



## Calendar

- **May 18 — Employee Recognition and Retiree Event**  
Horticulture Gardens, 2-4 p.m.
  - **May 19 — World Dance Concert**  
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 8 p.m.
  - **May 21 — Classical Guitar Concert**  
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 3 p.m.
  - **May 23 — Allied Health Pinning Ceremony**  
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 5 p.m.
  - **May 24 — Commencement**  
Pacific Amphitheatre, 5:30 p.m.
- SAVE THE DATE!**  
August 25 — Fall Flex Day  
Campus Quad, 8:30 a.m.



## Dunk-a-Dean Event Raises \$1,500 for Student Scholarships

**M**anagers, administrators and staffers agreed to be dunked for a good cause on Thursday, May 4 in the College's Quad.

In honor of National Foster Care Awareness Month during May, OCC's Guardian Scholars program hosted a "Dunk-a-Dean" fundraiser to raise money for the Joshua Aguirre Memorial scholarship, which is handed out at the College's Honors Night each year.

Several managers were game, including Executive Director of Advancement Doug Bennett, Vice President of Instruction Kevin Ballinger, and Dean of Enrollment Kate Mueller, as well as the entire Guardian Scholars staff. The event raised more than \$1,500 — enough for two scholarships.

"We had a great turn out and a very successful event," says Guardian Scholar staffer Gabrielle Ridley. "We are so thankful to our campus community and especially our brave and selfless volunteers who proved to our Scholars how much they matter at OCC."

Throws were available for \$1, \$5 and \$10 (the higher the cost, the easier the throw), and a "guaranteed dunk" went for \$20. The festivities were followed by a dinner and presentation by motivational speaker and former foster youth Sade Burrell.

OCC's Guardian Scholars Program is a comprehensive campus support program for current and former foster youth students at the College. Services include academic advising, textbook grants, referrals to community resources, a drop-in resource center, and field trips and events. To learn more about OCC's Guardian Scholars program visit [www.tinyurl.com/ocguardianscholars](http://www.tinyurl.com/ocguardianscholars)

## OCC's 69th Commencement Ceremony Set for May 24

**O**CC will confer 4,919 associate degrees and certificates at the College's 69th commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 24. Several thousand people are expected to attend the program at 5:30 p.m. at the Pacific Amphitheatre (88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa).

A total of 1,195 students will receive Associate in Arts degrees, while 1,301 will earn Associate in Science degrees. Certificates of Completion will be presented to 2,423 graduates.

Former Alumni of the Year and retired NFL player and broadcaster Benny Ricardo will deliver the keynote speech, titled "In the Moment." Ricardo attended OCC from 1971-1972, where he played football under OCC coaching legend Dick Tucker. He credits Coach Tucker with being the first person to validate his goal of playing in the NFL, and describes OCC as the place where his "dreams were born."

Alumni Margaret "Peg" Knoll also will be honored at the ceremony. Knoll currently manages University of California, Irvine's Cardiovascular Center.

OCC will provide a live streaming of the ceremony at [www.orangecoastcollege.edu/gradvideo](http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/gradvideo).

Tickets are not required to attend the commencement ceremony, and there is no limit to the number of guests graduates may invite to the program. Parking is available through Gate 3 on Fairview Road.

Guests who need physical assistance or seating accommodations should arrive at least 45 minutes early to receive assistance from OCC staff members. Strollers are not permitted in the seating areas or aisles of the Amphitheatre.

Evenings can be alternately sunny and chilly, so attendees are encouraged to dress appropriately. Sunscreen is recommended.



## Pirates Jump Out Early, Topple Dons to Win Super Regional Series

After an opening-game scare, the Orange Coast College baseball team dusted itself off and returned to the business of winning and on May 14, the Pirates eliminated rival Santa Ana College with a 9-4 win in the rubber game of the Southern California Super Regional playoffs at Wendell Pickens Field.

With the series win, Coast returns to Wendell Pickens Field on May 19 to host No. 5 El Camino (37-8) in a best-of-three Southern California Sectionals matchup. Game 2 will take place on Saturday at 1 p.m. and if a third game is necessary, it'll be on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The top-seeded Pirates (35-10), 3-1 losers to the 14th-seeded Dons on May 12, evened things with a 5-1 win on May 13 before bringing out big bats on May 14.

Nolan Powers went 4-for-4 with a run and an RBI for Coast (35-10), while Eric Wagaman and Ramiro Velasco each added two hits and two RBI. Travis Moniot reached base five times with two hits and three walks with a run scored and an RBI.

