

# THE LIFE & LEGACY

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## A MESSAGE FROM OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR MICHAEL MANZO

I am honored to begin my term as Board Chair for the Ocean County College Foundation. I take on this role with great enthusiasm, knowing the privilege that comes with leading an organization full of talented and dedicated individuals striving toward a common goal. I feel very fortunate to work with so many people who share my love for this community and a desire to improve the lives of others.

As we enter the season of growth and renewal, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for the students of Ocean County. Under the leadership of the college's new president, Dr. Pamela Monaco, I am confident Ocean County College will be able to build on the strengths of the past while moving forward with renewed confidence and optimism. She is the right person to lead our institution during this vital time.

Meanwhile, with your support, the Foundation will continue working to create new opportunities for students and to remove the barriers that prevent them from reaching their full potential.

I am grateful to the many partners who enable this meaningful work through their service and commitment. Thank you for your part in achieving our vision. As we celebrate the College's 60th anniversary in 2024, I look forward to the journey ahead and the many ways we will work together to create a brighter future for all.



Michael Manzo,  
Ocean County College  
Foundation Board Chair



## LEGACY CAMPAIGN "BY THE NUMBERS"

Together, we have raised over \$3 million in pledges toward our \$25M campaign goal. Thank you for your support!



While our impact has been significant, there is much more to do. The landscape of higher education continues to evolve right before our eyes. A college degree, vocational certificate and opportunities to expand one's personal knowledge base has never been more important in ensuring continued individual and professional success in today's world. ”

- David C. Wintrode,  
Campaign Chair

# LEADING BY EXAMPLE

## RICHARD S. SAMBOL

( 1 9 2 6 - 2 0 1 5 ) was an extraordinary supporter of Ocean County College and the Ocean County College Foundation for more than two decades. His active participation and generous contributions of time, energy, and resources had a tremendous influence on the development of the College and the success of OCC students.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Sambol graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a degree in civil engineering before settling in Toms River with his wife, Janice, and establishing Sambol Construction, where he served as president for more than 50 years.

Sambol and his family are well-known for their exemplary leadership in providing support for education throughout Ocean County. Their contributions have funded student scholarships, athletics, veterans' services, the Novins Planetarium, and many fundraising events and special projects.

Elected to the OCC Foundation Board in 1968, Sambol served as chair from 1980-1983. He was honored by the Foundation in 1984 and again in 2004 for his long-standing support of OCC and its students.

In 1983, Sambol joined with Joseph Citta to establish the Nature Trail and Sambol-Citta Arboretum, a student-led

project that was designed to stimulate interest in environmental science and allow the community to enjoy the natural beauty of the OCC campus. Today, the Sambol-Citta Garden is a campus oasis that includes seating areas, paved walkways, and flora indigenous to the Ocean County area.

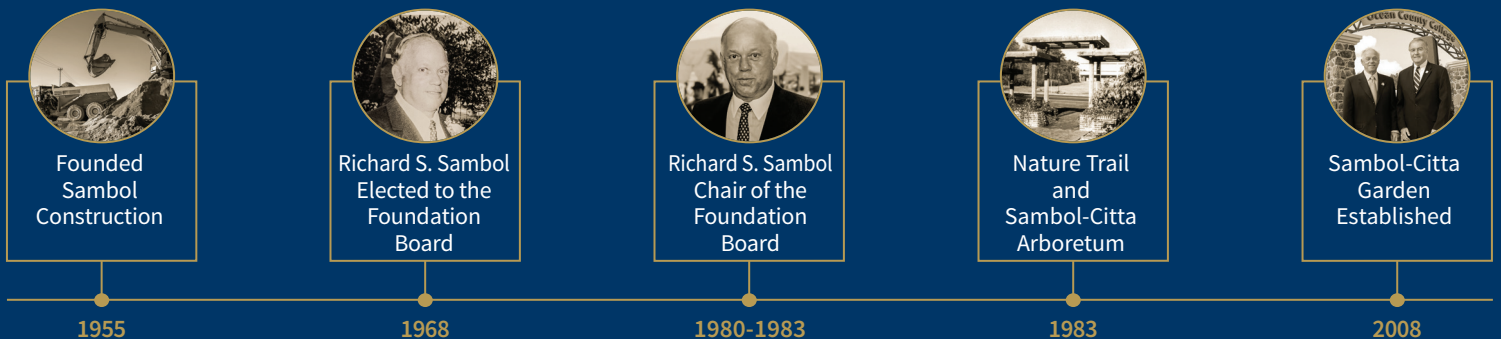
As a result of his professional and philanthropic endeavors, Mr. Sambol earned considerable recognition during his lifetime. He was appointed by Governors Brendan Byrne and Thomas Kean to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission and the New Jersey Highway Authority, respectively, and served as a council member for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, appointed by President Bush in 2003. He has been honored by Monmouth University, Congregation B'nai Israel, Kimball Medical Center, Ocean County Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the New Jersey Builders Association, just to name a few.

Richard Sambol's commitment to education and his support of Ocean County College has had a profound influence on the lives of students throughout Ocean County. His legacy stands as a testament to the enduring impact of compassion and the power of a philanthropic spirit to make a tangible difference in the world we share.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Richard S. Sambol was the owner, builder, and operator of Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, NJ, a private, 27-hole golf course designed by renowned architects Robert Trent Jones Sr. and Roger Rulewich. The club is known for its beautiful, challenging layout and is ranked among the "Top 100 Modern" golf courses.





1983

2023 Nature Trail And Sambol-Citta Arboretum



1965 Richard S. Sambol, William T. Hiering, Lawrence E. Bathgate, II, Esq.



2016 Ocean County College Sambol-Citta Arboretum Dedication  
April Wennlund, Richard S. Sambol, David Wolfe

## \$1 BILLION GIFT MAKES HISTORY



A recent gift to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx serves as an inspiring example of the impact such generosity can have. Dr. Ruth Gottesman's unprecedented donation of \$1 billion will ensure that students receive free tuition, paving the way for them to pursue a medical degree without the burden of financial constraints. This historic contribution, the largest ever made to a medical school, urges us all to consider how we, too, might help build a brighter future for generations to come.



“ The OCC Foundation Legacy Campaign partners the long-standing support of our donors with the future aspirations of our students, ensuring Ocean County College will always be a pillar of educational advancement in our community. ” - OCC President Pamela Monaco

# SAVE THE DATE!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

TUESDAY, JUNE 25  
8:00 p.m.



### ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 28  
6:00 p.m.



### VIKING 5K AND FUN RUN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
9:00 a.m.



### SUP THE RIVER RACE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
9:00 a.m.



### ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15  
9:30 a.m.





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SHARE YOUR LEGACY STORY ...



Do you have a personal memory from OCC history?  
A story to inspire our community? We want to hear from you!  
Send an email to [Foundation@ocean.edu](mailto:Foundation@ocean.edu)



FIND-A-WORD

Word Bank

1. legacy
2. gift
3. garden
4. sponsor
5. campus
6. students
7. community
8. foundation
9. college
10. scholarship
11. contribution
12. philanthropy



JOIN THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN ...



Gifts to the Ocean County College Foundation help our students today  
and in the future. Your support makes a tremendous difference.  
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