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Ventilators From OCC Respiratory Care Program on Loan to Local Hospital, State Repository

Several ventilators from OCC's Respiratory Care program are being put to good use while the College's campus remains closed.

When Daryl Weber, the manager of Respiratory Care Services at Saddleback Memorial, reached out to Orange Coast College's Respiratory Care program director Alison Riggio to ask if she would consider loaning the College's ventilators to the hospital to prepare for an influx of COVID-19 patients, the timing could not have been better.

OCC had just announced that all in-person classes were suspended until March 30, and that a transition to online for most classes was probable after that. Three ventilators in OCC's Respiratory Care program would likely sit unused for months.

"The timing worked out, as weird as that sounds because with the campus shut down the ventilators aren't being used and the primary course for incorporating these machines is [not scheduled until] the fall," explains Riggio.

A week later OCC got word that Governor Gavin Newsom was requesting all available ventilators be loaned to a central state repository. Vice President of Instruction Kevin Ballinger personally delivered OCC's remaining machines to the repository at Santa Monica City College.

"We are pleased to give back and to help the community with critical care equipment during this national crisis," says Ballinger.

OCC's Respiratory Care program is a two-year program that prepares students with the knowledge, skills and behaviors of respiratory care practice as performed by a Registered Respiratory Therapist. Students who complete the program are the healthcare professionals that evaluate, treat, and manage patients of all ages with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders. One of the main responsibilities of OCC's respiratory care graduates in the care of the critically ill patient is management of the ventilator (breathing machine).



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COVID-19 Updates & Resources

Orange Coast College has created a COVID-19 resource page that includes useful information for faculty, staff and students, as well as the latest updates in a rapidly changing situation. To view the website visit www.orangecoastcollege.edu/c/covid19

OCC Foundation Emergency Fund Raises Thousands for Students in Need

The Orange Coast College Foundation has launched an

emergency fund to help the school's most vulnerable students as they navigate the economic fallout of the COVID-19 global health pandemic.

The Pirates United Emergency Fund has raised \$13,000 to date, and will continue to seek donations as the crisis persists. Students in need can apply for \$500 grants via the OCC Care's website at www.orangecoastcollege.edu/occcares

"The website provides resources links and a link to the online application," says OCC Foundation Executive Director, Doug Bennett. "The application screens students for various state and federal funds available and allows the College to help students connect with resources."

The Pirates United fund assists students who might not qualify for other financial resources. "The intent for the Pirates United Emergency Fund is to provide grants to students who aren't eligible for the other funds, or who are in challenging situations where a one-time grant will help them," says Bennett.

Orange Coast College closed its campus on March 16, and all classes have been transitioned online for the remainder

of the spring semester. Many of the College's students are facing losses in hourly wages from part-time jobs, both on and off campus. Money provided by the fund will support OCC students who find themselves in dire circumstances – covering critical food, housing, medical, and transportation expenses, as well as funding basic laptops for students who don't have access to a home computer.

OCC Food Service Program Donates Unused Food to Families in Need

Since the announcement that Orange Coast College's physical campus would be closed until further notice, Coast faculty and volunteers have packaged thousands of meals to be donated to local families in need, as well as Costa Mesa homeless shelters and assisted living facilities.

The effort started with the closure of campus on Sunday, March 16, when OCC's food services program was left with more than 1,800 lbs of unused food that would normally be used in its on-campus dining facilities and culinary arts instructional programs. Fortunately, instructor Alexandra Yates had the perfect solution already in place: OCC's Food Recovery Kitchen.

Created more than a year ago as part of the College's Food Services program, the Recovery Kitchen was initially started with the goal of reducing food insecurity among OCC's student population. "Our main purpose is to lower our campus's food waste and food insecurity among out students," says Yates. "We partner with Pirate's Cove [food pantry] on campus, along with the support from the Culinary Arts Program, Cafeteria Services, Nutrition and Dietetics, Horticulture and other programs."



Since mid-March, Yates and her team of volunteers have packaged thousands of meals for the community. With OCC's campus closed, the team has moved to kitchen facilities at the Marconi Automotive Museum in Tustin. Yates, who serves on the advisory board for Waste Not OC, has enlisted the support from local venues and community partners that have leftover unused food, such as the Brea Improv Club, White House Catering, as well as companies that provide refrigeration and packaging, like Sysco Riverside and 4 Blue Waves.



OCC Alumni Hall of Fame Recipient Passes Away From COVID-19

Orange Coast College's 1984 Alumni Hall of Fame recipient, Dr. James Goodrich, passed away from complications related to COVID-19 on March 30.

Considered the leading expert in complex craniofacial anomalies in the world, in 2016 Dr. Goodrich performed his seventh craniopagus surgery — a 27-hour feat documented by CNN. The surgery was a success, and conjoined twins Jadon and Anais McDonald both survived.

Goodrich first came to OCC in 1968, after serving in the Marine Corps in Vietnam. A less-than-stellar high school student, he found a second chance at Coast and graduated with honors. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree from UC Irvine, a master's and doctorate degree from Columbia University, and an M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Inducted into OCC's Alumni Hall of Fame in 1984, Goodrich pioneered new techniques in conjoined craniofacial separation surgery over the course of his career, including separating the procedure into shorter, multi-step stages, and building

3D models of the brain in order to assist with navigating interwoven blood vessels and brain tissue. None of Goodrich's conjoined twin patients ever died during the separation operation.

