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Oxnard College CAMPUS NEWS



CONDORS TO MAJOR LEAGUES

TWO OC PLAYERS DRAFTED TO MLB IN 2017 

*The Chicago Cubs selected **Darius Vines** (pictured above + far left) in the 27th round of this year's 2017 Major League Baseball Draft. **Frankie Tostado** (pictured right + bottom) was drafted to the **San Francisco Giants**. Incredible accomplishments on their behalf; fantastic representation for OC! #GoCondors*

There is a well traveled path to the ranks of professional sports via OC. This year, two stand-out Oxnard College Condors were drafted to baseball's Major Leagues.

Frankie Tostado was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the 19th round of this year's MLB Draft. After a terrific workout in AT&T Park, where he showed off his power and athletic ability, the Giants selected him as the 576th pick.

(Via Jonas Crawford, Athletic Director):

Darius Vines was a three-sport athlete at St. Bonaventure High School, and showed tremendous athletic ability for the Condors on the mound as a freshman. So much so that the Chicago Cubs selected Vines in the 27th round of the MLB Draft on Wednesday, June 13.

Last year for the Condors, Tostado batted .333, and was fifth in the WSC with 10 home runs. Frankie showed what he could do when he focused his concentration on just one sport. At Camarillo High School, Tostado played both football and baseball but excelled with excellent coaching in the Condors Nest.

Vines ranked second in the Western State Conference for strikeouts, with 95 total. He ranked third in ERA at 1.94. Darius was named to the WSC 1st Team for his efforts, leading the Condors in wins with four. Darius was also impressive as a shortstop for OC, playing in the field on days when he wasn't pitching.

We are incredibly proud of our athletes, coaches and staff who put OC on the map in big ways. We look forward to following Vines and Tostado in their professional careers to come. Best wishes and congratulations! #OCProud





Dental Hygiene Program Ranked among Nation's Best – #17 in the United States for Excellence (2017).

Oxnard College's Dental Hygiene Program ranks #17 on a 2017 assessment of the Top 50 Dental Hygiene programs in the United States. The report, published in June by TheBestColleges.org, is compiled from several standard indicators of student success. All data is derived from information provided by the National Center for Education Statistics.

As the 15th highest scorer, Oxnard College places behind Taft College (#6) and Foothill College (#15). It is one of only three programs in California to make the Top 50 list. According to the survey, the top ranked* DH program is at New York University (full list [available online here \(external link\)](#)).

The BestColleges.com methodology weighs four criteria to assess an institution's overall rank: Admissions Rate (25 percent), Default Rate (25 percent), Retention Rate (25 percent), and Graduation Rate (25 percent). To calculate final scores, each institution's category rankings were compiled and averaged to determine a list of best programs.

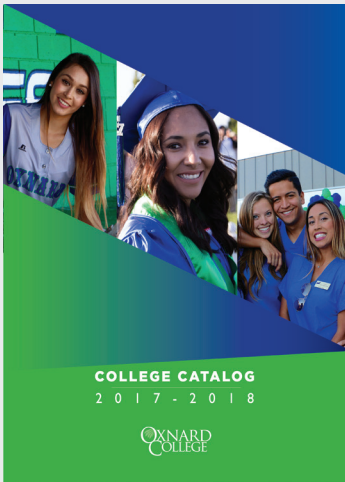
Driving our dental program's success is a team of extraordinary faculty -- Dr. Armine Derdarian, Dr. Margaret Newville, and Dr. Richard Enriquez -- and staff. Their talent, dedication, and professionalism make this program what it is: exceptional. Says President Azari, "Our students are fortunate to have such an outstanding program, and its success is due to our incredible faculty and staff.

*Note: Oxnard College's Dental Hygiene Program has ranked as high as #1 in the nation. This result was based on a non-subjective methodology that compiled student scores on the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam (NBDHE). The NBDHE stopped sharing exam results in 2009.



