



Orange Coast College President Announces Retirement After Nearly a Decade at the Helm

Dr. Dennis Harkins has announced his retirement as president of Orange Coast College after nine years leading the Costa Mesa campus. Harkins is the 10th — and the third-longest serving — president in OCC's 70-year history.

Hired in 2009, Harkins oversaw significant changes at Coast during his tenure, including the passage of Bond Measure M, which spurred several construction projects such as the College's Math Business and Computing Center, Recycling Center, Allied Health Sciences, Biological Sciences and Consumer Sciences Complex, and the much-anticipated OCC Planetarium, which is set to open early next year.

Harkins also joined OCC as the College was addressing an accreditation warning in 2008, and helped guide the resulting changes in some of OCC's practices, such as a more robust Institutional Research function.

"When I first arrived at Coast, the College was recovering from two significant setbacks — the Great Recession and an accreditation warning in 2008," wrote Harkins in an announcement to the campus community. "It was a tumultuous time, to say the least, but it was also an opportunity to position Orange Coast College for even greater future success. Our campus and district communities have worked hard to strengthen our processes and, when necessary, invest in new areas of the College."

In his letter to the campus announcing his retirement, Harkins thanks the Coast Community College Board of Trustees for their vision during the past near-decade, and extends his heartfelt gratitude for his colleagues.

"Being the president of Orange Coast College has been a privilege over the past nine years as I have had the opportunity to collaborate with people who have become more than colleagues, and who work assiduously together every day to ensure that students are supported in reaching their full potential not simply as students, but as people," he writes. "I simply [could not have] prosper[ed] without the endless support of OCC's faculty, staff, and managers. My cabinet members have been and continue to be the strength behind my success in these past nine years along with my executive assistants who inspire me daily."

Coast Community College District Board of Trustee President Mary Hornbuckle underscores the impact that Harkins has made at OCC.

"Dr. Harkins has been president of Orange Coast College during a time of great change," she says. "He has had oversight of the development of the Math and Computing Center, the Planetarium and the Recycling Center. He has helped to get student housing, a new student center and an aquatics center moving along. He has left his mark on OCC and we are the better for it."

CCCD Chancellor John Weispenfening echoes that sentiment.

"Throughout Dr. Harkins' presidency, he has kept OCC focused on students and their futures. His established record of dedication, service, and contributions to Orange Coast College and the Coast Community College District speaks for itself," he says.

Dr. Harkins plans to retire at the end of the Fall 2018 semester, after which he will relocate to Florida with his wife, Kim. His letter to the campus community can be viewed on OCC's Office of the President website.



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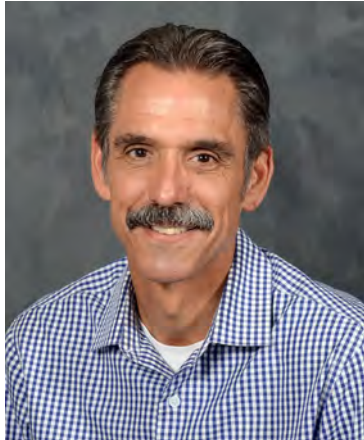
- **Oct. 4 — Student Housing Groundbreaking**
Adams Parking Lot, 3 p.m.
- **Oct. 5 — Women's Volleyball vs Santiago Canyon**
Peterson Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
- **Oct. 6 — OCC Symphony Season Opener**
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 13 — Football vs Golden West**
Dick Tucker Field, 6 p.m.
- **Oct. 16 — Women's Soccer vs Fullerton**
Soccer Complex, 3 p.m.
- **Oct. 19 — Men's Soccer vs Irvine Valley College**
Dick Tucker Field, 3 p.m.
- **Oct. 22-25 — The Box presents Vans "Off The Wall"**
The Box Container, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- **Oct. 24 — Free Flu Clinic**
Student Health Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Oct. 30 — Free Flu Clinic**
Student Health Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Nov. 1 — Free Flu Clinic**
Student Health Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Nov. 5-8 — The Box presents 5.11 Tactical**
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The District will immediately begin an internal search for an interim president, with a nationwide search for the permanent President beginning in October. It is expected that the permanent OCC president will begin in July of 2019.

