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Dear Colleagues,

It is such an honor to join you here at Oxnard College. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the months ahead. I know that I am!

Though I've only just come onboard as president this past May, I can tell you that this is a very special place. There is a sense of family here, of mission and dedication to student success that is impressive. If relationships help build successful schools and communities, we are ahead of the game.

I am eager to work with all of you and know that we can accomplish much together. As always, my number one goal is to provide quality educational programs and services. If you have ideas or suggestions to this end or just want to say hello, please swing by my office. My door is always open.

Again, it is a privilege and pleasure to serve as your president. I am excited to get this year started!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia E. Azari".

Cynthia E. Azari, Ed.D.
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date for the following upcoming events/workshops (organized chronologically), and make a note of fall semester operating hours.

UPDATE (HOURS):

OC Fall Bookstore Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday:
7:45am - 7:15pm

Hours and book information
may also be found at:
OxnardCollegeBookstore.com

UPDATE (HOURS):

Guardian Scholars Foster Youth Center

Monday - Friday:
10:00am - 3pm

For more information please
view "Program Updates" on
page 12 or contact Debbie
Flowers, Foster Care Project
Specialist at Ext.5144.

WORKSHOP:

CSU Spring 2017 Applications Workshop

Wednesday, August 17
2-4 pm

Please encourage students to
take part in our ongoing series
of CSU Transfer Application
Workshops. These two-hour
sessions will ensure that
students are better prepared to
submit a stronger application.

*Open to all OC students.
Workshops are held in the
LLR-101 Computer Lab. Spaces
are limited so please sign-up in
the Transfer Center or RSVP at
Ext.5816*

EVENT:

EOPS Welcome Back

Friday, August 19 & 26
10 am - 1pm

EOPS is welcoming new and
returning students. Program
information provided. Lunch
included. All invited.

*Event to take place at the OC
Performing Arts Center. For more
information please view
"Program Updates" on page 12
or contact Cesar Flores, EOPS/
CARE Coordinator at Ext 5827.*

UPDATE (A&R): Add Codes (Faculty)

Deadline: Monday, August 22

Add authorization codes will be
required for all full-term classes
as of Monday, August 22. Add
authorization codes will be
generated for all classes on
Friday, August 19.

*For more information please
view "Program Updates" on page
12 or contact Joel Diaz, Registrar
at Ext 5843 or jdiaz@vcccd.edu*

WORKSHOP: Professional Development Easy Graphic Design Canva Workshop

Friday, August 26
10 :30 am - 12pm

Janeene and Dina will share
secrets that will enable you to
create stunning, yet simple
designs. Let them empower you
to create some effective
marketing and graphics!

*Open to all faculty and staff.
Location: Oxnard College LLR
101 Computer Lab. Coordinated
by the District Design and
Marketing Specialist team. For
more information, please contact
Tracy Bassett at Ext.5207.*

EVENT:

Transfer Fair

Tuesday, August 30
10 am - 1pm

The Transfer Center is proud to
host the Annual Transfer Fair on
Tuesday, August 30 from 10am
— 1pm in front of the Student

Services Building. Please
encourage your students to
attend. This is a great
opportunity to ask questions of
university admission
representatives and to network.
We are expecting about 30-40
universities to participate this
year.

*Event to take place in front of the
Student Services Building.
Coordinated by the Oxnard
College Transfer Center. For more
information, call (805) 678.5817*

WORKSHOP:

EAC Kurzweil 3000 Literacy Software Training

Tuesday, August 30

The EAC will assist students and
faculty this fall semester with
Kurzweil 3000 software.

*Demo open to all OC faculty, staff
and students. Please contact Leo
Orange or Oscar Cobian for more
information.*

GALLERY OPENING:

Kaoru Hironaka

Wednesday, August 31
4:30-6:30pm

*McNish Gallery. All welcome.
Exhibit on display August 31 -
September 7, 2016.*

CONDOR ATHLETICS: Season Openers!

