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anybody like me because I am strong and stand up for myself. I was speechless because nobody told me that before.

OCC made me a human being. OCC is home and the starting place of love, hope, and dreams.”

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OCC Commencement Student Speaker Inspires with Speech about Resilience

Child Development student Mayra Bahena was the student speaker at OCC’s 70th annual Commencement Ceremony on May 23.

Bahena, who is hearing impaired, gave an impassioned speech with the help of a translator about resilience and overcoming setbacks in pursuit of higher education.

“I wanted to acknowledge that many students come from many different races, disabilities, gender identities, cultures, etc ... as a disabled person I can bring awareness to people who are hard workers in achieving their goals by saying ‘If I can, then you can,’” says Bahena.

The speech was well-received by graduates and their families, who gave Bahena a standing ovation. With plans to transfer to Cal State Northridge in the fall to continue toward her goal of becoming an elementary school teacher for deaf students, Bahena acknowledges what being a student at OCC has meant to her.

“Orange Coast College is the biggest challenge I have ever had; OCC has taught me to be in the real world, something I never experienced before,” she explains. “I remember when I first attended OCC; I felt lost and confused because I didn’t find anyone to help me or converse with me. I was like a tiny fish in a large sea. Once I met the right people and took the right classes, I learned that I am not the only one having struggles in school. But they told me that they’ve never seen

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OCC Faculty Member of the Year Has Spent Career Mentoring Underserved Students

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mentors in the Puente program they were once a part of.

“In order to best address the needs of my students, my teaching incorporates a philosophy of familiarity, genuine interest, affection, and trust, for I believe that conveying my real concern for the success of each of my students as individuals beyond the classroom is a key to empowering them to succeed academically and personally,” says Gaytan. “In other words, I want my students to know that I care about each of them! I never lose sight of how fortunate I am to work with my students in a rich academic environment of mutual admiration and trust that we develop together and that lasts for years and years.”

Gaytan hosts informational events for students and their parents throughout the year, and coordinates student visits to universities across the state, including University of California Berkeley and California State University, San Francisco.

Devine has earned several successful recurring roles, including in the film series “Pitch Perfect” and television series “Modern Family.” He also has voiced characters in “Ice Age: Collision Course” and “The Lego Batman Movie.”

Anderson has had roles on television shows such as “Community” and “Arrested Development” and has started a clothing line called “Teenage.”

Along with “Workaholics” co-creators Kyle Newacheck and Anders Holm, both Anderson and Devine are co-founders of production company Mail Order Comedy, which partnered with actor and producer Seth Rogen to create a Netflix film titled “Game Over Man!” released this year.

Devine and Anderson reminisced about their time at OCC during their speech to graduates at OCC’s commencement ceremony last month.

“This honor goes out to all our haters out there, who saw us longboarding to class and said ‘Those guys aren’t Hall-of-Fame material,’” joked Devine.

“Blake and I actually met day one of school [at OCC] in improv class,” he continued. “Our improv teacher, Alex Golson, encouraged us to start writing comedy together and performing together, and his confidence gave us the confidence to pursue our careers. That’s what OCC gave to us.”

Anderson echoed the sentiment and followed it with some advice for the class of 2018.

“Make friends — you never know the people who you meet day to day, how they’re going to affect you later in life,” he said. “The person sitting next to you could be a co-worker, they could be an employer, they could get you a job. A great example of this? When I met Adam, here at OCC, I had no idea clue that the person I was meeting would be essential in forging the key that would open the door to me living my dream.”

OCC Brings Back Sta Appreciation Picnic in Honor of 70th Anniversary

The College will host a Sta Appreciation Picnic on Wednesday, June 27 from noon until 4 p.m. in the OCC Horticulture Gardens.

The event brings back a long-held tradition at Coast in honor of the school’s 70th Anniversary, and recognizes the hard work and dedication of the more than 350 classified employees who form the backbone of operations at OCC.

The Picnic will be catered by Tulsa Rib Co. and will include an array of barbeque dishes (including a vegetarian option.) Some of the planned activities include picnic-friendly games such as croquet and a corn hole toss. There will also be caricature artists on hand to provide hand-drawn portraits of sta on OCC-themed paper. The newly elected Classified Senate Leadership team will be introduced as well.

