Trustee Jim Moreno Re-Elected to CCCT Board

Congratulations to Trustee Moreno on his recent reelection to the CCCT Board. A part of the Community College League, CCCT Board has a 21-member board of directors elected by the 72 local governing boards. Trustee Moreno won his seat easily, garnering the second-highest number of votes in the state. Having a representative on the CCCT Board is a great opportunity for Coast to remain a leader in the state and to ensure that our voice on student success, funding, and access continues to be heard in Sacramento.

Scholarships & Awards

Last week, Coastline recognized 224 scholarship recipients who received a total of $151,300.00 in scholarship funds. I would like to thank Trustee Hornbuckle, Trustee Grant, Trustee Moreno, and Trustee Prinsky for attending the event and congratulate Coastline on a very successful evening. Scholarship donors included Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), Coca-Cola Foundation, Edison International, SchoolsFirst FCU, USA Fund, and The Walmart Foundation.

Over at Golden West College, more than 250 students were awarded 175 scholarships totaling over $300,000. Many scholarship endowments allow for multiple winners of a scholarship, and that was very evident at GWC. It was wonderful to see so many of the scholarship donors on hand to personally deliver checks to the deserving students. Again, I thank those that attended on behalf of the District and look forward to seeing you at OCC next week.

LA/OC Regional Consortia Meeting

I attended the recent Los Angeles and Orange County Regional Consortium (LAOCRC) meeting. Responding to the newly enhanced mission of the California Community College Chancellor’s Office, the LAOCRC goal is to provide local and regional decision makers with the increased capacity to measure regional progress toward goals of efficiency and effectiveness, while also improving access to indicators that measure student/incumbent worker progress through the educational system. As with the upcoming Launchpad Conference, this group is working to connect individuals and align programs and curriculum to the needs of business & industry. Bringing the data and ideas to Coast will help us to identify and partner with our neighbors in business to the benefit of our students and community.
CDMA - StrengthsQuest
Empathy? Arranger? Strategic? What are your strengths? I would like to thank CDMA President Joe Poshek for presenting the Gallup Organization's StrengthsQuest to the management group today. It was a great training that required each manager to take a test to determine their top five strengths. Gallup has developed this tool which is administered to millions of people each year. StrengthsQuest is designed to help everyone learn ways to leverage their talents at work -- which can help them become more engaged, productive, and successful.

Sincerely,

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Coast District Trustee Jim Moreno
Re-Elected to State Trustee Board

Coast Community College District Trustee Jim Moreno was re-elected this week to the statewide policymaking board representing all California community college trustees. Moreno will serve a three-year term on the Community College League of California’s (CCLC) California Community College Trustee (CCCT) board of directors. Moreno currently serves on the Coast Community College District’s Board of Trustees.

The 21 members of the CCCT board are elected by 72 local governing boards across California. This is Trustee Moreno’s second term of service. Moreno garnered the second highest number of votes in this year’s race. California Community College System is the largest highest education system in the world, serving 2.8 million students.

Coast Board President Mary Hornbuckle commented, “On behalf of the Board, we are honored that Jim will continue to represent Coast and our students. His service ensures that we will continue to have a strong voice in Sacramento.”

“I am thrilled to have been chosen to continue to represent the elected officials that govern California’s community colleges on the CCCT Board,” Moreno said. “We must continue to fight for funding for our students and our colleges.”

Moreno has served as a member of Coast Community College District’s Board of Trustees since 2006. He resides in Trustee Area 1, which includes portions of Huntington Beach, Westminster, and Seal Beach.

An active part of his community, Moreno served as a Chief Deputy to a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and has served as Chair of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board for the City of Huntington Beach, served as a Volunteer at the Live Oak Adult Literacy Program, and is a member of the California Highway Patrol Community Advisory Board.

Moreno currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees’ Personnel Committee and the Vice Chair of the Land Development Committee.

Moreno earned a Master’s degree in Public Administration from California State University, Northridge, holds a Bachelor’s degree from California State University, Long
Beach, and is a graduate of East Los Angeles Community College. He resides in Huntington Beach, California.

Editors: Photo of Trustee Moreno attached.