OCC's New Campus Security Chief Jim Rudy Has Longtime Ties to College

Orange Coast College announced the hiring of Jim Rudy as its new Director of Campus Security in early September. Rudy — who had been serving as the interim director since July — has longtime ties to OCC, starting with his time as a student in the 1980s.



"I was an OCC Pirate and had an outstanding first-year college experience," he says. "The instructors were passionate about their course material and did their best to assist with students in their academic success. I will always remember Professor [Tom] Garrison showing up on the last day of class in snorkel gear. His passion for the Marine Science's inspired me to have an interest in the topic and to complete my college degree."

After leaving Coast in the 80s, Rudy attended the Orange County Sheriff's Academy, later returning as an instructor. He spent more than 30 years with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, from 1985 until 2017, serving as the chief of police services, executive aide to sheriff, and captain/division commander, among other roles.

During his short time as interim director of OCC's security operations, Rudy found a welcoming environment that spurred his decision to stay on permanently.

As the College contends with several construction projects — the OCC Planetarium is near completion, while the site of a new Student Union is currently being graded, and construction on student dormitories and a new Aquatic Center will soon begin — Rudy is focused on campus parking, and easing congestion around campus.

As for future plans, Rudy hopes to bring new technology to OCC's public safety department. "I would like to see more campus cameras and automated door systems, Campus Community Policing, public safety walks with students and OCC Faculty and staff to proactively identify security concerns. I'm also looking to continue our annual emergency drills for the campus, and will re-evaluate the public safety staffing model for campus," he says.

Rudy has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and sociology from California State University, Fullerton and a master's degree in behavioral science and conflict management from

California State University, Dominguez Hills. He is a father of four, and has been married to his college sweetheart for 31 years.

"The Rudy family loves the outdoors and can be seen often hanging out at Laguna Beach on the weekends," he says. "I am glad to be an OCC Pirate!"

The Box Returns with Showcase of OCC Alum and Instructor Paul Frank

Orange Coast College's Fashion department is bringing back its on-campus pop-up retail shop, The Box — located in a shipping container between Literature and Languages and the Math, Business and Computing Center — with a weeklong showcase of OCC alumnus and fashion instructor Paul Frank.

The multi-day event is titled "P.F. Workshop Designed by Paul Frank" and included a group chat on Oct. 1 that discussed visual displays and materials, and a keychain workshop on Oct. 3.

Frank is best known as the founder and creative genius behind his eponymous brand, Paul Frank Industries, which he started from his Huntington Beach garage in the 1990s around the same time he took fashion and art classes at OCC. In the nearly three decades since, Frank's whimsical characters have become known worldwide, with sales of t-shirts, wallets, and countless other accessories topping \$40 million in the early 2000s.

Determined to give back and mentor the next generation of fashion designers, Frank has spent years as an instructor at Coast, often taking on interns from the College's fashion department.

As the College celebrates its 70th Anniversary, fashion students and faculty felt it was important to honor one of its most accomplished alums.

"We were excited to invite P.F. Workshop Designed by Paul Frank for the grand opening of the Box for Fall 2018 and in celebration of OCC's 70th year anniversary," says fashion instructor Michelle Craner. "The Workshop Experience is a museum-like tribute to Paul Frank's journey starting at OCC."

Frank also was on hand at the Orange County Children's Book Festival on Sept. 30 to do a book signing for a new children's book that he published alongside OCC alumni and instructor Trevor McDonald and Parker Jacobs, titled "She Loves Me."

The Box project is part of a Statewide grant titled "Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy" that challenges community colleges to come up with innovative ways to give students hands-on, real-world learning experiences.

The one-year project will be open at various points during the Fall 2018 semester and will showcase several brands and retailers, including Vans from Oct. 22-25, 5.11 Tactical from Nov. 5-8, Crossroads from Nov. 26-29, and Known Supply from December 3-6. Each brand will be given free rein over the empty shipping container and will bring in their own look with unique furniture and artwork.

