Accreditation Countdown . . . 1 (business) day!
It’s finally here! The Board of Trustees, the Accreditation Chairs, faculty and staff have all worked so hard to ensure that Coast is positioned well for the follow-up visits next week. I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and efforts toward this goal.

As a reminder, the Accreditation Team will be visiting Coast Colleges next week. Although the exact itinerary continues to be in a state of flux, we do know at this point that the team will be visiting the District and college sites on April 8 and 9. Dr. Andreea Serban is working on the schedule for the visits and expects to distribute the final schedule prior to Monday morning.

Golden West College Peace Conference
Please mark your calendars for Friday, April 18 to attend the 8th Annual Peace Conference at Golden West College. The conference is a day for student, teachers, leaders and the community to come together to discuss challenges and issues relating to peace. To register or for more information, please contact Fran Faraz at ffarazdaghi@gwc.cccd.edu or visit www.goldenwestcollege.edu/peace/.

Our Condolences to Ann Holliday
I am deeply saddened by the news of Stephen Heiber’s passing. Stephen was an instructional aide at Coastline and husband to Instructor Ann Holliday. He was a valuable member of the Coast family and will be missed. I would like to thank the Board for adjourning their meeting in his name and ask that you all join me in sending good thoughts to Ann at this time.

Sincerely,

Chancellor’s Schedule
Week of April 7
Monday - Friday
In the Office

College Highlights
To view the Coastline President’s Bulletin, please visit the following link: www.coastline.edu/bulletins

To view the Golden West College News Room, please visit the following link: http://gwcnews.com/

To view Orange Coast College news, please see attached.
Orange Coast College’s Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion will hold a closing reception for Justin Kimball’s “Pieces of String” including an artist’s lecture at 1:00 p.m. followed by a book signing and reception from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

The exhibit is held in conjunction with the MOPLA – Month of Photography, Los Angeles. Work by Cierra Lopez and Melissa Aviles will also be on display in the Art Pavilion’s second gallery. Both Lopez and Aviles will attend the closing reception.

The OCC Arts Pavilion galleries hours are open 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Kimball taught photography for more than 20 years at colleges and universities, including the Rhode Island School of Design, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Orange Coast College and Amherst College, where he is currently an associate professor of art.

### Accreditation Team to Visit Campus Tuesday

Orange Coast College will host a visiting team from the ACCJC (Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges) on Tuesday, April 8. The four-person team will be on campus to validate OCC and District responses to recommendations contained in the 2014 Follow-Up Report, according to Vice President of Instruction John Weispfenning.

OCC’s visitors will join teams visiting Golden West College and Coastline College at the District Office on Wednesday, April 9.

Details of the visit are still being worked out, Weispfenning said in an email memo to faculty and staff this week.

Five of the ACCJC recommendations deal with district-level issues, while the second Commission recommendation addresses the issue of substantive contact in OCC’s online classes.

“I would like to thank the members of the Online Advisory Board, the Academic Standards Committee, Barbara Cooper, Jeremy Zitter, and Carmella Rodriguez-Hardy for their work on the Follow-Up Report,” Weispfenning said.
OCC to Host Public Lunar Eclipse Viewing April 14

Astronomy buffs are invited to view the lunar eclipse on campus on Monday, April 14. OCC’s Astronomy Club will set up telescopes for public viewing next to the campus Planetarium from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 15. Admission is free.

Free parking is available in Lot E, located on Merrimac Way between Fairview Road and Harbor Boulevard in Costa Mesa.

During a lunar eclipse, the Earth sits between the sun and the moon, blocking sunlight from reaching the usually radiant full moon.

Expected to be visible across the entire United States, the upcoming eclipse is the first of four total eclipses expected to occur over the next 18 months at two-month intervals – a phenomenon known as a tetrad. A tetrad is a fairly rare occurrence over the course of thousands of years. The April eclipse will be followed by eclipses on October 8, April 4, 2015, and September 28, 2015. For more information about the event, contact OCC astronomy professor Nick Contopoulos at nickastro05@yahoo.com.

Pirates Take Home Palmer Cup at Newport Regatta

The Orange Coast College men’s crew used a pair of wins in the novice races and some strong times in the varsity races to pick up the 2014 Palmer Cup at Sunday’s Newport Regatta.

Racing against Chapman, Loyola Marymount, USC, San Diego State, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara and the University of San Diego, the Pirates competed in five of the seven races held inside the Newport Harbor and collected three first-place honors, one third place and one fourth place.

To win the P.A. Palmer Cup, points are collected in four races – 2nd Novice 8, Novice 8, 2nd Varsity 8 and Varsity 8, with six points awarded for first place, four points for second, three for third, two for fourth and one for fifth.

Coast finished the regatta with 17 points, followed by USD (16), USCB (15), UCLA (7), SDSU (4) and UCI (4).

In the 2nd Novice 8, Coast and UCSB battled the entire length of the 2,000-meter course before the Pirates edged out the Gauchos with a winning time of 6 minutes, 52.8. UCSB finished with a 6:53.2.

Much like the 2nd Novice, OCC’s Novice 8 rowed head-to-head with another top crew – this one coming from USD. The Pirates and Toreros took control of the race before OCC crossed the finish line first with a time of 6:16, one second ahead of USD’s 6:17.1.

Those two edge-outs gave the Pirates the needed points to claim the overall title. USD took first in both the 2nd Varsity 8 (6:13) and Varsity 8 (6:04.7). Coast finished third and fourth, respectively, in both of those events.