Cross-Country OC Invitational

Friday, August 26
10:00 AM

Women's Soccer vs. COD

Friday, August 26
4:00 PM



Welcome Week

“We are here to do all that we can to help you succeed; to achieve your goals – to graduate, to transfer, to move on to great careers, to make a better life for you and your family. You are our pride and our legacy, and by advancing in your education you make our community stronger.” - *Dr. Cynthia E. Azari*

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WELCOME BACK | FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

First Year Experience Discovery Week

A strong cohort of incoming students participated in our First Year Experience (FYE) Discovery Week (August 7-10, 2016), an introductory welcome to the year-long program. An impressive showing of parents also joined the opening day of events on Sunday, August 7, which provided participants with a special opportunity to become familiar with our campus and the many educational and career paths available. The full, four-day FYE Discovery Week featured a comprehensive mix of academic and co-curricular activities that included college and transfer guidance seminars and life-skills workshops, a career exploration visit to the Port of Hueneme, and conversations with local civic leaders and industry executives.

Last year, the FYE Program was limited to students in STEM disciplines; this year with Title V grant funding it has been expanded to include those of all academic interests. It is our hope that each of the 75 students in the FYE cohort will be better equipped to define and reach their educational goals over the course of this year and continue their paths to greater success.

FYE Program | Title V Funding

The First Year Experience (FYE) Program is funded by a Title V grant, which was awarded to Oxnard College by the US Department of Education. This grant supports the retention and preparedness of students attending a Hispanic-serving institution. Many of these students — our students — come from low-income, under-

represented backgrounds and are the first in their families to attend college. In so doing, they face a number of challenges that have traditionally impeded academic and transfer success. Our Oxnard College FYE program aims to measurably close the achievement gap for our students and scale successful practices as appropriate across the Ventura County Community College District.

Innovative Partnerships

Working in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, CSUCI's *Project Adelante* regional partnership, and Elevating Tomorrow, an educational leadership pathways non-profit, the OC FYE program will create a learning community that aims to solidify and enhance first year students' academic abilities and create a peer-driven culture of high educational expectations and support. Transfer planning to a 4-year institution as well as exploration of career goals are immediate areas of focus; academic habits, life skills, and professional development are also important skills that will be emphasized in discussions and activities throughout the year. Student support services for those in developmental/transitional studies are integrated into the curriculum, and participation in hybrid learning communities that stretch across disciplines and campuses is encouraged for all. In addition, each student will be assigned a CSUCI peer mentor to enhance self-efficacy and inspire possibility. Over the coming years, our Office of Institutional Effectiveness will track the performance of our first-year cohorts to measure success and share high-impact practices.



FYE Discovery Week - Introduction to Oxnard College Leadership Panel: (Left to right) Ken Sherwood, VP of Academic Affairs and Student Learning; Cynthia Herrera, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness; and Mike Bush, VP Business Services



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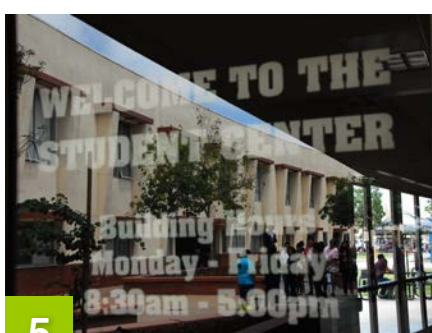
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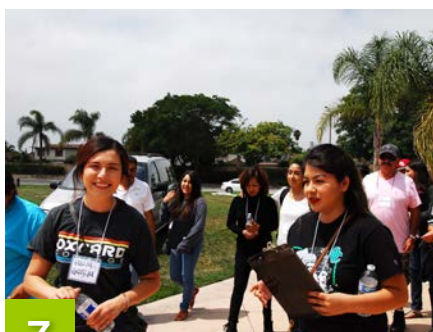
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FYE Discovery Week Opening Day - August 7 Leadership Panels

1. Two of this year's FYE program mentors welcoming students to opening day.

2. Keynote speaker Jesse Lamas Calvillo, Lab Director of AGQ Labs, provides an overview of the soft skills he looks for when hiring and promoting employees.

3. Students and parents listening to Oscar Cobian, VP of Student Affairs, share his inspirational story of educational attainment and personal success. Translators provided discrete services via blue-tooth ear pieces.

