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- **through Oct. 8 – Applied Pressure**
Frank M. Doyle Art Pavilion, times vary
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- **Oct. 9 – Women’s Volleyball vs. Fullerton**
Peterson Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
- **Oct. 9-11, 16-18 – A Midsummer Night’s Dream**
Drama Lab Studio, 7:30 & 2:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 9– Women’s Soccer vs. Cypress**
Soccer Complex, 3 p.m.
- **Oct. 12 – Study Abroad Fair**
Watson Hall Quad, 9 a.m.
- **Oct. 13 – MBCC Ribbon Cutting**
Math, Business, Computing Center, 10 a.m.
- **Oct. 13 – Men’s Soccer vs. Cypress**
Soccer Complex, 3 p.m.
- **Oct. 15 – Great California Shakeout**
Main Campus, 10:15 a.m.
- **Oct. 16 – Women’s Volleyball vs. Golden West**
Peterson Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
- **Oct. 16 – Science Night**
Main Campus, 5:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 16– Women’s Soccer vs. Saddleback**
Soccer Complex, 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 17 – Football vs. Palomar**
LeBarb Stadium, 6 p.m.

OCC’s Math, Business, Computing Center Ribbon Cutting Set For Oct. 13

A ribbon cutting is planned for Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. for the College’s newest state-of-the-art building, the Mathematics, Business and Computing Center.

Construction was completed on the MBCC in mid-August, and the building opened on the first day of OCC’s fall semester. The 90,000-square-foot interdisciplinary complex includes 10 computer labs, three lecture halls and 30 faculty offices.

The MBCC was built using money from Measure M, a \$698 million bond that passed in 2012. The building is the first phase in a multi-phase building plan that includes a new student union, planetarium and recycling center.

“The MBCC building sets the standard for OCC in new technology, with more than 700 computer stations throughout the building and the introduction of a virtual

desktop infrastructure,” said OCC President Dennis Harkins.

Symphony, Choral Ensemble Season Opener Will be Last For Conductor Ric Soto

OCC’s Symphony and Choral Ensembles’ performance on Saturday, Oct. 3 will serve as a curtain call for popular orchestra conductor Ricardo Soto, and he’s going out with a bang ... literally.

The program, titled “There’s no place like home” will start at 7:30 p.m. and will feature several bold pieces, including Tchaikovsky’s “1812” overture, a piece known for a climactic explosion



of cannons meant to represent the Battle of Borodino between Russian and French forces in 1812. OCC's Chamber Singers and Chorale will add their nearly 100 voices to the work.

"The canons with the huge orchestra ... it's very exciting!" said Soto. "If you're not familiar with classical music, this is a really good program to come and see."

Other pieces that will be featured in the program include Smetana's "The Moldau," and Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring," which tells a story of a prairie family in the 19th century. The performance also will serve as an educational experience, with Soto interspersing the program with some discussion about each piece.

"We're doing all programmatic literature, or literature that tells a story, and in this case the stories are all about the composers' homelands. I chose this program with my students in mind," said Soto. "We always discuss these pieces in class, and it'll be so nice to be able to play it for them and then discuss it with them."

Soto's replacement as conductor of the OCC orchestra conductor will be Christopher Gravis, a doctoral candidate from the University of Southern California. Gravis has been the director of music at St. Wilfrid of York Episcopal Church for the past five years, and has served as a guest conductor with the San Diego Symphony and the Clarion Singers at Canterbury Cathedral in England. He also has taught graduate and undergraduate conducting, women's chorus and the University Singers at Cal State Fullerton

"The orchestra needs a young whippersnapper to come in and take it to the next level," said Soto, who will continue to teach at OCC and will co-direct the College's Choral. "We are very lucky to have [Gravis] with us"

Tickets for the Oct. 3 performance of "There's no place like home" run \$15 for general admission and \$10 for OCC students, and can be purchased at (714) 432-5880 or online at www.occtickets.com. Tickets also may be purchased at the door.



OCC Early Childhood Lab School Named Monarch Butterfly WayStation

OCC's Early Childhood Lab School has been certified as a Monarch Butterfly Waystation due to the school's contributions to monarch preservation.

Waystation habitats provide resources necessary for Monarchs to breed and undertake a lengthy migration from the northern U.S. and Canada to Mexico and California each year. In recent years, things like land development, deforestation and agricultural expansion have begun to seriously threaten this migration.

"Over the past several years the teachers and children at the Early Childhood Lab School have been investigating, observing and documenting the life cycle of butterflies," explained Lab School Director Suzanne Jaglowski. "They learned that the Monarch butterfly like to feed on milkweed and invited their parents to donate plants, and the school invested in plants as well. The children planted and have maintained the plants in the school gardens ever since."

The Lab School is part of OCC's early childhood education department, and provides a setting in which college students may observe and learn to be teachers of children ages 2-4. Planting milkweed is one way that the school provides a hands-on learning approach for preschool-aged children.

“Last spring the children noticed that there were many baby caterpillars on the plants,” Jaglowski said. “Soon we had Monarch butterflies gliding around our yards. The teachers decided that we should continue our efforts to preserve these beautiful butterflies and encourage the children to learn more about the natural elements that surround them so they applied to become an official Monarch Waystation.”