In all, OCC pounded out 14 hits and took advantage of eight walks against the Dons (29-17), who lost 5-of-6 to the Pirates this season.

Both teams had ample opportunities to score in the first two innings but neither one was able to do so. Finally, in the bottom of the third, the "big hits" were found on the side of the Pirates.

**GAME NOTES** — With his three free passes this past weekend, Travis Moniot has now collected 47 walks this season, setting a new OCC record previously held by Rex Peters, who collected 45 free passes in 1986 and again in 1987. El Camino advanced to next week's Sectionals by sweeping past Pasadena City, 8-1, and 9-2. This is the first meeting between the two schools since the opening round of the 2014 playoffs, won by the eventual state-champion Pirates, 7-4 and 8-2.

## College Awards Nearly Half a Million Dollars at Annual Honor's Night

OCC handed out approximately \$475,000 in scholarships to deserving students at its annual Honors Night event on May 10. The tradition, now in its 59th year, recognizes students who have achieved top honors in academics as well as service and leadership to the College and community.

The event included a buffet in the College's Quad that showcased the creativity of OCC's culinary arts students with elaborately prepared hor d'oeuvres and desserts. The theme for the night was "Pete the Pirate Sails the Seven Seas," and Pete was on hand to meet to greet attendees.

"Obtaining an education is a journey ... a journey that leads to and through different courses," said Dean of Students Derek Vergara at the ceremony. "Along this educational journey, you will encounter people who are willing to help you map your academic and career aspirations by giving you the direction and the opportunity to explore. At Orange Coast College, we deeply understand the importance of giving you the necessary support that [helps you] obtain your career aspirations."





## Employee Recognition, Retiree End-of-Year Event Slated for May 18

Orange Coast College will celebrate the excellence of its staff and faculty on Thursday, May 18 with a Employee & Retiree Recognition event.

The festivities will take place in OCC's Horticulture Gardens from 2-4 p.m. and will include a presentation of the Coast Colleagues of the Year and Hanging of the Orange awards, Spring and Summer 2017 retiree recognition, and acknowledgement of other award recipients\*

An hors d'oeuvres and dessert reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

\*The Full Time Faculty coast Colleague of the Year will not be present

## Facilities Committee Receives Update on Student Union, Housing

OCC's Facilities Committee met with architects on Thursday, May 4 to hammer out more details about the College's future Student Union and Housing.

Changes that were discussed included color schemes on the Student Dormitories, and landscaping in front of the future OCC Student Union.

The Student Union is slated to be three stories tall, and will include space for culinary classes, a cafeteria, administrative offices and the OCC Bursar. A separate building nearby will be used for Student Life functions and will house Student Government at OCC.

A consultant group also discussed the results of a student housing survey conducted earlier this year that explores how interested OCC's students would be in housing on campus, and price points.

Apartments with one up to four bedrooms will be offered in

the new dormitories, and all utilities would be included.

The next step for both projects will be a pre-development agreement between the College and architects. There will be a meeting in September that will provide another update on the process

## End-of-Year Guitar Concert Will Feature Grammy Winning Guitarist

Orange Coast College's Guitar Ensemble is giving their final concert of the academic year on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theatre. The show will feature student guitarists from the College's music program, with a special solo performance by guest artist Scott Tennant.

Tennant is a founding member of the Grammy-winning ensemble Los Angeles Guitar Quartet (LAGQ) and is considered one of the world's top classical guitarists.

The show will showcase soloists, small ensembles and a large guitar orchestra on classical guitars, as well as students performing jazz and modern rock/pop standards on acoustic and electric guitars.

Tickets are available for \$10 at the OCC Bursar's Office, (714) 432-5880 or at [www.occtickets.com](http://www.occtickets.com). Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Clay Lacy Scholarship Will Help Fund OCC's Aviation Science Program

Orange Coast College students looking to earn their private instrument and commercial pilot licenses will get a financial boost from Clay Lacy Aviation, the world's most experienced operator of private jets.

Clay Lacy announced this week that it has established a scholarship fund for OCC aviation students that will help offset the cost of flight training at Orange County's John Wayne Airport, where the College maintains a fleet of five aircraft.

"Flight training is expensive," says Program Coordinator and flight instructor Dr. Stanley Harriman. "Many students need that extra financial assistance to complete their pilot certifications. Clay Lacy's support will enable more students to realize their career aspirations and pursue a career in commercial, business or general aviation."

OCC's aviation program is highly regarded, with curriculum that allows students to earn their Associate of Science degree in addition to their private, instrument and commercial pilot licenses. Graduates often go on to complete their studies at a



four-year university or pursue a certified instructor rating, which allows them to teach others to fly.

