Welcome Reception
“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.” – James Allen
On Tuesday, July 7, the Coast Board of Trustees, College Presidents and district-wide faculty, staff and administration gathered to host a welcome reception for the incoming PIO, Letitia Clark and myself. For the warm welcome and reception, please accept my deepest thanks. I truly appreciate the heartfelt remarks given by Board President Lorraine Prinsky and the collegiate-themed presentations from Coastline President Lori Adrian, OCC President Dennis Harkins and GWC Vice President Omid Pourzanjani. It was a pleasure to see many familiar faces at the welcome reception, which made it feel like a homecoming. The reception was a wonderful kick-start to the great year ahead. My sincerest thanks to Trustees Grant and Moreno for attending and supporting as well.

America’s College Promise Act
The White House Office of Public Engagement hosted a conference call on Wednesday, July 8, for Community College Presidents and Chancellors around the nation to announce the America’s College Promise Act of 2015. The call featured the development of companion bills that were introduced by Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Corey Booker (D-NJ) as a follow up to President Obama’s proposal to make two years of community college free to eligible students while creating affordable pathways to four-year college degrees for low-income students.

The conference call also highlighted the following four simple points regarding the roles of the states, community colleges, students and the federal government in order to make the America’s College Promise Act a success:

1. **States**
   States must invest more in higher education and training.

2. **Community Colleges**
   Community Colleges must strengthen their programs and increase the number of students who graduate.

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**Chancellor’s Schedule**
**Week of July 13**

Monday – Friday
Out of the office

**Board Meeting Reminders**

July 15, 2015
Regular Meeting

August 5, 2015
Regular Meeting/Study Session

**College Highlights**

To view the Coastline President's Bulletin, please visit the following link:
www.coastline.edu/bulletins

To view the Golden West College News Room, please visit the following link:
http://gwcnews.com/

To view Orange Coast College news, please visit the following link:
3. **Students**
   Students must take responsibility for their education, earn good grades and stay on track to graduate.

4. **Federal Government**
   The federal government must maintain the integrity of the program by matching $3 to every $1 invested by the state to waive community college tuition and fees for eligible students.

Lawmakers estimate that this legislation could help a full-time community college student save an average of $3,800 in tuition per year and benefit an estimated nine million students if every state participates in the program.

I am enthused to be working with such dedicated Trustees, administration, faculty and staff. Thank you for your talent, efforts and commitment.

Sincerely,

Gene Farrell