

53rd
Commencement

AWARDS CEREMONY



OCEAN
COUNTY COLLEGE

Student Awards

GRAHAM PRESTON SCHOLARSHIP

Emily Napolitano

Donated by Marilyn Kralik, \$100 is awarded to a graduating student who is pursuing a degree in Art.

THE CHARLES READ MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Caylee Lovinfosse

In memory of OCC's first Professor of Music, Charles Read, who taught at OCC from 1966 until 2000. Professor Read was also the founder and director of the OCC Community Chorus. \$100 is awarded to a graduating student with a 3.5 GPA or higher in all music classes and has been accepted into a four-year institution as a Music Major.

VIKING ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT COMMITMENT AWARD

Mariel Almaria

Christopher Mellott

\$100 is awarded to two students who have shown outstanding commitment and support of the Athletics program and loyalty to the college.



WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS AT OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE

Gabriel Bagsic

Bonnie Barrett

Kaitlyn Barrett

Alec Boss

Carolyn Boyer

Cory Branz

Savannah Cann

Sima Clapman

Anna Colon

Christina Fichner

Joshua Gallagher

Brent Germano

Emily Gioberti

Gianna Jones

Emily Josephson

Joseph Melillo

Elvin Mendia

Emily Napolitano

Jessica Pabon

Brianna Pazik

Joshua Pietrocola

Victoria Quinn

Kirstyn Smith

Daniel Varall

James Vitkuske

David Yanovsky

\$100 each is awarded to graduating students nominated in 2020, making significant contributions to Ocean County College regarding scholarship and leadership.

JULIE FOUKARAKIS MEMORIAL AWARD

Renee Castrovilly

Sima Clapman

Ryanne Fetzer

Jenna Kulinski

\$125 is awarded to four female students who have excelled academically, whose influences have been most constructive in the field of Athletics, and have exhibited satisfactory scholarship, sound citizenship, and loyalty to the college.

PATRICK CARROLL AWARD

Sean Boyle

Cory Branz

Kevin Miller

\$125 is awarded to three male students who have excelled academically, whose influence has been most constructive in the field of Athletics, and have exhibited satisfactory scholarship, sound citizenship, and loyalty to the college.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE AWARDS (in memory of Thomas J. Brady)

Sima Clapman

Christina Fichner

Joseph Melillo

Emily Napolitano

Daniel Varall

Donated by Student Life, Student Government presents \$200 each to graduating students displaying consistently strong records of involvement in the co-curricular program.

MATH CLUB AWARD

Susan Grelak

Cormac Grindall

Allison Nevulis

Frank Sweet

A total of \$900 is awarded to graduating students who have completed at least 12 credits in Mathematics, demonstrating superior ability and achievement in that area.

PHI THETA KAPPA FRATERNITY AWARD

Joshua Gallagher

Zachary Maat

Jessica Pabon

Kirstyn Smith

\$200 is awarded to students who best exemplify the ideals of the Phi Theta Kappa fraternity, making significant contributions to the work of the Tau Iota chapter, promoting intellectual and cultural growth.

ALLAN PETER FURREVIG SCHOLARSHIP

Meshulam Neufeld

Donated by Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig, Director of the OCC Center for Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights, in blessed memory of her husband, Allan Peter Furrevig. \$250 is awarded to a student pursuing studies in either Finance, Corporate Management, Business Analysis, Banking Operations, or Investments and Trust Management.

NORCIA ASPIRING ATTORNEY AWARD

Cynthia Riess

Donated by OCC Alum, RJ Norcia (Class of 2010), \$250 is awarded to a graduating student who has shown a demonstrated interest in attending law school and becoming a practicing attorney in the State of New Jersey.

DR. ALBERT SOCOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

James Barbour

Rachel Coffey

\$500 total is awarded to two outstanding students in Mathematics.

JAMES INMAN AWARD

Zachary Maat

Victoria Quinn

\$250 each is awarded to two students demonstrating outstanding qualities of scholarship, loyalty, citizenship, and contribution to extra-curricular activities.

JOHN MORRISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Gabriel Bagsic

Donated by Dr. Beth Brierley, \$250 is awarded to a graduating student transferring to a four-year institution who has been an active participant in OCC's Performing Arts Programs.

JUDITH A. LAURIE MEMORIAL AWARD

(for excellence in Spanish)

Giselle Vega

Donated by Judith Laurie's sister, Joan Herder, \$250 is awarded to a student demonstrating excellence in the pursuit of the Spanish Language.

