusiastic crowd was very appreciative of both the opportunity to hear the thoughts of our guests and to meet them in person.

The next Latino Thought Makers event will be an evening of music and comedy on December 2nd. Look for more information soon.



Dean Sanford's Hidden Talent

Dean Art Sanford (Liberal Studies) represented Oxnard College admirably in his role as Pacifica High School's "Weather Dude" during a live telecast from the PHS studios last week. Dr. Sanford and Dr. Limbaugh were on-site to visit the station and to discuss possible curricular linkages, and Dr. Sanford was recruited to discuss weather (good) temperature (comfortable), and precipitation (none).

The Hidden Talents of OC Staff, Part two...

On Wednesday, November 11, The Swing Street Band was the featured performer in Oxnard College's Fall Literature and Lecture Series. Of particular note: The lead vocalist was our own Ken Sherwood, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Learning. Joined by his mother, Marilyn, and his daughter, Hayley, Ken and his band performed a wide variety of swing and jazz standards.



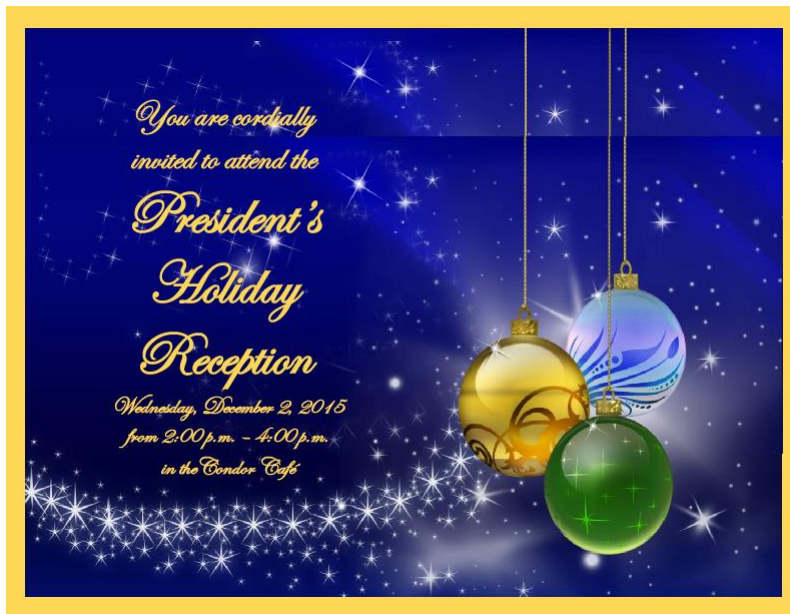
Celebrating Significant Staff Achievements...



Please join us in congratulating Deanna McFadden (Director of the Health Center) on achieving a significant educational milestone in May. Deanna was awarded the degree Doctor of Nursing Science (DNP) from Western University of Health Science in Pomona, CA. Her dissertation research focused on health and psychosocial impediments to academic success in first-generation community college students.

Congratulations, Dr. McFadden!

Upcoming Campus Events: SAVE THE DATES



This year's **President's Holiday Reception** is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 2, 2015**, from **2:00 PM-4:00 PM**, in the **Condor Café**.

Questions or additional information, please contact Karla Banks, Executive Assistant, via telephone at (805) 986-5808 or via email at kbanks@vcccd.edu.

COMING IN JANUARY 2016!

Oxnard College will be co-sponsoring **EL BRACERO: A Mariachi Opera**. The event is scheduled for **January 16, 2016**, at **7:00 PM** in the **Oxnard College Performing Arts Auditorium**, and will feature performances by *Mariachi Aguilas de Oxnard* and Oxnard College's very own *Ballet Folklorico Mestizo*.

Look for more information on this event in our upcoming newsletters!





In Memoriam

Oxnard College Fire Technology student Adam Torres was killed November 10 in a motorcycle accident while on his way to class. According to his professors, “Adam brought a smile, a positive attitude and a great desire to learn to all of his Fire Tech classes.”

Adam, an eight-year veteran of the Navy, was extremely active in the OC Veterans’ Center. Adam is survived by his wife and an eight-month old daughter.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

As we are sure you can imagine this tragedy has been devastating to his family. They are asking for help with the funeral and burial expenses. If you are interested in contributing, you can do so by visiting the link below:

<https://www.gofundme.com/h39vqvh8>

Any contributions would be helpful and greatly appreciated!