



OC News

Coming off their 2015 California State Championship win, congratulations to our top-tier OC men's soccer team who again made it to the CCCAA Final Four.

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CALENDAR

Please make note of the following events and important dates (organized chronologically). Have a safe and happy holiday season!

SPRING 2017, High School Open Enrollment Begins

Wednesday, Dec. 14
10:00am

11th and 12th grade students can register for open classes. A full list of available classes can be [viewed here](#).

FALL SEMESTER:

FINALS WEEK

(12/12 - 12/16)

Office & Service Hours -

Student Services Offices & Building Hours

Monday, Dec. 12: 8am-5pm
Tuesday, Dec. 13: 8am-7pm
Wed., Dec. 14: 8am-7pm**
(Some offices open at 10am)
Th., Dec. 15: 8am-5pm
Fr., Dec. 16: 8am-5pm**
(Services open through 12pm // Building open through 5pm)

Library & Learning Resource Center

Circulation/Reference & Building Hours -

Monday, Dec. 12 through
Thursday, Dec. 15 // 8am-5pm

Writing/Reading Center:

Monday, Dec. 12 - Wednesday,
December 14 // 9am-4pm
Thursday, Dec. 15 // 9am-2pm

Tutoring Center:

Monday, Dec. 12 through
Thursday, Dec. 15 // 9am-9pm
Friday, Dec. 16 // 9am-5pm

Math Center:

Monday, Dec. 12 through
Wednesday, Dec. 14 //
8am-8:15pm

The LLRC closes at 5:00pm on
Dec. 16 and reopens at 8:00
am on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017

FALL SEMESTER POST FINALS WEEK (12/19 - 12/23)

Student Services Offices & Building Hours

Monday: 9am-5pm
Tuesday: 8am-7pm
Wednesday: 8am-7pm**
(Note: some offices open at
10am on Wednesday, 12/21)
Thursday: 8am-5pm
Friday: 8am-5pm**
(Note: Services are open from
8am-noon, Welcome Center
open until 5:00pm).

POSTING OF FINAL GRADES

**Tuesday, Dec. 20
10:00am**

*Final grades for the fall 2016
semester must be posted by
Tuesday, December 20, 2016.
See page 18 for more
information.*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**Campus will be closed
Friday, December 23 -
Monday, January 2, 2017**

SPRING 2017 SEMESTER WEEK PRIOR TO CLASSES (1/3 - 1/6)

Student Services Offices & Building Hours

Tuesday: 8am-7pm
Wednesday: 8am-7pm**

(Note: Some services open
from 10am-7pm)
Thursday: 8am-7pm
Friday: 8am-5pm

*(Note: Some Student Services
will be available on Saturday,
January 7 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00
p.m. to help students, including
Admissions, Assessment,
Counseling, Financial Aid, and
Welcome Center)*

OFFICIAL SPRING SEMESTER START Monday, January 9, 2017

Student Services Offices & Building Hours

Monday: 8am-7pm
Tuesday: 8am-7pm
Wednesday: 8am-7pm**
(Note: Some services open
from 10am-7pm)
Thursday: 8am-7pm
Friday: 8am-5pm

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NATIONAL HOLIDAY CAMPUS CLOSED Monday, January 16

OXNARD PROMISE PATHWAYS PROGRAM



PURPOSE:

Extend the promise of a college education to students within the Oxnard Union High School District.



On Thursday, December 1, the **Oxnard College Foundation** Board voted in favor of sponsoring an ***Oxnard Promise Pathways Program***. More info about eligibility, tuition-free coverage, and the projected **fall 2017 launch** to come.

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for some fundraising fun:

1st Annual Oxnard College Foundation Promise Makers Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Monday // July 24, 2017

Spanish Hills Country Club,
999 Crenshaw Avenue,
Camarillo, CA

Our Oxnard Promise Program will help remove financial and academic obstacles towards earning a degree. By enrolling full-time each semester, first-year students will receive full tuition funding and access to specialized support services that enhance their likelihood of college success.

SEASON RECAP | MEN'S SOCCER

Men's Soccer Season Ends with Pride **(via Jonas Crawford, Director of Athletics)—**

When the final whistle blew on Friday night at the VC Sportsplex, the scoreboard read 2-1 in favor of Fresno City College.