VCCCD GRADUATION RATES: INCREASE 100 PERCENT

Oxnard College reported 1,444 applications for degrees and certificates, a 10.5 percent increase over 2016. In total, Oxnard College, Moorpark College and Ventura College awarded 7,475 Associate Degrees and Certificates to deserving students during commencement ceremonies held in May 2017. -- "Through open access, promise and pathways programs, the VCCCD continues to be the economic engine for the county, helping students meet their educational goals, while simultaneously fulfilling the workforce needs of the business community," - VCCCD Board Chair Bernardo Perez.



Our 2017-18 College Catalog is now posted online. You can access the pdf here: <http://www.oxnardcollege.edu/apply-and-enroll/college-catalog>

Fall registration is now open! Course schedules and more are available online here: <http://www.oxnardcollege.edu/apply-and-enroll/schedule-of-classes>

President Cynthia E. Azari and Educational Partners Honored by the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County

Oxnard College President Azari was recognized alongside Dr. Penelope DeLeon, Superintendent -- Oxnard Union Unified School District, and Dr. Erica Beck, President -- California State University, Channel Islands. The trio were presented with the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County's Collaborative Action award on June 8, 2017 at the Ventura County Office of Education in Camarillo.

This celebrated annual award recognizes individuals, employers, organizations and partnerships for extraordinary efforts to advance workforce development in the Ventura County region.



Pictured (L-R): Educational Leaders -- Dr. Penelope DeLeon, Dr. Erica Beck, Dr. Cynthia E. Azari



Retirement: Officer Ralph Lopez
On May 24, faculty and staff gathered to celebrate Officer Lopez who is retiring after 33 years of service. He will be missed!



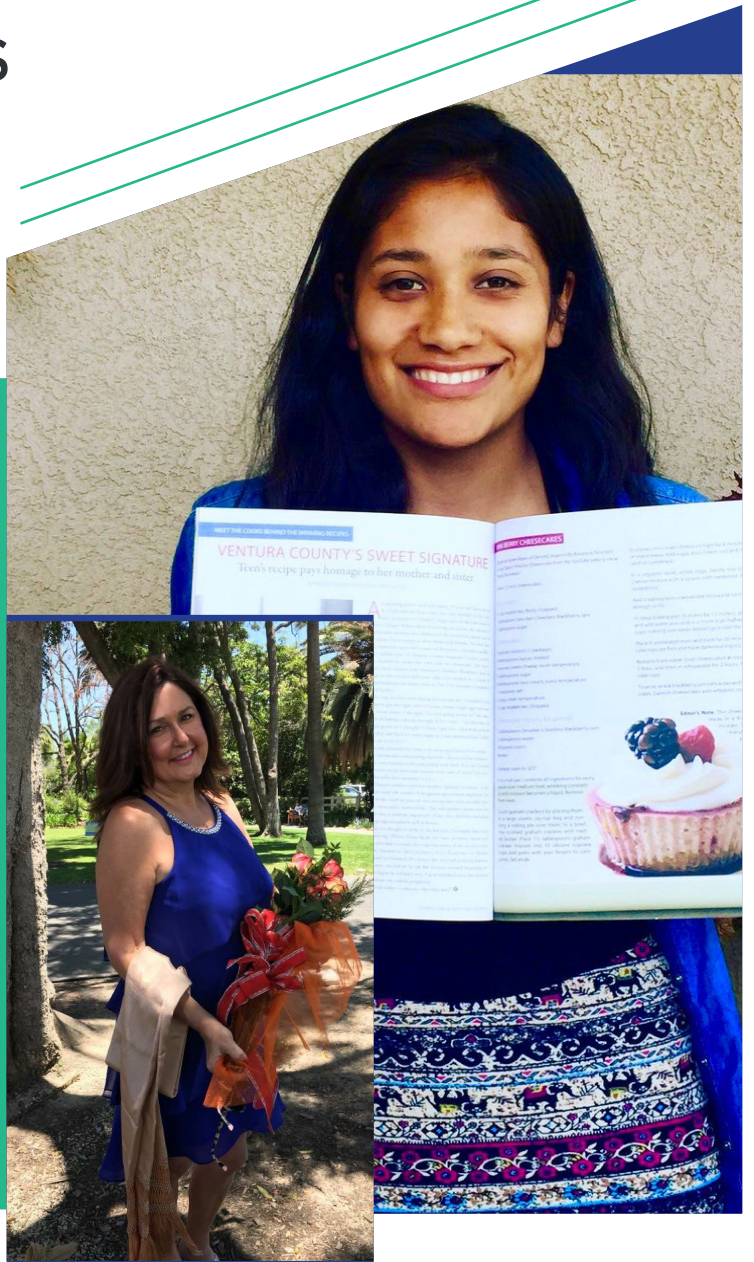
Foundation -- The Oxnard College Foundation's Board of Directors gathered with college staff and leadership to support the St. John's Healthcare Foundation's Bi-Annual Adventure Gala in support of hospital modernization and expansion projects in Ventura County. The event took place on May 6 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library's Air Force One Pavilion in Simi Valley.

