

KSBR 88.5 FM

# QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

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## **1st Quarter, 2024**

(January 1st through March 31st)

*OC In Focus* Airs 5:00 AM Sundays

*On Point* Airs 5:30 AM Sundays

## **January 7**

### **OCIF:**

This week Karyn Bower and Kat Johnson are joined by Dr. Scott Farthing, an accomplished conductor, composer, pianist, and the dean of Fine Arts & Media Technology at Saddleback College. This conversation will inspire you to find where art shows up in your daily life, reveal the life skills learned through different art forms, and so much more.

### **On Point:**

The program was about earthquake preparedness, risks for Los Angeles and a bit of powerful ones in history. Two very strong academic and industry experts.

## **January 14**

### **OCIF:**

The road to a 4-year college degree can be long and challenging. In this week's OC In Focus, Karyn Bower and Dylan Luden are joined by Saddleback Transfer Counselor Jennifer Rachman to reveal the best practices and processes for successfully transferring from a community college to a university.

### **On Point:**

The show explored post stress slave disorder and focused mainly on the impact of slavery in the current generation of African-Americans. It drew a comparison between this tragedy and other types of post-traumatic stress disorders. We had two guests.

## **January 21**

### **OCIF:**

Project Independence helps Orange County residents with developmental disabilities find jobs, develop friendships, and live independently. CEO Bob Watson joins Karyn Bower and Kiyvaa Semeret in the studio to share the work and world of our neighbors.

### **On Point:**

More than 60,000 people are estimated to be experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), about 72 percent of displaced people in the county are unsheltered. What housing options — temporary, permanent, or somewhere in-between — are available to help shelter currently-unhoused people in L.A.? From the perspective of people creating (and using?) these housing options, which are working to make a difference in the city's homelessness crisis? Guests: Ken Craft, Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission; Stephen Fiechter, PATH Los Angeles; Mike Arnold, Midnight Mission; Grace Ancheta, Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission.

## **January 28**

### **OCIF:**

Orange County is home to the second largest population of Iranians in the United States. Hengameh Abraham is the Iranian Outreach Chair for the Republican party of Orange County, she immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 14 and this week she joins Karyn Bower and Negar Vahabi to talk about her own encounter with the morality police before leaving Iran, how the Iranian Revolution in 1979 is connected to the 2022 protests that began after the death of Mahsa Amini, why this is different from the protests in 2009 and the Green Movement, and more.

### **On Point:**

Over the last decade, South Korean Pop music has gone mainstream around the world... especially here in the United States. K-pop groups have millions of album sales and streams in the United States alone. The music and its fans are starting to have an impact on American society. GUESTS: Jasmine Leung, Jasmine Torres, Crystal Anderson, Tiara Wilson. ANCHORS: Malik Patterson and Cynthia Puga.

## **February 4**

### **OCIF:**

In this episode of OC In Focus, we delve into the world of financial aid for college students in California. Anthony Becerra, the Director of Financial Aid at Saddleback College joins us to explore the critical changes to the Free Application for Federal

Student Aid (FAFSA®) process. Learn about the streamlined application procedures, plus, information about the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) for undocumented students, and the California College Promise Grant. Learn why every student, regardless of financial background, should apply for aid. We dispel common misconceptions and share important deadlines. Hosted by Karyn Bower and Lesly Ruelas.

### **On Point:**

Influencers and bloggers have found their foothold in the social media world, and many of them have been able to profit from their words. On Point reports on this new way to make a living, with CSUN Journalism Professor Benjamin Davis, and influencers Gwen Davis and Ali Levine.

## **February 11**

### **OCIF:**

On this episode of OC In Focus we're joined by Daniel Kim, co-founder of The Dragon Kim Foundation. Kim shares the origins of the foundation, how grief has transformed into a mission to empower youth, providing them with opportunities to pursue passions and make a difference in their communities. We're joined by Foothill High School students Carson Ly and Robert Padilla, winners of the 2023 Dragon Kim Challenge, who share their experience creating Creative Labs, a STEM camp for underprivileged children. Learn about the foundation's fellowship and music programs, fulfilling Dragon's dream of providing free music education to hundreds of children.

### **On Point:**

After another summer of drought and heat waves, Angelenos will once again have to keep a close eye on their water use. The City of Los Angeles has introduced a conservation ordinance limiting residents to watering their lawns only two days a week. LA residents do appear to be following the restrictions, but climate change is likely to have lasting impacts on the water supply in the entire state. Where does L.A. get its water? And how much longer will the city have to live with these restrictions?

