

PRESIDENTIAL
Inauguration

OF

PAMELA J. MONACO, Ph.D.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

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Celebration

.....

of things to come

Since its founding in 1964, Ocean County College has established an enduring legacy of service and support for the residents of our community.

With the inauguration of our fifth president, Ocean County College embarks on a pivotal new journey: an opportunity to embrace transformative change while leveraging the many accomplishments and achievements of the past sixty years.

Dr. Pamela J. Monaco's vision, dedication, and collaborative spirit will help shape the future of Ocean County College for years to come. Under her leadership, our community will continue to grow stronger and more vibrant than ever before.



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THE BIOGRAPHY of DR. PAMELA J. MONACO

Pamela J. Monaco was born and raised in Washington, D.C., a rare native of the capital city. Like many of the students she would teach, Pamela started college with one intention—to be a dentist—but changed majors a couple of times before graduating from The George Washington University with a degree in business. Her first job out of college was managing the Globe Bookshop chain. From there she became the mid-Atlantic sales representative for Viking Penguin Publishers, serving the territory from New Jersey through North Carolina. With the intention of owning her own independent bookshop, Pamela took a semester to expand her long love of literature and enrolled as a special student in the English graduate program at The Catholic University of America. When the department chair, Dr. Joseph Sendry, invited her to become a graduate assistant and asked her to teach an undergraduate drama class, Pamela's professional and personal passions surfaced, and Pamela discovered her calling: teaching.

Pamela's career focuses on providing educational opportunities to non-traditional and underserved student populations. While completing her doctoral studies in English at The Catholic University of America,

Pamela taught as an adjunct for several community colleges in the greater Washington, D.C., area. This experience proved transformational, as Pamela discovered the vibrancy of the multigenerational, multicultural community college classroom. This experience led her to her first full-time academic job at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia. In addition to her full-time teaching position, Pamela became department chair, assistant division chair, and founder of the Thomas Nelson Players, the college's theatre company.

Pamela has served as faculty and administrator at a variety of colleges and universities, from two-year colleges to research-intensive universities, but the positions shared a dedication to underserved student populations. The insights and knowledge to better serve these students and to support faculty and staff providing educational opportunities to these populations were honed through Pamela's work at Mississippi Valley State University, a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the Mississippi Delta; through the experience of teaching and working with military students and adult learners in the online environment at University of

Maryland Global Campus (formerly UMUC); as the founding dean of arts and sciences at Brandman University, a twenty-seven campus university on the West Coast serving the working adult student; and as the vice president of academic and student affairs at Wright College, a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) that is part of the City Colleges of Chicago. In each position, Pamela developed new skills to better educate students and engage faculty and staff as she enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know the beauty of our country while establishing friendships across the nation. Professional highlights include having been a Fulbright Scholar to Estonia, a National Endowment of the Humanities Fellow, a graduate of Harvard University's Institute for Management and Leadership in Education, and a volunteer at Cook County Jail in Chicago.

Pamela has been happily married to Don Kehne for almost twenty years. They met when Pamela was teaching a Shakespeare class, proof that teaching, literature, and theater improve life immeasurably. Don is the proud father of his daughter, Chelsea, and Pamela and Don have enjoyed raising together several fur babies, better known as cats.





The Ocean County College
Board of Trustees,
Faculty, Administration,
and Staff
welcome you to the

Inauguration

of

PAMELA J. MONACO, Ph.D.

as the fifth president of

Ocean County College

Friday, the thirteenth of October

Two thousand and twenty-three

at twelve-thirty

in the

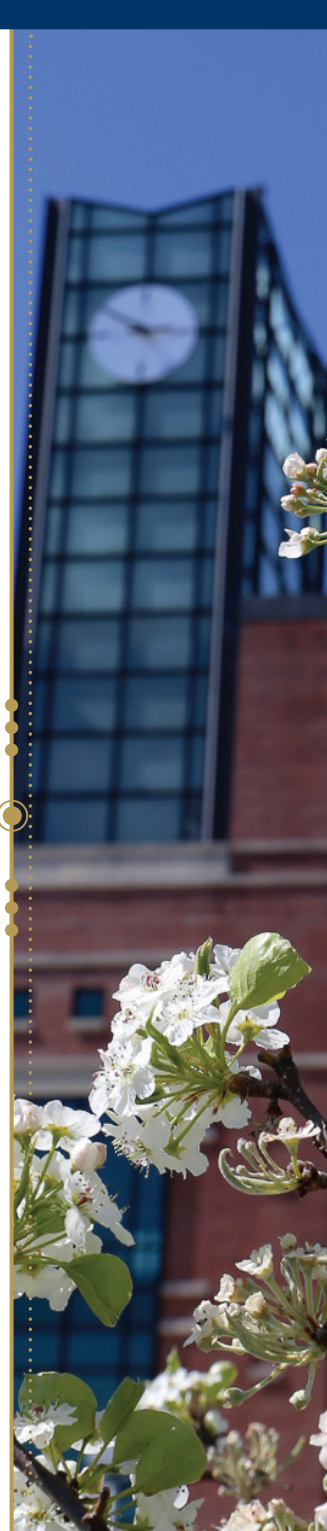
Health and Human Performance Center

Lunch following at one-thirty

in the Larson Student Center

PROGRAM

Welcome and Introductions	Paul Chalakani, College Lecturer II, Communications/Theater
National Anthem	Ocean County Vocational Technical School Performing Arts Academy: Ryan Breslin, Carissa Cahill, Christopher Castaneda, Kelly Clark, Paige Derco, Lana Dubrow, Brielle Englehardt, Tony Freay, Angela Lappostato, Elizabeth Lees, Gabrielle McColley, Madelynn McDevitt, Regina Messenger, Lillian Meyer, Hope Moore, Carly Motyka, Seilah Quinones, Andrew Shuberda, Megan Smith, Lindsey Weppler Directed by Mary Kenny, Vocal Music Instructor
Invocation	Major Jeffery Bassett, The Salvation Army
Opening Remarks	Jerry Dasti, Chair, OCC Board of Trustees
Greetings for the President	David Paulus, Chair, OCC Foundation Board Lynn Kenneally, Professor of Social Science Ilene Cohen, Executive Director of Athletics Walter Lukas Jr., Craftswoman I/General Mechanic
Student Remarks	Cheyenne Severin, Student Representative
Alumni Remarks	Casey Conner, Alumni Trustee, Class of 2023
Message From	Virginia E. Haines, Ocean County Board of Commissioners Liaison to Ocean County College
Oath of Office	Jerry Dasti, Chair, OCC Board of Trustees
Induction	Jerry Dasti, Chair, OCC Board of Trustees
Inaugural Address	Pamela J. Monaco, Ph.D.
Closing Remarks	Paul Chalakani, College Lecturer II, Communications/Theater





CEREMONIAL MACE

Ocean County College is grateful to Salem Community College for the unique gift of the Ceremonial Mace. Created by Dennis Briening of Pennsville, New Jersey, the Mace is a staff symbolizing the history, values, and authority of the College. Mr. Briening crafted the Pyrex glass Mace, which is approximately four feet long, especially for Ocean County College.

A 1977 graduate of Salem Community College, Mr. Briening returned to Salem to manage its original Glass Center, serve as Instructional Chair for the Scientific Glass Technology program, and teach as an adjunct instructor in glass art for over thirty years. Mr. Briening served as scientific glass technologist at Hercules Research Center in Wilmington, Delaware, for twenty-six years and as a long-time member of the American Glassblowers Society.

Mace Bearer Maryann Birdsall, Professor of Mathematics

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"We know what we are but know not what we may be."

- William Shakespeare