



# ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

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January 23, 2015

Dear Neighbor,

As Orange Coast College heads into the New Year, I wanted pass along a few news items to you our neighbors. This letter serves as an open invitation to enjoy our campus and take part in all the wonderful events the College has to offer. For additional OCC news, upcoming events or a listing of our course offerings, please visit our website at [www.orangecoastcollege.edu](http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu).

This summer, OCC shared the general framework for the College's modernization and Vision 2020 strategic facilities master plan in two community meetings. Public input is important as we continue to shape the plan, as well as the programs we provide to OCC students and the community. The College will be hosting its third community information meeting on February 19 in the OCC Student Center at 6 p.m. We will share an overview of OCC's facilities master plan, an update on the College's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process and the latest on California's funding for educational facilities.

It is important to remember that this is the middle of a process in which the College is collecting information from numerous sources; the next step is to respond collectively to this information. The community input OCC receives will be considered seriously and used to shape the final plan. If you have any questions, please email them to [communityfeedback@occ.cccd.edu](mailto:communityfeedback@occ.cccd.edu).

## **SPRING TERM BEGINS JANUARY 31**

OCC classes will again be in session beginning January 31. OCC's Spring Semester classes feature full-term classes as well as accelerated courses, online classes and community education enrichment offerings. OCC will again be offering a robust class selection that helps students receive a degree, transfer to a four-year institution or sharpen their skills for today's in-demand careers. To browse the OCC schedule of classes, go to [www.orangecoastcollege.edu](http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu).

## **RECYCLING CENTER TO GET FACELIFT**

In order accommodate the growing need to recycle from our environmentally conscious community, the College will be expanding the OCC Recycling Center. Construction is scheduled to begin in May of 2015 with site improvements to enhance accessibility of the center and accommodate additional parking spaces. For more information on recycling at OCC, call (714) 432-25131 or go to [www.orangecoastcollege.edu/about\\_occ/Facilities/recycling\\_center](http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/about_occ/Facilities/recycling_center).

## **OCC SWAP MEET OFFERED EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

Come enjoy the browsing and the bargains! With more than 300 vendors, the OCC Swap Meet features fascinating antiques and collectibles, thousands of records, tools, clothes, toys and much more. The OCC Swap Meet is open on the weekends from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (714) 432-5880 and press 1.

**MATH, BUSINESS AND COMPUTING CENTER CONTINUES CONSTRUCTION**

Construction continues on the new OCC Math, Business and Computing Center. The 90,000-square-foot multi-discipline instructional complex is funded through voter-approved Measure M bond funds and features lecture spaces, faculty offices and computer labs. The building is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2015.

**PEDAGOGIC CLAY 2 EXHIBIT BRING WORLD RENOWNED ARTISTS TO OCC**

OCC is set to host the Pedagogic Clay 2 Exhibit, opening on January 28. The month-long exhibit will feature work from more than 50 ceramic artists and instructors, as well as include workshops and panel discussions led by distinguished experts in the field. Coast Community College District Interim Chancellor Tom Harris will be included among the talented group of artists presenting at the exhibit. For more information call (714) 432-5843.

If you have any questions about any OCC news or events, do not hesitate to call me at (714) 432-5816.

Sincerely,



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