Orange Coast College Inducts Actors Into Alumni Hall of Fame

OCC inducted actors Blake Anderson and Adam Devine into the College’s Alumni Hall of Fame immediately following Commencement on May 23.

Anderson and Devine — who met as students at OCC in 2002 — were co-creators and co-stars in the popular TV show “Workaholics” on Comedy Central. The show — which ended in 2017 after seven seasons — became a breakout hit almost overnight, garnering a cult-like following and transforming the actors into Hollywood stars.




Pirates post impressive results at ACRA's!

The impressive 2018 season for the Orange Coast College men's crew continued on May 26-27 at the American Collegiate Rowing Association (ACRA) National Championships as the Pirates finished third overall out of 75 of the top programs in the nation.

With just five boats in the championships, Coast finished with

generate enough revenue to hire additional officers, purchase more equipment and expand department hours to 24/7, and now 32 years later with a staff of 50 we have one of the most efficient departments in the District. I've hired over 600 employees in my time at OCC and what makes me so proud is seeing so many of them go on to law enforcement careers or other careers with the foundation they got at OCC. Also, many of the officers that started with me as student assistants and are now full-time officers with our department. I'll miss these staff members, some of whom I've worked with for over 20 years.

When I leave in July I'm planning on working in my home town of San Clemente at the animal shelter near me, or maybe for a dog walking service to keep busy and stay out of my wife's hair.

OCC Marketing Dept. Wins 9 Awards at Statewide Conference

Orange Coast College's marketing and public relations department won nine top awards at the annual Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) conference awards dinner on Thursday, April 12.

OCC took first place for its 2017 Annual Report, 2017 OCC Magazine, and Global Engagement Center informational brochure. The College also took first place for feature writing. Coast also won silver in the "Folder," "Social Media Management" and "Charles Cropsey Photography Award" categories, and bronze in the "Direct Mailer/Postcard/Flyer" and "Brochure Division B" categories.

"This recognition from CCPRO is not only a testament to the College's marketing department's talent and creativity, but also the compelling stories and accomplishments of our students, faculty and staff," said Marketing and Public Relations Director Juan Gutierrez.

CCPRO is a statewide professional development and service organization that seeks to promote excellence in California's community college public relations and related professions.

This year's competition saw more than 400 entries from community colleges across the state.

Pirates' season ends with 8-6 loss to Sacramento City

The memorable 2018 season for the Orange Coast College baseball team came to an end at John Eules Ballpark as the Pirates fell to Sacramento City, 8-6, at the California Community College Athletic Association Baseball State Championships, hosted by Fresno City College.

It was a day that started at 10 a.m. with a 12-6, 12-inning win over Mt. San Antonio but it ended with a season-ending thud 14 hours later as the Pirates (34-15) simply ran out of gas and finished third in the state against a relentless Panthers' team that will take on San Joaquin Delta for the state championship.

While the season ended one day short of what the Pirates hoped for, the 2018 campaign can not be described as anything but successful. It was a season that began with injury concerns and a lethargic 8-7 start. Once the aches and pains lessened and key players returned, OCC caught fire with a 25-6 finish to the season, a second straight Orange Empire Conference championship (first back-to-back conference titles for OCC baseball in 30 years) and three consecutive playoff series sweeps en route to the State Final Four.

On Sunday night, Coast fell behind to the Panthers 5-2 and 6-4 before evening the game at 6-6 in the bottom of the fifth inning, but SCC (35-15) picked up single runs in the seventh and ninth innings, while the Panther bullpen shut down the Pirates over the final four innings for the win.

Skylar Limonchi went 2-for-5 with two runs scored, while Ramiro Velasco added a hit and two RBI for the Pirates. Chris Ceballos went 1-for-3 with two runs and an RBI, while Murphy Stehly went 2-for-4.

McKinley LeFore came in relief for the Pirates and did a great job of keeping his team in the game with 5 1/3 innings of inspired work, but took the tough loss after allowing three runs (two earned) on four hits with three walks and seven strikeouts.

Isaiah Rodriguez (W 2-1) and Adam Erickson (ninth save) combined to shut down the Pirates over the final four innings, allowing two hits, no walks and three strikeouts. SCC retired 11 of the final 12 OCC hitters as the clock struck midnight, both literally, and on the Pirates' season.