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Coast Marks 1-Year Anniversary of Altobelli Family Deaths

On the one-year anniversary of OCC head baseball coach John Altobelli's death in a helicopter crash that also took the lives of his wife and young daughter, the College reflected on the legacy he left behind.

A memorial tribute on YouTube was scheduled for the morning of Jan. 26 and members of the campus and local community were invited to share their memories and photos of Coach Altobelli and his family on a virtual memorial wall. To view the video and memorial wall, visit www.orangecoastcollege.edu/altobelli

Altobelli led a championship program, racking up more than 700 wins and multiple state titles in his 27 years at OCC. His death alongside NBA all star player Kobe Bryant and his young daughter Gianna, who were also in the helicopter, sparked a global outpouring of support for Orange Coast College. The Pirate baseball team made the difficult decision to move forward with their first game of the season just days after

the tragedy rocked the tight-knit program, and thousands of people turned out to show their support.

A service for the Altobelli family was held on February 10, 2020 at Angel Stadium, with the surviving members of the family expressing their gratitude and sharing their memories of their dad, mom, and sister.

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OCC Plans 2-Week Virtual Welcome Weeks Hub

Orange Coast College hosted a Welcome Weeks Virtual Support Hub starting Monday Jan. 25 and running through Thursday, Feb. 11.

Welcome Weeks is designed to help students find their way both before and after the Spring semester begins, as well as helping them get acquainted with the College's online environment. Staff volunteers will work alongside Admissions and Records and Enrollment Center staff to help answer student questions, such as "how to access Canvas," "paying for fees," "financial aid," and "purchasing books."



OCC More Than Doubles Power Supplied by Solar Panels

Orange Coast College is well on its way to becoming an energy independent college campus with the installation of several new large solar panels. The panels, located in OCC's largest parking lot off Adams Avenue between Harbour Boulevard and Fairview Road, will provide 2.7 megawatts of power to OCC's 164-acre campus, in addition to the 1 megawatt of power already provided by existing solar panels.

"The state of California has set ambitious goals around energy consumption over the next decade, including a requirement that 50 percent of major renovations of state-owned buildings be Zero Net Energy (ZNE) by 2025," says Vice President of Administrative Services Rich Pagel. "With the addition of these new solar panels, OCC is set to reach ZNE by the end of 2021 or early 2022."

With the addition of the new panels, OCC also expects to save between \$250,000 and \$300,000 in energy costs per year. The system also includes two megawatts of battery storage, which the campus will use during peak hours of energy use.

The panels were purchased with no upfront costs, and OCC will purchase the energy produced from Solar Star Coastal Pirate, LLC.

Pirates' Cove Pantry Resumes Food Distribution in New Location

With several construction projects currently under way in OCC's Adams parking lot, the College's Pirates' Cove food pantry has moved its weekly food distribution to parking lot G, on the corner of Fairview Road and Monitor Way.

Students must sign up each week to receive groceries on Thursdays, from 9-10 a.m. The drive-thru distribution is contactless, and students must show ID upon arrival.

OCC's student services division also provides students with an extensive list of local food resources that they can access off campus. More information can be found at www.orangecoastcollege.edu/piratescove

