Launchpad
This week, I met with Team Launchpad. The group held in-depth discussions about massive open online courses (MOOCs) as they are becoming increasingly popular at several colleges and universities. The discussions focused on how to effectively utilize MOOCs for both academic and non-instructional purposes. It was an interesting discussion from multiple perspectives regarding face-to-face interaction in the classrooms versus lecturing to hundreds of students all over the world via virtual lecture hall. Team Launchpad has committed to continue the research into MOOCs and I look forward to hearing their ideas at our next meeting. As always, we welcome everyone to join us. Please contact Nancy Sprague if you are interested in attending.

OCLTF
On Thursday, Trustee Mary Hornbuckle, Government Relations Director Martha Parham and I attended the Orange County Legislative Task Force. OCLTF is finalizing a major socio-economic impact study that will provide data for Coast and for the county as a whole. Over the next several weeks, the Task Force will be arranging legislative visits in Sacramento and finalizing our agenda for federal visits later this year.

Regionalism Meeting
At this week’s Chancellors’ Regionalism Meeting, we continued discussions regarding shared services and contracts. The Orange County chancellors and I also discussed how the virtual world or cloud concept could be utilized across all campuses to better leverage existing resources with the goal of providing better services to our students. As we all know, Prop. 30 (while needed) will not provide us with “extra” funding, so these meetings have become increasingly important for all four community college districts as we continue to face fiscal uncertainty at a statewide level.

Academic Senate Presidents Meeting
In my meeting with the Academic Senate Presidents, we had a great discussion regarding our own form of “regionalism.” We discussed concepts of District-wide academic groups including a District-wide academic senate as well as a District-wide curriculum committee. As we are discussing shared and leveraged resources at a county level, it makes sense that we would share resources at a district level. These types of concepts could help students by streamlining processes such as articulation. I am thankful to the Academic Senate Presidents for their willingness to meet and to have these open and robust discussions.

Cengage
I met with some representatives from Cengage Learning—a leading provider of innovative teaching, learning and research solutions for academic institutions worldwide. We learned about the company's products and services, which are designed to foster academic excellence and professional development. This coming year, we will
evaluate how Cengage learning products may be implemented to increase student engagement as well as benefit our faculty and staff here at Coast Colleges.

Sun Power
As Coast District heads toward a greener future, we are constantly looking at new ways to reduce and improve energy consumption. President Wes Bryan, Facilities Director Jerry Marchbank and I met with representatives from Sun Power to discuss options for utilizing solar power for our campuses and for our students as hands-on learning opportunities.

Holiday Events
Along with many of you on the Board of Trustees, I had the pleasure of attending two holiday events on Tuesday. President Wes Bryan hosted the GWC Holiday Reception for faculty and staff. Coastline’s foundation holiday event was held at the Newport Beach Learning Center. The District Office also held their annual luncheon this week. This time of year, it is always nice to reflect on our accomplishments and come together with colleagues in the spirit of the holidays.

Sincerely,
Monday, Dec. 3, 2012

COMING EVENTS:

Newport Beach fire alarm issue
The fire alarms at Coastline Community College’s new campus (1515 Monrovia Avenue in Newport Beach) were falsely activated in the early morning hours of Saturday, December 1. The alarm sounded due to thick fog entering the naturally-ventilated atrium space and breaking the beam on the beam detectors, which are designed to detect smoke in the building. College Maintenance and Security personnel responded and are now looking into a modified solution that will provide sufficient fire monitoring while minimizing the risk of false alarms. Coastline has apologized to residents via Twitter and via letters to local HOAs and businesses for the impact the alarm may have had on their households. In the event of a future occurrence, affected residents can e-mail dcant@coastline.edu for immediate response or Tweet to @myccc via www.Twitter.com/myccc.

Coastliner newsletter and annual report available online
If you have not already read the Coastliner newsletter, please read it online at http://www.coastline.edu/departments/pr/page.cfm?LinkID=1609
The newsletter will also be available in printed form on campus this week.

Foundation honors two Visionaries this week
The annual Coastline Foundation Holiday Party will take place Tuesday night (December 4). During the event, attendees will pause to honor two Visionary of the Year honorees: Bruno Serato of the Anaheim White House and the law office of Snell & Wilmer, LLP. Bruno started the charity Caterina’s Club in 2005 which is dedicated to feeding the local motel children of Orange County. Every night, he and his staff prepare food for more than 300 children that gather at the Boys and Girls Club in Anaheim. Recently, he decided to take his life-changing actions even further. He started a fund to help families get out of motels and into permanent housing, helping them with the hefty deposits that are usually required for rental properties. Last year, Bruno was even named one of 10 CNN Heroes and put the prize money straight back into his charity to help more children and families.

Snell & Wilmer, LLP. is law firm with offices in Costa Mesa and Los Angeles (plus 7 other locations in the Western US and Mexico) and its 400 employees complete more than 50 hours of pro bono service, each, every year. In addition to volunteer work by staff at local food banks, boys and girls clubs, and charity events, the group provides numerous hours of pro bono work in poverty law, civil rights law and public rights law. They also provide free legal services to charitable, religious, civic, governmental, educational, or similar organizations that provide services to the poor.

