New Board Officers
Attached is a press release highlighting the new Board officers, but I wanted to thank Trustee Prinsky for her year of leadership as Board President. The year was a busy one and the accomplishments were many. I look forward to the coming year with our new Board Officers—President Mary Hornbuckle, Vice President Dave Grant and Clerk Lorraine Prinsky.

CDMA Holiday Breakfast
I would like to thank CDMA for hosting us at their Annual Holiday Breakfast. This time of year is always a great time to stop and reflect on the accomplishments of our colleges and spend some quality time with our colleagues. I am grateful to Trustee Hornbuckle and Trustee Grant for joining us to recognize the hard work and dedication of our management team.

Retirement of Vice Chancellor Hirsh
Please join me in congratulating Vice Chancellor Deb Hirsh on her retirement. Deb has been a valued member of the executive team and will be sorely missed as a colleague and friend. I wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Happy Holidays
Whatever you celebrate this season, please enjoy a restful and fun-filled holiday break! I look forward to spending time with family and wish you all the best wishes for the Season.

Sincerely,

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HORNBUCKLE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Costa Mesa resident and former mayor Mary Hornbuckle has been elected to serve as the president of the Coast Community College District (CCCD) Board of Trustees for 2014. Hornbuckle was unanimously elected board president by her fellow trustees at an organizational meeting this week. Trustee David A. Grant was elected vice president and Trustee Lorraine Prinsky was elected to the Clerk position.

President Mary Hornbuckle represents Trustee Area 4, which includes Costa Mesa and has served since 2005. Hornbuckle was a member of the Costa Mesa City Council from 1984 until 1996 and recently retired as the director of St. Mark Community Preschool in Newport Beach. Hornbuckle was inducted into the Orange Coast College Alumni Hall of Fame in 2001, was named Woman of the Year by the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce and was the recipient of the Orange County Human Relations Commission Award. Hornbuckle serves on the Board’s Accreditation Committee and the Audit and Budget Committee.

Vice President David “Dave” Grant has served on the CCCD Board since 2010. Trustee Grant was an administrator at OCC for 34 years and served as OCC’s fifth president from 1989 until his retirement in 1995. Since then, Grant has served on the OCC Foundation Board and continued to coach the OCC Crew. During his tenure, the Pirates became a formidable rowing power in the United States. He also served as Assistant Rowing Coach for the United States for the 1984 Olympic Games. This is his first board officer position.

Clerk of the Board, Prinsky has served on the CCCD Board of Trustees since 2008. This is her third term as clerk. Prinsky has also served as president and vice president. She currently resides in Trustee Area 3, which includes Huntington Beach. During her career on the Board, Prinsky has served on the Accreditation Committee, chaired the Personnel Committee and been the trustee representative to the Orange County Community Colleges Legislative Task Force and the Orange Coast College Foundation. Prinsky also serves on the board of Women in Leadership and is an award-winning professor of Sociology. Prinsky was recently awarded the National Women’s Political Caucus – Orange County Rankin Courage to Run award.

The current Board of Trustees officer listing is as follows:

- President Mary Hornbuckle (Area 4)
- Vice President David A. Grant (Area 5)
- Clerk Lorraine Prinsky, Ph.D. (Area 3)
- Trustee Jim Moreno (Area 1)
- Trustee Jerry Patterson (Area 2)

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The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa, Ca. along the Orange County coastline. The district is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.
Automotive Technology Program Receives High Marks for Student Success

The Golden West College Automotive Department had its NATEF recertification visit in November and the Team Leader pointed out that all employers who were called rated GWC students a “5” out of “5” for quality of employees. They also acknowledged that our faculty are highly certified and our tools/equipment are above industry standards.

Furthermore, 17 out of the 19 graduates from the Honda Care program were hired full time directly after graduation!

Dr. Claudia Lee, Dean of Enrollment Management and Acting Dean of CTE commended the Automotive Technology faculty, “for continuing to provide exemplary instruction and workforce training. Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you put into the program and our students!”

Golden West College is certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) in all areas of automotive technology. Certification through NATEF evaluation ensures that certified training programs meet or exceed industry-recognized, uniform standards of excellence. Students who train at a NATEF certified facility are eligible to become ASE certified mechanics.

The Vida Greer-Martin Memorial Project Page Turner

“The sun did not shine, it was too wet to play, so they came to GWC on that cold, cold wet day...”

On a cold day in November, with rain threatening, 150 second and third graders from College View Elementary School walked to Golden West College to participate in Project Page Turner, an annual event to promote the joy of reading. The event featured published author Charles Royston and was hosted by the Student Senate Committee and the Intercultural Program. Student volunteers from the ASGWC Student Council, Student Senate, and Campus Clubs read to the children. The kids were served lunch and enjoyed other activities during their 90 minute stay.

The event is dedicated to the memory of Vida Greer-Martin who was a long time employee in Student Activities and former student council member. It was dedicated to her because it was her favorite Student Activities event and she enjoyed reading to the children and promoting early college outreach.
Early Tuesday morning on December 3, over 80 High School Counselors attended a breakfast event in the Student Center at GWC. This is an annual event, which provides a networking opportunity between the high school counselors, and GWC counselors, faculty and staff. It is also a venue to present important information to our feeder high schools at one time.

