

## H. Major research and public service activities

OCC is not required to submit to the National Science Foundation their R&D Expenditures form #411 as we do not receive any federal, state or local funding to specifically support R&D activities, nor are any institutional funds budgeted or expensed for this purpose.

In the four Ocean County College academic schools, faculty members have displayed their scholarship and creativity in local, regional, national, and even international venues. These successes serve to prominently highlight the reputation of Ocean County College as a center of excellence in education, scholarship, and creative work.

In the School of Nursing, faculty participate in many Student Nurse Organization (SNO) functions such as the recent bone marrow screening held on campus to identify a possible donor for an ocean county resident. An articulation agreement with University of Medicine & Dentistry was recently signed to offer through the School of Nursing various allied health programs such as an AAS in Dental Hygiene and Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Dr Manzetti and several nursing students participated in the 2011 Nurses Week Opening ceremony at the United States Army -Walson Medical Support Element Unit, while Professor Lois Donovan traveled to Honduras as a member of the American Honduran Medical Mission to work with the medically indigent for ten days in August 2011. In January 2012 Professor Donovan along with Dr. Ross presented their research findings at the Monmouth County Alzheimer's Support Group on "Outcomes in Research-What's New".

Professor Sandra Kearns serves on the Executive Board of the New Jersey State Nurses Association (NJSNA) and acts as a consultant to the New Jersey Nursing Students. She is a Bereavement Co-Facilitator and Eucharistic Minister at St. Luke Church, Toms River, NJ. Professors Nancy Schlossbach, Lois Donovan and Drs. Leah Kelly and Colleen Manzetti are working with the New Jersey Nursing Initiative and Kean University to develop a seamless BSN model at Ocean County College.

During the 2011-2012 school year, our School of Language and the Arts faculty were actively engaged in the teaching and learning process and demonstrated their institutional and professional engagement in many ways.

For example, Dr. Mary Ellen Carr (English) formed a new student club—"Alliteration" that hosted workshops for beginning writers. She collaborated with the Ocean County Library staff to organize the Community Writers' Program in December 2011 in which OCC creative writing students performed and read to interested community members. Karin Gargone (music) accompanied more than 15 of her students to enable them to present live chamber music performances in the community on several occasions. Jack Kelnhofer (English) created a library of video lectures for use by both on-line and classroom students, videos currently accessible on Ocean Cruiser. During the spring semester, professor Nat Bard (art) provided OCC students with an opportunity to participate in a juried art show in which they presented their work and received comments from a professional artist.

In addition, Martin Novelli (humanities) presented a lecture on James Baldwin at the Southern Education Center (SEC) as part of our *Black History Month Celebration*. Karin Gargone presented a “Hymn Playing Workshop” at a meeting of the Monmouth chapter of the American Guild of Organists and also collaborated with Pat Kennedy (Art History) and Rick Trimble (History) to present “Civil War Perspectives through Period Imagery and Music” and “The Power of Memory: Gettysburg, an American Icon”. Finally, Gary Shaffer (communications) moderated a panel discussion entitled “Extremely Fast and Incredibly Close: How hyper local web sites are changing the way news is gathered, reported, and consumed” at the New Jersey Communication Association Annual Conference.

Language and the Arts faculty are also active authors, such as Jack Kelnhofer who has completed his own translation of the elegiac poetry from the Exeter book as well as a new translation of Beowulf with the intent of creating a student’s study guide as well as a writer’s guide to the poem. Jayanti Tamm (English) continues to write for the *Huffington Post* and Judy Angona (English) published several articles in *Teaching English in the Two-Year College* such as “Living Our Teaching Lives in Tight Budget Times.” Martin Novelli in conjunction with Dr. Frank Wetta of Kean University completed a year-long project by writing a book based on the United States Reconstruction (1865-1877).

Dr. Beth Brierley (theater) was selected to serve as an adjudicator in “Point’s Got Talent”, Point Pleasant Schools’ version of the popular television talent show and Dr. Henry Jackson was selected to participate in the Partnership for the Assessment of College and Career Readiness (PARCC).

In the School of Social Science and Human Services, faculty members continued to contribute to their respective fields. Ben Castillo, faculty member and former Dean of Social Science and Human Services, spent the past year providing training to the Afghan police force. Mr. Castillo will rejoin the faculty this fall to work more closely with the Homeland Security program. Christine Kitchin presented evening lectures on “Native Americans along the Expedition: Lewis and Clark in Indian Country”, as part of the traveling exhibit on Lewis and Clark through the Ocean County Library.

