



"Top Community College in Southern California" – Edsman

community college: "U.S. higher education institution offering 2-year programs leading to associate's degrees, certificates and transfer to 4-year universities in a wide range of academic and technical fields."

International Students

Hani

Hani Mufeed Al-Farais

[Yemen]

Transferred to Cal Poly Pomona

Major: Industrial Engineering

Hani was selected to be the student speaker at the 2015 Graduation Commencement. **LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS INCREDIBLE STORY FEATURED IN THE ORANGE COAST REGISTRY** the OC's largest newspaper.

SUNNY ORANGE COUNTY (OC),

California



VISIT THE
OCC VIRTUAL
CAMPUS TOUR

FAST FACTS

LOCATION: Costa Mesa, California

ESTABLISHED: 1947

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 24,000

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: 1,433

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED: 76

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS: 135+

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS: 80

Distinctions:

#1 COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ORANGE COUNTY and **#2 IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE US FOR RETURN ON INVESTMENT** and **#3 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA** for the number of transfers to UC and Cal State combined.

NAMED TOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE in Southern California (edsmart.org)

#2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE US for return on investment (valuecolleges.com)

#2 HOST COMMUNITY COLLEGE for international student enrollment in Southern California (IIE Open, Doors 2018)



Welcome to Orange Coast College!

Orange Coast College is located in the city of Costa Mesa, nearby the coastline of Orange County one of the safest and most desirable communities in Southern California.

OCC is minutes from Disneyland resort and some of California's most popular beaches, including Huntington, Newport, and Laguna Beach.

The city of Costa Mesa is a vibrant and diverse community home to the Orange County Fairgrounds, the Segerstrom Center for the Arts, and the largest luxury mall in the west coast, South Coast Plaza.

Natan

Natan Nogueira
[BRAZIL]

Transferred to Florida International University Fall 2018

[Attending] OCC was one of the best decisions I ever made...OCC helped build me up and I look back 2-years ago and today I am a completely different person...



MyOCC Experience

LEADER IN TRANSFER

#1 IN ORANGE COUNTY AND #3 IN CALIFORNIA

FOR TRANSFER TO UC AND CAL STATE COMBINED

OCC'S INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS HAVE TRANSFERRED TO NEARLY 200
UNIVERSITIES IN THE LAST 2 YEARS.



DOWNLOAD THE INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT PROFILE TO VIEW THE
COMPLETE LIST OF UNIVERSITIES

Yusuke

Yusuke Odai

[JAPAN]

Transferred to UC Berkeley, Fall 2017 and founder of "Ho He Nalu", OCC Stand-Up Paddle-boarding Club.

TRANSFER PROGRAMS

UC TAG- University of California Transfer Admission Guarantee

CAL STATE ADT- California State University Associate's degree for transfer

UCLA TAP- Transfer Alliance Program

ASSIST.ORG- comprehensive database of transfer credit requirements and transfer requirements for all majors to UC and CSU)

...AND MUCH MORE!



Rena

Rena Ichimura
[JAPAN]



OCC Students
Transferring to ULCA

Transferred to UCLA, Fall 2017

"I love OCC a lot, I visit often even after transferring [to UCLA]. I had a close relationship with my [former] professors and classmates, and I definitely miss it."

Gabriele

Gabriele Simonti [ITALY]



MyOCC JOURNEY

Second year student, Gabriele Simonti is a psychology major and water polo player for Orange Coast College.

"I chose OCC because it's high transfer rates to the CSU [California State] and UC [University of California] system and I also play water polo...I contacted the coach and he immediately replied to me."

Gabriele is the captain of the men's water polo team and considers his teammates his best friends.

"It was easy to build the team chemistry and it was an honor being the captain."

He credits the Global Engagement Center and his coach Adam Lee for helping him enroll at OCC.

"As an international student, the biggest challenge I faced was navigating through the admission and visa process but the Global Engagement Center and Coach Adam really helped me."

