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Oxnard College to Host Third Annual Family Festival on April 28 Free Community Event Set To Welcome Thousands To Campus

Oxnard, Calif. (April 22, 2024) — Oxnard College will host its third annual Family Festival on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 12:30-4 p.m. This familyfriendly event is free and open to the community; it will take place in front of the college's Performing Arts Building in tandem with the Oxnard College Foundation's weekly Community Market.

"We're excited to welcome the community to our third annual OC Family Festival," shared Dr. Oscar Cobian, interim president of Oxnard College. "This yearly tradition invites friends of Oxnard College to visit our beautiful campus for a day of fun and to learn about our award-winning programs. We are also looking forward to helping attendees consider their plans for attending college."

The festival will feature activities for all age groups, including a Kids Zone, dance and live music including banda, food trucks and retail vendors through the Oxnard College Foundation's Community Market. The Kids Zone offers face painting, jolly jumps, carnival games, a rock-climbing wall, train rides around the campus and even a fire truck for children to visit.

Oxnard College will also showcase its award-winning programs and host an Open House introducing the college's <u>Little Condors Preschool</u> to local families interested in enrolling their children. The campus is home to several awards, such as the prestigious 2020 Bellwether College Consortium Award given to the Fire Academy, for which the Dental Hygiene Program was also a runner-up. Oxnard College was also recently recognized among the Aspen Institute's top 150 community colleges in the nation for the second time in a row and <u>received a grant from the Grammy Award-winning band Metallica's foundation</u>, All Within My Hands, to support the college's career education programs. Recently, the college also <u>received approval for its first-ever</u> <u>bachelor's degree program</u>, which will be offered in dental hygiene beginning in fall 2025. The OC Family Festival activities will also incorporate the Oxnard College Foundation's Community Market, which takes place every Sunday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the campus parking lot near the gym (throughout parking lots H and F). The Community Market includes a wide range of food trucks and retail vendors and raises funds for student scholarships, college services and programs and other projects in support of the college.

The event will be covered live by 102.9 FM Radio Lazer and 96.7 FM La Mejor. Parking is free and will be available along Rose Avenue and in marked parking lots around the campus. For additional information, visit <u>bit.ly/ocfamilyfestival</u>.

About Oxnard College

Oxnard College is one of three colleges in the Ventura County Community College District and annually serves more than 7,000 students. Founded in 1975, Oxnard College is fully accredited. It is also a designated Hispanic-Serving Institution. Oxnard College's signature programs include marine biology; culinary arts, restaurant management and hospitality management; auto technology, dental hygiene, and fire technology, among many other undergraduate study and career technical education programs. The Dream Resource Center is a valuable student and community resource. To learn more,

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