Breakfast Meetings
They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so I was well nourished this week as I attended two breakfast meetings. The Orange County Government Leaders Prayer Breakfast and the Orange County Business Council Economic Development Forum were both held this week and both provided opportunities for networking and for learning about the programs and services offered within our own county.

Student Leaders
This week was filled with events that were hosted by and focused on students. Both GWC and CCC held Transition Dinners for their Associated Student organizations. It is always a joy to see the student leadership as they are about to leave our institutions for bigger and better things and to see the newest student leaders who are just beginning their journey. Congratulations to ASGWC and ASCCC members for their dedication to their college and their leadership. I hope you will also join me in welcoming the newest student leaders. Also this week, members of the Board and the administrative team attended Honors and Awards ceremonies for both GWC and OCC. I would like to congratulate President Bryan and Dr. Harkins for their outstanding scholarship programs.

Brandman Chancellor
I met with Chancellor Gary Brahm this week to discuss the technology utilized at Brandman University. We also discussed best practices in distance learning and teaching adult students and how we can work together to provide more opportunities for our students to obtain their educational goals. I would like to congratulate Dr. Brahm on Brandman's recent US News and World Report award of "Best Online Program" for three of its offerings. As we are both leaders in distance education, I am hopeful that this relationship will benefit us for many years to come.

Emergency Contact Information
I just wanted to send another reminder to ensure that your personal contact information is up to date. To do so, please log in to the MySite (or Banner Self Service) and select the "Employee" tab. From there, you will be able to update your contact information. Remember, your contact information is important in an emergency and for communications from the Benefits and Payroll departments.

Sincerely,

Chancellor’s Calendar
Week of May 13, 2013
Monday – Friday
In the Office

Board Meeting Reminders
May 15 – Regular Meeting
June 19 – Regular Meeting & Budget Study Session
July 17 – Regular Meeting
27th Annual Scholarships & Awards

Golden West College held its annual Scholarships and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. Although the rainy weather moved the event from the outdoor amphitheater to the Gym, the change in venue provided a comfortable, intimate ceremony. This year, 152 scholarships were awarded to 283 students at the ceremony. Since 1986, Golden West College students have received over six million dollars in scholarships.

Many of these students are graduating from Golden West this year and will be using the much-appreciated funds to continue their education. In addition to the scholarships awarded at the ceremony, scholarships will be awarded at local high schools for incoming GWC students and at other ceremonies for Criminal Justice, Nursing, and Independent groups.

GWC’s top award, the R. Dudley Boyce Outstanding Student Award, was presented to Dale Lendrum. The GWC Student Council established this award in memory of Dr. Boyce to recognize a student who most exemplifies the quality of leadership. Dale has held many leadership positions, including the Associated Student President for two years. The recipient of this award traditionally gives the student address at the commencement ceremony and Dale, a Communications Major, is sure to do a great job on May 23rd.

Golden West College thanks the donors for giving these students an opportunity to reach their academic goals. In these challenging economic times, it is wonderful that so many donors have chosen to support Golden West College students.

One of the highlights of the evening was watching the 25 student veterans receive the Southern California Edison Veterans Scholarship. Pictured with Janelle Godges (center in white jacket), Region Manager, Local Public Affairs, SCE.
Rustlers Advance to So Cal Championships for Track and Field

Congratulations to the following track and field athletes who have qualified to compete at the Southern California Championships on Saturday, May 11th at Antelope Valley College.

- Ryan Watson (200m)
- Cynthia Torres (1500m)
- Natasha Caldwell (Javelin)
- Daniel Hernandez (Javelin)
- Sol Ochoa (Pole Vault)
- Tailor Dunigan (Triple Jump and High Jump)
- Casey Peraza (Hammer Throw)

Sophomore Zak Flowers, who also qualified for the So Cal prelims in the Hammer Throw, also set a new school record with a distance of 159'9".

In Rustler Alumni news, Jaci Powell, who graduated in 2012 finished 4th place in the helptahalon in the PAC 12 Championship.

www.gwcathletics.com

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

LEGALLY BLONDE
May 3 - May 12, 2013
Directed and Choreographed by Martie Ramm

Tickets are on sale now through the GWC Theater Arts department website www.gwctheater.com or through the GWC box office at 714-895-8150.

Hurry! Show closes Sunday.

JURIED STUDENT ART SHOW
May 2 - May 22, 2013
Work juried by:
Jeff Horn, Artist, Professor Emeritus
Curator: Professor Darrell Ebert
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(714) 895-8772

www.gwcnews.com
Golden West College Dance Department presents
**The Steps and Stories of American Dance**
Nannette Brodie, Artistic Director
May 17 & 18, 2013 at 8 pm
Mainstage Theater
$15 General Admission, $10 Students and Seniors, ASB/GWC Students, Seniors, & Children under 12–$13

The Golden West College Dance department brings together the talents of faculty and students in a concert that promises to be both entertaining and educational. Explore the history and significance of modern, jazz, and musical theater dance in American culture.

