

COAST BOARD CONNECTION

Highlights from the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting, May 1, 2002

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Orange County Board of Education Teacher of the Year Nominees are Announced

The Board would like to congratulate the nominees for the 2002 OCBOE Teacher of the Year award. The OCBOE selection committee will announce the recipient on May 17.

CCC has nominated Jane Bauman, art professor. Bauman started her CCC career as an adjunct professor in 1989 and became a full-time professor in 1999. Exhibitions of her work are displayed around the world, including New York's Cooper-Hewitt Museum of American Art and the Musee de Clotire des Cordeliers in Paris, France. While students may be surprised by her international acclaim as an artist, they are very aware of her talents in the classroom. Many of Bauman's students credit her with making a lasting impression on their views of art and art history.

GWC's nominee is math professor, Frank Jessoe. Jessoe began his CCCD career at OCC in 1980, transferring to GWC in 1984. His commitment has always been to the welfare of students both in and out of the classroom. Academic Senate president, Warren Carter praised Jessoe for "embodying the best qualities of his profession – excellence of achievement in his field of study, excellence in teaching, and a complete dedication to student welfare."

OCC's nominee is art teacher, Karen Mortillaro. Mortillaro joined the college's faculty 32 years ago. An award-winning artist, she has received a patent for one of her works and has been awarded three fellowships. Two years ago, Mortillaro received the first Costa Mesa Mayor's Award for her work with handicapped and disabled students. In 1998 for the 50th annual Writers Guild of America awards ceremony, Mortillaro created the official award statuette – which takes the form of an abstract bird with outstretched wings – and it is now to the Writers Guild what the Oscar is to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

REPORTS

Board of Trustees

- President Walt Howald congratulated the recipients of the district service awards and reported that the annual event serves as a reminder to him of the many talented members of the faculty and staff that make the district successful. He congratulated Margaret Gratton on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her hard work over the years.
- Vice President Berger recently attended a meeting with California State Assemblyman John Campbell to discuss budget issues affecting community colleges.
- Trustee Armando Ruiz recognized the retirement of OCC's President Gratton and GWC's Lee Eastwood. He thanked them for their years of dedication and congratulated them on a much-deserved retirement.
- Student Trustee Amy Angelo reported that she participated in a successful Student Council Lobby Day in Sacramento. The students lobbied for issues such as CalWORKS and matriculation funding. She also attended the Board of Education event to officially welcome William Habermehl as Orange County's Superintendent of Schools, held at the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana.

Chancellor

- Chancellor Vega announced that Richard Lieb, President of the Board of Governors of California Community Colleges, would visit the district on May 16 from 8:30am – 1:30pm. He will tour parts of the colleges as well as the district offices.

Presidents

- Mel Rogers, KOCE president, reported that this year is the second year of a revamped approach to the station's primetime scheduling which has proven successful. The station has realized a

73% increase in ratings above the 300% increase of last year.

- Barbara Hollowell, CCC, Vice President of Instruction (on behalf of Leslie Purdy), reported that 350 people attended the recent Art Lecture Series, chaired by CCC's Jane Bauman and internationally acclaimed artist Tony Dunlap. The month of May will bring CCC's Annual Scholarship Night and the first juried student art show. The art show will take place at South Coast Village Gallery on May 17.
- President Gratton reported that the OCC speech team took top honors in the national competition and OCC's Public Relations department won 5 awards at the CCPRO conference held last month. Upcoming events include Honors Night on May 8 to award \$276,000 in scholarships and an open house on May 16 to view the new Human Patient Simulator.
- GWC President, Dr. Ken Yglesias announced that the month of May would bring several events to campus, including the Tower Awards on May 7 at 6:00pm in the GWC Amphitheatre and the Criminal Justice Program Memorial Service on May 10 at 10:00am. The speaker at this year's graduation will be Dr. David Pierce, recent past president of the American Association of Community Colleges. Dr. Pierce worked at OCC in 1974 and at GWC in 1975.

Academic Senate Presidents

- Nancy Jones, CCC senate president, reported that seven senators recently attended the Academic Senate statewide conference that provided some excellent training and experience. The OCBOE Teacher of the Year nominee is Jane Bauman.
- Warren Carter, GWC senate president, reported that he was proud to announce the Teacher of the Year nominee is math teacher, Frank Gesso.
- Carol Burke, OCC senate president announced the Teacher of the Year nominee for OCC is Karen Mortillaro from the art department. She also announced that classes in Arabic Language are now offered at OCC.

Student Government Organizations

- David Turner, CCC student advisory council (SAC) vice president, reported that three members of the group recently participated in District-wide Student Council Lobby Day in Sacramento. In particular, the students lobbied to legislative representatives on issues such as CalWORKS, Matriculation and the state budget. Fifteen students attended the CalSAC Leadership Conference where six of them were recognized for completion of the Certified Leadership Program. The SAC Scholarship dinner will take place on May 2. New by-laws were passed that provide for stipends to be paid to students participating in SAC.
- Derek Shelly, ASGWC president, reported that the new student council has been elected and they will be introduced at the annual Pass the Gavel dinner. This year's election brought out twice the number of voters than in the past. Diversity Week and Earth Day were successful events held in April. The Scholarship and Awards Convocation will be held in May.

Employee Representative Groups

- Dr. Robert V. Covert, president of Coast Community Colleges Association California Teachers Association/National Education Association reported that his organization is still in negotiations with the District regarding benefits for adjunct faculty. He recently attended a conference in Sacramento where the CCCA received the top award and he was personally recognized with the top award within the state.

APPOINTMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF

The Board authorized the following academic hires:

- Carl Smith, OCC, Instructor, Physical Education, effective 08/26/02.

APPOINTMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF

The Board authorized the following classified hires:

- Darian Aistrich, CCC, Projects Coordinator, from hourly, effective 05/02/02.
- John Clark, OCC, Information Systems Technician, Senior, promotion, effective 04/01/02.
- Yvonne Nguyen, CCC, Military/Contract Education Technician, new hire, effective 04/22/02.

- Jerry Spiratos, GWC, Information Systems Technician II, rehire, effective 04/15/02.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS

- Lee Eastwood, GWC, Vice President, Administrative Services, effective 06/28/02.
- Margaret Gratton, OCC, President, effective 07/15/02.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

May 15, 2002	Third Wednesday, Special & Regular Meeting
June 19, 2002	Third Wednesday
July 17, 2002	Third Wednesday
August 21, 2002	Third Wednesday

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