



Calendar

- **Nov-Nov. 21** – “The Pleasure of My Company,” Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion
- **Nov-Nov. 21** – “Adrienne Devine: Amalgamation - The Art,” Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion
- **Nov. 7** – Veterans Day Event, Noon-1:30 p.m., Main Quad
- **Nov. 8-10** – OCC Theatre production of “Three Sisters,” 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre, Parking Lot C
- **Nov. 15 & 16** – OCC Theatre production of “Three Sisters,” 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre, Parking Lot C
- **Nov. 16** – OCC Chamber Singers & OCC Chorale’s Fall Choral-Vocal Showcase, 7:30 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theater, Parking Lot C
- **Nov. 17** – OCC Theatre production of “Three Sisters,” 2:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre, Parking Lot C
- **Nov. 19** – OCC Symphony Winter Showcase – “Songs of Fire & Ice,” 7:30 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theater, Parking Lot C
- **Dec. 3** – Giving Tuesday
- **Dec. 3** – OCC’s Pop Vocal Classes Present “And All That Pop,” 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall:102, Parking Lot C
- **Dec. 4** – Fall Student Dance Showcase, 7 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theatre, Parking Lot C
- **Dec. 6 & 7** – An Old Fashioned Christmas Melodrama & Ice Cream Social, 7 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre, Parking Lot C
- **Dec. 7 & 8** – An Old Fashioned Christmas Melodrama & Ice Cream Social, 2:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre, Parking Lot C
- **Dec. 13 & 14** – An Old Fashioned Christmas Melodrama & Ice Cream Social, 7 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre, Parking Lot C
- **Dec. 14 & 15** – An Old Fashioned Christmas Melodrama & Ice Cream Social, 2:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre, Parking Lot C

Orange Coast College to Receive Sustainability Award

Orange Coast College has been selected to receive the Excellence in Energy and Sustainability – Faculty/Student Initiative Award from the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

OCC was recognized for its multidisciplinary collaboration in marine science, horticulture, culinary arts, and food and beverage management. This effort stemmed from a desire to introduce advanced agriculture techniques and led to the creation of the Aquaponics Lab.

“We are honored to receive this Sustainability Award from the CCC Board of Governors, reflecting the dedication and innovative spirit of our college community,” says OCC President Angelica Suarez. “Coast’s reputation as a leader in sustainability

and climate action is built on our commitment to multi-disciplinary collaboration and innovation that is evidenced through our rich traditions such as Green Coast Day. This award is not just a recognition of our efforts—it underscores our leadership in tackling some of the most pressing environmental challenges.”

At the Aquaponics Lab, marine science and horticulture students work together to produce 300 heads of lettuce with just one bucket of water a day.



Culinary arts and food and beverage management students use the produce at Captain's Table, OCC's casual-upscale restaurant. Additionally, the produce is distributed to Pirates' Cove, OCC's on-campus food pantry, to help address food insecurity among Coast students.

Established in 2012, the Board of Governors Energy and Sustainability Awards are divided into four categories: Excellence in Energy and Sustainability - Climate Action Leadership; Excellence in Energy and Sustainability - Sustainability Champion; Excellence in Energy and Sustainability - Innovative Project; and Excellence in Energy and Sustainability - Faculty/Student Initiatives.

The Excellence in Energy and Sustainability - Faculty/Student Initiatives award recognizes faculty and students who have excelled in developing sustainability initiatives for their college. The criterion for this award includes the creation of an innovative initiative that institutionalizes sustainability by integrating the initiative into campus operations and student learning or curriculum, engages the community in implementing the initiative, and has measurable results to demonstrate success. Faculty and student collaboration in the creation and implementation of sustainability plans are also eligible for this award.

The award will be presented at the November Board of Governors' meeting.

Civil Rights Activist Sylvia Mendez Honored with OCC Plaque

Orange Coast College celebrated a plaque unveiling for civil rights activist and OCC alumna Sylvia Mendez.

The event included remarks by OCC President Angelica Suarez, OCC Academic Senate President Rendell Drew and Sylvia Mendez.

Following the remarks, attendees were invited inside the Consumer and Health Sciences building for the plaque unveiling.

OCC Horticulture Marigold Sale Perfectly Timed for Día de Muertos

Orange Coast College's Horticulture Department celebrated Day of the Dead, or Día de Muertos, with a Marigold Plant Sale on October 25 and November 1.