NEWS & UPDATES: AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Recognized for their contributions and talent:
Student, Karen Reyes, Culinary Arts
Staff, Connie Owens, Foundation
Staff, Leo Orange, EAC

Karen Reyes, *Edible Magazine* Award Winner -- Oxnard College Culinary Arts student Karen Reyes (who also runs track at Moorpark College), was the winner of *Edible's* Sweet category recipe contest with her Mini Berry Cheesecakes. The magazine received an overwhelming response to the contest and a lot of entries. Each entry went through three rounds of judging from restaurant chefs, restaurant testers and tasters so the assessment was rigorous. Congratulations to Karen and our entire Culinary Arts program faculty and staff for the amazing work done to prepare students to excel in the industry! Read *Edible's* feature of Karen's recipe online here: <http://edibleventuracounty.ediblecommunities.com/recipes/ventura-countys-sweet-signature>

Connie Owens, *Honorary Madrina of the Year, 13th Annual Rebozo Festival* -- Connie Owens, Community Development and Institutional Advancement Specialist, was selected as the honorary madrina of the 2017 Rebozo Festival. Said the selection committee, "Connie's efforts and assistance in helping with the work that goes on behind the scenes to make the Festival a wonderful event shows her true commitment to the community. When there is a call for help, she is always there. She makes this a better place for all!"



LEO ORANGE -- Nationally Recognized, Published Leader in Disability Studies

Leo Orange, EAC Coordinator, recently updated his original academic chapter entries of the "Medical, Psychosocial, and Vocational Aspects of Disability" for the 5th Edition text release. Leo's two chapter contributions address his expertise in both Cancer (Chapter III) and Sexual Health and Disability (Chapter XXII). The text is required reading in nearly one hundred graduate-level rehabilitation counseling programs as well as undergraduate programs specializing in rehabilitation services. Leo Orange is a nationally recognized leader in disability studies. We are fortunate to have him here at OC in service to our students and broader community.



Have news for August and September? Please share with Karla Banks: kbanks@vccd.edu
 We'll be posting news updates online starting mid-September at news.oxnardcollege.edu

IN MEMORY: SHELLEY SAVREN ARTIST, DISTINGUISHED POET



Obituary, Shelley Savren (published in the *Ventura County Star*, July 2, 2017) -- On the day that Shelley was told that her breast cancer had come back, but this time in her liver, she called her family and then taught poetry to a fifth grade class. Her mission was to bring poetry to as many people as possible.

Upon moving to California, Shelley worked at a women's center in San Diego. She joined CPITS (California Poets in the Schools), and for over 40 years has taught poetry to over 60,000 people ranging from preschool to university, juvenile hall, men and women's prisons, retirement communities, Foster youth, emotionally disturbed, mentally challenged youth and adults, homeless and abused youth, and women's centers. Shelley worked for over twenty years as an English and Creative Writing Professor at Oxnard College. She was also the creator of the "Literature, Arts, and Lecture Series," which put Oxnard College on the map in the community. From 2014-2017 she was the Poet Laureate of Oxnard College from which she retired.