A full story and photos of the final game can be read via the *Ventura County Star*: <http://www.vcstar.com/story/sports/college/2016/12/03/oxnard-college-mens-soccer-falls-state-semifinals/94627286/>

Even though our defending California State champs were unable to advance to the CCCAA Championship match for the second year in a row, they brought the College and their fans great pride. After winning the first state championship at OC, on the 40th Anniversary of the College, the team came together to prove that they can compete at the highest levels of collegiate sport.

Head Coach *Ross Greaney* (pictured below, black OC jacket) has elevated the Condors to a championship level. After five-straight WSC championships and back-to-back Final Four appearances, OC is now the destination for local aspiring soccer athletics.

Thank you to our incredible athletes and the entire campus community for the support you have given our team!



The game (vs. PCC) that brought the Condors once again into the CCCAA Final Four Championship Round-up. Photos via the *Ventura County Star*: <http://www.vcstar.com/story/sports/college/2016/11/27/freshmen-shine-oxnard-college-mens->

OC CONDORS | 2016 CCCAA Final Four



The Condors vs. Pasadena City College (2-1). Photos via the Ventura County Star: <http://www.vcstar.com/story/sports/college/2016/11/27/freshmen-shine-oxnard-college-mens-soccer-returns-final-four/94350640/>



**CONGRATULATIONS,
CADETS - BATALLION #46!**

On Friday, December 9, the Oxnard College Fire Academy celebrated the graduation of Battalion #46: "Beat the Heat." 35 outstanding young men and women received their California State Fire Marshall Firefighter I certification.

"Beat the Heat" B. #46 Graduation

Cadets were joined by a full house of family and friends, and greeted by the current City of Oxnard Fire Department Chief, Mr. Darwin Base – a proud alum of our OC Fire Academy!

Academy - Overview

The Fire Academy's four-month curriculum is both physically and academically demanding. In addition to earning their CA State Fire Marshall Firefighter I certification, graduates complete extensive course work in certificate areas ranging from fire control to vehicle extraction, safety and survival, hazardous materials operations and much more.

Outcomes

Many of our Academy graduates go on to careers within the Fire Service fields (see page 8), as well as related service areas including law enforcement and as Emergency Medical Technicians.



Did you know? California community colleges [train 80 percent of CA first responders](#): firefighters, law enforcement personnel and emergency medical technicians. Our Fire Academy is one of the very best in the State thanks to the excellent leadership of those above (Assistant Dean Gail Warner (bottom left), Department Chair Mike Ketaily (pg. 6, top image), Captain Tami Crudo (top), and their dedicated team of OC Fire Academy/Technology faculty and staff.



Pictured Above, from left to right:
FF Nathan Goldie B36, FF Will Thomas B36,
FF Shawn Cricca B36, FF Mathew Flores B44,
and FF Chris Lees OC-EMT.

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Pictured Right - FF Christopher Lees

Congratulations!

OC Fire Academy to Oxnard Fire Department

via Mike Ketaily, November 4, 2016 -

The [City of Oxnard Fire Department](#) graduated nine new firefighters. *Five* of the nine (pictured above) are alums of our [Oxnard College Fire Academy/Technology program](#).

FF Christopher Lees (pictured right) graduated from the Oxnard Fire Department recruit academy on November 4, 2016. Chris was recognized for his dedication, work ethic and great attitude. He received the first-ever “Scott Carroll” award. Scott was a Captain with the Oxnard Fire Department who passed away abruptly on November 30, 2015.

Chris attended Oxnard College and prepared for his career by taking EMT.



Oxnard College joined by VCCCD leadership and dignitaries honored Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. Pictured right-below: Four generations — the family of America Barroso, Oxnard College Counseling - Veterans Center, whose grandfather — now in his nineties, center — is a distinguished WWII veteran.