FYE Discovery Week Opening Day - August 7 College Tour

4. Oxnard City Councilwoman Dorina Padilla, who holds the title of the youngest individual to ever be elected to Oxnard City office (at the age of 24), gives students advice on choosing a major and pursuing a lucrative career.

5. Welcome to Oxnard College tour, Student Center intro.

6. Peer mentors led FYE students and their parents on a welcome tour around campus, Sunday, August 7.

FYE Discovery Week Opening Day - August 7 Relationship Building

7. Peer mentors led FYE students and their parents on a welcome tour around campus, Sunday, August 7.

8. FYE students and parents gathered for a beautifully catered brunch in the black box room of the Performing Arts Center.

9. CSUSI *Adelante* Program leader and one of our Oxnard College FYE Peer Mentors thank new students and their parents for joining the introductory activities.

FYE 2016
Mentors

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1,266,834 likes

OxnardCollege_FYE FYE Discovery Week

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CondorFest Welcome!

Hundreds of new students got a strong start to the next stage in their educational journeys by attending CondorFest, an optional full-day orientation workshop that helps incoming first-years transition to OC. During CondorFest, students learn about opportunities that will enhance their college experience, engage with faculty, staff and administrators, and get familiar with the campus through fun collaborative activities. Speakers on both orientation days were fantastic — sharing their personal stories and inspiring students to set high goals. Thank you to all who helped make this first-time, two-day welcome event a success!

WELCOME WEEK | CondorFest



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New Faculty Spotlight

Lois Zsarnay *Addictive Disorder Studies*

Lois Zsarnay has lived in Ventura County since 1985 when she and her husband moved here after serving in the United States Air Force. She started teaching for Oxnard College's Addictive Disorders Students program in 1993. Lois took a break from teaching while her daughter was competing in World Cup Skateboarding as they were traveling every month for competitions. She was excited to return to her love of teaching four years ago when her daughter, Abby, started college. Lois has two Masters degrees in Psychology, is a Licensed Marriage, Family Therapist as well as a Registered Dietitian and Certified Eating Disorder Specialist. She has worked with Substance Use Disorders and Eating Disorders for about 30 years. Her passions are to touch people's lives in a positive way and to always be learning.

James Danza *Geography*

James Danza is a Southern CA native and long resident of East Ventura. After graduating from California State University, Fullerton, with a Masters in Environmental Science he worked for several years in the private sector as a water resource planner and for an oil company. For the last 21 years he has had a fulfilling career as the civilian head of the Naval Base Ventura County Planning Department, a role in which he oversaw the funding and build-out of all major facility and infrastructure projects on Port Hueneme and Point Mugu. For enjoyment, he started teaching geography part-time at Ventura College in the evenings. He is excited to move full-time into a teaching role as a second career. James enjoys civics, travel and the outdoors.



Save the Date: Accreditation Site Visit

ACCJC Accreditation Site Visit

Monday, September 26 *through*
Thursday, September 29

Please mark your calendars for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) site visit the week of Monday, September 26. The assessment team will be on campus for almost a full week (M-Th). Over this span of four days they will evaluate our self-study report and measure alignment with set Standards. The effort is to ensure overall educational quality and institutional effectiveness. Please welcome the team and facilitate their visit.

Program Updates



News and event overviews from our administrative and student service divisions. If you have information to share, please send your update to tbassett@vccd.edu for inclusion in next month's newsletter.

Admissions and Records (via Joel Diaz)

Important reminders for students to be aware of:

- The A&R Office is now accepting GI Bill certification paperwork for the fall 2016 semester. Paperwork from the Counseling Office is required for the certification each semester.
- In-person registration begins on Wednesday, August 17.
- Add authorization codes will be required for all Full Term classes as of Monday, August 22. Please refer any students that are having difficulties adding a class to the Admissions and Records Office. Most registration problems can be resolved if they are dealt with prior to the add deadline.

And finally, the census reporting deadline for the fall 2016 semester is Sunday, September 4. The census certification process requires faculty to drop all "no show" (zero attendance) or any students that are no longer actively attending/participating and click on the "Drops to Report" button. Or if all students are in attendance, you must certify by clicking on the "No Drops to Report" button by Sunday, September 4.