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The Coast Community College District is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.
$480,000 Miller Estate Bequest Is a Record for OCC Foundation

Orange Coast College this week announced that it has received $480,000 from the estate of Ruth Miller, a long-time Costa Mesa resident who passed away in 2012, to honor the memory of her late husband, Matt Miller. The gift is the largest unrestricted bequest in the history of the OCC Foundation.

The college will dedicate its 2014 Honors Night Scholarship Book to Ruth and Matt Miller, who pursued his love of music during retirement by taking a series chorale and piano classes at Orange Coast College with professors Richard Raub and Jay Colyer.

OCC students will receive more than $400,000 in scholarships at the college’s 56th Annual Honors Night on Wednesday, May 14. The event is one of the largest celebrations on campus each year.

OCC Foundation Director Doug Bennett said the college will develop an endowment plan that will likely fund music and chorale scholarships, pending approval by the OCC Foundation Board of Directors. The OCC Music Department will also honor the Millers in a special concert in the fall.

Matt Miller originally majored in music at the University of Oklahoma, but graduated with a degree in engineering in 1942. He served in the United States Army under General George Patton. During World War II, he reached the rank of major and earned a Bronze Star and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Following the war, Matt returned home to complete a Master’s degree in acoustical engineering at Northwestern University. He and his bride, Ruth Hadaller Miller, moved to California where Matt worked for McDonnell Douglas and stayed with them through the Boeing buyout. He completed a variety of significant projects during his aviation industry career including helping to design a low-noise trajectory for planes leaving John Wayne Airport.

Ruth worked as an executive secretary with Southern California Edison. She split the majority of her estate between the OCC Foundation, Hoag Hospital Foundation and the CHOC Foundation. “The Matt Miller Fund she established with the OCC Foundation will provide an endowment that will benefit deserving OCC students for years to come in the form of scholarships and other support,” Bennett said.
OCC Working Mom Wins Respiratory Care Scholarship

OCC Respiratory Care student Kristie Mourani of Huntington Beach is the recipient of a $500 scholarship for academic excellence from the California Society for Respiratory Care (CSRC). She was a guest of honor at the CRSC annual meeting and convention held at The Queen Mary in Long Beach Wednesday.

It is the second year in a row that an OCC student has won the award, according to Consumer and Health Sciences Dean Kevin Ballinger.

A single mother of two active teenagers, Kristie began attending classes at OCC in 2010. The Huntington Beach resident also works four to five shifts at Norm’s Restaurant in Costa Mesa each week.

Kristie knew she wanted to pursue a career in a health-related field after working in a hospital. She became interested in respiratory therapy because she saw therapists involved in hands-on treatment of patients.

While she was waitressing at Norm’s, Kristie met OCC respiratory care students who would study at her station. “With great pride, encouragement and enthusiasm, they told me to register for AH010 to get on a wait list and about other classes I could take while on the wait list,” Kristie said. “They empowered me with the knowledge I needed to get started.”

“I am thrilled at the prospect of being employed in a profession that will allow me to serve our community and my family at the same time,” Kristie said. Eventually she would like to pursue a career in health administration. “Being an RT requires physical strength and stamina. I think I will be able to do it for a long time to come. However it is a blessing to know higher education opportunities are always available, and that I can prepare for future changes ahead of time.”

At first Kristie simply wanted to complete school and find a good job. But her OCC professors “inspired me to exceed my expectations. I have been so impressed with their shared experience. This has elevated a simple educational goal to the level of a fulfilling personal lifetime achievement that I did not realize would come with this process.”

World Dance to Feature 50 Dancers in May 16 Performance

A cast of 50 multicultural dancers will celebrate colorful movements from around the globe on Friday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. onstage at Orange Coast College’s Robert B. Moore Theatre. Directed by OCC faculty member, Angelika Nemeth, this 60-minute concert includes dances originating from Egypt, Hawaii, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Scotland, Spain, Tahiti and West Africa. Performers include OCC dance and music faculty, including Angelika Nemeth, flamenco instructor Arlene Hurtado, and guest artists and student dancers from the college’s Performing Dance Ensemble Class. Special guests include Arpana Dance Company with dance from South India and Ballet Folklorico Raices de Mexico OC.

Advance tickets are available for $10 online at www.occtickets.com and the OCC Bursar’s Office, (714) 432-5880. Tickets will be $15 at the door.