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Orange Coast College Planetarium Ceremony Set for March 22

Orange Coast College's long-awaited Planetarium will officially open its doors on March 22 at 4 p.m.

In addition to the campus community, members of the local community will be at the celebration, including the Foundation Board of Directors, local officials, representatives from the architecture and construction firms who worked on the Planetarium, and donors.

There will be an inaugural showing of "Explore" in the Planetarium's state-of-the-art immersive theater. Showings will begin immediately following the dedication ceremony.

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OCC Speech & Debate Takes Home Top Prize at Spring Championship Tournament

The Orange Coast College Speech, Debate & Forensics team has won the top prize at the 2019 National Forensic Association (NFA) Spring Championship Tournament. The team, consisting of...



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presentation for a fruit preservation cream, and Lyvia Yoho, with a project on selective reporting of crime by the media.

This year saw a significant rise in project proposals, with more than 80 presentation submissions by students.

OCC Theatre for Social Justice Presents: Radium Girls

Orange Coast College's theatre department is staging a production of "Radium Girls" on the weekends of March 15–17 and March 22–24 in the College's Drama Lab Theatre. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee scheduled for Sunday, March 24, in lieu of the nighttime show.

Radium Girls tells the story of how young women in the early 20th Century suffered radiation poisoning after working in factories that used radium to paint popular luminous watches.

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- **Poster Presentation** — The poster session will take place from 11 a.m. until Noon in the College's horticulture gardens, and provides the opportunity to share work through a visual presentation and includes a question and answer period. Posters will be on display throughout the Symposium and the author(s) is/are present, which will provide an opportunity to communicate with peers in an informal and intimate setting.
- **Exhibition of Work** — The exhibition of work session will run concurrently with the Poster Presentation from 11 a.m. until Noon in the horticulture gardens, and is a category suitable for creative works including sculpture, machined products, architectural design, and ice sculptures.

Lunch will be provided for all presenters and their mentors from 1:15-2:30 p.m. in the horticulture gardens. All sessions will be followed by an award ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

The top prize is a First Author award of \$1,000, with \$500 for a subcategory win and \$100 for runner-up awards. Subcategories include oral presentation with original research, oral presentation with project or literature review, poster presentations, and projects, technology and creative works.

Last year's first place winner was Jonathan Stockman with a project titled "Accommodating the Baby-boomer Generation." Other winners included Mahdokht Hamidan with a poster

After years of denials and cover-ups from the companies who owned the factories, an ensuing lawsuit changed worker conditions in the U.S. and led to the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

“This is a compelling moment in history where female workers were able to sue and hold accountable a large corporation for work-related injuries that they had suffered,” explains Director Naomi Buckley. “It paved the way for many more class action lawsuits that would allow for greater workplace accountability and worker safety. There are themes of class inequality, gender equality in the workplace, and big ethical issues that the show raises.”

OCC’s Social Justice Series was launched in 2016 in an effort to raise public awareness, educate and engage audiences on issues related to societal injustice and human rights. Past productions have delved into topics like immigration rights and social equity. Student actors are challenged to perform scenes that are often emotionally complex.

“I hope that what the audience takes away from ‘Radium Girls’ is the courage that it took for these girls to come forward and persist in spite of being severely ill and disabled by the end,” explains Buckley. “Their story is one of the real bravery that so many men and women show that then paves the way for others. It’s a story of heroism really.”

Tickets for “Radium Girls” can be purchased at www.occtickets.com for \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door.

Pirates Notch Statement Win With 2-1 Triumph Over Hawks

There are wins that make a team feel good ... and there are wins that make a statement. A 2-1 win over conference power Santiago Canyon did a little of both for the Orange Coast College softball team as the Pirates topped the Hawks for the first time in recent memory, dating back to the beginning of the SCC program 13 years ago.

The Pirates (9-1, 3-1), a team that has been struggling to earn respect in the always-tough Orange Empire Conference, picked up a hard-fought, well-deserved win against a talented Hawks team that was top-five seed in the Southern California Regional playoffs for the past two years as well as the 2016 state champion.

OCC righty Jordyn East (4-1) pitched a masterpiece for the Pirates, holding the Hawks to just one run on four hits with no walks and three strikeouts. She out-pitched SCC starter Ashlynn Clifford (5-2), who took the loss after allowing two runs on five hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

Santiago Canyon grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, thanks to a two-out double by Cozette Zoch and an RBI-single by Sabrina Rivera. But from there East kept the Hawks in check.

It stayed 1-0 until the bottom of the sixth. That’s when Liana Castro got a hold of a 2-1 pitch and launched her fifth home run of the season over the left-field fence, tying the score at 1.

SCC threatened in the top of the seventh with two outs after a single and hit batter put runners on first and second, but East coaxed a harmless foul pop-up to Castro to end the frame.

In the bottom of the seventh, Blake Hesla led things off and battled Clifford for nine tough pitches before finally earning the game’s lone walk. After a sacrifice bunt by Joanna Michaels moved Hesla to second and a fly out by Shawna Aguerrebere moved her to third, Brooklyn Pack came through with a game-winning, RBI-single to left to snap OCC’s decade-long losing streak to the Hawks.

Castro finished with two hits, while Pack, Madison LeClaire and Janae Gomez each collected hits for the Pirates.