

**2023 Q4 Community Affairs Programming Report KCSN  
(OC In Focus Airs 5am Sundays)  
(On Point Airs 5:30am Sundays)**

October 1

OCIF:

Many people dream of creative pursuits as children, but a career in the arts can appear risky. Jeff Gray walked many career paths before returning to school to pursue a childhood desire to make movies. Gray joins OC In Focus to discuss the educational and networking aspects of building a new career, why film directing is a soft skill, and bringing a short film from script to screen at film festivals.

On Point:

Animated films rarely win awards when they are up against live action films. Movies such as Studio Ghibli films prove that animation is not just for kids. Why is animation not taken as seriously as live action?

October 8

OCIF:

Karyn Bower and Dylan Luden are joined by Saddleback Bobcats student and football player Darius Maxwell to discuss transferring to a four-year school, going viral on accident, mental health, and more.

On Point:

In California, the organizations required by law to provide services for people with disabilities are called “regional centers.” According to the report by the legal advocacy group Public Counsel, most California regional centers spend less on services for Latino clients than for white clients — underlining concerns about equity in how the state cares for some of its most vulnerable citizens.

October 15

OCIF:

A 2023 study from Lumina Foundation and Gallup found that more than 40% of undergraduate students have considered dropping out in the last 6 months, mostly due to emotional stress and personal mental health. Students at two-year schools face challenges that affect their four-year peers less, things like home insecurity, food insecurity, job insecurity, transportation insecurity, and for non-traditional students, balancing other life aspects like family. Lisa Schenitzki, Psychological Health Services Supervisor at the Saddleback College Student Health & Wellness Center, and Director of Student Success and Title V HSI Project Director, Nicola “Nic” Perry, EdS, discuss a pilot program designed to support students experiencing mental health struggles.

On Point:

In this episode of On Point, we discussed the constant increase in gas prices in California and how it’s affecting people's everyday lives. We got to speak to an on-campus commuter along with a Triple-A agent to get more information on why prices are skyrocketing and how this hurts the wallets of students.

October 22

OCIF:

**[Cold Cases Part 1](#)**: 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:

Halloween is a fun tradition, but it is also the most expensive and dangerous. CSUN's On Point discusses how we need to keep a close eye on our health, safety and budgeting for the spookiest day of the year.

October 29

OCIF:

**[Cold Cases Part 2](#)**: Investigator Robert Taft from the OC Sheriff's Homicide Detail joins Karyn Bower for part two 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:

Indigenous People's Day is celebrated as a way to represent Indian American culture and its traditions. However, there is some debate whether this change in the holiday's name is justified or should have not changed at all from its previous name Columbus Day.

November 5

OCIF:

Toni Shapiro, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Aaron Gutierrez, Director of Communications at Alzheimer's Orange County join Karyn Bower and Jean Granados to discuss the latest in Alzheimer's research, treatment, plus why and how to support caregivers.

On Point:

From unsolved mystery cases, to confession tapes and unsolved investigations, America's appetite for true crime content is exploding. According to a YouGov survey, nearly half of Americans say they enjoy true-crime content — and a third consume it at least once a week. But some worry true crime stories can be retraumatizing to survivors and desensitizing to viewers. So why are people drawn to these true crime stories? And is it healthy for our culture to be so interested in stories about violence and crime?

November 12

OCIF:

Host Karyn Bower and co-host Dylan Luden discuss opportunities for students, such as clubs, organizations, and elected positions, made possible by Saddleback College's Associated Student Government with ASG President Sam Lockhart.

On Point:

This On Point is about how Airb&b has changed the way in which people travel and rent temporary housing. The students interviewed a real estate agent that has benefitted from this and a person that actually rents her place and is an award-winning hostess. The show addresses pros and cons of renting this way, what it does to the price of housing and rentals, the economy and prices of homes in the vicinity of the rentals.

November 19

OCIF:

This week on OC In Focus, Karyn Bower and Alena Hernandez are joined by Rachael Valdez and Matt Davies-Morris who are each pursuing different career paths while preparing to perform in an adaptation of Shakespeare's Hamlet.

On Point:

This On Point is about Animal Shelters. No further details were provided.

November 26

OCIF:

Karyn Bower and Justin Ganz host this week's show with guests from the Saddleback College women's soccer team, Coach BJ McNicol, Team Captains Alyssa Sims and Olivia Wynn. We cover the impact of the U.S. Women's Soccer Team's fight for equal pay in sports, challenges of student athletes, and the 2022 Bobcats season.

On Point:

In this episode of On Point, we discussed how depression among young adults has increased and how people's everyday lives have affected their mental health. We spoke with grad student Samantha Clark to hear more about how anxieties, and social pressures, on top of working a job, has been affecting her and what she is doing to help her deal with it all.

December 3

OCIF:

The transformative potential of success coaches in higher education is backed by a Watermark study revealing a 12% increase in the likelihood of credential completion for community college students with success coach support. Success coaches collaborate with academic counselors and mentors to empower students, addressing holistic needs for a well-rounded educational experience. Silvia Torres Mendoza, Program Student Support Specialist for the Saddleback College School of Arts, Media, Performance, and Design (AMPD) discusses the success coach model and plans to create additional community space for students

On Point:

This episode is about the contrasting points about unionizing or not. On the one hand, folks that feel that through a Union representation they stand a chance for better salaries and work equalities. The other side is mostly the side of business and they argue that a Union could put them out of business.

December 10

OCIF:

In this episode of OC In Focus we have a crucial discussion on breast health and breast cancer awareness. Megan Klink, Vice President of Susan G. Komen West Region, shares insights into the latest therapies, preventative care like annual mammograms, and the significance of understanding your family history. We cover self-examinations and how to be proactive in early detection.

On Point:

The show is about gun control with their pros and cons. A gun trainer and a Second Amendment attorney were interviewed and later a policeman to give perspective on gun violence and how they respond and what they experience. A well produced program with solid guests.

December 17

OCIF:

This week Karyn Bower and Alena Hernandez are joined by Amy Neville from The Alexander Neville Foundation to discuss the fentanyl epidemic. Amy shares the story of her son Alexander overdosing, education and awareness work, including some of the different reasons and means of acquiring fentanyl that is impacting kids and adults.

On Point:

In this On Point, Matthew Bragulla speaks with Mike Dumansky, a CSUN student on CalFresh, and David May, the Director of Marketing and Communications at the LA Regional Food Bank. They discuss how food insecurity affects student life, and how the food bank prevents people from falling into food insecurity.

December 24

OCIF:

Are you prepared for an emergency? OC Fire Authority PIO Captain Sean Doran joins Karyn Bower and Patrick Wilson to discuss how the mutual aid system between fire departments works, what an immediate zone is and how you can care for it, items you need in your emergency preparedness kit, why people don't practice their emergency plan, the most common cause of house fires in Orange County, and more.

On Point:

This week the focus is on Southern California's wildlife: A look at the impact of urbanization on natural habitats as well as how to co-exist. We also address misconceptions.

December 31

OCIF:

Dr. Nefta Pereda, Chief Programs Officer for the Women's Transitional Living Center in Fullerton, joins Karyn Bower and Lizeth Tello to discuss the many services offered by WTLC throughout Orange County, including safe shelter and recovery resources for survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and substance dependence.

On Point:

The show is about the different weather patterns we have been experiencing in Southern California. While it does not focus on global warming per se, it does cover the underlying issues of weather anomalies. Our two guests are experts in their respective fields. One is a Dr. in Oceanography and the other is an expert in ocean behavior, weather patterns and is very active in letting people know what, in her opinion, humans are facing.