



## Calendar

- **April 21 — Spring Plant Sale**  
Horticulture Greenhouses, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- **April 21 — Spring Flex Day**  
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- **April 25 & 26 — FOTL Spring Used Book Sale**  
OCC Library Lecture Room, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- **April 26 — Softball vs Santiago Canyon**  
Softball Complex, 3 p.m.
- **April 27 — Baseball vs Irvine Valley College**  
Wendell Pickens Field, 2 p.m.
- **April 28 — Spring Plant Sale**  
Horticulture Greenhouses, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- **April 28 & 29 — Student Dance Concert**  
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 8 p.m.
- **May 10 — Honors Night**  
Main Quad & Robert B. Moore Theatre, 4 p.m.
- **May 24 — Commencement**  
Pacific Amphitheater, 5:30 p.m.



## OCC Ranked #2 in the Nation for Return on Investment

Orange Coast College ranked near the top of the list of 50 colleges around the country assessed by valuecolleges.com based on return on investment in 2016.

ValueColleges looked at colleges around the U.S. that combined affordability and quality, and ranked OCC number two in the country on educational return on investment.

Using data from College Measures—a Gates Foundation-supported database—ValueColleges surveyed the 1,717 community colleges in the United States that offer two-year associate degrees. Criteria that were looked at included graduation rates, cost, student enrollment, and American Association of Community Colleges membership. All the schools that were surveyed are public and have open admission.

ValueColleges then compared that data with payscale.com's graduate salary information to compile a top-50 list. Of OCC, ValueColleges writes "With one of the highest transfer rates in the nation, Orange Coast College perfectly prepares students for 4-year college, but it also excels at bringing practical and technical education to a wide variety of diverse students, including a growing Latino population. With highly accomplished instructors, award-winning students, and an exciting location, Orange Coast College has everything necessary to make a great education, and a low price to boot — starting at only \$46 per credit!"

According to their website, ValueColleges offers meticulously researched, straightforward, and practical answers to commonly asked questions about value and affordability when making college decisions. Further, the company creates feature articles clearing up misconceptions and confusion about college costs and benefits, as well as numerical rankings of institutions and degree programs to help college-bound readers choose financially responsible paths.

## College Unveils New 3D Campus Tours Map

OCC will release a new 3D campus map on its website on Monday, April 24. The map will be located on the College's homepage, just below the banner.

The new map will be interactive, with many useful features including building descriptions, program spotlight videos, and customized layering that show where certain amenities can be found, such as ATM machines, restrooms, food services, and emergency telephones.



## Denim Day Raises Awareness About Sexual Violence

OCC invites staff, faculty and students to wear their jeans for a purpose on Wednesday, April 26.

Denim Day is an international campaign aimed at bringing awareness to the issue of sexual violence. The day originated in Italy when a rape conviction was overturned because the victim was wearing tight jeans. The court ruled it was impossible for the 45-year-old perpetrator to remove the tight jeans of his 18-year-old victim without her help, thereby implying consent. As a result, women in the Italian parliament protested the court ruling by wearing jeans to work.

“Sexual violence is a serious and widespread problem,” says Associate Dean of Title IX and Student Relations Shannon Quihuiz. “We’re hoping our OCC community will wear jeans and show support for survivors of sexual violence, and support for sexual violence prevention.”

For more information or resources, contact the Title IX office at (714) 432-5930.



## Pirates Clinch Orange Empire Conference Title With Win Over Lasers

The Orange Coast College men’s volleyball team won the Orange Empire Conference champion after topping Irvine Valley College in four sets on Wednesday night inside the Peterson Gym.

Jordan Hoppe had 20 kills, while Justin Kam added 18 to lead the No. 1-ranked Pirates (17-1, 7-0 in conference) to a 25-14, 25-22, 22-25, 25-20 win over the No. 2-ranked Lasers (14-3, 5-2).

Austin Marriott slammed down nine kills in the middle, while Zane Moothart provided offensive depth and added eight kills of his own for Coast.

Setters Jacob Gilliam and Colby Elder combined for 54 assists, while on defense, Elder and Cole Aidnik each came up with four digs.

For the Lasers, Patrick Furlong led the way with 12 kills, while Matt August knocked down nine kills and a team-best six blocks. Setter Austin McBain dished out 35 assists.

The opening set had the same feel as the first matchup of the season as the Pirates — winners over the Lasers 25-20, 25-11, 25-15 at IVC on March 24 — jumped out to a 19-11 lead and cruised to an opening-set win. Kam had three kills, while Hoppe added two during that run, leading Coast to a 1-0 lead in the match.

IVC regrouped and battled OCC throughout the second set, which saw the lead change sides nine different times. Coast trailed 20-19 before kills by Hoppe and Moothart pushed OCC ahead, 21-20. An OCC serve went long to even the score at 21 before the Pirates picked up three critical points in a row to lead, 24-21. A block by Hoppe, a kill by Marriott and a wide return by the Lasers pushed Coast to a set-point opportunity.

After IVC made it 24-22 on a double-hit violation, the Lasers sent a return wide, giving OCC a 2-0 lead in the match.

*There is no excuse and never an invitation to rape*

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in  
**DENIM DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

*Wear your jeans for a purpose*

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OCC led 5-4 early in the third set before the Lasers caught fire and used an 11-4 run to grab the lead for good in the third set. Several unforced OCC errors proved costly as Irvine remained alive in the match following its 25-22 win.

