Team Launchpad Meeting

Team Launchpad met this week and were treated to a demonstration of the winning OCC Robotics team’s robot. "The Black Pearl" came in 30th out of hundreds of international teams that gathered at the Anaheim Convention Center for the Vex Robotics World Championships. The VEX Robotics World Championship is a gathering of top robotics teams from around the world to compete for the title of World Champion. Team Launchpad meets monthly to discuss the future of higher education and how we can best position our colleges to serve the next generation of students. We welcome new members!

Orange County Legislative Task Force

The OCLTF held its final meeting of the year this week. The county-wide team wrapped up its work on legislative bills related to Veterans’ services and discuss plans for the economic impact study that is currently under way. The OCLTF enjoyed great success this year by championing issues related to Veterans. Next year’s committee will be chaired by the South Orange County Community College District. I would like to thank Dr. Lorraine Prinsky (Trustee Representative), Dr. Vesna Marcina (Faculty Representative), and Mr. Ed Fawcett (Community Representative) for their participation and service to the OCLTF this year.

Associated Students of OCC Transition Dinner

I was happy to join the Board Members and student leaders at OCC this week as they held their leadership transition dinner. The students hosted dinner and gave presentations reflecting on their year of leadership efforts and introduced the new Associated Student senators and officers. One student brought his younger brother (who is a freshman in high school) to the event in order to share with him the rewards of leadership. I know that I join the Board of Trustees in wishing these great students best wishes for a bright and happy future. We are all thankful for your service to OCC and to our students.
Spotlight
I would like to shine this week’s spotlight on the participants of the Rally for Education held Wednesday. The event was well organized and collegial in nature. The comments made to the Board of Trustees were respectful and well stated. I look forward to working together and fostering that cooperative spirit as we continue to work toward budget solutions that will help us now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Chancellor’s Calendar

Week of May 7, 2012

Monday - Friday
In the office

OCC Horticultural Plant Sale
Andrew Jones, Martha Parham, Lynne Thissell, Kristen Le
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Advice for future digital artists, gamers, and designers at upcoming graphic arts event

(ORANGE COUNTY, CA)—Coastline will host an interactive and informative digital media event on June 1, 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. The event will take place at the college’s Garden Grove campus located at 12901 Euclid Street in Garden Grove.

“How to land a career in digital media: Tips for aspiring artists” will feature speakers from the local digital media industry, including Frank Gladstone and Jeff Clendenning. Clendenning is the Lead Concept Artist at Interplay Entertainment Corporation which is responsible for games like Fallout® and Dark Alliance. In the past, he has worked as an Instructor of Digital Media at the Art Institute, a Senior Concept Artist at Technicolor Interactive Services, and a Senior Artist at Obsidian Entertainment.

Frank Gladstone is an industry veteran with more than 35 years of experience in digital media. He has worked in management positions at the Walt Disney Company, Warner Brothers, and DreamWorks. His production credits include “The Road to Eldorado,” “Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas” and “Shark Tale.” At Disney Features Animation, Mr. Gladstone was instrumental in recruiting and establishing training programs for Disney he collaborated closely with the production teams responsible for “Beauty and the Beast,” “Aladdin,” “The Lion King,” “Pocahontas” and “Mulan.” Today, Gladstone teaches about animation, film history, production techniques and cinematic fundamentals.

Both speakers will share their intimate knowledge of the industry and provide audience members with tips on how to break into the sought-after career field of digital media and gaming. They will cover what education and training candidates need to work for employers in this field, discuss how they got their first job in the industry, and explain what their current company looks for in applicants including traits related to talent, attitude, education, and experience. They will also share “day in the life” scenarios, presenting their digital work and their processes for creating digital masterpieces. Audience members will have ample time for Q&A with the experts.

The event is free and open to the public and all attendees will enjoy refreshments and a free gift pack with items from Coastline and from Howie’s Game Shack in Buena Park. For an admission ticket, attendees need to pre-register by e-mailing event coordinator, Brenda Bass, at bbass@coastline.edu. A limited number of admission tickets are available.

For more information on Coastline, visit www.coastline.edu or call (714) 241-6186.

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Board of Trustees: David A. Grant, Mary L. Hornbuckle, Jim Moreno, Jerry Patterson, Lorraine Prinsky, Ph.D., and Joe Venegas III, Student Trustee • Chancellor: Andrew C. Jones, Ed.D.
Student Art Showcased in the GWC Art Gallery

Proud students arrived with their families and friends at the opening of the Juried Student Art Exhibit on Thursday, May 3rd. They should be proud. Only 50 pieces from the 189 entries were accepted into the exhibit.

The Gallery represents an educational tool for students’ learning. The reason for having a juried exhibition is to expose the students to how the real world operates. A juried show is selective, not every piece that is submitted is accepted. This year's jurists were art professors from Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College. “They were very impressed with our students’ work,” said Darrell Ebert, GWC Art Professor and Gallery Curator.

The exhibit includes art from painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and ceramics classes. Showcasing student work also demonstrates the high caliber art instruction we have at Golden West College. The Art Gallery provides an atmosphere that promotes and encourages learning and personal development for our students as well as the community. The Art faculty considers the gallery to be a co-curricular educational program and assigns projects linked to the gallery exhibit.

The student show runs through May 22. The Gallery is open weekdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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