MEALS ON WHEELS OF OCEAN COUNTY AWARD

(in honor of Virginia and Jack Lamping)

Gabriel Bagsic

\$250 is awarded to a graduating student interested in pursuing a career in Public Affairs, Policy, or Government.

THE BOTEIN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Natalie Padilla

Donated by Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig, Director of the OCC Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, in blessed memory of her parents, Ruth and Herman Botein; grandparents, Dr. Herman Botein and Sarah Leonson-Botein; Aunt Ethel Botein-Webster; Uncle Samuel Webster, and NY State Supreme Court Justice Uncle Bernard Botein. \$250 is awarded to a student pursuing a degree in either Holocaust Studies, Jewish Studies Law, or Social Justice.

THE JOSEPH C. HATHAWAY JR. COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AWARD

Jessica Pabon

In honor of Joseph C. Hathaway Jr., Commencement speaker for the Class of 2012. Donated by The Hathaway Family and Student Life, \$300 is awarded to the Student Commencement Speaker.

PHI THETA KAPPA HEATHER MUSER MEMORIAL ALUMNI AWARD

Emily Gioberti

\$300 total is awarded by the Alumni Association of Phi Theta Kappa of Ocean County College to a member of Phi Theta Kappa, who has made significant contributions to the programs and activities sponsored by the Tau Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

THE JENNIE HORNE CECE AWARD

Giselle Vega

Donated by her daughter Dottie Cece LaPosa in honor of her mother, Jennie Horne Cece, a working Mom with eight children, \$500 is given to a working mother raising her children and pursuing her education simultaneously.

CORNELIA WISMER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Kristy Brown

Donated by her family, \$400 is awarded to an outstanding graduating student completing at least 60 OCC credits, with a 3.0 GPA or better, in the field of Criminal Justice.

CATHERINE DON DIEGO SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN HUMANITIES

Yiling Hsu

Emily Napolitano

Funded by a generous donation from the estate of the late Catherine Don Diego, an English Professor who was hired in 2005 and died from ovarian cancer in late 2006, \$500 each is awarded to two graduating students who have excelled in and are pursuing a major in Literature, Art, Music or Theatre.

FRANK RICHETTI SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Caylee Lovinfosse

Donated by family and friends, \$500 is awarded to a graduating student transferring to a four-year institution with a preference of going into a music education or performance major.

THE JOYCE PREVITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jaimie Lee Hammett

\$500 is awarded to an outstanding graduate of the Nursing Program who has maintained a 3.0 GPA or better.

MICHAEL D. VENA MEMORIAL MUAA SCHOLARSHIP

Rory Hogan

Caylee Lovinfosse

Donated by the Municipal Utilities Authorities Association of Ocean County, \$500 each is awarded to two graduates transferring to a four-year institution and majoring in Environmental Sciences or directly related fields.

OCEAN COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION ART AWARD

Yiling Hsu

Donated by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a certificate and \$500 is awarded to an outstanding student in the field of Art.

PHI THETA KAPPA OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD (Sponsored By Dr. & Mrs. William Rickert)

Emily Josephson

\$500 is awarded to a student who has made outstanding contributions to the activities of the Tau Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The recipient must exemplify the ideals of Phi Theta Kappa as outlined in the four Hallmarks, namely: Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Fellowship.

SUPPORT STAFF ASSOCIATION OF OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE AWARD

Sima Clapman

Emily Gioberti

Emily Josephson

Daniel Varall

Donated by the Support Staff Association, a total of \$1,000 is awarded to graduating students who are a spouse or dependent of a Support Staff employee, and graduating students who have been in the College Work-Study Program.

PAULINE S. MILLER AWARD (History)

Gianna Magliaro

Donated by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a certificate and \$500 is awarded to an outstanding student in the field of History.

THE PAUL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

(in memory of Joyce Previte)

Teresa Clarelli

\$550 is awarded to a student who demonstrates aptitude in the study of Nursing with the intent to pursue a career in Nursing.

DONALD W. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Thomas Coraggio

Gary Moore

Donated by DW. Smith Associates, \$600 is awarded to two graduating students pursuing an education in Civil Engineering, Surveying, Planning Landscape Design, and/or Environmental Services.

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE ADJUNCT FACULTY ASSOCIATION AWARD

Dane Bongiovi

Victoria Sparacello

Donated by the Adjunct Faculty Association, \$750 each is awarded to two graduating students in the field of Business.

THE VIKING SPIRIT AWARD

Giselle Vega

\$750 is awarded to a graduating EOF student who exemplifies leadership, service, and character.

ALFRED & BARBARA LONGO GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP

Destiny Scrofani

Donated by Dr. Alfred and Mrs. Barbara Longo, \$1,000 is awarded to a graduating student who has enrolled in a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree in Psychology or Education.