It was another back-and-forth battle in the fourth set as the Lasers and Pirates battled to a 14-14 tie. Middle blocker Bradley Hankus came up with a big kill and shared a block with Matt Ujkic to spark a 5-1 spurt and gave Coast a 19-15 advantage.

IVC would get to within three at 22-19, but the Pirates would not be denied as they managed to close things out and pick up the win and the OEC title.

## Students Dancers Will Showcase Their Skills at Annual Concert

Orange Coast College student dancers will perform everything from modern to jazz to hip-hop routines during the College's 54th annual Student Dance Concert on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 at 8 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theatre.

This year's program features a wide range of dance styles, including modern, jazz, hip hop, and lyrical. The works were choreographed by both OCC dance faculty and choreography students, who began preparing for the show at the beginning of the year.

"This concert is meaningful for our student dancers because it

is a way for them to express their creativity fully on the stage with lights, costumes and music," says dance professor Amelie Hunter. "They have rehearsed for many hours each week to bring their vision to fulfillment. This is a culmination of many students' efforts and is an exciting achievement for all the dancers."

Many of the dancers set to perform will be graduating this May and transferring to four-year programs in the fall.

Advance tickets are on sale on [www.occtickets.com](http://www.occtickets.com) or in the Bursar's Office for \$10. Admission will be \$15 at the door.

## Spring Flex Day Offers Employees a Chance to Re-Connect, Share Ideas

OCC is hosting its first Spring Flex Day on Friday, April 21 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The event will give the entire campus a chance to come together and focus on improvement in the areas of instruction, student success and professional development. The day will begin with breakfast, followed by breakout sessions in which several presenters representing different departments on campus will address various topics of discussion, including "How to Market Your Program or Event" and "Setting the Course on the First Day of Class." Other session topics include "Reaching Students with Undergraduate Research," "Talking through Tense Topics," "Fighting The Fear: Five Steps To Eliminating Writer's Block In The College Classroom."

After lunch, keynote speaker Craig Smith — director of the Center for First Amendment Studies at Cal State Long Beach — will present a talk that will focus on academic freedom and offer insight on how to effectively manage difficult classroom situations, such as disruptive students.

Training on how to use Canvas also will be available to all faculty and staff, and the day will end with a mixer, giving employees from different areas a chance to connect.

Spring Flex Day is not a mandatory employee event, however part-time faculty will be paid for attending up to three hours. Classes for that day are not canceled this year, however in the future the day will occur on a Thursday in which all classes are canceled.





## Spring Plant Sale Runs Fridays Until April 28

OCC's horticulture department will host a Spring Plant Sale on every Friday until April 28, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The annual sale is a popular event for local gardeners, with a large selection of vegetables, herbs, coleus, water-wise perennials and color baskets. More than 2,500 plants — which are produced by students who attend OCC's horticulture program — will be on sale at the event, and faculty members and students will be on hand to answer any customer questions and to offer advice. The sale will take place in the horticulture area's garden nursery, near the campus' Adams parking lot.

OCC's horticulture department has sponsored the annual Spring Plant Sale for more than 30 years. Proceeds go toward student projects and scholarships.

## OCC Speech, Debate & Theater Team Wins National Title 3rd Year in a Row

The College's Speech, Debate and Reader's Theatre team made history on Saturday, April 15 with its third straight national championship win at the Phi Rho Pi tournament in Washington, D.C.

"It is historic — this is the first time in OCC's history that we have won the national tournament three years in a row. This three-peat has only been accomplished by one other school in the 57-plus years of recorded national championships," says Director of Forensics and communications instructor Courtney Anderson. "It is a huge achievement that took an incredible amount of work. I could not be more proud."

OCC's speech program also is celebrating a second historic moment: the College now has the record for the highest number of national wins, with 11 in total.

## OCC Announces Outstanding Coast Colleagues of the Year

A special working group consisting of members of the Professional Development Advisory Committee, Academic Senate, Classified Senate, past winners, and a representative of Student Government evaluated all of the nominees submitted by the OCC community, and the following colleagues were selected as:

### OCC OUTSTANDING COAST COLLEAGUE OF THE YEAR, CLASSIFIED

Gabrielle Stanco, Ph.D.  
Senior Research Analyst, Office of Institutional Effectiveness

### OCC OUTSTANDING COAST COLLEAGUE OF THE YEAR, FULL-TIME FACULTY

Olga Perez-Stable Cox  
Associate Professor, Psychology

### OCC COAST COLLEAGUE OF THE YEAR, MANAGER

Tara Giblin, Ph.D.  
Dean, Math & Sciences

### OCC OUTSTANDING COAST COLLEAGUE OF THE YEAR, PART-TIME FACULTY

Dave A. Odasso  
Instructor, Communication Studies

## Save the Date! 59th Annual Honor's Night Slated for May 10

This year's OCC Honors Night will take place on May 10, from 4–9 p.m.

Honor's Night has been a tradition at Orange Coast College for nearly 60 years. The evening recognizes students who have achieved top honors in academics as well as service and leadership to the College and community.

The event will include a buffet in the Quad, prepared by the College's culinary arts students. The evening will continue in the Robert B. Moore Theatre, where nearly \$400,000 worth of scholarships will be handed out.

For more information, contact the scholarship office at (714) 432-5645.