Brad Young, Instructor of Political Science, accompanied a group of OCC students to the United States Institute of Peace Seminars in Washington D.C. as the faculty advisor. Richard O’Meara, College Lecturer in Homeland Security, held a retrospective Homeland Security Commemoration and Conference on September 12, 2011, at OCC. Professor Ed Kissling was an exhibitor at the National Association for Developmental Education Annual Conference and moderated two sessions; he also provided Continuing Legal Education through Marino CLE at New York Law School on N.J. Real Estate Law.

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) advisor, Associate Professor Katherine Dillon, Business Studies, brought OCC student members of PBL to the national leadership conference in San Antonio, Texas where OCC students competed against 500 students from two- and four-year colleges and proudly took home 24 awards. Professor Dillon was honored as the Outstanding Local Advisor, and Associate Professor of Business Studies, Barbara Napolitano, was awarded Chapter Professional of the Year. Professor Dillon was also selected for the OCC Full-Time Faculty Member of the Year Award in May 2012.

Dean Labollita, College Lecturer I, hosted a weeklong conference for addictions professionals in the community through the Public Service Institute during August 2011, at which he was also a seminar presenter. Dean coordinated the hosting of the New Jersey Prevention Network's (NJPN) Annual Conference this past spring on the Ocean County College Campus, and he was officially recognized by NJPN for his professional efforts toward advocacy and awareness of the prevalence of Drunk Driving, during January 2012.

Dr. Neil Lavender was co-researcher of a 500 subject study that looked at work stress in an article titled, "Differentiation of Self in the Workplace and its Relation to Work Stress and Work Satisfaction" along with Alan A. Cavaiola, Callie Peters, and Nadya Hamdan. The article appeared in the *Journal of Psychological Issues in Organizational Culture*. Volume 3, Issue 1, April 2012.

Faculty members of the School of Math, Science, and Technology have contributed diversely in 2011-2012. Professors William Rickert and Vicki McMillian sponsored workshops for teaching/learning in remedial math for the math faculty. Ted Gordon and Shirley Grone (math), Don George (computer science), Duane Grembowicz, Chris Spencer, and Eric Antonelli (science) participated in a successful pilot study designed to measure the effectiveness of the online tool, CruiseEval. In Spring 2012, the majority of faculty members in the Science Department submitted a comprehensive 200-page curricular document to the VPAA to be used for new faculty orientation.

In December 2011, Dr. Yehia Elmogahzy, the Dean of the School, prepared a document on "post-tenure review" for Vice President Strada, based on a national study of over 20 community colleges and 18 universities. Dr. Elmogahzy also represented President Larson in attending and speaking to the MUAA dinner and, in July 2012, submitted a draft proposal to the National Science Foundation under the ATE funding program.

Chris Spencer was a presenter at the 2012 Spring Colloquium on the Middle States Self Study Special Topics and also serves as one of the eight Team Leaders for the Self Study. Marc Labella organized the Science Club and Adjuncts for the spring 2012 Open House. Vicki McMillian was a Judge for ASA/NCTM Statistical Project Competition for K-12 students, and she also organized and presented "Best Practices in Math XL" for full-time and adjunct OCC Math faculty in October 2011.

Marcia Bradley was selected as Biltmore's Who's Who among Professionals 2011-2012.

Michael Pezzimenti presented the 2011 EOF Summer Program Mathematics Lecture (August 2011) and also attended the new math standards meeting in Mercer Community College. Dr. Loring Garrison made a presentation to the STAR Astronomy Club in Monmouth County entitled "Star Formation – What's New?" and also helped in the preparation of the Mid-Atlantic Planetarium Society (MAPS) conference held at OCC May 16 – 19.

Marc Labella co-chaired Barnegat Bay Day/ Go Green Expo on July 6th at the Long Beach Island Foundation for the Arts and Sciences

On June 9, 2012, in a collaborative project, the School of Math, Science and Technology participated in the Green Day Fair in Seaside Park with displays produced by numerous Math

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and Science faculty, full-time and adjunct, to illustrate the levels of organization found in nature. This event attracted about 400 participants and both the Green Day Committee and Verizon expressed an interest in partnering with Ocean County College again on similar projects.

As is evident from just this sampling, we have a diverse and energetic faculty that has achieved great things.