Goodrich spent more than 30 years at Montefiore Einstein Hospital in The Bronx, N.Y., and was the director of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Montefiore and a professor of clinical neurological surgery, pediatrics, plastic and reconstructive surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is survived by his wife and three sisters.

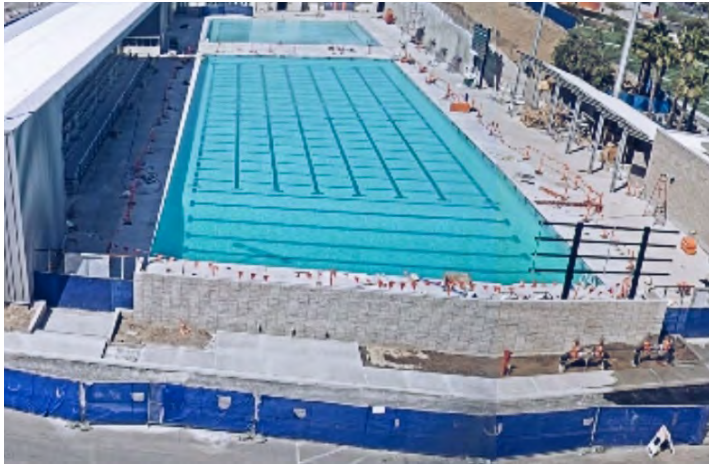
Sailing Center Bridge Across PCH Placed on March 26

The Skyway/Bridge that connects Orange Coast College's School of Sailing and Seamanship in Newport Beach to a soon-to-be-complete Professional Mariner Training Center across Pacific Coast Highway has been installed.

The two-story, 12,000-square-foot project is the result of more than 15 years of planning by the Coast Community College District. The Center will be built with ground-level parking and connected to OCC's harborside facility by the skyway bridge. The \$22 million project is funded by the local Measure M school bond, passed by voters in 2012.

Once construction is complete in Fall 2021, the building will be the new home for OCC's growing Professional Mariner Program, which is dedicated to students who are pursuing careers in boating and maritime related fields. Beyond classrooms, the facility will include a state-of-the-art laboratory space, a full mission bridge simulator, a radar training room, conference room, and a student lounge.





OCC Aquatics Facility Pools Filled on March 29

The competition-size and adaptive kinesiology pools in OCC's new aquatic facility have been filled! It took more than 1 million gallons of water to fill the pools at the facility, which is expected to be complete by the end of the spring semester.

The state-of-the-art facility is expected to take the College's competitive aquatics programs to another level. With a planned soft opening of Summer 2020, the facility will include a 65-metre competition-sized pool, a smaller therapy pool for Adaptive Kinesiology programming, exercise and classroom space, and office space for OCC's coaching staff.

The outdoor pool area also will include a large shade structure, making the facility a prime destination for competitive swim programs.

Tony Altobelli Receives National Award for Professionalism During a Tragedy

During the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) weeklong announcement of the 2020 Special Awards, Orange Coast College's Tony Altobelli was recognized for his courage while performing under a most difficult situation as he was awarded the Bud Nangle Award.

The award, which has only been given to three other sports information professionals, is presented to a member of CoSIDA or to an individual outside of CoSIDA who shows ethics, integrity and bravery under unusual or stressful situations while carrying out their job duties.

Altobelli is in his 14th year as Sports Information Director at Orange Coast College. He is a one-man office, handling all SID and game operation duties for 24 teams and is the longest-tenured sports information director in Coast's 72-year history. Prior to serving as the sports information director, Altobelli spent 15 years as a sportswriter, working for numerous newspapers in Southern California and some others in central Texas.

Yet nothing in his experience could have prepared him for the tragedies of January 26, 2020 and their aftermath. That was the fateful day of the helicopter crash that took the lives of nine individuals — the lives of three of Altobelli's family members and six others, including NBA superstar Kobe Bryant. Altobelli lost his brother, nationally-recognized Orange County baseball coach John Altobelli, and John's wife and daughter — Tony's sister-in-law Keri and niece Alyssa.

As spokesperson for the OCC athletic program, Altobelli immediately began performing his job in the crisis with bravery, courage and determination. In the early aftermath of the tragedy, Tony handled an enormous amount of international, national and local media demands, coordinating publicity for the accident, putting together the school's official statement about the deaths of John, Keri and Alyssa, and meeting with staff, coaches and families of the baseball student-athletes. Two days after the crash, he prepared and coordinated a January 28 public service and remembrance of Coach Altobelli on opening day of the Orange Coast College baseball season, attended by a huge media contingent and over 2,000 fans, 40 times the typical attendance. Altobelli served as the emcee and public address announcer as well.

"To watch what Tony did in person was simply awe inspiring," said Jason Kehler, Orange Coast College Athletics Director. "We tried to get him some help so he wouldn't have to worry about the sports information side of things, but he insisted that he keep working. The level of professionalism he displayed during those first two weeks especially were second to none. It was amazing."

While serving as the crisis communications spokesman and in the midst of the media crush, Tony also penned an emotional, poignant and humorous tribute to his brother entitled: Dear John ... Thank you ... Love, Toad.

Through it all, Tony has not halted his in-game SID duties, serving as the public address announcer, official scorer and scoreboard operator for each baseball game and at other OCC events. Altobelli and the Orange Coast College community continue to daily face the aftermath of the crash and the loss of their head baseball coach in their new reality.

Earlier this month, Altobelli was honored with the Brass Top Award from the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA), given to an SID at the community college level, or someone working closely with members of the CCCSIA, to recognize outstanding service and accomplishments. He served as President of the association from 2009-11.