Many students from OCC's Fashion department were involved in the development of The Box; everything from designing the logo to booking local brands was undertaken by fashion students as part of a laboratory type class.

OCC Symphony, Choral Ensemble Will Open Season with Mozart, Reger

The Orange Coast College Symphony and Choral Ensembles will join forces with violinist Sam Yoon for a season-opening celebration on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theatre.

Musicians will perform works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Max Reger, led by Symphony Conductor Maxim Kuzin and Choral Ensemble Director Eliza Rubenstein.

"We are working on presenting Mozart's two symphonies No. 1 and No. 29. Mozart's Symphony No. 1 was composed when the composer was only eight years old. However, he was already famous as a child prodigy keyboardist throughout Europe performing for royalty," explains Kuzin. "This rarely performed symphony is full of lovely and pleasant tunes. However, despite the musical influences of Mozart's father Leopold and one of the Bach's sons, Johann Christian, the second movement of the three-movement composition is already bearing some traits of Mozart's future dramatic music."

The performance of Mozart's lighter piece will be contrasted with two pieces by Reger, led by longtime concertmaster and guest performer, Sam Yoon.

"We will present a dream-like Aria and the composer's Variations on a Theme by Corelli 'La Folia,'" says Kuzin. "The latter famous melody originally composed by Italian composer and violinist Arcangelo Corelli has had multiple re-arrangements by many different composers since 1700. Sam-Yoon and the OCC Symphony will present a rare version of this piece by Reger."

The evening will end with a glorious rendition of "Alleluia" from Mozart's "Regina Coeli in C Major," with soprano Autry Harper as a soloist.

The choral ensembles are made up of students, while the Symphony mostly consists of musicians from the community, with some student instrumentalists as well.

"We'll have about 90 students singing," says Rubenstein. "We try to get as many of our student performers on stage as possible, to kick off the year."

Tickets for the performance run \$15 for the general public, and \$10 with a student ID. Tickets can be purchase in advance at the OCC Bursars Office, located in the Clark Center, or at www.occtickets.com

Student Health Center Offering FREE Flu Shots to Employees, Students

OCC faculty, staff and students can get free flu shots at the College's Student Health Center during several dates in late October and early November. Supplies are limited and shots will be dispersed first-come, first-serve.

The first flu clinic will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Student Health Center, room 108, and no appointments are necessary.

Subsequent dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, Oct. 30 — 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 1 — 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 6 — 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Over a period of 31 seasons between 1976 and 2007, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the United States range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people. During a regular flu season, about 90 percent of deaths occur in people 65 years and older. The "seasonal flu season" in the United States can begin as early as October and last as late as May.

During this time, flu viruses are circulating in the population. An annual seasonal flu vaccine (either the flu shot or the nasal-spray flu vaccine) is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get seasonal flu and spread it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community.

For more information about OCC's free flu clinics, contact Janice Iglesias at jiglesias@occ.cccd.edu or at (714) 432-5808.

OCC Welcomes Thousands to Campus for OC Children's Book Festival

Orange Coast College hosted the 15th annual Orange County Children's Book Festival on Sunday, Sept. 30, with approximately 20,000 people in attendance.

The festival brought more than 100 authors, illustrators and storytellers to the Costa Mesa campus for a day of family fun. Attendees had a chance to meet with favorite authors and artists, including comedian and actor Shawn Wayans was on hand alongside his sister, Kim Wayans, author of the popular "Amy Hodgepodge" book series. Other presenters included illustrator and fashion icon Paul Frank, and astronaut Nicole Stott, who showcased artwork she created while living aboard the International Space Station.

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“This year’s festival highlighted kindness; getting along in school amongst peers; loving and discovering the fun in math; and how doing well in school can take you out of this world,” says Executive Director Pat Burns.

