



OCC is partnering with Mentor Collective to offer students a career mentor.

- ➔ There's no cost or obligation to participate, but mentors can help students set and achieve goals, make connections, and prepare for their future career.
- ➔ Students will be connected with a Career Mentor based on career interests, goals, needs, and preferences.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Sign up using the registration link below
2. Complete a short survey about yourself and your background
3. We will match you with the right mentor
4. You'll connect with each other regularly throughout the year

SIGN UP TO



GET A CAREER MENTOR

Mentor matching will begin in October

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

- 1-year commitment
- Minimum of monthly virtual check-ins
- Log your conversations

For additional questions or information, email Mentor Collective directly at help@mentorcollective.org



Calendar

- Nov. 2 - Dia de Muertos Celebration, Noon until 4 p.m., OCC Multicultural Center
- Nov. 2 - 'Coco' film showing, 4 p.m., OCC Multicultural Center
- Nov. 4 - Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Training, Location and time TBA
- Nov. 6 - OCC Wind Ensemble, 3 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theatre

well as local industry partnerships and advisory boards. "We've set a goal of 100 matches for the Fall 2022 semester," says Director of Workplace Development and Career Services Ginger Neel.

OCC's mentoring program is a free service offered to students, who will be matched with their mentors based on career interests, goals, needs and preferences. Once a student is matched with a mentor, they will be expected to check in monthly, at minimum, either virtually or in person.

"A key measurement of student success is how students navigate the path from higher education to employment," says Neel. "We want to help our students overcome any barriers that may exist between them and their chosen careers. What better way to do that than to match them up with a mentor who can show them the ropes?"

Mentor Collective has delivered 700+ unique mentorship programs, established 160+ institutional partnerships and formed 160,000 mentoring relationships through expert-led research, services and technology. As an impact-first investment of the Lumina Foundation, Mentor Collective partners with forward-thinking institutions that are committed to equity, inclusion, and relationship-centered education.

OCC Launches Career Mentorship Program

Orange Coast College is partnering with Mentor Collective to offer students a career mentor to help them set and achieve goals, make connections, and prepare for their future career.

Mentors will be identified and recruited from pools of alumni, as



Coast Report Scores 14 Awards at JACC Regionals

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Orange Coast College's student newspaper, Coast Report, brought home 14 awards during the 2022 Fall Southern California Regional Conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges held Saturday at Cal State Fullerton.

Coast Report's haul is the most for the newspaper at a regional conference since landing 19 at the event in 2017.

JACC is a California contingency made up of approximately 50 two-year college journalism programs. The fall regional conferences and competitions are split into two divisions: Northern California and Southern California.

Current Coast Report staff members took home awards for their on-the-spot reporting projects during the conference. Features Editor Kate Meyers won second place in the news story competition, while Multimedia Editor Stephanie Morales captured third place in the inaugural social media competition. These stories featured highlights from sessions held throughout the day, including the keynote address by data journalist and founder of both Code Black Media and AfroLA Dana Amihere.

JACC also recognized work from the spring 2022 semester and Coast Report showed well. The news outlet as a whole was honored for its "General Excellence" once again.

Sports Editor Timothy Hessen was recognized with an honorable mention in the Opinion Story category for his Spring 2022 Views piece on student loan repayment extensions.

Former Sports Editor Chris Bibona, now attending USC, received multiple accolades for his spring semester portfolio. Bibona won third place in the Sports Game Story category for his coverage of OCC baseball's victory following the dedication

of John Altobelli Park. He also won fourth place in the Sports Action Photo category for shooting OCC's beach volleyball team's outstanding 2022 season. Bibona's camera work was highlighted in the Sports Feature Photo category for capturing the Pirates' men's volleyball team celebrating its 2022 state championship.

Meanwhile, former Features Editor Zoe Ching, now attending UC Santa Barbara, was honored twice in the same category. She garnered third place in the Feature Story category for her piece on OCC's Recovery Kitchen and an honorable mention for her feature on the campus hydroponics program.

Ching and Bibona combined forces to grab an honorable mention in the Editorial category

for their work challenging the CCCAA's controversial baseball playoff selection process.

Former Editor in Chief Sarah Guidroz, now attending Columbia University in New York, brought home numerous individual honors, most notably third place in the News Story for covering the arrest of a drug dealer believed to have sold fentanyl causing the overdose death of a resident at OCC's The Harbour student housing. Guidroz's piece declaring Coast Report's support of journalists covering the war in Ukraine won fourth place in the Editorial category. She was also given an honorable mention in the Opinion Story category for her personal piece on abortion.

Lastly, former Arts + Culture Editor Tasmin McGill was given an honorable mention in the Online Photo Story/Essay for her work on the OCC Planetarium's anniversary event.

Coast Report is next up for recognition at the Fall National College Media Convention in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 27-30. The news outlet is a national finalist for the College Media Association Pinnacle Awards in both the Two-Year Best College Media Outlet of the Year and Two-Year Website of the Year categories, competing with schools from across the country.

OCC Marketing & PR Department Wins 14 Medallion Awards at Regional Conference

Orange Coast College's marketing and public relations department won 14 Medallion Awards at the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations District 6 conference and awards ceremony on Oct. 13.

Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in communications at community and technical colleges throughout the U.S. OCC is part of the NCMPR's District 6,



which includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah and areas around Guam.

Coast was recognized with four gold awards, six silver awards, and four bronze awards for creative work produced during the 2021-2022 academic year.

The following projects received recognition:

Gold

- OCC Planetarium Open House Flyer
- OCC Waterfront Campus website
- OCC Magazine – digital version
- OCC Magazine Article – “From Prison to the President’s List”

Silver

- OCC Magazine
- OCC TikTok Post – Pedro the Pirate
- OCC Magazine Article – “Mission to Mars”
- OCC Working Adult College Video Short
- Student Spotlight Video – Oree Freeman
- Professional Mariner Training Schedule

Bronze

- Future Pirate Center Wall Graphics
- OCC Rocket Display
- OCC Sailing & Seamanship Class Schedule
- Flexible Learning website

“The Marketing and PR team at Coast is proud of the work we do to support OCC’s mission of being the standard of excellence in higher education,” says Director of Marketing and Public Relations Juan Gutierrez. “As OCC recovers from the challenges of the pandemic, we look forward to continuing to provide professional creative services to our campus community, as well as supporting student recruitment and retention efforts.”

OCC Brings Back In-Person Community Science Night

Orange Coast College welcomed more than 1,000 elementary school children and their families to campus on Oct. 14 when it hosted the 23rd Annual Community Science Night.

Science Night is a signature event for OCC, with faculty showing off their programs with hands-on science experiments and experiences. “More than a dozen STEM departments participated in Science Night, including chemistry, Marine Science, Astronomy, Engineering, and more” says Science Night Coordinator and Planetarium Director Scott Mitchell. “Kids had a chance to explore tide pools in our aquarium, visit the far reaches of our galaxy in our Planetarium theater, explore different species in our biological sciences area, and much much more.”

This is the first time since the pandemic began two years ago that OCC hosted Science Night in person. OCC students and faculty members volunteered at the event, making it a campus-wide effort.

Science Night is free to attend for all elementary aged children. OCC partners with local school districts to provide buses for students, however students are welcome to attend with their families as well. All attendees receive a free hot dog and water, courtesy of the Associated Students of Orange Coast College.

For more information, visit the event website at www.orangecoastcollege.edu/sciencenight