Business Services (via Mike Bush)

STATE BUDGET UPDATE: Although the state budget enhancements for California Community Colleges are certainly more modest than last year, it is nevertheless a good budget. Even though the statutory Cost of Living Adjustment is zero, the Governor and CA legislature provided an increase of \$75 million in base funding increases, as well as \$114 million in growth funding. The State has continued to fund last years "categorical" programs and has dedicated \$200 million towards a new categorical initiative: the Strong Workforce Program. As in past years, the State has provided one-time funding for

mandated cost reimbursement as well as instructional equipment and scheduled maintenance.

FACILITY UPDATE: The long-awaited Dental Hygiene building is complete. Although almost a year overdue, the building is beautiful and contains state-of-the-art technology. Classes and clinics will be held in the new building this semester. Please plan on attending the campus formal dedication on September 14 at 4:00PM.

This fall we are also opening five modernized classrooms in Condor Hall, located in the south hallway. The rest of the building will be turned over to us by November and be ready for spring classes. Besides these two major facility projects, we relocated our music program to new classrooms, and began demo on the old music rooms that will house our physics program this spring. We installed air conditioning and a new floor in the microbiology classroom, refreshed North Hall restrooms, and installed new restroom partitions in the gym lobby.

CalWorks (via Letty Mojica)

Easy Access to Successful Employment for Life (EASEL) Workshops are scheduled to the following date this semester: Sep 9 and 23; October 7 and 21; November 4 and 18; December 2.

In other news, on the 2016 Spring Honor Roll, 80 CalWorks students had a 3.0 GPA or higher. Summer 2016 enrollment has increased 15-20% as compared to Summer 2015.

We have new office hours: Mondays-Thursdays: 8:30am-5:00pm; Fridays: 8:30am-12:00pm.

District Marketing (via Dina Pielact)

An update and overview of 2016 DAC Marketing Campaign activities currently active for Oxnard College (utilizing District Funds), implemented by the District Marketing Team (Dina Pielact and Janeene Nagaoka). Outreach includes:

Movie theater commercial placement — a 45 second commercial representing the District and all three colleges playing in five theaters county-wide; plus, one million post movie geofenced ads specific for each college and program. All online ads direct viewers to the College Programs page. This campaign started last June and runs through December to cover both enrollment sessions. Geofenced ads are also culturally targeted.

Time INC online targeted impressions — digital ads totaling 5 million impressions; OC pre-roll videos on YouTube; campaign duration: 2 months.

SEM: Search Engine Metric rankings — keyword relevance / higher rankings across all major search engines

Big Belly ads — six throughout Ventura (two that feature OC soccer players); year-long campaign

DMV — 2 commercials playing every half-hour and a static LCD screen - year-long campaign

Print — Full page ads in “VC Reporter”, “Ventana”, and “MyVentura”

Current campaign’s targeted ads for OC include: Fire Academy; Veterans; Computer Networking;

Automotive; Art; Addictive Disorders; Dental Hygiene; Marine Studies.

EOPS (via Cesar Flores)

This year’s Annual EOPS Welcome Back Event will take place in the Performing Arts Building on August 19 and 26 from 10:00 am - 1:00pm. The event provides EOPS returning students with updates about the program and student services as a whole. At this event, we will have numerous student support service representatives who will provide brief updates and introduce new staff to our students. In the end, we will provide a lunch held by the ASG area - we will be serving hot dogs and beverages.

Guardian Scholars Foster Youth Program (via Debbie Flowers)

The Guardian Scholars Foster Youth Center at Oxnard College is available to all current or former foster students. Students are welcome to come enjoy a comfortable, quiet and safe place to meet-up and hang out, work on homework, get support, find resources, or just relax. There are comfy couches, two new computers (and free printing!), a copy machine, free school supplies, and free snacks. We also have canned foods, gently used clothing and household goods. Within the next few weeks, the Center will become a distribution site for FOODshare. Also coming soon — the Burton Book Fund, which will provide eligible students with up to \$250 towards their textbook costs.

