

**Orange Coast College Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 5:30 pm  
College Center, Room 309**

**Attendees:** Jeff Hyder, Bill Wood, Eileen Lewis, Rich Pagel, Blade Gillessen, Madjid Niroumand, Rene Kinn, Christina Amaral, Mark Kenny, Shana Jenkins, Sean Wellengard, Rena Quinonez, Michelle Grimes-Hillman, Doug Bennett, Angelica Suarez, Patrick Munoz, Rush Hill, and Mary Hornbuckle

**Guests:** Sean Connor, Sydney Do, River Mishow

- A. Welcome & Introductions:** Jeff Hyder welcomed everyone, and all the members and guests went around the room and introduced themselves.
- B. Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2023 Meeting:** Minutes were approved as emailed.
- C. College Report:** Dr. Suarez delivered the College Report as OCC32 -1.-2 (t)-1.9vBod( )Tj/TT0Re>m()3

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Champions title. The Athletic Teams and Coast Report News Team were also celebrated for their awards and accolades. This was the first time OCC held the Champions Event. Other 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary themed events included Honors Night, EOPS End of the Year

then gave a brief overview of how the OCC Speech & Debate Team as a full-service Speech & Debate Team where students can compete in all 13 events in speech, debate, and theatre, not just having one area of focus. The OCC Speech & Debate Team has received the title of National Champions 13 times with 8 of the times being since 2000 (with a 4-peat from 2015 to 2018, receiving both State and National Champion titles). Sean then introduced River Mishow who was named Top Speaker in the Nation (tied with another OCC student for Top Speaker in the Nation, Campbell Gorkinski). The OCC Speech & Debate Team has open enrollment and does not have auditions or try-outs like other institutions and thus the OCC Speech & Debate Team can serve 60 – 80 students every semester. The OCC Speech & Debate Team has been working to fundraise and publicize to make their presence more known on campus and their team more sustainable. River spoke on how the fact that OCC Speech and Debate Team's open enrollment has allowed them and many other students the opportunity to learn and grow, nurtured by funding and time from the coaches, who would not have made it onto a try-out team. River concluded with how the Speech and Debate Team benefits students beyond being champions in national forensics competitions but helped them as people: presenti Teamelpepce faT6( rdh

Veteran Scholarships. Adding up the gifts and pledges since March 25<sup>th</sup>, it totals to a little over \$2 million.

**F. Mary McChesney Scholarship Bequest:** Doug Bennett thought that 20% of the Mary McChesney Trust would be around \$100,000, only to be told by the trustee that the share would be between \$500,000 and \$700,000 to go towards scholarships at the discretion of the Foundation Board.

**G. Scholarship Update:** Jeff Hyder and Doug Bennett requested approval from the Board for the Scholarship Awards.

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