Happy New Year!
The start of a new school year is so filled with energy and renewed enthusiasm for our work. This year is no exception. I hope that each of you have had a restful summer and are as excited as I am to see what the new year holds. We are fortunate that for the first time in years we are not faced with slashed budgets and each college was able to add classes to the Summer and Fall class schedules. The passage of Prop. 30 last November brings with it the promise of restoration funding for class sections. In order to become eligible for these funds, our colleges had to realize a double-digit increase in enrollment. Each college was able to quickly shift from cutting classes to adding classes and the word was spread at each college and in an advertising campaign that Coast Colleges "have class."

I am very pleased to report that each college was able to realize increased enrollment. These "first day" numbers are important to understand, however, please remember that it is enrollment at the date of census that is reported and recorded as our official enrollment. Congratulations to all three colleges on this accomplishment and on a successful (and incredibly busy) first week of school.

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The District was severely impacted by the economy, so reporting that we have added classes and increased enrollments is a welcome change. It did not go unnoticed that many of you sacrificed personally during the recent economic challenges by committing to furlough days that helped us to better prepare for an uncertain (and largely unfunded) future. I am very pleased to inform you that the Board of Trustees has voted to return the furlough funds to the impacted employee groups. Members of CFCE, ACE and CDMA will receive a stipend check sometime in September in the amount of the negotiated furlough. I join the Board in thanking all of you for your generosity and willingness to ensure that students and co-workers would not be negatively impacted by the effects of the bad economy.

Negotiations
The District continues negotiations with our Classified bargaining unit (CFCE) and the full-time Faculty bargaining unit (CFE). As sunshined last year, items that are currently being discussed include benefits (for both units), professional development (CFCE), and teacher evaluations (CFE). As we move forward with
negotiations, I will provide updates via this newsletter. For specific information regarding your contract, please contact your union representative or the District's Chief Negotiator, Vice Chancellor Deb Hirsh.

Launchpad Conference

As you may (or may not) know, the District Launchpad Committee is hosting the first Launchpad Conference on September 6 at 11:00am in the District Board Room. This session will feature Gene Wade, CEO of UniversityNow and prominent speaker on higher education and the future of education. We are very excited to host Mr. Wade and more excited to offer a panel discussion featuring our own faculty members. Reservations are required and lunch will be served (see invitation for RSVP instructions). Please join us at this exciting event (and bring a friend).

Save the Date -- State of the District Address
Please mark your calendars for the first State of the District Address. The event will be held on September 25 at 11:00am in the Board Room. We will be taping the event and it will be available online for those that are unable to attend. Fliers will be distributed with detailed information.

Welcome!
Please join me in welcoming the newest members of our Coast Colleges family.

DIST  Marin, Monica C.  Payroll Systems Manager
DIST  Barron, Cynthia L.  Staff Assistant-Conf
CCC  Erdkamp, Kevin L.  Instructor
GWC  Russell, Michael J.  Instructor
GWC  Hulbert IV, James H.  Lab In Ast-Aut/Diesel
GWC  Whitaker, Tammy M.  Online Instr Associate
GWC  Sienkiewicz, Laurie A.  Temp Instructor
OCC  Escobar, Dora E.  Counselor
OCC  Castellanos Gonzalez, Diana M.  Course Assistant 2
OCC  Kubik, Rachel C.  Dir Of Fiscal Svcs
OCC  Lawson, Cassell A.  Director, Career Services
OCC  Parker, Elizabeth S.  Foundation Devmt Spc
OCC  Reid, Dennis M.  Project Mgr-Measure M
OCC  Le, Ly T.  Student Fin Aid Spec BFAP
OCC  Ortega, Norma A.  Support Svcs. Assoc. DSPS

Sincerely,

DIST
Marin, Monica C.
Payroll Systems Manager
OCC opened the semester with a bang….enrollment increased 11.5%, according to John Weispfenning, Vice President of Instruction. As of the first day of classes, students filled 65,975 seats compared to 59,191 last year.

Headcount numbers, representing each student actually enrolled, jumped from 18,852 to 20,260. There is still time for enrollment figures to improve as students continue to register for classes during the first week of the semester.

“We are about to begin our 65th fall semester at Orange Coast College, and I’m proud to be starting my second year as a Pirate,” Weispfenning reported in a campus-wide email this week. “As I learned about the campus last year, I was impressed by the high academic standards across the college, the desire to do what is right for the students, and the shared sense of responsibility. There’s a spirit of collaboration and achievement that marks OCC as a truly outstanding college.”

Challenges facing the college this year include preparing a follow-up report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) that is due in March. The commission asked the college to provide evidence of regular and effective contact between online instructors and students. The commission also issued recommendations addressed to the Coast Community College District and the Board of Trustees.
“14 @ < 40” Opens at OCC Arts Pavilion

An opening reception was held for “14 @ < 40” on Wednesday, August 28th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Orange Coast College’s Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion.

The exhibition features work by 14 artists under 40 years old who have been working professionally for less than 15 years. The show will run through October 23rd. The gallery is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., and Wednesdays from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The show, curated by Acting Arts Pavilion Director Trevor Norris, includes works by Joshua Aster, Michael Bixon, Javier Carrillo, Matthew Driggs, McLean Fahnstock, Jocelyn Foye, Emmanuel Galvez, Liz Nurenberg, JEFF&GORDON, Ruth Greene, Max Johnston, Nicholas Shake, Christian Tedeschi and Noah Thomas.

Peer Health Action Team (PHAcT) Students Ready for Another Year

OCC’s PHAcT, which brought the campus the “I am OCC” sober driver campaign and the Walking DUI Check Point last year, is already planning this year’s events to promote health to students at OCC. Anna Hanlon, coordinator, reports that the group is already planning events to promote road safety, mental health and physical fitness.

PHAcT student leaders are supported by the Student Health Center and the Kinesiology & Athletics Division. If you have students who might be interested in joining, they can email occpeered@gmail.com for more information.

Photo Gallery Exhibits Open This Week

Orange Coast College’s photography galleries opened three new exhibits this week.

“Unstoppable – Hashima Island” featuring photographs by Montanori Shizmu is on display in the Art Center Gallery on the second floor of the Art Center. The Fine Arts Gallery in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building is showing the work of Carolyn Kay Chema in “Somnambulist.” Both exhibitions will be open through October 7th.

Chema uses digital photomontage to create images inspired by her dreams. “The symbols within my work are derived from the iconography of myth, which remain remarkably consistent across cultures and religions throughout history,” she said.

Chema graduated from Georgetown University in 2010 with a BA in studio arts. She currently resides in Miami, Florida where she is a Master of Fine Arts candidate at the University of Miami.

The Student Gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building Photography Lab, is spotlighting photographs by Karen Bridges through September 16th.