League for Innovation in the Community College
Just a reminder that Coast is co-hosting the national League of Innovation in the Community College Innovations conference in March 2014. I encourage everyone to submit a proposal for the conference to showcase your programs and services that advance innovation and enhance student learning. It is a national conference with hundreds of attendees and a great way to spotlight the work of our faculty and staff. Please visit the League for Innovation website at www.league.org for information on submitting a proposal.

Orange County Legislative Task Force
The OCLTF met this week and a part of the discussion focused on the academic standards reform talks at both the state and federal levels. Of concern is how the Board of Governors will address this topic in the near future. OCLTF members discussed how we can best leverage the collective influence of our elected trustees to contact members of the Board of Governors to articulate that aligned standards would be best for our colleges. I will be forwarding information and specifics to the Board in the coming weeks for discussion and action.

Meeting with OC Register
After the OCLTF meeting, the chancellors and public affairs directors met with the new owner and editor of the Orange County Register. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the OC Register’s new business model and to determine how to establish a more positive relationship between the county’s nine community colleges and the newspaper. The conversation was open and frank and was a positive move toward enhancing our relationship with the important news source. Steve Churm, the editor acknowledged that the OC Register of the past provided less than favorable coverage of public education, but that the new owner brought a new philosophy of community service to the organization. I am very hopeful that we can all move forward toward better, more positive coverage from our local paper.

LA/OC Regional Consortium Steering Committee on Workforce Development – While I had a schedule conflict and was unable to attend this week’s LA/OC Regional Consortium, I was able to share our ideas and concerns regarding workforce development issues and funding. I will continue to serve on this important committee to ensure that Orange County (and Coast Colleges) OC is fully represented and our needs for workforce development are being addressed at the state level.
High School Counselors Annual Event Held at Coast
You may have noticed that parking was at a premium this week thanks to a special workshop on financial aid. This is an annual event that is held for high school counselors regarding financial aid and California specific grants. The event is sponsored by the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA), the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), and ECMC (this is the guarantor agency that took over EdFund for the state). There are over 20 sessions held across and up and down the state - free to high school counselors. Financial aid administrators and a CSAC trainer do the presentations; the CASFAA High School Relations Committee is responsible for the coordination of the event, event locations, and the updating of materials.

Anything to Share?
Have an update that you would like to share? Let us know! Please submit your information by noon Thursday to Martha Parham at mparham@mail.cccd.edu.

Happy Veterans’ Day!
I would like to thank OCC for the very special tribute to Veterans on campus this week. It was a great event and a fitting tribute to those that serve. As we all enjoy the holiday on Monday, I would like to thank all of those that have served our country and invite you to attend the many Veterans’ Day events at the OC Fairgrounds co-sponsored by the Coast Federation of Educators.

Sincerely,

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Student Veterans Throw Their Own Veterans Day Event

The GWC Student Veterans Organization (SVO) celebrated Veterans Day on November 7th by throwing their own fundraising event in the Central Quad. The club is raising money to bring a Special Olympics competition to the GWC campus, and they sold hand-crafted bracelets at this event.

Activities included an obstacle course competition and an MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) eating contest. Luckily, guests didn’t have to eat the military rations, the veterans served pizza and sodas for a small charge, or free for students with an ID sticker.

Attendees were asked to sign a poster with the name of a veteran that they wish to honor on Veterans Day. One staff member listed 19 names!

The GWC Intercultural Program Celebrates Day of the Dead in Style!

Many years ago the Intercultural Program began this celebration on our campus as a way to honor the lives of those who have passed on before us. The *Día de los muertos* event is a collaboration with the Puente Program of Golden West College. Students and campus community are invited to make shoebox altars that include a picture of the deceased, trinkets that relate to the life they lived, and special foods and drinks that the deceased enjoyed.

This year’s celebration was worked into the curriculum of the Puente Program by Professors Nancy Fong and Stephanie Guerrero. The students were given a lesson on the history of *Day of the Dead* by Lorena M. Ortega of the Intercultural Program. They then set out to build the small altars—some of the students even helped build the large altar on the day of the celebration.

The GWC Cosmetology Program and Club participated in the Intercultural Program event for the first time by offering free Halloween face painting anyone who attended. Additionally, Professor Anita Preciado of Coastline Community College brought 40 students to participate in building the shoebox altars and in a sugar skull decorating workshop.
Rustler Football (8-1, 4-1) dominated Orange Coast in an astounding 52-7 victory, keeping the Victory Bell and moving closer to post season action.

Men's Water Polo (19-2, 5-0) will look to claim its 43rd Conference Championship November 8-9 at Fullerton College. Going into the OEC Championships, the Rustlers will play either Fullerton, who they defeated earlier in the season 15-10, or Santa Ana, an 18-7 win for GWC.

Women's Water Polo (22-0, 6-0) pulled out a narrow 11-9 victory over Riverside, continuing their push for a second undefeated season.

Women's Volleyball (13-2, 7-2) took 55 minutes to down Santa Ana by a score of 25-10, 25-7, 25-10 at home to get back in the win column, only to see a 0-3 loss at Cypress. The women are now ranked 4th in the state, and 3rd in So Cal as they now revisit conference teams in the push for SoCal Regionals at the end of the month.

Women's Soccer (7-6-4, 6-4-2) is looking to bounce back after suffering losses to Irvine Valley and Cypress. Despite these losses, the women are still in a 3-way tie for 2nd place ranking in the OEC.

Men's Soccer (8-7-2, 5-3-2) defeated Cypress 7-0, playing strong from the opening whistle. They now face their toughest competition as they push for the end of the season - looking to beat OCC and Santa Ana for a top spot in the OEC.