## **February 18**

### **OCIF:**

This week on OC In Focus we're joined by Steve Cederquist, the author of "Get Out

Alive: Inspiring Journey from Streets to Success." From a tumultuous past marked by addiction and crime to becoming an HGTV personality, founder of a renovation design company, and a dedicated philanthropist, Cederquist's story is one of resilience and redemption. Cederquist candidly discusses methods for overcoming adversity, his involvement in community projects and how the trauma of losing custody of his children fueled his determination to change lives, including his own.

### **On Point:**

At the height of the pandemic last year, many internships disappeared. But as offices slowly reopen to employees, many students are hopeful internships will return. So how did internships and student employment change during the pandemic? And as the vaccines prompt businesses to return to the office ... have internship opportunities returned as well? GUESTS: Nikita Opel, Diana Medina, Stephanie Bluestein, Erick Gabriel, Zoe Ives

## **February 25**

### **OCIF:**

This week on OC In Focus, Karyn Bower and Alena Hernandez interview student filmmaker Jamal Brown to discuss hip hop culture, the importance of mental health as filmmaker and actor, the challenges of student filmmaking, and more. Brown wrote, starred, edited, wrote and performed the music for his short film, Trouble in the Culture, which was screened at the 2022 Newport Beach Film Festival.

### **On Point:**

The California State University Student Assistants are voting on creating a union that would be the country's largest undergraduate students. We spoke with student assistants Danielle Lee and Valentina Flores and local Healthcare union member Ivan Yopez about their thoughts on the foundation of a union that could possibly make history in the U.S.

## **March 3**

### **OCIF:**

Investigator Robert Taft from the OC Sheriff's Homicide Detail joins Karyn Bower for part one of a two-part discussion on genetic and DNA testing, why it's important to keep cold

cases alive, and current cold cases at the OCSD that need information or tips from the public.

### **On Point:**

Anchor Warren Lopez gives the latest on the new episode of OnPoint, pertaining to Cal State tuition hikes, joined by guests Joshua Dullano and Anmol Walvekar, fourth-year undergraduate students and community activists. The topic discussed relates to the financial crisis that will affect students across California. The change is officially in effect for students attending a Cal State University starting in the fall 2024, spring 2025 academic year. This tuition increase is expected to continually rise within the next five years, a theme that is closely discussed throughout the course of the episode.

## **March 10**

### **OCIF:**

On this episode of OC In Focus, we delve into the complex issue of homelessness in Orange County. Joined by Dr. Pooja Bhalla, CEO of Illumination Foundation, we explore the critical need for a comprehensive system of care. Dr. Bhalla sheds light on shelter clinics providing housing and medical respite for those experiencing homelessness. With more than 5,600 people without

shelter in Orange County alone, our discussion navigates the growing numbers, including hidden demographics like single women and families. Dr. Bhalla shares insights on the challenges of accessing resources, qualifications for family shelters, and the urgent need for more housing, particularly for vulnerable seniors.

### **On Point:**

This show explores the evolving landscape of journalism in the face of industry layoffs, the rise of AI, and changing news consumption patterns through technology and social media.

## **March 17**

### **OCIF:**

Cold Case Part 2: Student leaders and advocates from California community colleges, Cal State Universities, and UC schools speak about the future of financial aid for

students in the state. Guests: Sasha Perez, Campaign for College Opportunity; Michael Schouten, CSUN Associated Students; Sona Tigranyan, College of the Canyons Student Government; Mohamad Almouazzen, UC Riverside Associated Students

### **On Point:**

Commemorating Black History Month: Celebrating the outstanding achievements of African Americans in various platforms from the world of social media to personal health and soul cuisine.

## **March 24**

### **OCIF:**

Women's Soccer Part 1: As the new CCCAA state champions, Saddleback College women's soccer team captains Sammy Villasenor, Alyssa Sims, and Olivia (Liv) Wynn are now familiar with what it takes to succeed on the field and in the classroom. As the team prepares for a new season, Villasenor, Sims, and Wynn are joined by Coach BJ McNicol to discuss the realities of being a student athlete, the upcoming season, and the new men's soccer team. Hosted by Karyn Bower and Dylan Luden.

### **On Point:**

In this episode we discussed the idea of Greek Life (fraternities and sororities). We invited two presidents of their respective clubs to the show. Some of the topics include what it is, the history behind it, how others perceive it, hazing, and what the future outlook is.

## **March 31**

### **OCIF:**

In this episode of OC In Focus, we delve into the critical work of supporting survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking in Orange County. In this episode we sit down with Dr. Nefta Pereda, Chief Programs Officer at Radiant Futures, an organization working to build safer Orange County communities. Learn how and why their organization is evolving its services to encompass all survivors and addressing the complexities of human trafficking, particularly labor trafficking prevalent in Orange County. We discuss challenges in tracking data, crisis support, and preventative education.

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