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FYE Discovery Week - Oscar Cobian, VP Student Development; Jesse Calvillo, Keynote Speaker; Ken Sherwood, VP of Academic Affairs and Student Learning; Cynthia Herrera, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness; and Eliseo Gonzalez, Title V Grant Director

PROGRAM UPDATES | Continued

New Career Center Opening!

Tell your students to visit us on the second floor of the Student Services building, Rm. 243. M-T: 8:30am-3:30pm & F: 8:30am-12pm



Guardian Scholars Foster Youth Program (via Debbie Flowers) — continued

Students are eligible to receive bus and parking passes and food vouchers for the Condor Care. In the future, there are plans to offer trainings and workshops, start a Foster Youth Club, and have a “textbook swap” center. The center also aims to connect youth with other resources on campus, such as tutoring, EOPS, Health Services, etc. Students will be notified about priority registration and any scholarships or financial incentives available specifically for foster youth.

If you know of an OC student that has ever been in the Foster Care system, please have them drop by the Guardian Scholars Center (open Monday through Friday, 10:00am — 3:00pm).

Student Development: Common Assessment Initiative (CAI) (via Oscar Cobian)

Oxnard College is moving forward with the statewide Common Assessment Initiative (CAI). The Common Assessment will be used for placing and advising community college students to enhance their success with and completion of their postsecondary education objectives. One of the key attributes of the new assessment tool for math, English, and ESL is that student results will be stored in a statewide data warehouse for use by any college in making local placement decisions.

In April, we formed the CAI Taskforce composed of faculty members (four English faculty, seven math, and one ESL) as well as the IT Supervisor, VP of Student Development, VP of Academic Affairs, Institutional Research, our Matriculation Specialist, Academic Deans, Counselors, and Assistant Dean of Student Success. We identified three faculty leads in Math, English and ESL who coordinated department meetings throughout the summer to discuss competency maps and multiple measures. Additionally, we

sent committee members to various statewide trainings. Since April, we held five committee meetings. The CAI Taskforce plans to meet monthly throughout the fall semester to oversee the implementation of the common assessment. Our goal is to be ready to implement the new assessment in mid-August with small pilot groups. We will, however, continue to use Compass until November 30.

A big thank you to all the faculty members who met throughout the summer to review competency maps in preparation for the new assessment. This is a huge project that will have an impact on our students. Each of the faculty leads will provide updates to their respective departments and Academic Senate during the fall semester.

Transfer Center (via Jose Vega)

The Transfer Center is proud to host the Annual Transfer Fair Tuesday, August 30, 10am-1pm. 30-40 reps will participate. We hop to see you there!

Veterans Center (via America Barroso)

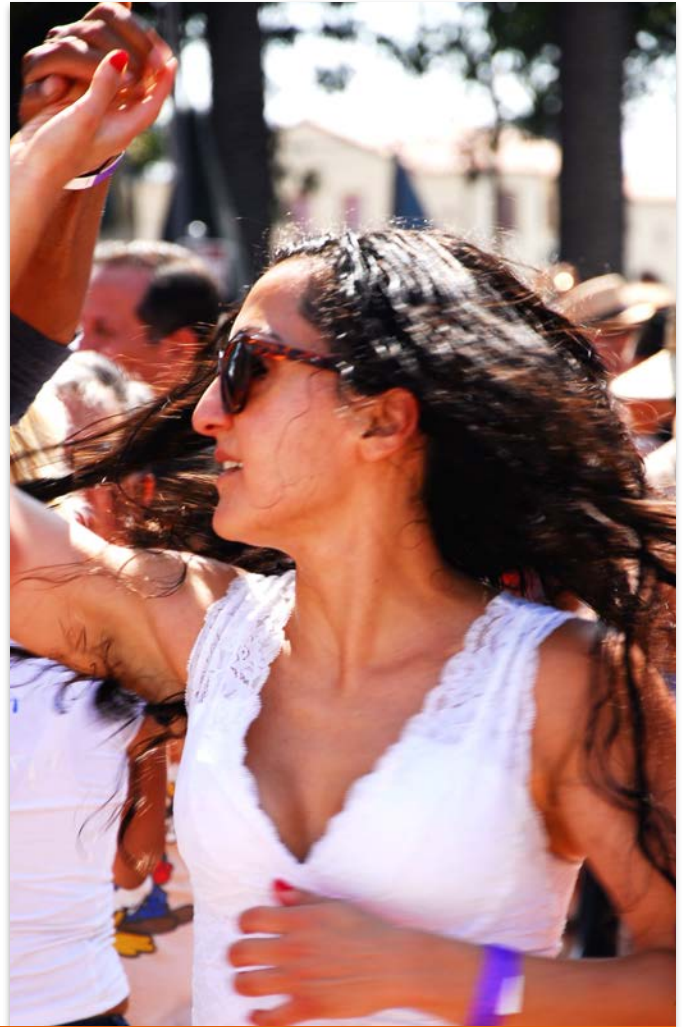
The Oxnard College Vet Club collected clothing donations from the campus community for the “Ventura County Stand Down.” This three-day event is always held at the end of July and is meant to assist homeless veterans by providing them with access to veteran specific resources in a safe environment. During this event, the veterans that attend receive gently used clothing, toiletries, shoes, blankets, towels, bags and mats all of which are donated by very generous companies, organizations, and community members. The Vet Club members assisted in sorting and organizing collected items. It was a great opportunity for the Vet Club to assist other volunteers with such a great cause.



