



Pirates Close the Book With State Baseball Championship!

Joey Fregosi's well-placed infield single with the bases loaded capped off a walk-off, come-from-behind, 8-7 win over El Camino to win the 2019 California Community College Baseball State Championship on May 28 at Fresno City College's John Eulless Ballpark.

The win, coupled with a 7-5 win over the Warriors in the earlier game, gave the Pirates (39-9-1) their seventh state baseball championship and 94th overall title in school history.

"I told these guys when we got here this weekend that we were on our final chapter of this great story and it was up to us to write what type of ending it would be," OCC head coach John Altobelli said. "Man, do I love this final chapter.

"These guys never quit when it could've been so easy to. We dug deep and we had players step up for us that didn't get a lot of playing time for us all year and they got it done. What a special group this is."

With Coast leading 5-4 after six innings, El Camino (40-9) delivered a big blow to the Pirates' chances when Matt Beserra came through with a two-run home run over the left-field wall,

putting the Warriors up, 6-5.

But the Pirates showed the heart of a champion when Tyler Lasch and Murphy Stehly singled to start the bottom of the seventh. After a sacrifice bunt by Jacob Gentry moved over both runners, David Morgan came through with a two-run double to right-center, giving OCC a 7-6 lead.

The Warriors, playing inspired baseball all season long after losing one of their teammates, Sladen Mohl to an automobile accident on April 18, refused to quit. Taishi Nakawake led off



with the season on the line. Not playing with an injured elbow, the sophomore in elder bounced the first pitch into the hole to the right of shortstop Nakawake at short. There was no play to be made as Jackson scored, sending an eruption of



OCC to receive a formal education at Coast where he earned certificates in Culinary Arts, Advanced Culinary Arts, and Restaurant Management and Catering.

"I consider my experience at Orange Coast College to be so important to my career and my personal growth over the years," says Caliendo. "I worked so hard to attend classes and complete the program while holding down multiple jobs. It was a very stressful and fast-paced time in my life, and I would not trade it for anything."

Caliendo was a founding partner in Lazy Dog Restaurant and Bar, which opened its first location in Huntington Beach in 2003. By the end of 2018, Lazy Dog had 30 restaurants across five states: California, Nevada, Texas, Colorado and Illinois. The company has six new locations planned for 2019.

Caliendo is the creative mind behind Lazy Dog's menu, featuring a fresh take on traditional comfort foods. He often invites OCC culinary students to visit him in his research and development kitchen, and offers advice to aspiring chefs.

"I'm again humbled by the decision to award me with an Alumni of the Year designation," Caliendo says. "It means a lot to me and I am very grateful to continue my professional and personal experience with OCC."

My students, who have diverse academic and life experiences, are my inspiy HonorM 0 0.44 k /GSeeduca•D>BDC >>B



Twelve OCC Faculty Honored at UCI Educator Recognition Event

Faculty from across all disciplines at Coast were identified by their former students at the University of California, Irvine as outstanding educators who made a significant positive contribution to their students' academic success.

The 12 OCC instructors selected for the honor were invited to an Educator Recognition Dinner and Awards ceremony at UCI on May 14. They are:

- Gabriela Ernsberger, Computer Science
- Jarren Gonzales, Psychology
- Jose Costas, Dance
- Anne Bresnock, Economics
- Hannah Kang, Psychology
- Marc Perkins, Biology
- Greg Russell, Biology
- Mickey Laux, Chemistry
- Doug Lloyd, Math
- Arnold Guerra, Physics
- Michelle Ngo
- Jennifer Czerniawski

Here is what some of the faculty who were recognized had to say about their teaching philosophy, and what the honor means to them:




OCC Awards 5,400 Degrees, Certificates at 71st Commencement

OCC conferred more than 5,400 associate's degrees and certificates of achievement at the College's 71st commencement ceremony on May 24 at the OC Fairground's Pacific Amphitheatre.

Fashion instructor Christina Amaral is the 2019 Faculty Member of the Year. Amaral has worked and taught at OCC for 35 years. During her time at the College she has arranged countless industry field trips and internships for students, working closely and collaborating with local brands like Volcom, Hurley, Paul Frank Industries, Vans, RVCA, and many, many more.

"I'm a strong believer in education and continuously working to create a connection between students, faculty and industry," Amaral says. "I believe that if we, as faculty, take the time to get to know our students we can build solid relationships that will continue to grow and benefit many future generations."

Vice President of Research and Development and Principal Chef for Lazy Dog restaurants Gabriel Caliendo is OCC's 2019 Alumni of the Year and delivered a keynote speech. Caliendo — who both studied and taught in OCC's culinary arts program — spent years in the industry before returning to OCC to receive a formal education.

OCC's Student Speaker was psychology major Abigail Hill, who transferred to Vanguard University this summer. Hill — a 42-year-old mother of two — had a simple message for graduates: "It's never too late to go back to school."

Hill also extended her sincere gratitude to those in the Coast community who helped her achieve her educational goals. "The faculty and staff at OCC are so encouraging and supportive that they make the journey that much easier