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US Poet Laureate Richard Blanco -

Cuban-American poet Richard Blanco, the fifth inaugural presidential poet laureate in US history — the youngest, first Latino, immigrant and gay person to serve in that role — gave a poignant reading to a lucky few on November 9, just two days after the presidential election. Much of Blanco's writing reflects on questions of identity; the sense of being torn between cultures, views and ways of life. These themes, viscerally woven and beautifully delivered, felt particularly moving on that wistful Wednesday afternoon. Blanco read pieces from his internationally lauded compilation, *Becoming American*, and other award-winning publications. This was a very special, timely event. Thank you to Shelley Savren who organizes the *OC Literature, Arts & Lecture Series* for bringing such an incredible line-up of artists, thinkers and performers to campus. Next season begins Wednesday, February 22! These are events very much worth attending.

Post Election Forum -

On Wednesday, November 16, Oxnard College hosted a Post-Election Forum. The event, pulled together by Professor Arion Melidonis (Anthropology), featured an expert panel of faculty, staff, student leaders as well as an immigration attorney.

Over 300 students attended.

The open discussion served as an opportunity to create dialogue and understanding after the

election. The event also offered students the chance to ask questions and share their feelings.

Students were reminded of the following on-campus resources:

The [Oxnard College Health Center](#) has two mental health counselors on staff to provide assistance to those experiencing distress. Students can call the Health Center at 805.678.5832 for more information or drop by the office. Also of note, the JED Foundation is a great online resource with sound suggestions for managing stress: <https://www.jedfoundation.org>.

The legal expert present at the forum, Gabriella Navarro-Bush (an alumna of Oxnard College), is happy to answer student inquiries free of charge. Please contact Oscar Cobian for her information (ocobian@vccd.edu).

Eliot Fintushel -

Actor and educator Eliot Fintushel gave an impressive performance in November 30th's *Arts and Literature Lecture Series event – Masks: Inside and Behind*. Using mime performance, masks and improv, Eliot transformed himself, objects and the space around him into a fantastic variety of things and characters, demonstrating how the magic of imagination can change our perceptions.

Mr. Fintushel is a two-time winner of the National Endowment for the Arts Solo Performer Award and has performed throughout the United States.



Post-Election Forum, Wednesday, November 16: relocated to the gym to accommodate the large turn-out. Thank you to all!

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Exploring identity with US Inaugural Poet Laureate Richard Blanco (above), and master artist (actor, educator, puppeteer, mask-maker, mime) Eliot Fintushel (below). Spectacular events both!

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Supporting our student talent: First-ever Oxnard College Visual and Performing Arts Student Showcase. Special thanks to the directors: **Dr. Amy Edwards** (Communication Studies) — pictured bottom right — and **Dr. Scott Wolf** (Music) - pictured bottom left, as well as our Master of Ceremonies, **OC student Lauren Malott** (Communication Studies) - pictured bottom right, left-hand.



Nov-Dec 2016 Event Highlights

1. Incredible performance by Broadway star Bianca Marroquin. Her performance was accompanied by musician Bill Meyer in a spirited *Latino Thought Makers Holiday Special* production December 7.
2. Speech tournament winners — full results on page 21 (via Dr. Amy Edwards).
3. Also participating in this year's LTM Holiday special were comedians *Francisco Ramos* (*Last Comic Standing, Netflix Special, Comedy Central*) and *Ernie G.* (*Comedy Central, B.E.T., M2 and Good Day L.A.*).

Nov-Dec 2016 Event Highlights

4. President Obama's 2008 inaugural poet laureate Richard Blanco signs books post his beautiful poetry reading, Wednesday, November 9. Part of the Literature, Arts & Lecture Series.
5. Full house for the first ever Visual and Performing Arts Student Showcase.
6. Visual & Performing Arts Student Showcase Master of Ceremonies, OC student Lauren Malott (Communication Studies) gives a great reading of an alternative version of the *Three Little Pigs*.

Nov-Dec 2016 Event Highlights

7. Hundreds of students and community members attended a Post Election Forum, which was moved from a classroom lecture hall to the gymnasium to accommodate attendance.
8. More speech tournament winners — full results on page 21 (via Dr. Amy Edwards).
9. Traditional dance via the Visual and Performing Arts Student Showcase, December 8, 2016.