He also credits his professors for allowing him to balance his athletic pursuits and academic aspirations.

"[Most] think it's challenging to be a full-time student and an athlete but you just have to be organized...[OCC] is very supportive of athletes...and my professors have been flexible and help me after classes during their office hours."

Gabriele is a proud "Pirate" and will graduate in Spring 2019 and [accepted an offer to compete in the NCAA Division I for George Washington University in Washington, D.C.](#)

"Being part of the OCC community and serving as the team captain for the water polo team is something I am very proud of...I recommend OCC to everyone [as it provided me] a strong foundation for academics and being a successful athlete."::

Gabriele led the men's water polo team to 19 wins during the 2018 season and a 3rd place finish at Southern California Regional Water Polo Championships.



Interested in competing for the Coast Pirates?



Visit www.occpirateathletics.com and complete the prospective athlete form.

OCC offers more than 130 programs that lead to associate degrees, certificates, and transfer to 4-year universities.

PROGRAMS THAT COVER LAND, AIR, and SEA!

Associate Degree Programs

- Accounting*
- Advanced Culinary Arts
- Advanced Baking and Pastry*
- Airframe*
- Airframe and Power Plant*
- Apparel Construction*
- Architectural Design 1*
- Architectural Design 2*
- Architecture
- Astronomy
- Art
- Aviation Science*
- Biology
- Business Application Development*
- Business Employee - Visual and Performing Arts*
- Chemistry
- CNC Machine Operator*
- CNC Machine Programmer*
- Computer Information Systems*
- Computer Programming*
- Construction Technology
- Corporate/Contract Flight Attendant
- Culinary – Level II Professional Level
- Dance
- Dance Instructor*
- Dietetic Technician
- Digital Graphics Production
- Display and Visual Presentation*
- Early Childhood Administration*
- Earth Science
- Electronics Engineering Technician*
- Engineering
- Fashion Design*
- Fashion Merchandising*
- Film and Television*
- Fitness Specialist*
- Flight Attendant and Airline Travel Careers*
- Foreign Language
- General Marketing*
- Graphics Design
- Horticulture*
- Health Education
- HVACR Technology
- Industrial Automation Technician*

- Infant and Toddler Teacher*
- Interior Design Assistant – Level 2
- International Business*
- Liberal Studies
- Machinist*
- Management and Leadership Studies*
- Marine Science
- Mass Communications/Media Studies
- Master Construction Specialist + Multimedia
- Musical Entertainer – Instrumental*
- Musical Entertainer – Vocal*
- Musical Instrument Digital Interface*
- Narrative Illustration*
- Nutrition Education*
- Natural Science
- Residential Construction Development*
- Photography – Still
- Power plant
- Preschool Teacher*
- Production/Product Development (Fashion)*
- Professional Mariner*
- Restaurant (Food Service Management)
- Real Estate Broker*
- Retail*
- Room Operations Specialist
- Studio Guitar Performer*
- Tooling*
- Travel and Tourism
- UX (User Experience) Design*
- Welding Technology
- World Dance*

California State Univeristy Associate Degrees for Transfer

- Anthropology
- Art History
- Business Administration*
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Teacher Education
- Economics
- English
- Film, Television, and Electronic Media
- Geography

- Geology
- Global Studies
- History
- Kinesiology
- Math
- Music
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Physics
- Public Health Science
- Sociology
- Theatre Arts
- Spanish
- Studio Arts

*Certificate of Achievement

- Athletic Training
- Athletics
- Catering
- CSU General Education
- Culinary Arts – Basic
- Culinary Food Science Assistant – Level I
- Design/Build (Architectural Technology)
- Digital Fabrication for Architecture
- Electronics Reliability Technician
- Front Office Specialist (Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism)
- Human Resource Management
- IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum to UC)
- Integrated Project Design (Architectural Technology)
- Interior Merchandising – Level 1
- Interior Design – Professional Level 3
- Meeting and Event Management
- Nutrition and Fitness
- Pilates/Dance Conditioning Instructor
- Restaurant Supervision (Food Service Management)
- Sales and Marketing Specialist (Hospitality, Travel and Tourism)
- Spa Management
- Sustainable Design (Architectural Technology)
- Travel Specialist