Golden West College Symphonic Band presents
**Spring Into Summer**
Dr. Collette Hausey, Conductor
Dates: Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 pm
Where: GWC Forum II – Room 101
Prices: $12 General Admission (available at door), $10 ASB/GWC Students, Seniors, & Children under 12
Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

Golden West College Chorale and Chamber Singers present
**Hidden Haydn**
Dr. Bruce Bales, Director
Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Wilfrid of York Episcopal Church, 18631 Chapel Lane, Huntington Beach (south of Ellis between Beach and Newland)
General Admission (available at door)–$12
ASB/GWC Students, Seniors, & Children under 12–$10

Great music by the master that you’ve probably never heard.
Top Students Win $322,000 in Scholarships at 2013 Honors Night

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Orange Coast College distributed $322,000 in scholarships to students on Wednesday, May 8, when the college hosted its 55th annual Honors Night ceremony. A total of 438 awards were presented to 320 students.

Scholarship winners and their guests enjoyed a light buffet dinner before the program, which took place in the Robert B. Moore Theatre.

The event was sponsored by Associated Students of Orange Coast College. OCC’s Culinary Arts and Hospitality programs prepared and served the hors d’oeuvres.

Scholarships are made possible by the generosity of private citizens, civic groups and community, as well as OCC faculty and staff members. For more information about donating, contact the OCC Foundation.

“OCC’S Got Classes” – Summer Schedule Grows 136%

After years of meager summer offerings, Orange Coast College is more than doubling the number of classes this summer.

Coast is offering its largest selection of summer classes since 2009, reports Vice President of Instruction John Weispfenning, Ph.D.

“We’ve more than doubled the number of sections for the summer...last year we ran 81 sections, this year 182,” Weispfenning said. Last year OCC had 3,631 seats available. This year the number of seats jumped to 8,600 – an increase of 136%.

There will also be more classes for students in the fall.

The campus is trying to get the word out to students in its “OCC’s Got Classes” campaign. There is a spotlight on the OCC website that links to information about the expanded summer program.

In addition, OCC is offering high school seniors an opportunity to jumpstart their college experience by signing up for the Summer Bridge Program.

Graduating high school seniors who enroll in the program and take a math or English class plus a counseling class will receive priority registration for fall classes.
To be eligible, students must participate in the Senior Orientation Assessment Registration (SOAR) program, take early placement tests and complete a Bridge to Success Participation Agreement by May 31. For more information, visit orangecoastcollege.edu/Bridge.

**OCC Symphony to Perform Brahms on May 11**

OCC music professor Ricardo Soto will direct the OCC Symphony in a performance of Brahms Symphony No. 2, including the “Academic Festival Overture.” The performance will be Saturday, May 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theatre. Tickets are $10 at the OCC Bursar’s Office at 714-432-5880, ext. 1 or online at www.occtickets.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

**“Mountain Is Waiting” for Student Commencement Speaker**

Joe Venegas III, a member of the OCC Speech and Debate Team who also served as a student trustee in the Coast Community College District in 2011-2012, will be the student speaker at the college’s 65th annual commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 22.

“Your Mountain Is Waiting” is the title for Venegas’ speech. “I want students to know that their accomplishment of graduating isn’t the end, but is the beginning of what I hope will be a fruitful journey in life.”

The student speaker’s years at Coast “made a significant impact on my life,” and he decided to participate in commencement speaker tryouts to show his appreciation. “It was one way I could give back to OCC,” he explained.

While he was a student at El Modena High School in Orange, Venegas attended OCC’s Senior Day and visited the Speech and Debate Team booth. “I decided it would be fun to participate.” His favorite events are Parliamentary Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

His campus mentors include Shawn O’Rourke, OCC’s debate coach, and Dr. Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, a mathematics professor “who I consider to not only be my mentor but close friend.”

In addition to his campus activities, Venegas is an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, where he achieved rank of Eagle Scout, the highest available. He also is a sales associate for the Boy Scouts.

Once a month Venegas serves meals at a local homeless shelter. He also teaches Confirmation classes at La Purisma Catholic Church in Orange, where he lives with his parents and two siblings.

Venegas is making plans to tackle his own “mountain.” He has applied to several out-of-state universities, including Furman University in Greenville, SC, where the political science major hopes to prepare to study law and eventually serve as a United States congressman.