American Dreamers

The New York Times



Julia Verzbickis

from San Antonio, Tex.
Teacher

"Knowing that I could lose all the freedom I've gained is a paralyzing fear."

[Read Story »](#)



Laura Aguiar

from Yakima, Wash.
Financial aid Program
Coordinator

[Read Story »](#)

"Despite the hardships I have faced in this country -- poverty, discouragement and alienation -- I long to become a citizen one day, as this is the only country I have known."

Luis Gallardo

from Los Angeles

[Read Story »](#)



Eduardo Hernandez

from Sonoma, Calif.
Student at the University of
California Davis

[Read Story »](#)



Published Writing: Student Writing Featured in the *NYTimes*

The *NYTimes* Editorial Board has called on President-Elect Donald Trump to preserve DACA, enabling some young immigrants protection from deportation and eligibility for a work permit. In a moving feature, the *Times* is putting faces and narratives to so-called [Dreamers](#) – showcasing the talent, character, contributions, and very American values and aspirations of this group of our youth.

Included is a [first-person reflection from one of our very own students](#) – [Kevin Calderon](#). Kevin is a tutor in our Writing Center and is active in both campus and civic life. He is an all-around model of excellence. Says Professor Elaine Alarcon-Totten, "Kevin is a tremendous young man, very motivated and hardworking with lots of initiative." To be published by the *Times* shows just that. We are fortunate to have Kevin as part of our student body, and we celebrate his accomplishments, aspirations, and resilience.



Student Success: Aracely Munoz Wins CA Essay Competition

Oxnard College ESL student, *Aracely Munoz*, from Peggy Smith's ENGL 100 course, won the CATESOL (California Teachers of English to Speakers of other Languages) Annual Conference 2016 Community College Student Essay Contest on November 19, 2016. Aracely was unable to attend the conference in San Diego, but Mati Sanchez and Kari Tudman accepted the award on her behalf. She received \$200 in books from Townsend Press and a certificate. Aracely competed with community college ESL students from across all of California. Oxnard College President Dr. Azari and Luis Gonzalez, Dean of Transitional Studies, presented Aracely with her award in class on Thursday, 12/01.

OUTREACH | GEO CHALLENGE

High School GeoBowl Recap via Jim Danza (Assistant Professor, Geography Program)—

Why would 113 high school teens go out of their way to add another test to an already heavy academic load.... and on a Saturday morning no less! Hard to believe. But that's exactly what they did for our 28th Annual Geo Challenge held November 19th at Oxnard College. Loads of competitive spirit brought 11 high school teams to campus for a wide-ranging assessment of geography-related knowledge covering physical, cultural and geopolitical concepts. The theme of this year's event: "Explore the Power of Parks."

Students and advisors checked-in amidst a lively backdrop of coffee, pastries and juice provided by the OC Culinary Arts program. The ambience quickly shifted as each student quietly took a seat, a pencil and a test. The individual test contained 50 questions with a National Park focus.

The next round of the Geo Challenge was a team competition. The Oxnard College gymnasium was set-up with more than 20 tables and each table hosted a team of 4-6 students. Teams put their heads together to come up with their best answers to tricky questions like, "Which country is hosting the largest Syrian refugee camps?" (Turkey). Also,

"Name the National Park that straddles the Carolina/Tennessee border and which happens to be the most visited in the US"? (Great Smoky Mountains). After twenty first-round questions and about 10 more tie-breakers, the winning teams emerged.

Congratulations to the 1st place team competition winner, Newbury Park High, with a fantastic score of 19 out of 20! Pacifica Team 3 came in 2nd and Oxnard Team 1 took 3rd place. For the individual competition, 1st place went to Simon Huang of Newbury Park with a score of 44 out of 50, 2nd to Cianna Calia of El Camino, and 3rd to Nina Perl also from Newbury Park.

A big thanks to all of the sponsors, judges, high school advisors and support from Oxnard College students, faculty and staff. A special thanks as well to the high school students whose spirit filled the day with their recognition of the importance of National Parks and geography in our lives.

Next year's competition is planned for Nov. 18, 2017.

About Professor Danza-

James Danza is an Assistant Professor of Geography. He is also an urban planner and sits on the board of the *Friends of the Santa Clara River*.



