

Orange Coast College
UPDATE




OCC Architecture Students Take Top Prize in Cal Poly University Design Competition

Orange Coast College's architecture department won the grand prize and an honorable mention for two entries in this year's Design Village competition at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. The annual competition is hosted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's architecture program and invites student competitors from California universities and community colleges to design and build "shelters" which they inhabit throughout the entirety of the weekend. Participants were tasked with manually transporting their structures to the foothills behind the university, dubbed "Cal Poly Canyon" on Saturday, April 22, and judging took place on Sunday, April 23.

This year's competition was the largest in the event's 47-year history, featuring 15 entries from some of the top architecture programs in the state. OCC's architecture department took 11 students grouped into two teams, with professors Joseph Sarafian, AIA, and Steve Fuchs each guiding a team. The theme of the competition was "Eternal," giving students an open-ended project brief to design a structure that transcends time and space.

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Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship in 2022. The highly competitive national scholarship provides transfer students with up to \$55,000 a year to complete their bachelor's degrees.

Phan immigrated to the United States in 2015 from Vietnam, and began attending OCC in 2016. She joined the United States Army in 2019 and currently serves in the Army Reserves medical unit. "There's no mystery to Isabelle's selection this year: She's an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and Mu Delta Rho (pre-health), is also a member of the National Technical Honor Society (Career and Technical Education and STEM), and is this year's president of SALUTE, the veteran's honor society," says OCC Garrison Honors coordinator Teresa Scarbrough.

A pre-med biology major with a 3.94 grade point average, Phan juggles her schooling and many commitments with being a married mother of a young son. After taking a semester off in 2017 following the birth of her son, Phan found a welcoming environment waiting for her at Coast.

"[When] I got back to school and ... asked my Professor if I

could join the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, she said, "Of course, you should. You're a great student and a great person."

OCC's student speaker was communications major Oree Freeman. Freeman — a 27-year-old single mother — shared her inspiring life story, including her journey from being a victim of sex trafficking to becoming a college student and now graduate. She credits her success to the resources she had access to at OCC. "Life started to become hopeful because there were people [who] loved to do what they did unconditionally, with no strings attached. The Guardian Scholars, the EOPS and the CARE programs [at OCC] have changed my life. I walk into those rooms and I feel community."

The Class of 2022 is a diverse one: OCC's youngest graduate is just 18 years old and the oldest is 79 years old ... a 61-year span. Graduates also hail from all over the map, including 17 different states across the U.S. and 23 countries around the world.

OCC provided a live streaming of the ceremony on the College's website at www.orangecoastcollege.edu

OCC Hands Out More Than \$600,000 in Scholarships at 64th Honors Night

Orange Coast College awarded \$607k at its 64th Annual Honors Night on Wednesday, May 11. This year's ceremony took place in person after two years of virtual ceremonies due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Honors Night activities began with a light buffet reception in front of the College's Robert B. Moore Theatre, with catering provided by OCC's Food Services team. The Student Leadership and Scholarship ceremony followed from 6–8 p.m. in the Moore Theatre.

Honor's Night has been a tradition at Orange Coast College for more than six decades. The evening recognizes students who have achieved top honors in academics as well as service and leadership to the College and community. The event is sponsored by the Associated Students of Orange Coast College.

Orange Coast College Dedicates Language Arts, Social Sciences Building

Orange Coast College dedicated its recently completed Literature and Languages/Social and Behavioral Sciences (LLSS) building on Thursday, May 12. The ceremony took place on the west side of the building next to OCC's Math, Business and Computing Center building, and the program was followed by a ribbon cutting and light reception.

In addition to housing the division offices for both the Literature and Languages and Social and Behavioral Science divisions, the LLSS building also houses classrooms, laboratory space such as an archaeology room with an outdoor dig area, and a state-of-the-art newsroom for OCC's award-winning student-run newspaper "The Coast Report."

The new LLSS building is the second phase of a multi-building complex that already includes the MBCC. The two buildings,