Rustler Cross Country team members have advanced to the So Cal Championships on November 8th at Central Park in Valencia.

For more stories and full game recaps, go to our website
www.gwcathletics.com
Arts & Letters Upcoming Events

GWC Community Gallery Exhibit
Creative Found Objects
November 15 - December 5
Gallery Hours:
Monday - Friday, 10am - 2pm
Curator: Professor Darrell Ebert
www.goldenwestcollege.edu/gallery
(There will not be an opening reception for this exhibit).

The GWC Theater Department presents
Irving Berlin’s WHITE CHRISTMAS
November 15 – 24
GWC Mainstage Theater
Directed and Choreographed by Martie Ramm
Tickets: www.gwctheater.com

Art Department
Steam Roller Woodblock Event
November 19
GWC Fine Arts Plaza
9am - 2pm
Come join us and watch the GWC Printmaking students print large format woodblocks with a 3 ton steamroller!
Event also includes:
• Custom t-shirt printing
• Print your own woodblock
• Art prints for sale
• Gourmet food truck
• Live music
• & more!

This is an exhibit of amazing art made from recycled materials by artists Arnold Schulenberg and Lana Shuttleworth.
OCC Alumni Hall of Fame Welcomes NB Film Fest Founder

Gregg Schwenk, founder and CEO of the Newport Beach Film Festival, businessman, writer and educator, will be inducted into Orange Coast College’s Alumni Hall of Fame on Friday, November 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the OCC Library. Light refreshments will be served.

Schwenk, who attended OCC from 1986 to 1988, transferred to University of California at Berkeley, where he graduated as a Presidential Fellow with degree in Political Economy with high honors. He later completed the Advanced Managed Development Program at The University of Southern California.

Orange Coast College provided an “outstanding education,” said Schwenk, who enrolled at OCC after graduating from nearby Newport Harbor High School. “The broad range of classes prepared me well not only for UC Berkeley, but also for life overall.”

“Life overall” includes a career in investment banking, supervising mergers and acquisitions for both buyers and sellers as senior vice president at Strategic Mergers Group, RSM McGladrey and Citigroup. Schwenk has been a member of the adjunct faculty at Cal State Fullerton’s School of Communications for 13 years.

Schwenk’s love of film and economic development coalesced with founding the Newport Beach Film Festival, which screens over 300 films a year to an audience of more than 53,000. NBFF introduced Academy Award winners “Crash” (Best Picture, 2006) and “The Cove” (Best Documentary, 2009).

During the last 10 years, Schwenk has also supported OCC’s Film Department’s entries to the festival, “OCC Shorts.” He praised professors Bill Hall and Bob Lazarus, along with department coordinator Scott Broberg, for creating a strong program that “warrants a strong partnership” with the festival.

As a student at Berkeley, Schwenk researched the economic benefits of film production for regional and local economies. The experience prepared him for the future. He combined his love of film and his role as a director on Newport Beach’s Economic Development Committee into a new endeavor – The Newport Beach Film Festival.

Schwenk is also president of the Orange County Film Society, an organization that previews 20 films per year; many of them become nominees for the Oscars and Golden Globes.

When he is not working, Schwenk enjoys traveling and watching movies for fun. He also has close family ties to his parents and brother, who all live in Orange County.
“Bridging Cultures” Topic for November 13 Library Program

The Orange Coast College Friends of the Library will present “Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys” on Wednesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Orange Coast College Library Community Room. Admission is free for OCC students and FOTL members; donation for others is $5 or a gently used book.

Guest speakers include Vinta Oviatt, OCC librarian and professor, and Marcella Norling, OCC professor of religious studies. They will be joined by Majid Hammad, an OCC student and president of the Muslim Students Association (MSA); Omar Rana, an engineering student and MSA vice president; and Ibrahim Vasquez, MSA member.

Special guest will be Shaykh Jamaal Diwan, the resident scholar at the Islamic Center of Irvine. Diwan was born and raised in Southern California and received a bachelor’s degree in Third World Studies and a minor in Psychology from the University of California, San Diego. He has served with the Muslim Student Association (MSA), MSA West, and the Muslim American Society (MAS) at varying capacities.

Women's Cross Country claims 18th straight OEC title!

ORANGE -- The last time the Orange Coast College women's cross country team did not win an Orange Empire Conference championship, a large portion of this year's team was not even born.

The Pirates continued their winning ways by staking claim to their 18th consecutive OEC title with a dominating performance on Friday at Irvine Park.

Sophomore standout Karen Silvas took home the individual title for the Pirates, leading the team to a 1-2-3-5-9 finish for a team score of 20 points. Fullerton College finished second overall with 55 points, while Riverside City College (101 points) came in third.

Silvas, last year’s OEC runner-up to teammate Leanne Allen, blazed a winning 5K time of 19 minutes, 2.12 seconds. Raeanna Cortez came in second for OCC at 19:07.71, while Allen took home the bronze with a time of 19:13.25.

Golden West's Cynthia Torres broke up the OCC string by taking fourth with a time 19:14.53 before Coast’s Guadalupe Cantoran finished fifth at 19:24.43. Allison Nagel claimed the final scoring spot for the Pirates, taking ninth at 19:54.47.

Other top times for the Pirates included Kristie Son (11th, 20:01.38), Mariah Chapin (14th, 20:21.97), Summer Ordaz (22nd, 20:58.35), Bianca Moreno (39th, 21:32.38), Aini Morales (37th, 22:08.18) and Norma Ledesma (41st, 22:28.38).

The Pirates will head out to Santa Clarita's Central Park for the 2013 Southern California Regional Meet, set for Friday at 10 a.m.