



“Imagine the Possibilities”

Imagine a place where kids can explore the mysteries of the universe.

Where college students are able to navigate new worlds of opportunities in science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Where families and friends encounter galaxies millions of light years away.


Imagine a world-class space to discover infinite possibilities.

The Planetarium at Orange Coast College.

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“Houston We have a problem..... OCC has the Solution”

 According to the Department of Education, the U.S. has fallen behind other countries in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), creating an urgent need for interactive science education at all levels.

As a leader in science education for six decades, OCC's commitment to STEM has been strengthened with the completion of the College's \$60 million Allied Health, Biology and Consumer Science complex. This investment ensures that OCC remains a leader in launching the dreams of future scientists who transfer to four-year colleges and universities throughout the world.

“We shall all, philosophers, scientists and just ordinary people, be able to take part in the discussion of why we and the universe exist.”

The OCC Planetarium takes Flight



Orange Coast College has identified the need for a new planetarium to serve as a vital science center and an extension of the College's commitment to STEM curriculum. By engaging both K-12 students and college students, this one-of-a-kind venue will provide innovative learning experiences that engage, inspire, and illuminate students of all ages.

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Space Travelers Start Here



tudents in Orange County school districts who experience the Planetarium will be given the chance to experience core STEM concepts through exhibits that are engaging and fun. College courses will be offered to students by OCC faculty, and members of the community will have the opportunity to attend shows, lectures and exhibits throughout the year.

The Planetarium will have unique features to serve all of its travelers:

State-of-the-art theatre and presentation room

Foucault Pendulum exhibit

Interactive science exhibit hall

Science-on-a-Sphere NOAA display globe

The latest technology and telescopes for optimum learning

Theatre-style seating for 125

Administrative offices

Ticket office





Flight Plan

The Planetarium at Orange Coast College

Groundbreaking: Summer 2016

Estimated Completion: Summer 2018

Estimated Cost: \$ 20 million

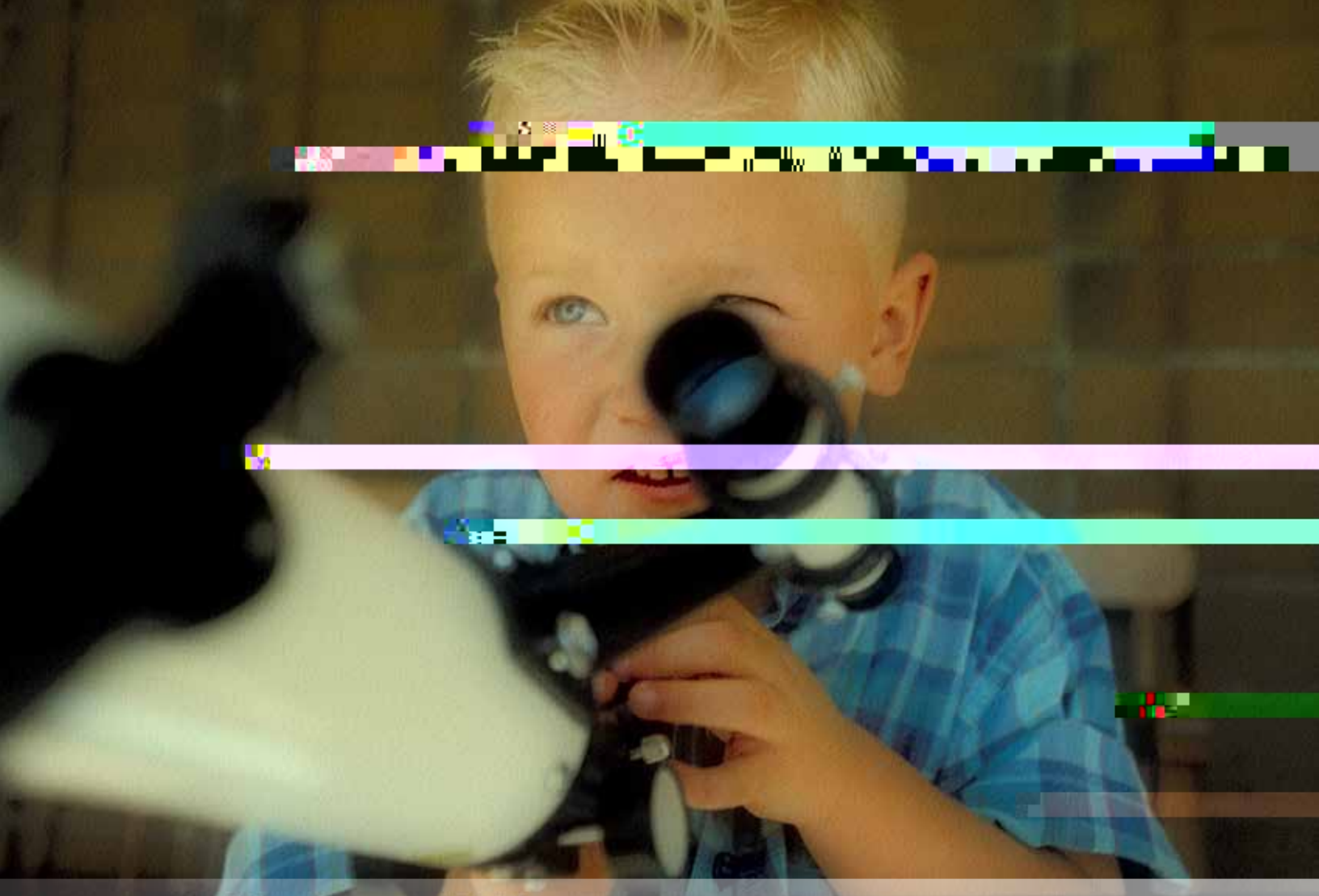
The Planetarium will be located on the Orange Coast College campus, adjacent to the Charles H. Lewis Center and the Allied Health, Biology and Consumer Health Complex, and positioned in the center of OCC's Science Quad.

