

## J. Major capital projects

### New Facilities Master Plan

A new College Facilities Master Plan is under development to meet the rapidly increasing needs of Kean-Ocean partnership, an initiative that allows Ocean County residents to receive baccalaureate degree at Kean University but on OCC campus. A draft of the master plan was available summer 2007, and a final document will be released February 2008.

### Fine Arts Building

Groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 24, 2007 for Fine Arts building renovation and expansion project. Construction is scheduled for completion by July 2008.



### New Academic Building

A new academic building is in design stage with a goal of going out for bid in winter of 2008. Completion of the project is planned for June 2009 with a start date of fall 2009 for academic classes.

The 31,000 square foot building will contain 14 large hi-tech classrooms, two lap-top classrooms, one desk-top computer laboratory, faculty offices, a deans office with space for clerical support, lounge space and service/mechanical areas.

### Ocean Inc. Child Development Center

The Center is scheduled to open in early October 2007. Designed to accommodate 150 all day children with 50 slots allotted for the children of OCC faculty, staff and students, the Center includes eight pre-school classrooms, one toddler classroom, and one infant classroom



### **Cell Phone Tower**

The College solicited bids and awarded a contract for the construction of a 60 foot square compound and a 180 foot wireless communication lattice cell phone tower capable of accommodating the following purposes for the College

- an origination point for a campus wireless network
- a broadcast point for the College radio station
- an emergency broadcast channel for Ocean County
- a laboratory site for the radio broadcast curriculum

### **J. Philip Citta Community Sailing Center**

Largely founded by former Trustee, Joseph A. Citta, the Community Sailing Center will be located in Mill Creak County Park in Berkeley Township, with the construction of a T-dock, a conditioned building and a connected boat storage facility. The project is pending approval, and additional fundraising is anticipated to occur this academic year.

### **Robert J. Novins Planetarium Renovation**

The 40+ years old Planetarium was closed due to the need for equipment upgrades and building maintenance and repair. In the spring 2007, the OCC Trustees authorized Trustee Mr. Steve Leone to lead a financial campaign to raise 1.5 million for the planetarium equipment. In summer 2007, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders voted to support the renovation of the 40 year old building with a major financial commitment of \$2,000,000.



Detailed plans and specifications will be developed during the fall semester with construction and renovations planned for the spring through summer. A reopening of the planetarium is currently projected for September 2008.

### **Expansion of Parking Lot #4**

The College's existing Master Plan and the new Master Plan both address the need to increase parking for students and staff. With the support of the County Engineering and Road Departments and the generous financial commitment from the Freeholders, the college plans to expand the capacity of Lot #4 spaces to approximately 115.

### **Renewal and Renovation Projects**

Besides new constructions, the College has been conducting renewals and renovations for facilities on and off the main campus. They are

- HPE Center hot water boiler repair
- RIC-WIL heating pipe replacement
- College lake dam repair
- Instructional building criminalistics laboratory
- Library building office conversions

- Administration building HVAC upgrade
- HPE pool chlorination system
- Russell building roof replacement and renovation
- Furniture replacement program