Aoi Aihara
[Japan]



MyOCC JOURNEY

“One of the reasons why I chose OCC was because it offers a strong dance program. As a student, I was able to enroll in different styles of dance classes such as modern, hip-hop, ballet, tap, Latin, flamenco and middle eastern.” One of her highlights as an OCC student was being able to use dance as a platform to serve the community. “I performed a contemporary solo piece for an HIV and AIDS Charity event at OCC. I also performed at local high schools to inspire the youth to pursue dance and what it’s like to be a college student.”

She credits her professors for helping her adjust to life as a student in the U.S. “When I first came to the U.S. from Japan, I was very shy and did not speak up in class. My professors for both academic and dance classes were very nice which gave me a lot of confidence and help me grow as a person.” Aoi was accepted to several universities and is now pursuing a Bachelor’s of Arts in Dance from the University of California, Irvine and hopes to become a professional dancer.



OCC AWARDS HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR!

Enzo Flores from Brazil is the founder of PI TAU EPSILON an honor society for the visual and performing arts and served on Student Senate. In recognition of his leadership and hours of volunteer service, he was awarded several scholarships during [OCC's Honor's Night](#) and named "MAN OF THE YEAR". Enzo transferred to the School of Visual Arts in New York City.



OCC'S HONORS NIGHT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Viktoriia Vasilyeva, [RUSSIA]

SENATOR FOR THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

Viktoriia is an honors student and serves as Student Senator for ASOCC, Orange Coast College's student government and talks about the many benefits of getting involved in extracurricular activities on campus.

"Being part of student government was a great way to develop networking, social, and leadership skills. I had a chance to have lunch with OCC President Dr. Dennis Harkins and learned that we both shared a passion for photography..."

One of the reasons why Viktoriia chose OCC was because of the Honors Program.

"OCC offers an honors program in 20 disciplines and the classes are typically smaller which [facilitates] class discussions. It also provides opportunities to give presentations which helps us learn from each other and not just from the textbooks... The honors program has provided me many opportunities to share insight about the culture and politics of my country, Russia."

Viktoriia developed a mentorship program to help build a stronger campus community and to provide more access for students to connect.

"The best part about being involved on campus is serving the community... I want students to know what services are available and how they can access them, especially for international students who are adjusting to a living in a new country and a new environment."

Viktoriia earned an Associate's Degree in Economics is currently on OPT (Optional Practical Training), authorizing international students to work for one year in a professional setting related to their major.

OCC offers more than 60 student clubs from honors societies, cultural clubs, and leisure clubs. Every year "club rush" (featured in the background) is an opportunity for students to promote their clubs and recruit new members.

Viktoriia



"BREAKING THE
GRAY WALL"
BY VIKTORIIA
VASILEVA

International Admission Requirements

1. At least 18 years or if underage show proof of high school/secondary school completion
2. OCC international student application and \$55.00 application fee
3. Proof of English Proficiency for non-native speakers
4. Academic transcripts
5. Proof of Financial Ability for the first year of study
6. Copy of Passport Biographical Page
7. Immigration documents for transfer students only (copies of I-20, I-94 card, F-1 visa)

For details, including deadlines, cost of attendance, accepted ways to meet English proficiency, and country specific information for high school completion visit the [International Admissions website](#).



IEC@OCC

Orange Coast College offers an intensive English program. Student who enroll receive conditional acceptance to OCC and will be fully accepted after completing the highest level Advanced B. IEC@OCC offers five 8-week sessions and for details including cost, session dates, and deadlines visit www.iec-occ.edu



Cloris

Cloris Ioanna Junges,
[BRAZIL] | MyOCC JOURNEY

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