The Horticulture Department at OCC is renowned for its annual plant sales, typically held each semester. Due to high demand and the marigold plant sale selling out in under three hours at last year's inaugural sale, the department added a second date for this year's sale.



This year, Horticulture grew 1,000 marigold plants, 600 more than last year, and sold out within the first hour on the second day of the sale.

The marigold sale was perfectly timed for Día de Muertos, a holiday that honors and remembers deceased loved ones and is celebrated annually in Mexico and throughout Latin America, typically on November 1 and 2. The marigold flower, or cempasúchil, is native to Mexico and is traditionally used to adorn ofrendas (altars) built by family members of the deceased.

During the November 1 plant sale, Horticulture set up an ofrenda to honor Día de Muertos and had face painting available for attendees to the sale.

All proceeds from the plant sale went toward student scholarships and projects.

OCC Shorts Screened at Newport Beach Film Festival

Orange Coast College student filmmakers saw their work displayed on the big screen as part of the Newport Beach Film Festival on Sunday, Oct. 20 at Regal Edwards Big Newport in Newport Beach.

The annual showcase, known as “OCC Shorts,” features short films produced entirely by OCC film and television students. This marks the 21st year that OCC has participated in the Newport Beach Film Festival, where it was the first college to present films. This year, five colleges were represented.

“The Film & TV Department is proud of our student filmmakers



and our long-standing relationship with the Festival,” said Film and TV Department Chair Erik Forssell.

Ten short films created by OCC student filmmakers were selected to be part of OCC Shorts. The entries were chosen by a committee of film instructors, who narrowed down the finalists among dozens of hopefuls looking to snag the highly coveted spots.

The student films varied in length from two to 19 minutes and included titles such as "A Genuine Mistake," "Help," "Howl," "JUSTICE KNOWS NO MERCY," "Sumatra Women," "Planetary Petrol," "My Favorite Rebound," "Nugget," "Take Me to Jail, Please?" and "The Fish." The directors of these films are Calvin Nguyen, Luke Blackburn, Bishop Rhone, Tanner Shelton, Lux Shoo, Liam Crist, Kammy O'Brien, Steven Ramos, and Avery Beck.



Two New Exhibitions Unveiled at the Doyle Arts Pavilion

The Doyle Arts Pavilion unveiled two concurrent exhibitions, "The Pleasure of My Company" and "Adrienne Devine: Amalgamation - The Art of Visual Dialogue." Both exhibitions will be on display at The Doyle until Nov. 21. Admission is free for all exhibitions.

"The Pleasure of My Company" is a celebration of presence through the lens of black artists. The exhibit captures a multigenerational group, including a current faculty (Larissa Brown) and student (Balinda Kibalama) at Orange Coast College. Whether on cameras, paint, collage, and glitter: these experiences are freed into abstract gestures or honored through references to family, history, and place.

"AMALGAMATION - The Art of Visual Dialogue" transforms the art of bookmaking. The exhibition explores the vision of mixed media artist, Adrienne DeVine, whose diverse body of work includes installations, paintings, collage, hanging wire sculptures, and handmade books. DeVine's visual language is inspired by precolonial African culture, elements of traditional and contemporary artistic practices, and is embedded with historical and contemporary dimensions of human experience.

Learn more about the exhibitions at the Doyle Arts Pavilion website.



OCC Participating in Giving Tuesday this Holiday Season

The Orange Coast College Foundation is participating in this year's Giving Tuesday on December 3. This will mark the ninth year that the College participates in Giving Tuesday.

Giving Tuesday is an international effort to inspire personal philanthropy and charitable giving during the holiday season. Largely fueled by social media, the event takes place on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and widely recognized retail events like Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many people participate in end-of-year giving.



Pirates Add Seven New Members to Athletics Hall of Fame

Orange Coast College Athletics held their 2024 OCC Athletics Hall of Fame dinner and banquet in late October, honoring six individuals and one team for their remarkable Pirate careers, both on- and off the athletic fields.

The newest members of OCC's proud collection of greats include Barbara Bond, Scott Beerer, Cari Garfield, Janice Maran, Lance Ortiz and Leon Skeie, as well as the 1956 OCC Baseball Team.