City of Oxnard
Salsa Festival

Community Connection

Held in late July, the *Oxnard Salsa Festival* is one of the city's largest annual events, drawing thousands of festival-goers. Oxnard College is a regular sponsor of this heritage celebration. Next-up, please join us at the *Inaugural Oxnard Jazz Festival* taking place on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at Oxnard Beach Park.

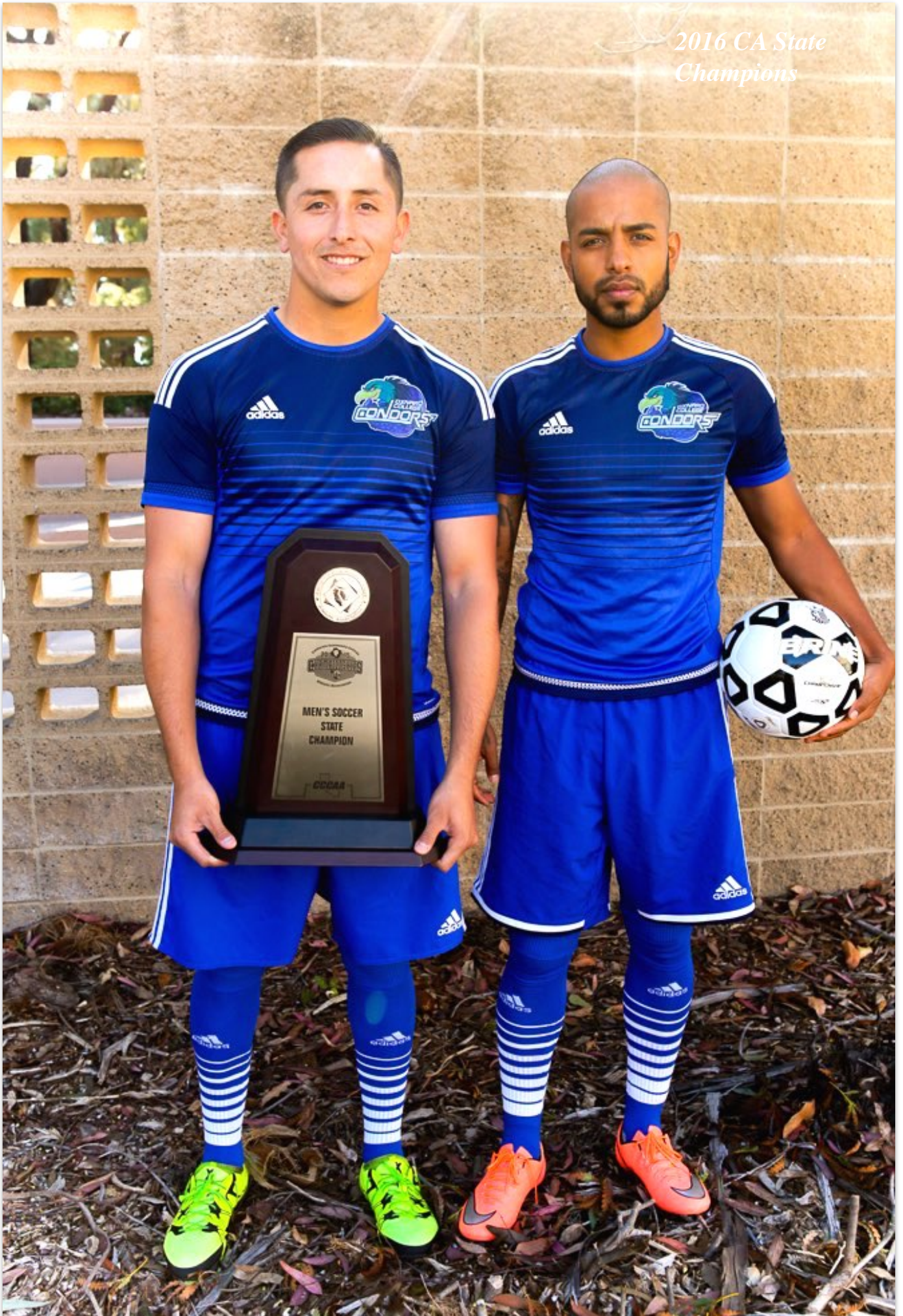


City of Oxnard Salsa Festival

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*2016 CA State
Champions*





OC Athletic Highlights: 2016 CA State Soccer Champions!

The 2015-16 academic year marked another terrific season for Oxnard College Athletics. Men's Soccer won the first state championship in Oxnard College history to go along with their fourth WSC Championship in a row. Women's Basketball finished second in the WSC, their best record since the 1980s and their highest conference finish since 1994.

All other sports were also highly competitive in conference competition, with the majority of our transfer student-athletes receiving scholarship to 4-year institutions. The overall cumulative Condor student-athlete GPA was 2.98.

Student-Athlete Transfers

Transfer and scholarship updates for our OC Condor Men's and Women's Soccer programs.

Women's Soccer 2016

Miriam Lagunas	UC Berkeley	Academic Scholarship
Yazmin Velazquez	Cal Sate LA	Academic Scholarship
Julie Garibay	San Diego State	Academic Scholarship
Reyna Garcia	University of Hawaii	Academic Scholarship
