PRESIDENT’S WELCOME

Welcome to Orange Coast College!

We are excited to share with you the new college catalog for the 2020-2021 year. Inside this catalog, you will find an array of exciting and innovative programs that lead to various degrees and certificates. This catalog, and the wealth of information it contains, represent our shared vision, to be the standard of excellence in transforming lives through education.

With this commitment in mind, you will have access to comprehensive student support services to help you in your journey at Coast. Whether your goal is to transfer to a four-year university, enhance your skills, receive training and certification in high-demand fields or you simply love to learn, at OCC, we value each and every one of our students’ journeys.

You have chosen an institution that has been at the forefront of higher education locally, regionally and nationally since 1947. The College has supported thousands of students, like you, in reaching their academic and career goals, impacting multiple generations of families. This is a testament to not only OCC’s world-class facilities, extensive student support resources and stellar academic programs, but also to the dedicated and caring faculty, classified staff and administrators, whose commitment to your success is consistently demonstrated.

Students who attend OCC will find a campus that is evolving to meet the needs of our community, with innovative and state-of-the-art facilities. We recently completed construction on a new Planetarium and Recycling Center, two extraordinary facilities that signal our shared community values of sustainability and STEAM education. Additionally, construction is underway on several exciting projects, including a new Student Union, Student Housing complex, new social science and language arts building, Kinesiology & Athletics Complex, and a new phase of the School of Sailing & Seamanship in Newport Beach. Each of these facilities was planned with the needs of our students at the forefront.

As you explore our catalog, you will notice that OCC is a global institution, where different cultures, customs, and points of view are celebrated to create a campus that is inclusive, with a robust learning environment where our students can grow and thrive. The College has garnered a reputation for excellence ranking among the top community colleges in California. As a multicultural and academic multinational institution, OCC is a qualifying Hispanic Serving (HSI) and Asian American Native American and Pacific Islander Serving (AANAPISI) institution and serves nearly 1,200 international students representing more than 70 countries.

The OCC faculty, administration and staff are dedicated to not only maintaining the highest standards of academic excellence, but to increasing resources for you, our students, so that you may continue to succeed.

Thank you for choosing Orange Coast College.

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