Look for photos and an update on the Foundation party and the Visionary awards presentation in the next President’s Bulletin.

Coastline Art Gallery opening reception for OC Art Faculty show
I hope you will all join me at the opening reception for the OC Art Faculty show this Friday night. The reception will be held at the Coastline Art Gallery and refreshments will be provided. Meet the artists and enjoy our new gallery space at the Newport Beach campus! Details on the event are here: www.coastline.edu/events.
To all Coastline Staff, Faculty, and Students

Are you a Coastline Angel?
A warm-hearted, caring humanitarian who is willing to donate gifts out of love

You have an opportunity to be a Coastline Angel to someone this holiday season.

Coastline's Associated Student Government is continuing our tradition of participating in "Operation Santa Claus," a program sponsored by the County of Orange Social Services Agency, Health Care Agency, Probation Department, Child Support Services, and OC Community Resources to provide gifts for needy children who are survivors of abuse, neglect, abandonment, or other misfortunes. These children are currently receiving services from various county social service agencies, such as health care, housing, and probation or protective services. Many of them will spend their holidays in foster care. Each one of those children is waiting for an Angel to bring some comfort and love to their lives.

Right here in our neighborhood, we also have low-income elderly, blind, and disabled adults who will be facing harder times during the holidays. Each one of them is also waiting for an Angel to fill their hearts with some joy and happiness. You can be that Angel!!

Age-specific Tags are available in the President's Office beginning November 26, 2012.

Attach the Angel Tag to your Unwrapped gift and return it to the President's Office before December 14th. (No gift bags or wrapping paper please!)

All gifts will be picked up the morning of December 14th.

Your gift will make a difference.

Thank you for being a Coastline Angel!
"Toy Master General" Takes The Stage

Friday, December 7, 2012

Orange Coast College’s Repertory Theatre Company will stage “An Old-Fashioned Christmas Melodrama and Ice Cream Social” December 7th through December 16th. Performances will be at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Advance tickets, at $7 for adults and $5 for children and seniors, are on sale in the Bursar’s Office at (714) 432-5880 and online at www.occtickets.com. Tickets will be $9 and $7 at the door.

Everyone in attendance will be treated to a free ice cream treat. There will also be a visit by Santa; parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.

Dental Assisting Programs Seek Volunteer Patients

Students in the OCC Dental Assisting Program will provide low-cost dental exams and cleaning to volunteers this spring, according to Joy Myers, program chair.

Most volunteer patients are students referred by the Student Health Center, but the low-cost program is also open to staff, faculty and their family members, Myers said.

Dental Assisting Program students accept patients to do their clinic requirements. A dentist performs complete exams, students take digital full-mouth xrays, and a dental hygienist does teeth cleaning. “We do tooth whitening and pit and fissure sealants also,” Myers said. “These services are offered at a very reduced fee.”

Patients needing more complex dental work are referred to other low-cost providers. Anyone interested in volunteering as a patient should email Myers at jlmyers@occcd.edu.
OCC Student Veteran Pursues Acting Career

Orange Coast College student Sam Kim, an Army veteran, is on the road to making his dream of becoming a professional actor come true. In the past year, Kim has worked in several commercials and has been cast in a movie.

The 24-year-old veteran credits his success to the discipline he learned serving for four years in the United States Army, support from his family, and confidence he built in a class by Orange Coast College speech instructor, Georgie Monahan. Kim, who carries 12 credits each semester while he works as a full-time actor, plans to earn a Bachelor’s degree in psychology at UCLA or UC Irvine.

At OCC, Monahan “helped me in so many ways,” Kim said. “Not only did she help me with speech, she taught me life lessons along the way.” Her class helped Kim overcome stage fright and improve his public speaking skills.

Kim, 24, graduated from Northwood High School, Irvine, and completed a year at Saddleback Community College before he enlisted in the Army, where he served for four years as an automated logistics specialist, including two tours of duty in South Korea.

Campus Extends Library, Computer Center Hours During Finals Week

Orange Coast College will offer extended hours for students in several campus areas, including the Library, Computing Center and Student Success Center during finals week. Kristin Clark, Vice President of Student Services, announced the extended hours this week. The program is “an effort to support a culture of academic success that emphasizes the importance of studying.”

The Library will be extended from 8:00 a.m. to 12 midnight on Thursday, December 6th, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10-12. The Library will be closed on Sunday, December 9th. The Computing Center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 6th, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10-12. Volunteers will keep the Computing Center open on Sunday, December 9th, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Starbucks will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on December 6, 10, 11 and 12. The café will donate cambros of coffee from 10:00 to 11:30 p.m. for students studying in the Library.

Study space will also be available in the Student Center during finals week. This Special Finals Week Fall 2012 Services schedule can also be found at http://bit.ly/SsRJld.