Shelley has written four books of poetry, and two anthologies about teaching poetry that have been published. She has received several writing awards, and grants for teaching poetry and has been published over 100 times in many Literary Magazines and Poetry Anthologies.

If poetry was her passion, family was her heart. She had a great capacity to love. Shelley called her daughter Talia "the best thing she ever did." Shelley is survived by her husband Elijah Imlay, her daughter Talia Savren-McCormick, Talia's husband Todd and their daughter Skye.

Shelley's beautiful, extensive collection of poetry and published works are available online at: ShelleySavren.com.

PROMISE MAKERS FUNDRAISER

Oxnard College and the Oxnard College Foundation would like to invite you to join us for the **2017 Promise Makers Golf Tournament Fundraiser** on July 24, 2017, at the *Spanish Hills Country Club in Camarillo*. The Los Angeles Rams Cheerleaders will make an appearance from 11:00am - 1:00pm for a photo op and to sign autographs!

The Oxnard Promise will enable every student in the Oxnard Union High School District the ability to pursue a higher education by covering their first year of tuition at Oxnard College. Your participation in this worthwhile event either through sponsorship, golfing or donation will positively impact the lives of many.

For more info, contact **Connie Owens (805) 678-5889**



ATHLETIC FIELD TRANSFORMATION -- Our athletic fields have undergone a dramatic transformation over the last year thanks to the leadership of **Michael Perez** and **Jesus Rodriguez**. One field at a time, this small crew of two have strategically beautified our campus -- enhancing not only the aesthetics of our grounds but also their safety (turf upgrades). As a result, OC is becoming a county reference for turf management and landscape planning. More to come on the exceptional work of Michael and Jesus, including photos for reference. Thank them when you see them around!



OC Summer Days (via *Luke Menchaca, Student Support Services Specialist*) -- The Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) team is in full swing with our latest enrollment activity called OC Summer Days. This event is continuing on the success of OC Nights and OC Fridays where we served all of our local high schools in the Oxnard Unified High School District (OUHSD). OC Summer Days aims to enroll students who missed out on prior outreach events by offering the newly enhanced in-person orientation, an assessment for math and English placement, an educational plan and assistance with applying for the Oxnard College Promise all during convenient summer hours. The past weeks have been fruitful with students coming after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for OC Nights, and taking advantage of our extended business hours on these days. For more information on this event, please contact Luke Menchaca at lmenchaca@vccd.edu or 805-678-5215.



Digital Presence -- We have officially launched our Oxnard College online presence, and have turned the page on our digital look. Leveraging online platforms and managing our brand is an extremely important effort in our strategic outreach initiatives and broader long-term goals. Please connect with us digitally -- share, comment, engage. You can find us on the standard set of social sites: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, as well as via our Oxnard College News Center: news.oxnardcollege.edu



Warm Welcome to Reuben (via *Michael Alexander, Director of Information Technology Services*) -- Please join me in a warm welcome for Reuben Asahan. Reuben is our newest member of the Oxnard College IT Department. He joins us following many successful years of service at Ventura College. Reuben has been an IT professional working with the Ventura Community College District for the past 17 years, and we are very excited that he has joined our team. Welcome, Reuben!



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SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING NOTES

Please make a note of the following dates and share relevant information/events with our students:

- **FALL REGISTRATION --**
Returning Registration starts July 10; Open Registration begins July 17
<http://www.oxnardcollege.edu/apply-and-enroll/academic-calendar/fall->
- **OC Summer Days -- OC Application, Orientation, Assessment, Ed. Plan**
Starts July 26: Mon, Thu (8am-5pm) / Tue, Wed (8am-7pm) / Frid (8am-12pm)
Questions? Please contact Luke Menchaca (805-678-5215)
- **Oxnard Promise Makers Foundation Golf Tournament**
Monday, July 24 -- Spanish Hills Golf Course, Camarillo Country Club
Questions? Please contact Connie Owens (805.678.5889)
- **CondorFest -- Campus Tour, Orientation, Faculty Meet/Greet, Lunch**
Thursday, August 10 (8am-3pm)
Questions? Please contact Luke Menchaca (805-678-5215)