Oxnard College presents the
SATURDAY 19 NOV 2016 8:00 AM-11:20 PM
28th Annual High School Geography Competition
Test your knowledge in the Physical Environment, World Affairs, History & Geopolitics
Grand Prize: Heterocyclic Bikes over Ventura County, courtesy of Apace Heterocycles

2016
GEOCHALLENGE
THEME: EXPLORE THE POWER OF PARKS

OXNARD COLLEGE
OXNARD COLLEGE 4500 S. BOHE AVENUE, OXNARD, CA 93133
Sponsored by Oxnard College. For more info, contact: JIM DANZA, jdanza@oc.edu

Oxnard high school students gather on a Saturday in our OC gymnasium for the 28th Annual High School Geography competition: the 2016 GeoChallenge – an engaging outreach event!



New Faces Spotlight

Kevin Corse *Career Technical Education* *Automotive Technology (Faculty)*

Kevin Corse is a lifelong Ventura County resident. He has been an automotive technician for nearly 40 years and has owned a successful auto repair business in Ventura since 1989. He has taught high school auto shop for 12 years and has been an adjunct instructor at VCCCD for five years. Blending academia and mechanical skills has been a hallmark of his career. He has helped many of his students and employees achieve their goals.

Mr. Corse has been a community volunteer for decades, including as a blood/platelet donor, coaching multiple youth sports, school PTA, forest clean-up and trail maintenance, youth employment, and has been involved with scouting for 20 years.

Mr. Corse has hired many people over the years as a business owner and believes that people who work with their hands and their minds will never go hungry. He is aware that people learn in all different ways and he is able to adjust his teaching to accommodate the student he has before him. He looks forward to contributing to student learning and helping people enter the job market with valuable skills. He likes to inspire people to set higher goals and help them reach their aspirations.

Mr. Corse looks forward to further serving Oxnard College in his new position as a full-time instructor.

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 & Records Office (via Joel Diaz)

Final grades for the fall 2016 semester must be posted by Tuesday, December 20, 2016. It is very important that final grades be submitted on time for the following reasons:

- Grades must be posted and reviewed before **Financial Aid can be awarded for spring. Financial Aid needs to calculate the Standards of Progress and all grades must be posted by the grade submission deadline. If grades are delayed, so are Financial Aid awards, which means students don't have disbursements early enough to get textbooks at the beginning of the semester.**
- The new BOG Fee Waiver standards changed as of fall 2016. Academic standing cannot be run until **ALL** grades have been submitted. Students that lost their BOG will not be able to appeal based on significant academic improvement until all grades are submitted.
- Prerequisite drops cannot be run until all grades are submitted.
- Students need to know if they have to repeat a course. A timely submission will allow students to plan out their schedules, and register for another class if needed.
- Students who are applying for job promotions, employee reimbursements and employment opportunities may be compromised in their efforts to pursue such opportunities if their transcripts are not up-to-date with all grades reported.
- Final transcripts cannot be processed in a timely manner.

- Students who are awaiting admission decisions from universities will experience delays until grades are posted.
- In accordance with the current AFT contract, section 5.2.A(1), grades are due 2 (two) working days after finals.
- Open registration for the spring 2017 has started. Please encourage all students to register early through their MyVCCCD portal to get the best selection of courses!
- Registration for 11th and 12th grade high school students starts on December 14, 2016. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **New for spring:** Students that have a preferred first name that is different from their legal name can now have it added to their college records. The preferred name will appear on all rosters, schedules, Canvas and the portal. A student can have their preferred name added to their records at the Admissions and Records Office.

Admissions & Records Office (via Leah Alcaron)

The ACT® Compass, a popular placement test used by Oxnard College to assess a student's performance in English, Math and ESL courses, announced that it would no longer be available as of November 30, 2016. With the delay in delivering California's statewide common assessment exams (CCCAssess), Oxnard College, as well as approximately 40 other community colleges in California, was forced to choose different tests until the release of CCCAssess (no release date has been announced).

