Coast Colleges’ Student Achievements
Please join me in recognizing our students on their wonderful achievements highlighted below:

- **GWC Swimming Champions**
  The GWC Men’s Swimming Team won their third straight state meet title, setting eight more state records during the 2015 CCCAA Swimming and Diving State Championship Meet.

- **OCC Baseball State Champions**
  The Pirates baseball team took home their second straight national championship, becoming the first team since 2002 to win back-to-back state titles.

- **OCC Crew National Champions**
  The OCC men’s crew teams claimed two national titles at the American Collegiate Rowing Association National Championships, including a second straight win for the Novice 8 team.

Commencement
It is always a busy time as we head toward the end of the academic year. However, this end also signifies the start of a new journey for many of our students as they complete their community college chapter and continue to realize their educational and professional goals. Thank you to all three colleges for having me at their outstanding and well-planned commencement ceremonies. I appreciate the opportunity to share in these moments of triumph. Commencement not only symbolizes the success of our students, but also the success of our faculty and staff. Thank you for your continued dedication and support to our students. I also express appreciation to our Board for understanding the importance of supporting our students by taking time to attend as many of these wonderful events as possible. Congratulations to our graduates!

Latino Youth Leadership Conference
As it is important to focus on preparing our outgoing community college graduates, it is also important to develop the leadership skills of our incoming high school graduates. Coastline held its annual Latino Youth Leadership Conference in partnership with the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Friday. The purpose of the conference is to help improve the student transition from High School to Post-Secondary Education and create new Youth LULAC leadership. The conference prepares Latino youth for successful academic careers in colleges and universities and to learn new leadership skills. Great event, Coastline.
Orange County Global Women's Conference
Coastline also hosted the annual OC Global Women's Conference this week in Irvine. Michele Gile, KCAL-9 reporter, served as special guest emcee for the opening session, and Parisa Khosraavi, former Senior Vice President for international news gathering at CNN Worldwide, provided the keynote address. Although I did not attend, I understand that there was a great turnout and an excellent list of panelists and moderators. Attendees had the opportunity to network, meet potential mentors, and participate in empowering sessions and workshops. Thanks to Trustees Prinsky and Hornbuckle for attending and showing their support. Also, congratulations to Dr. Lori Adrian and Mariam Khosravani for their hard work and organizing a successful event!

Sincerely,

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