



OCC Breaks Ground on New Language Arts, Social Science Building

Orange Coast College held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Language Arts and Social Behavioral Sciences building on Dec. 5. The building is funded through Measure M, a \$698 million bond measure that voters approved in 2012.

The three-story, 95,000-square-foot project will be located adjacent to OCC's Math, Business and Computing Center (MBCC) building, and will include classrooms, office space, conference rooms, a newsroom, and indoor/outdoor labs for geography and anthropology courses. Additional programs of study that will be housed in the building include English, psychology, communications, world languages, journalism, English as a Second Language (ESL), and economics.

The groundbreaking ceremony took place on the Southwest corner of the construction site, near the MBCC building, and was attended by OCC and Coast Community College District employees and administrators, as well as tBP Architecture firm.

OCC's Giving Tuesday Surpasses \$185,000 mark

The College's participation in Giving Tuesday surpassed all expectations!

More than \$185,000 was raised, with donations going to OCC's general fund, as well as specific programs such as Adopt-a-Family, student scholarships and veteran's services.

OCC's Foundation had \$100,000 in matching funds this year to support donors' efforts on Giving Tuesday. An anonymous donor pledged matching funds of \$50,000, and the Associated Students of Orange Coast College once again offered a match of \$50,000 to help endow student scholarships.

This was the eighth year that #GivingTuesday took place. The day is an international effort to inspire personal philanthropy and charitable giving during the holiday season. Largely fueled by social media, the event takes place on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and widely recognized retail events like Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many people participate in end-of-year giving.



CLEEO Founder, coordinator and counselor Eric Cuellar joins Rebeca Ogaz and President Suarez in recognizing Huerta.

OCC CLEEO Project Hosts Civil Rights Icon Dolores Huerta for 7.0 Summit

The College's Counseling Latin@s for Equity and Engagement (CLEEO) Project invited Dolores Huerta to speak at the 7.0 Summit on Dec. 2 in the Robert B. Moore Theatre. Approximately 650 people listened as Huerta discussed topics such as the school-to-prison pipeline, equity in education and farmworkers rights in California. She pointed out that the U.S. is currently experiencing an "Economic Rights" movement akin to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, and encouraged students to get involved and get out the vote.

"You all have got to fight for your right to have the economic security that you deserve as young people in the United States of America," said Huerta. "If we don't work to make it happen, nothing is going to change."

Huerta has received numerous awards including The Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, and The Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award. These prestigious awards were bestowed to Dolores Huerta by presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, respectively. Huerta has been considered among the 100 most important women of the 20th century. Her efforts as civil rights and labor leader led her to become a recognized icon of the civil rights movement in advocating for social justice.

She is known for her slogan "Si Se Puede!" which was later translated to "Yes, We Can!" and adopted by President Obama. Huerta is an American cultural icon and a role model for many communities including Chican@s, people of color and women.

CLEEO supports access and success in higher education for Latin@s and provides cross-cultural competency opportunities for the Orange Coast College campus community.

OCC Students Present: Cultures of Indigenous Peoples of the Americas

Twenty-five OCC students presented posters on the culture and history of natives of the United States and Latin America on Nov. 27 in recognition of Native American Heritage Month. The event was co-sponsored by OCC's Multicultural Center.

Students created the posters as part of either a history class with Professor Jordan Stanton or a Native American class with Professor Ulrike Green. Each student addressed current issues and problems that Indigenous People of the Americas face.

"Using Native American Heritage month as a backdrop we hope that students who attended learned something exciting and got into conversations with the presenters," says Professor Green. "We would like to make this an annual event and hopefully expand it to other disciplines as well."