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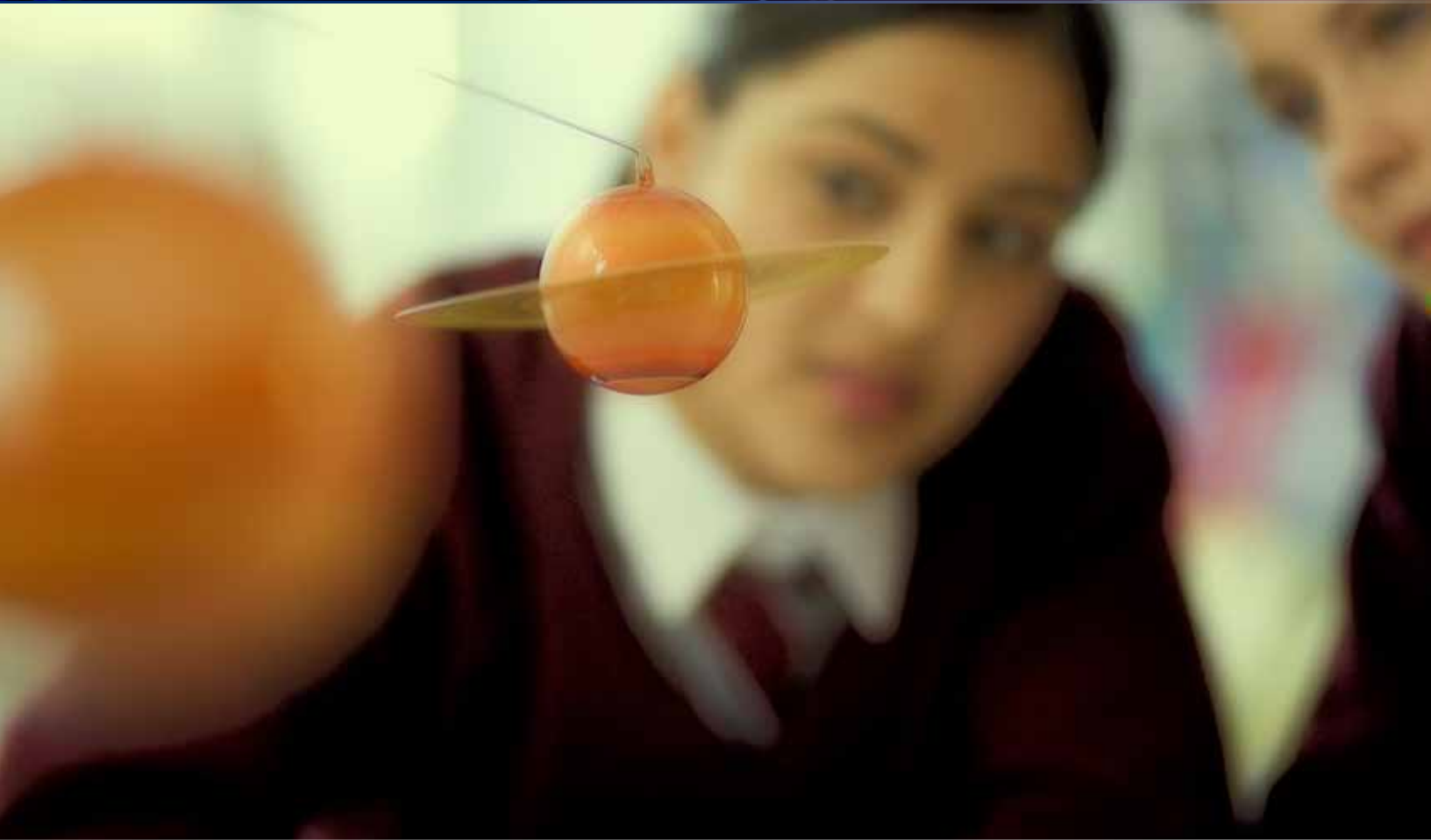