Several stages were located throughout campus, including a S.T.E.M. stage, Entertainment Stage, Illustrator stage, Early Reader/Middle Grade/Teen Stage, and an Animal and Nature stage. Exhibitors also set up shop at the festival, including the Discovery Science Center, PBS SoCal, Lakeshore Learning, and the Orange County Department of Education. There also was a live animal petting zoo.

Constitution Day Activities Included Discussion of Voter Engagement

OCC’s annual Constitution Day took place on Sept. 17 in the Robert B. Moore Theatre. The event included an overview of the U.S. Constitution, as well as a discussion of recent voter engagement and an advocacy committee presentation, and was moderated by professors Rendell Drew and Brent Rudman, who teach political science and history, respectively.

Constitution Day is typically observed on Sept. 17 to honor the day the U.S. Constitution was signed in 1787. All institutions that receive federal funding are required to hold an event for Constitution Day, either on the day of the event, or in the week before or after.

Adopt-A-Family Fundraiser Prizes Include Hotel Stay, \$500 Gift Card

Orange Coast College’s annual Adopt-a-Family fundraising drive hosted by the school’s Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) is in full swing, and will include prizes like a two-night stay at a luxury Huntington Beach hotel and spa, and a \$500 gift card.

OCC’s EOPS program will hold an opportunity drawing on Thursday, Nov. 15 benefiting the Adopt-a-Family program, which starts on Sept. 24. All proceeds from the drawing go directly toward helping low income and single parent families during the holiday season.

“These single parents are full time students at OCC who are choosing to better their lives and the lives of their children with the attainment of an education,” says EOPS/CARE specialist Tracy Heffelman. “We raise money to purchase food, supplies and gifts for these students and their children. In addition, some of the families are personally adopted by individuals, organizations, and other groups on and off campus.”

The top prize in the opportunity drawing this year is a two-night stay in an oceanfront room at the Huntington Beach Pasea Hotel and Spa, valued at \$1,600. The second prize is a \$500 Visa gift card, and third prize is a two-hour Duffy boat

ride (valued at \$200) and a \$100 gift card. Additional prizes include gift cards to various restaurants and retail stores, event tickets to amusement parks, museums and movies, and more.

The cost of tickets is \$3 for one ticket, \$5 for two tickets, \$10 for five tickets, and \$20 for 15 tickets. The drawing will be held on Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. in front of the College’s Watson Hall building, located off Pirate Way and Fairview Road.

OCC’s Adopt-a-Family program provides support to students during the holiday season who are part of Cooperative Agencies and Resources for Education (CARE). CARE is an extension of EOPS and offers additional counseling and support to students who are single parents receiving aid from the county.

EOPS/CARE also is accepting cash and check donations, which can be dropped off in the EOPS office, on the 4th floor of Watson Hall.

Members of the community are invited to adopt a family this year. Each family completes a wish form, including information about family members. Donors participate anonymously.

For more information contact Tracy Heffelman in OCC’s EOPS office at (714) 432-5173.

Trustee David Grant Receives USRowing Medal of Honor for 2018

Coast Community College District board trustee David Grant has been named as the recipient of the Medal of Honor from the USRowing organization, the governing body for the sport of rowing.



Trustee Grant was recognized for his “conspicuous service to, or accomplished extraordinary feats in, rowing” according to USRowing’s website. The Medal of Honor is the highest honor USRowing can bestow.

Grant led the Coast Crew team for 38 seasons, racking up 11 national titles along the way. The crew program — nicknamed the “Giant Killers” — regularly rows against four-year programs including those at UCLA, UCI, Harvard, and Penn State. During Grant’s tenure the Pirates became the first western crew to row in the People’s Republic of China. Grant’s crews also rowed in Ireland and Canada, and he later was invited to coach the U.S. rowing team at the 1984 Olympic Games.

Of the honor, Grant says: “There are no doubt countless other individuals in this great sport of rowing who are more deserving of this very generous surprise. There are few things in life more special than to be honored by one’s friends — and rowing colleagues are especially appreciated. I am very grateful.” (USRowing.org)