ANDREW T. BARAN SCHOLARSHIP

Olivia Krier

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduating student who has enrolled in a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

CARLEEN STERLING ORSI MEMORIAL AWARD

Bonnie Barrett

Kyle Oliveri

Hannah Winchester (Renewal)

\$1,000 is awarded to two graduates transferring to a four-year institution. (Renewable for a second year.)

DOUGLAS C. KING MEMORIAL

Nicholas Manganiello

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduate of the Criminal Justice program who is pursuing a four-year degree in Criminal Justice.

HONORS BY CONTRACT GRADUATING AWARDS

Summer Clark

Mae Krol

Jessica Pabon

Morgan Todd

Caleb W. Wallace

Donated by the Ocean County College Foundation, up to \$1,000 is awarded to the top graduating students who have completed the Honors by Contract program.

JOSEPH J. QUATTROCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mae Krol

\$1,000 is awarded to a non-traditional graduating student continuing in a four-year institution majoring in Business Administration, Computer Science, or a related curriculum, with a 3.0 GPA or better.

LAVERNE WEIGOLD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Matthew Rohrer

\$1,000 is awarded to an outstanding student demonstrating scholarship abilities and an interest in the area of English or the Humanities.

OCEAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Hunter-Lynne Wesely

Donated by the Ocean County Sheriff's Foundation, \$1,000 is awarded to a graduate of the Criminal Justice program pursuing a four-year degree in Criminal Justice who has demonstrated academic success and service to the community.

OCEAN COUNTY SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AWARD

James Barbour

\$1,000 is awarded to a student for outstanding achievement in Engineering.

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP TEAM SCHOLARSHIP

Pamela Macirowski

Cynthia Riess

\$1,000 is awarded to two non-traditional students who have demonstrated a commitment to successfully completing their academic requirements and persistence in managing demanding outside responsibilities not experienced by traditional students, and will continue their education at a four-year institution.

SHELDON LINZ MEMORIAL AWARD

Sahudy Peters

Donated by the family of Jennifer Linz Cooper, \$1,000 is awarded to an outstanding Photography student.

SOROPTOMIST CLUB OF TOMS RIVER AWARD

Bailey Griffin

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduating female student continuing her education at a four-year institution.

OCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD

Isabella Gold

Christopher Mellott

Samantha Rose

Donated by the OCC Board of Trustees, \$1,250 is awarded to three graduating students who have achieved outstanding academic performance at Ocean County College and who will continue their education in the Kean-Ocean Program.

DOLLIE & HARRY DAVID SUSSNA SCHOLARSHIP

Brent Germano

Emily Josephson

James Vitkuske

Isabelle Gelay (Renewal)

Christopher Genz (Renewal)

Grant Tokarski (Renewal)

Donated by Dollie and Harry David Sussna. The initial award is \$1,500 each to three outstanding students transferring to four-year institutions. Possible \$2,000 renewable award.

ROBERT J. NOVINS SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONTINUED STUDY

Gabriel Bagsic

\$2,000 is awarded to a graduating student continuing in a four-year institution, majoring in Political Science and Government Studies with a 3.0 GPA or better.

THE D'ONOFRIO FOUNDATION AWARD

Pamela Macirowski

\$2,000 is awarded to a student who demonstrates aptitude in the study of Health/Medicine, with the intent to pursue a career in a related field, with a 3.0 GPA or better.

WILLIAM T. HIERING SCHOLARSHIP

Jessica Pabon

\$2,000 is awarded to an outstanding student who has completed 60 credits at Ocean County College and maintained a 4.0 GPA.

PHILIP G. ZITELLI SCHOLARSHIP IN LEADERSHIP

Emily Gioberti

Donated by Phil Zitelli, a member of the first graduating class of Ocean County College in June 1968, \$5,000 is awarded to an outstanding graduating student leader continuing in a four-year institution with a 3.0 GPA or better.

Outstanding Teacher Awards

All three of these candidates are excellent teachers in their disciplines, and the Award Review Committee recommends them without reservation. Recipients receive an award, the Gold Apple, and \$1,000.

ADJUNCT

Dr. Adam Aguiar

Assistant Professor, Science

FULL-TIME FACULTY

Catherine Pontoriero

Assistant Professor, Librarian/Reference Services

LECTURER II

Professor Catherine Mancuso

College Lecturer II, Dance/Theater



*Knowledge will forever govern ignorance;
and a people who mean to be their own
governors must arm themselves with the
power which knowledge gives.*

– James Madison

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