



OCC Welcomes President Angelica Suarez

Coast faculty and staff gathered on July 1 to welcome their new leader, OCC President Angelica Suarez. The morning reception offered employees a chance to meet President Suarez in an informal setting, and an opportunity for Dr. Suarez to offer her first remarks as president. After greeting everyone and thanking them for the warm welcome, Dr. Suarez shared that she's already beginning to encounter Coast alumni since moving to the area. She reported that while chatting with an employee at a local gym, she mentioned she'd be working at OCC, to which the student happily replied "you know, OCC is one of the best colleges" and "that's a really good job."

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President Suarez also was on hand to greet a visiting group of lifeguard trainees from New Zealand on July 11. The teenage trainees were visiting the area as part of an exchange program between the Piha and Tairua Surf Lifesaving Clubs and the City of Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguard program, and stopped by the OCC Planetarium to catch a show. After President Suarez welcomed the group (and encouraged them to attend OCC through its international program!) the students gave a traditional Maori blessing for the building, and performed a ceremonial Haka



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OCC's Accreditation Re-Affirmed for Seven Years

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) has reaffirmed Orange Coast College's accreditation for seven years in a notification letter received on June 28.

Earlier this spring, the regional accrediting agency that evaluates community colleges in California sent a peer review team to visit all three campuses of the Coast Community College District, in addition to OCC's School of Sailing and Seamanship in Newport Beach. In its meeting on June 5-7, ACCJC took action to affirm OCC's accreditation through 2026.