The School has received a certificate of appreciation from www.monarchwatch.org and has been assigned Monarch Waystation number 11,664.

OCC Theatre Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream With a Twist

The Department of Theatre Arts will present William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night Dream" on October 9-11 and 16-18. The production will be performed in the Drama Lab Studio on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m., with a final Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. in lieu of the evening performance.

The Shakespearean comedy will be set in the Dakota Territories in 1870 and incorporate Native American lore in a creative re-telling of the timeless classic.

“Years ago, I had this thought of doing A Midsummer Night's Dream set in the West,” Director and Theatre Arts Instructor Tom Bruno said. “I started doing research on the town of Deadwood and the Lakota tribe, and the pieces just perfectly fell into place.”



Bruno encourages instructors to include this performance as a part of their class activities for the semester and is happy to make arrangements to hold post-performance discussions in the theatre with the cast, himself and students.

“Many instructors find that using a live, theatrical performance as a basis for class discussion, written composition or critique can inspire students to think critically, get a stronger focus on related subject matter and view a world, culture and time period that is different from their own,” he said. “This production is set in the town of Deadwood in the 1870's, so historical parallels are also relevant for history classes. Since theatre is a reflection of life, its applicability to practically any topic is useful and offers a wealth of opportunity for discussion.”

Student tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door and will be available at www.occtickets.com.

More than 5,000 Guests Expected for OCC's Science Night Oct. 16

OCC will host more than 5,000 elementary school students and their families on campus at the College's 13th annual Science Night on Oct. 16.

Youngsters from 25 elementary schools in Newport Mesa, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach and Westminster school districts are invited to attend the event, which will take place from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

This year's theme for exhibits is “From the Sea to the Stars” and will include robots on parade, stargazing with high-powered telescopes, creepy-crawly creatures from the sea, bones and skeletons, airplanes, helicopters, volcanic rocks and dinosaur bones. Participating departments include marine sciences, chemistry, biology, astronomy and engineering.

Admission and parking for the event are free, and all attendees will receive a free hot dog, chips and a drink.





OCC Commemorates International Day of Peace With Unveiling of 'Peace Pole'

Orange Coast College unveiled a new "Peace Pole" during a ceremony to commemorate the United Nations' International Day of Peace, or World Peace Day, on Sept. 21.

OCC's Peace Pole features carvings in 16 languages plus a Braille plate that all say "May Peace Prevail on Earth." The languages chosen for the Peace Pole represent the top languages spoken in Orange County, and the pole itself is meant to serve as a symbol of universal peace on campus.

The Peace Pole will be on view in the Associated Students of Orange Coast College (ASOCC) office, before finding its permanent home in a Multicultural Center that the College plans to build in the next few years.

"It was wonderful to see the students work with the College to bring this symbol of peace to the heart of our campus," said Director of Student Life Mike Morvice. "Our Peace Pole will serve as a daily reminder of something we all should be striving toward."

The College's music department students performed "Dona Nobis Pacem" at the ceremony, and attendees heard speeches from OCC President Dr. Dennis Harkins, as well as representatives from the Model United Nations Club and ASOCC.

"There's nothing more appropriate for Orange Coast College than to celebrate peace," said President Harkins. "I'm delighted to see that we have an active Model UN, and I congratulate our student government for taking advantage of today's activities to celebrate peace at OCC."

World Peace Day was first celebrated in 1982 and is a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. This year's theme is "Partnerships for Peace — Dignity for All."

ASOCC Conference Will Help Students Develop Leadership Skills

The Associated Students of Orange Coast College will host a leadership conference on Friday, Oct. 9 titled "Building Blocks of Leadership: Establishing a Strong Foundation."

The conference will take place from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and will feature guest speaker Rick Trevino, a student activities specialist from Ventura College who is serving as the California Community College Student Affairs Association president for 2015-16.

The day will include workshops intended to help students across campus strengthen their leadership skills and enhance their relationships with fellow students and College staff, including "Tapping Into Social Media's Full Potential" and "Running Effective Meetings and Events."

The registration fee for the conference is \$10, which includes materials and meals. For more information contact the ASOCC office at (714) 432-5730.

Dr. Kristin Clark Named President of West Hills Lemoore College

OCC Vice President of Student Services Dr. Kristin Clark has been named president of West Hills College Lemoore in California's Central Valley.

Dr. Clark has been at Coast since 1999, when she was hired as Director of Admissions. She was named Vice President of Student Services in 2010.

During her time at OCC Dr. Clark has spearheaded the College's compliance with Title IX, and has worked on behalf of some of the school's most vulnerable student populations. Her leadership on behalf of student veterans was the driving force behind the creation of the College's Veteran's Resource Center, and her work with behavioral assessment has helped better identify students most in need of support services.

A proponent of student life, Dr. Clark also has been recognized as a "Friend of ASOCC" for her support of student government, and her work to implement the Banner system and the MyOCC dashboard has benefitted not just OCC, but all the colleges that fall under the Coast Colleges banner.

Dr. Clark will continue at OCC through the fall semester before beginning her tenure at West Hills Lemoore in January. She will be missed!