The guests visited faculty and staff, who represented their departments’ at display tables, to learn more about GWC’s programs and services. Everyone walked away with a GWC tshirt and a bag full of promotional materials.

Dr. Omid Pourzanjani, Vice President of Instruction and Student Learning, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the presentation portion of the morning’s event. Golden West College Counselors Vanessa Bonilla and Stephanie Dumont presented important information about GWC’s completion and transfer guarantees, and changes in priority registration.

The presentation wrapped up with Jessica Bravo, ASGWC member and Puente student, and Roman Osorno, Alpha Gamma Sigma member and Nursing student, who gave a brief talk about their positive experiences at Golden West.

The Ballet Repertory Theatre presents

**The Nutcracker Ballet**

**December 8 - 24, 2013 • GWC Mainstage Theater**

Nearly 300 spirited performers in dazzling costumes gracefully bring to life beloved holiday music with vibrant props and sets. Travel through a magical world of life-size dolls, colossal mice, and delicate snowflakes to the fabulous Land of Sweets, home of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Prince. Exuberant French, Spanish, Arabian, Russian, and Chinese dancers await you, along with twirling candy canes and waltzing flowers. Charming and cheerful, Orange County’s longest-running *Nutcracker* is a feel-good, holiday tradition for the entire family!

Tickets are only $14 to $18 at [www.gwctheater.com](http://www.gwctheater.com) or 714-895-8150.
OCC Anticipates 6% Enrollment Increase This Spring

Spring class offerings will jump 6% this year compared to last spring, according to Vice President of Instruction John Weispfenning, and the campus is preparing for an equal boost in student enrollment. The spring semester begins on Monday, January 27.

The college will offer 1,900 sections this spring compared to 1,793 in spring 2013. Weispfenning expects enrollment will also grow by 6%, bringing the number of classroom seats to 76,000 – 4,200 more than last year.

Orange Coast College has also scheduled a robust four-week intersession in January with an expanded schedule of more than 50 classes.

January intersession begins Thursday, January 2, and runs through Friday, January 24. “There will be over 3,000 seats available during Intersession. This is an opportunity to take a course and complete it in a short time frame,” said Efren Galvan, Director of Enrollment Services.

$1 Million Gift to Fund OCC Astronomy Village

An anonymous donor has given Orange Coast College’s Foundation $1 million to develop an Astronomy Village in the Science Quad area that includes the Lewis Applied Science Building, ABC (Allied Health, Biology and Consumer Science) Complex and the Science Lecture Hall.

The donor, who lives in Orange County, wishes to remain anonymous, reported OCC Foundation Director Doug Bennett.

The donation will fund fixed telescopes for research, lab and public viewing; an Astronomy Students and Visiting Scholars Conference Center that the college plans to complete for the 2015 fall semester, and a mirror grinding and optics lab.

Fixed telescopes will be installed in the lab for solar, day and night viewing, according to astronomy professor Nick Contopoulos. The scopes will also be available for public viewing. In addition, two larger telescopes, one solar and one night, will be reserved for student and faculty research. They will also be able to send images directly into the dome of the new planetarium.

“This is an exceptionally generous gift and will directly benefit students and provide direct access to large telescopes for the public,” Contopoulos said.
Pirates Win State Crown Again!

FRESNO – For the second year in a row and 16th time in school history, the Orange Coast College women's cross country team took home the state championship hardware after winning the 2013 California Community College Athletic Association State Meet on Saturday at Fresno's Woodward Park.

In a season where the Pirates were picked to win the state title right from the opening week, the defending state champs did not disappoint. Coast won all eight meets in which they competed – including the Orange Empire Conference and Southern California Regionals. On Saturday, Coast saved its best for last and claimed the state's top spot with a team score of 73 points.

Glendale College was a distant second with 126 points, while Mt. San Antonio (180), Fullerton (203) and Cerritos (232) completed the top five.

Once again, OCC was led by the sophomore combination of Leanne Allen and Karen Silvas. Allen led Coast around the 5K course and finished sixth overall with a time of 18 minutes, 18.26 seconds. Silvas used a 5:56/mile average and finished eighth at 18:28.47.

Rounding out the scoring times for the Pirates were three fellow sophomores – Raeanna Cortez, Allison Nagel and Guadalupe Cantoran. Cortez finished 17th overall with a time of 18:57.65, Nagel placed 22nd with a 19:05.47 and Cantoran finished 27th at 19:17.94.

It is the 83rd state championship in the 66-year history of the OCC Pirates.

What’s Happening on the Old Softball Field?

Construction is continuing on OCC’s new $35 million Measure M-funded Math, Business and Computing Building on the old softball field adjacent to Adams Parking Lot and the Literature & Language Building.

Last week concrete footings to support the building were poured. Next the building’s foundation/slab will be poured and then the visible steel rods will be installed to help support the concrete walls of the building.

The architects for the building are LPA, Inc., of Irvine, also the architects for the ABC Complex.

Target date for completion of the building is Spring 2015, and the building will open for classes in the Fall of 2015.