Leadership Donors

As of September 1, 2017 more than \$2.6 million in private support has been received and pledged to support



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Orange Coast College Foundation Overview

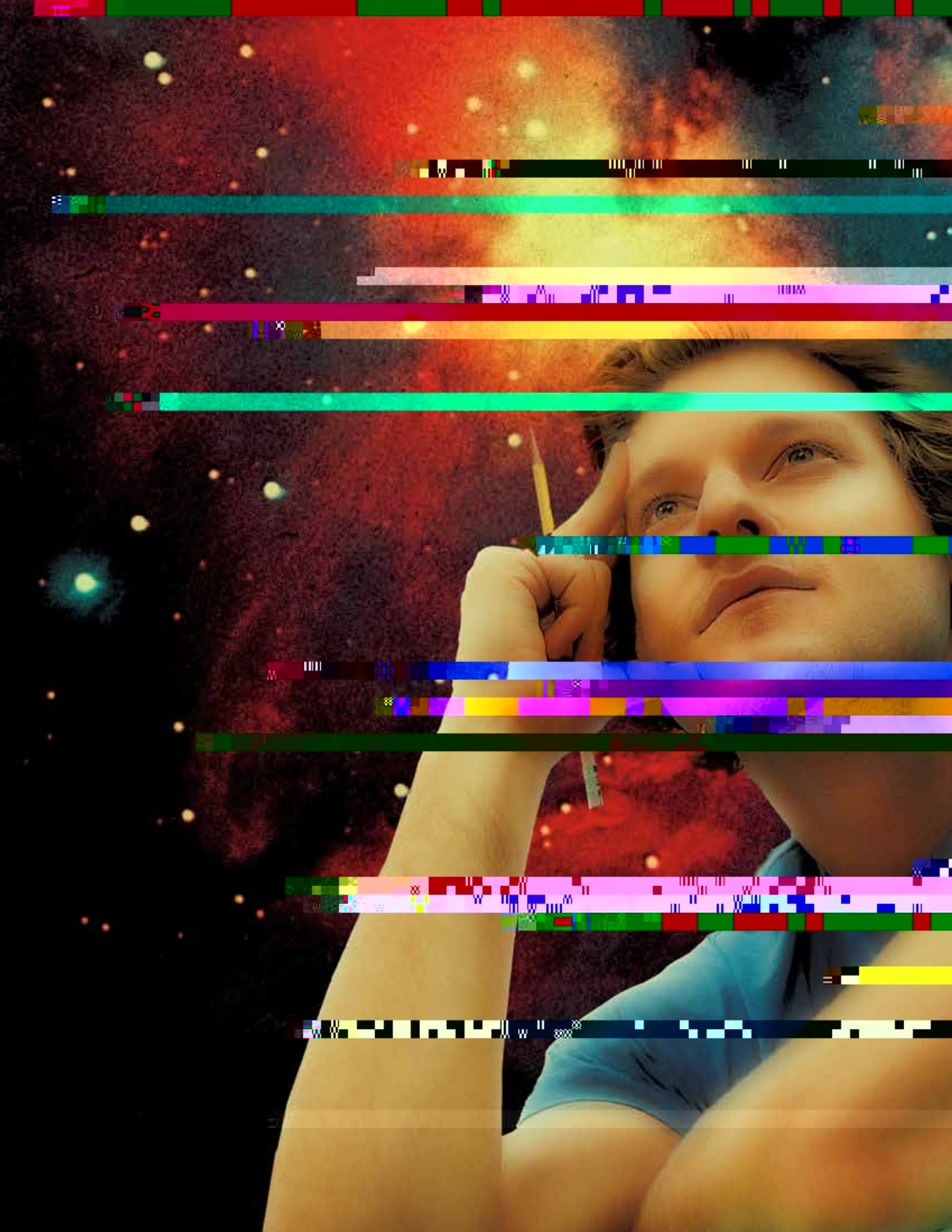


The Orange Coast College Foundation is a non-profit 501(C)3 corporation incorporated in California.

Governed by a 25-member board of directors, the Foundation has designated the Planetarium at Orange Coast College as its priority project for 2009-2018.


The Planetarium is an extension of other projects created and supported by the Orange Coast College Foundation and its donors, including the School of Sailing & Seamanship, the Frank M. Doyle Art Pavilion and College for Kids. Since 1985, the OCC Foundation has raised more than \$60 million to support programs and activities at the College. In 2015-2016, the Foundation received donations valued at more than \$7 million. Currently, the Foundation holds assets valued at more than \$25 million.

Previous major campaigns include the Capital Campaigns for the Frank M. Doyle Art Pavilion, the Harry & Grace Steele Children's Center, and the renovation of the Robert B. Moore Performing Arts Theatre.



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OCC and Science... A Dynamic Combination!

 Located in the heart of Costa Mesa, Orange Coast College plays an active and enduring role in Orange County's science literacy efforts. In fact, throughout its 60-year history, Orange Coast College has remained a community leader in science education.

Known widely as Orange County's community college of choice, OCC has transferred more than 100,000 of the region's best and brightest to the University of California and California State University systems, as well as to private colleges and universities of distinction across the nation.


OCC students are among the doctors, scientists, health care professionals, teachers, and engineers that make California a world leader.

The community continued to invest in OCC's commitment to STEM by passing the Measure M property tax measure in 2012.

\$20 million from the 2012 voter approved Measure M will be dedicated to fund the capital costs of the Planetarium. The members of the Orange Coast College Foundation Board of Directors have given generously to initiate a private fundraising campaign to fund the Planetarium's Endowment. We are now seeking support from the Orange County community so future generations can enjoy the programs and exhibits the Planetarium at Coast will offer.