“Orange County is fortunate to have a collegiate aviation program,” says Scott Cutshall, Vice President of Marketing with Clay Lacy Aviation and a life-long Orange County resident who learned to fly at John Wayne airport. “We are delighted to be able to help the next generation of aviators pursue their passion of flight.”

OCC’s aviation science program is known for being an affordable option for flight training in Orange County. In addition to being approximately 30 percent more cost effective than comparable programs in the area, OCC’s program recently acquired two Redbird flight simulators that allow students to accrue some of their required hours at a fraction of the cost of traditional flying lessons.

## Four Pirates Earn All-Conference Honors

After setting school record with 11 wins, the Orange Coast College beach volleyball duo of Jadelyn Forgiarini and Megan Ritchie were first-team, All-Orange Empire Conference selections, as chosen by the conference coaches at their postseason meeting.

Forgiarini and Ritchie completed a solid 2017 season after earning a spot at the California Community College Athletic Association Beach Volleyball State Championships and went 11-10 for the Pirates this year.

Perhaps the biggest highlight for this Pirate pair came in the opening round of the state tournament, where, as a No. 32-seed, Forgiarini and Ritchie upset the tourney’s top team, Ventura College’s Tori Hiott and Paris Dosch, 22-20, 9-21, 15-10. From there, they fell to Feather River’s Morgan Hughes and Jessica Martinez, 21-9, 21-12.

Fellow Pirates Sierra Lim and Measha Lindstrand joined Forgiarini and Ritchie on the All-OEC list, earning second-team

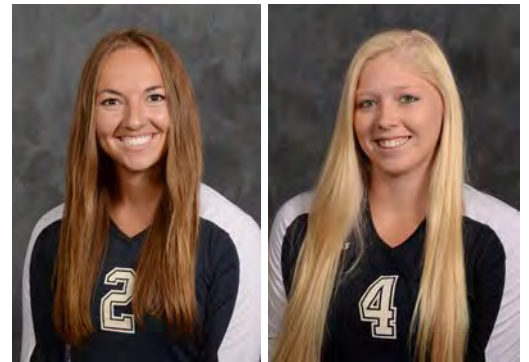


honors. Lim and Lindstrand advanced to the second round of the Orange Empire Conference Tournament and finished the year with a 10-6 record, the second-best all-time winning percentage for a pair in school history.

Lindstrand, who will continue her athletic and academic careers at Hope International University in the fall, finishes her OCC beach career with 14 wins, the most in school history (shared with Danyelle Brown in 2015-16).

## Ritchie, Lindstrand Set to Move on to Hope International

Orange Coast College women’s volleyball standouts Megan Ritchie and Measha Lindstrand will remain teammates at the four-year level as they head up the road to Hope International University in the fall, according to head coach Chuck Cutenese.



Megan Ritchie

Measha Lindstrand

Ritchie, who came to OCC from Snow Canyon (UT) HS, was a freshman co-captain in 2013, where she led Coast with 651 assists to go along with 164 digs, 30 kills, 17 aces and 18 blocks.

After a two-year break, she came back to Coast and was a sparkplug for the Pirates whenever she was called upon. This two-way player notched 241 assists as a setter, 56 kills as an outside hitter and on defense, her 131 digs is fifth-best on the team.

Ritchie continued her fine play in the spring, where she went 11-10 with teammate Jadelyn Forgiarini on the OCC beach volleyball team, advancing to the second round of the CCCAA Beach Volleyball State Tournament. Their strong play earned them first-team, All-Orange Empire Conference honors. As the No. 32-seed in this year’s state tournament, Ritchie and Forgiarini upset No. 1-seed Tori Hiott and Paris Dosch of Ventura College in the opening round, 22-20, 9-21, 15-10.

Lindstrand, who came to OCC from Great Falls (MT) HS, earned a sixth-place spot on OCC’s single-season assist mark with 809 as a freshman co-captain in 2015. That year, she was named OCC’s Freshman of the Year and was a second-team, All-Orange Empire Conference selection.

In the spring of 2017, Lindstrand competed for the Pirate beach volleyball team, where she teamed up with Sierra Lim and earned second-team, All-OEC honors with a 10-6 record. Over her two-year career, Lindstrand racked up 14 beach wins, tied for the most in school history (Danyelle Brown in 2015-16).

In 2016, Lindstrand has 142 assists and her 951 career helpers put her among the top 12 setters to ever play at OCC.