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Admissions & Records Office Continued- (via Leah Alcaron)

Oxnard College faculty in the English, Math and ESL departments chose the following tests to help determine the best student placement in their sequence of classes:

- English – CTEP (College Tests for English Placement) – an assessment instrument approved for use in the placement of community college students into reading and writing classes.

- Math – MDTP (Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project) – a joint statewide project of the California State University and the University of California. MDTP measures student readiness for mathematics courses ranging from Pre-algebra to Calculus.

- ESL – CELSA (Combined English Language Skills Assessment) - new students who speak English as a second language are required to take the CELSA assessment test.

The accelerated time frame needed to implement these placement tests required collaboration from many areas and thanks to the very hard work and dedication of faculty, staff and IT, the assessment tests were ready for students to assess on December 1, 2016. A special thank you to John Habal, Joel Diaz, Mike Alexander, Jon Gallagher, Eric McDonald, Michael Rose, Blanca Barrios, Laura Anderson, Lilia Ruvalcaba, Elissa Caruth, Mati Sanchez and the Math, English, and Transitional Studies Departments for helping to ensure a seamless transition to these new tests. For more information on assessment testing, please contact the Assessment Lab at 805-678-5864.

Associated Student Government (via Gaby Rodriguez)

From November 11-13, Oxnard College students participated in the statewide General Assembly for the Student Senate of California Community Colleges. With colleges present, student officers voted on 39 different resolutions (proposals) to enhance the quality educational experience within the CA community college system. Students *Allessandro Neri* (serving as delegate) and *An Bui*, a first year Oxnard College student, accompanied student government officials *Norma Martinez* and *Stacie Conway* for this weekend-long conference of networking and learning alongside other community college representatives throughout the state.

And on Thursday, December 8th, our Associated Student Government, was able to kick off a very merry holiday season for the children of our CalWorks students on campus. Student officers spearheaded a "Winter Wonderland" event in which 89 toys were collected as a donation from local organization "I'm a kid who can" and given away to

the little ones to our CalWorks families. Children and families enjoyed a delicious late lunch of chicken nuggets and macaroni & cheese for children and pasta with salad for the parents. Also, the children took pictures with Santa Claus, received holiday gifts, had a coloring station, made candy cane reindeer and decorated a festive picture frame for their recently printed picture with Santa. The Oxnard College, PTK, Auto and Chemistry club donated additional toys that were raffled along with two kids' bicycles. Overall, this student-led event was a great success. Thank you ASG!

Office Hours - Student Services (via Oscar Cobian)

Please be aware of the following hours:

Week of Finals (December 12-16, 2016)

Monday: 8am - 5pm

Tuesday: 8am – 7pm

Wednesday: 8am – 7pm ** (note: some offices open 10am – 7pm)

Thursday: 8am – 5pm

Friday: 8am – 5pm ** (note: services open from 8am – noon, Welcome Center open until 5:00 p.m.)

Week After Finals (December 19-23, 2016)

Monday: 8am – 5pm

Tuesday: 8am – 5pm

Wednesday: 8am – 5pm

Thursday: 8am – noon

Friday: Closed

(Note: Counseling Services will be limited this week)

Campus closed: December 23-January 2, 2017

Week before the start of the spring semester

(January 3-6, 2017)

Tuesday: 8am – 7pm

Wednesday: 8am – 7pm **

(Note: some services open 10am – 7pm)

Thursday: 8am – 7pm

Friday: 8am –

5pm

(Note: Some Student Services will be available on Saturday, January 7 from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. to help students, including Admissions, Assessment, Counseling, Financial Aid, and Welcome Center)

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PROGRAM UPDATES | Continued

ASG at the CA General Assembly for the Student Senate of California Community Colleges

From Nov.11-13, five OC students participated in the assembly event which drew 89 colleges. More info in Gaby's write-up on page 19.



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Office Hours - Student Services (via Oscar Cobian)

1st week of spring semester (January 9-13, 2017)

Monday: 8am – 7pm

Tuesday: 8am – 7pm

Wednesday: 8am – 7pm** (note: some services open 10am – 7pm)

Thursday: 8am – 7pm

Friday: 8am-5:00 p.m.

