



A Word of Caution for Jump Start Students

Please caution your jump start students about the financial obligation they are undertaking with the college. Jump start courses are often the first contact families have with college, and they can be naïve about the process. When a student registers for a course at Ocean County College, the student has purchased that particular seat in the class. It will be held for that student's use. The student will be financially responsible for payment of tuition for that seat unless the student officially drops the course(s) at least one day prior to the start of the term, regardless when the individual course begins. There will be a brief period at the beginning of every semester when a student can drop a class at a 50% refund, or, switch to another class with no loss of money. Students who change their mind about their jump start attendance at Ocean County College must come in to drop the course or change to another course, and should do so immediately upon making that decision. Exact refund dates print on the bill/schedule each student receives upon registration. Always encourage students and parents to ask us questions if they are unsure how to proceed, and caution them that non-payment and/or non-attendance is not sufficient to relieve a student of financial obligation. Guidance counselors with questions about this should call Mary Fennessy, Director of Registration and Records, at 732-255-0400 x2423

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2009 Recruitment Events

January 21

NJ STARS Infosession

February 18

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March 18

Women's Forum

April 2

OCC Annual Open House

OCC Scholarship Information

The Ocean County College Foundation awards scholarships to assist Ocean County residents, attending Ocean County College, in support of their educational expenses. Scholarship awards are paid directly to the students' accounts at Ocean County College for tuition. All students having a 2.0 (C) or higher GPA will be considered. The total dollar amount of the scholarship is dependent upon the student's financial need, current GPA and enrollment status at the time payment is made. The Foundation does not award scholarships to students receiving financial aid grants that fully fund their educational expenses.

Procedures

Scholarship applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. You must apply each semester for a Foundation Scholarship. Please be advised that submitting this application is in no way a guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded. To ensure that the Scholarship Selection Committee reviews your application, you must comply with the guidelines and requirements as written

For further scholarship information, call 732.255.0492.

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[Is a college degree worth the cost?](#)

[More colleges cater to transfers](#)

New Jersey College Goal Sunday
February 8, 2009 @ 1pm
9 locations throughout NJ

An annual event designed to assist low income and first generation students in completing the national application for college financial aid, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and providing information on available financial aid resources.

Free on-site professional assistance filling out the FAFSA will be available.

For more information, go to:
www.njcollegegoalsunday.org

Please note OCC's privacy policy:

"In compliance with federal law, it is the policy of Ocean County College to deny requests for student information from any third party, unless provided the student's express written request to share information"

College Major – Which One Do I Choose? OCC's Career Services Can Help Students Decide

This question can be a very perplexing one to answer, especially when there are over tens of thousands of possibilities. For a young person this choice can be at times overwhelming because he or she thinks that this answer is fixed and once made cannot be changed. This statement couldn't be any further from the truth. So with that in mind, let's relax about this career major decision making process.

Indecision comes from confusion. Confusion implies that more information is needed. To be able to make choices for your life, you need to know information about yourself.

For college major decision-making, the information that is needed is answering such questions as: What are my strengths? What am I interested in doing? What activities do I enjoy doing most? What is important to me in a career? In what ways must I be rewarded and challenged? What skills do I need to acquire? What personal qualities do I possess that will help me in the classroom? How will my personal style influence my career choice?

Finding these answers can begin to fill in the gap of information that is needed to relieve the confusion and begin to clear the way to making the college major decision. You can do this through discussions with a career counselor and informal or formal assessments.

OCC Career Services has several tools to help one begin to answer these questions. Log onto the Career Services Home page (www.ocean.edu/career.htm) and take the CoMIT (College Major Interest Inventory) free assessment. On our Career Services page you can view several videos on the career counseling process to help answer the questions of Who Am I? Where Am I Going? And How do I Get There? On our Resources page you can view several web sites that can answer the question of What Do I Do With A Major In?

Feel free to browse through all our web pages. We have created our web site with our mission in mind, which is to help OCC students, alumni and community members to achieve their career, academic, employment and life goals.

Important NJ STARS Update!!!

Students who graduate in the top 15% of their high school class are eligible.

Students must complete a rigorous series of high school courses as a first step toward eligibility, as determined by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education in consultation with the New Jersey Commissioner of Education.

Students who graduate from high school and still need remediation will be given up to one year at their own cost or using other non-STARS funds to gain the skills they need to be college ready.

Please check out the state webpage for additional changes to the NJSTARS program at www.njstars.net

If your school has any old NJ STARS literature (posters, flyers, brochures, etc.) stating the top 20% are eligible, please discard them. We will provide you with updated materials as soon as they are available.