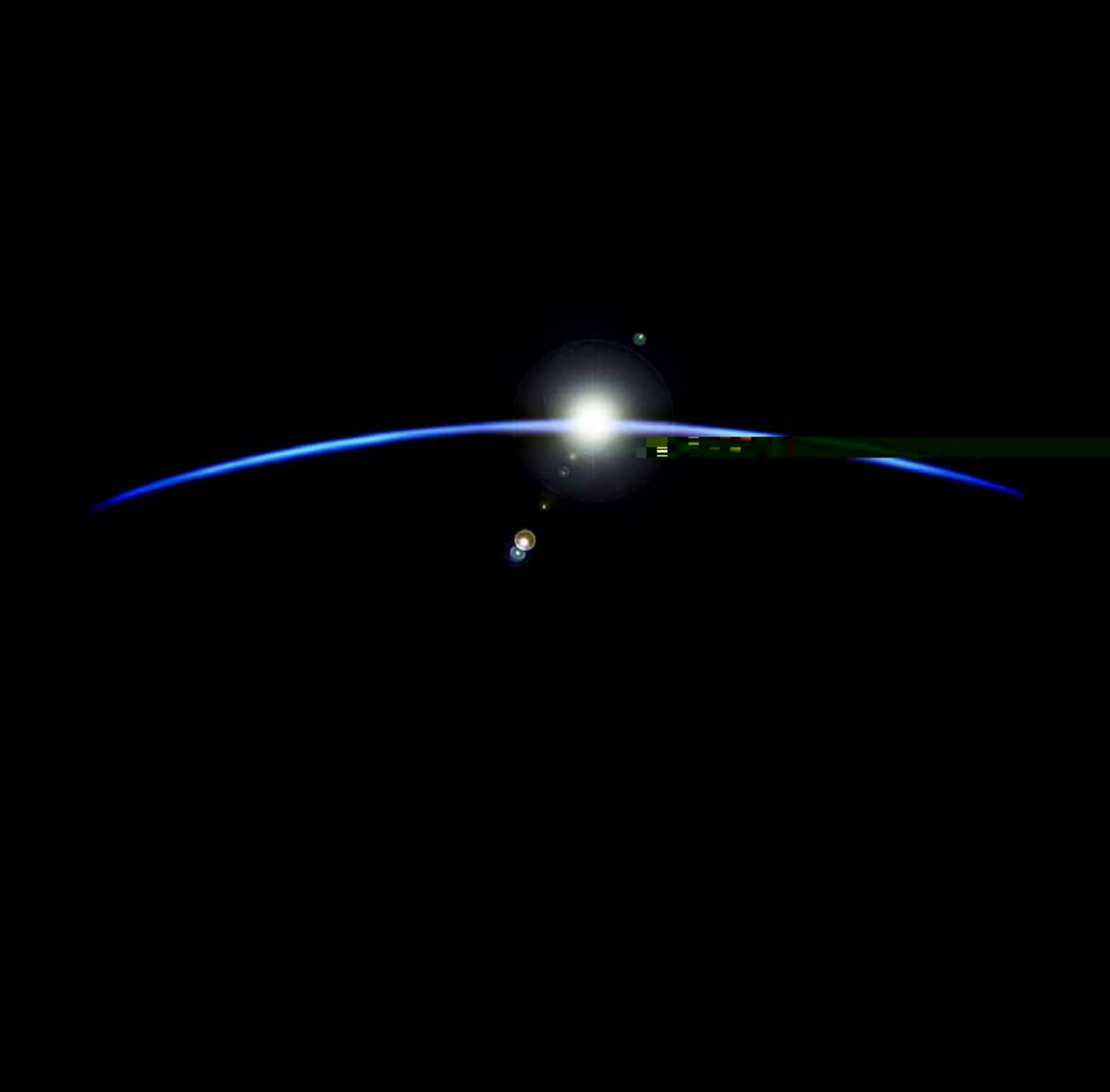
Help students launch their dreams and explore new worlds of opportunities in science, technology, mathematics, and technology.

Let's give our students and the residents of Orange County and beyond, space to discover.



“Astronomy compels the soul to look upwards
and leads up from this world to another.”

— Plato



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