(Note: Campus is closed on Monday, January 16 for MLK Holiday)

Library, Learning Resource Center (via Nathan Wyckoff)

NEW FACULTY TOOLS ONLINE FOR LLRC TUTORING!

Beginning with the 2017 Spring Semester, the LLRC Tutoring Webpage will house a new “Faculty Tools” tab. This link will contain 3 online forms: Academic Risk Student Reporting Form, Faculty Tutor Referral Form, and LLRC Tutorial Services Concerns Form. These forms will allow faculty members to request student outreach, refer qualified students as potential tutors, and report concerns with any facet of the LLRC Tutoring services. The link will initially be available at www.oxnardcollege.edu/tutoring prior to the beginning of the Spring term.

In addition, the LLRC staff will be providing “How Are We Doing?” survey slips to each student receiving help, which can be voluntarily submitted into anonymous drop-boxes stationed around the LLRC. These forms will help the LLRC Tutorial Services department to be as responsive to student needs as possible, and provide a method to gauge and improve our services.

LLRC Building & Service Unit Finals Week Hours, Fall 2016 (via Thomas Stough)

Circulation/Reference/Building

Monday, Dec. 12 through

Thursday Dec. 15: 8:00 am—9:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 16: 8:00 am—5:00 pm

LLRC closes at 5:00 pm on Dec. 16 and re-opens at 8:00 am on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017.

Writing Reading Center

Monday, Dec. 12 through Wednesday, Dec. 14:

9:00 am—4:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 15: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Tutoring Center

Monday, Dec. 12 through Thursday, Dec. 15: 9:00 am—9:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 16: 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Math Center

Monday, Dec. 12 through Wednesday, Dec. 14:

8:00 am—8:15 pm

Student Success – Paralegal Studies (via Jerry Lulejian, Faculty)

An email to Jerry Lulejian from a former student, Stephany Espinoza, Class of 2015 (we’ll follow-up with an alum feature in spring):

Dear Mr. Lulejian,

I wanted to send you an email to thank you for the great advice and teaching you provided while I was in your class... I hope you have a slight memory of who I am. :)

Because of you and your great methods I have been able to advance in the legal field. I work as a paralegal for a defense-medical malpractice law firm. I started as a receptionist in the front after I left the court house. I took advantage of my paralegal certificate and now am the only paralegal in the firm. I oversee all our cases, summarize any deposition, discovery response, medical records, billing records, trial prep, research and much more.

I just wanted you to know that I appreciate you and your program. It has drastically changed my life for the better.



**Veterans Center
(via America Barroso)**

The Vet Center’s Gold Star tree is now on display on the first floor of our student services building. This tree stands in honor of the sacrifices made by our service members and their families. The campus community is welcome to decorate an ornament to place on the tree to share their well wishes for Gold Star Families who will receive these ornaments. Please access the following link for more information on Gold Star Families: <https://www.army.mil/goldstar/>

Also, the Ventura County Military Collaborative is seeking student athlete volunteers to help in its Annual “Operation Snowflake” holiday gift event.

ASG Winter Wonderland (pg. 19)



This special event allows our military families to provide gifts for their children in a friendly and safe environment. The Collaborative is seeking student-athlete volunteers because children often look up to them and enjoy their company. If you know of athletes who may be interested in earning service hours and doing some good this holiday season, please contact America Barroso.

**Speech Tournament Results
(via Amy Edwards)**

The FALL 2016 Speech Tournament was a great success! This was our 22nd Speech Tournament here at OC! Go Condors!! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time! This was great motivation for our students!

And the winners are:

Persuasive:

- 1st: Samantha Ruiz (Professor Edwards)
- 2nd: Alfonso Segura (Professor Edwards)
- 3rd: Josue Ruiz (Professor Edwards)

Informative:

- 1st: Raechel Ines (Professor McKaig)
- 2nd: Joseph Genavia (Professor Edwards)
- 3rd: Christian Parra (Professor Fulkerson)

Oral Interpretation:

- 1st: Elias Torres (Professor Edwards)
- 2nd: EJay Igamen (Professor Edwards)
- 3rd: Betsabe Luevano (Professor Edwards)



USC & UCLA Alums + fans Represent
(USC won the game ;)