Angie Lumbrano	Cal Lutheran University	Academic Scholarship
Shante Boghossian	Cal State Northridge	Academic Scholarship

Men's Soccer 2016

Christian Guzman	Cal Lutheran University	Academic Scholarship
Diego Ortega	Cal Lutheran University	Academic Scholarship
Jaime Alvarado	Cal Lutheran University	Academic Scholarship
Danny Aguilar	Cal Lutheran University	Academic Scholarship
Lalo Garcia	Cal Lutheran University	Academic Scholarship
Andres Mendoza	Cal Lutheran University	Academic Scholarship
Jesse Gallardo	Cal Lutheran University	Academic Scholarship
Fernando Puga	Cal Lutheran University	Academic Scholarship
Alex Garcia	CSU Monterey Bay	Athletic Scholarship
Oswaldo Espinoza	CSU Monterey Bay	Athletic Scholarship
Andres Herrera	Cal State Channel Islands	Transfer
TJ Fairchild	Cal State Northridge	Transfer
Rene Magana	Cal State Northridge	Transfer
Dela Medina	Cal State Northridge	Transfer
Rene Medina	Cal State Northridge	Transfer
Luis Viveros	Cal State Northridge	Transfer

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RIBBON CUTTING | DENTAL HYGIENE

Sep 14, 2016 • 4-6 PM
Save the Date



Join us!

Please save the date for the grand opening of our long-awaited dental hygiene facility. Funded by Measure S, this 9,617 sq. foot single story building will support one of California's most successful dental hygiene programs. With a 100% state certificate student pass rate for years running, Oxnard College is an educational leader in the field of dental care. *Light refreshments served. Parking in Lots A & B off South Campus Rd.*