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# Ozarka College Connection

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## Record Attendance for the Student Conference

The Student Services Department teamed up for the Fall Student Conference with record number of students in attendance this semester.

On Friday, October 15, over 130 students were on hand for the conference held in the Miller Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. until Noon. The conference was offered free to the students and included breakfast and lunch.

The agenda included a fun and motivational video called FISH, a session on organizational tips, Dave Ramsey's "Know Your Money", and a session on critical thinking skills, entitled: "Think Outside the Box."

TRiO Student Support Services, Career Pathways, Student Success Center, Student Services, and Carl Perkins grant worked together to provide an informative and entertaining conference for attendees.

TRiO/SSS Director, Deltha Shell expressed her thanks to all of Ozarka, especially faculty, for helping to promote the event. "Ozarka faculty have been very supportive of the conference with many instructors offering incentives of bonus points or extra credit in their classes for students attending. That support, along with everyone who plays a role; from Culinary Art's delicious treats to those who drive vans to transport stu-

dents, computer services for their technical support, and maintenance for work behind the scenes. Everyone at the College has had a hand in making this conference a success for our students and for Ozarka!"



### TRiO Annual Chili Cookoff

**Tue. 10/26 - Ash Flat**  
**Wed 10/27 - Mtn. View**  
**Thu. 10/28 - Melbourne (Trio Office of Miller Bldg)**

**Who makes the best chili? Come and try a bowl or two and vote for your favorite!**

### From the Kitchen

Sign up for Text alerts each morning for the daily menu in my.Ozarka

Now serving an entrée or choice of Salad Bar, Chicken Strips, or deli sandwich.

The menu is online so check it out!  
**Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM**

Breakfast available 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

### Co-sponsored by:



Student Services

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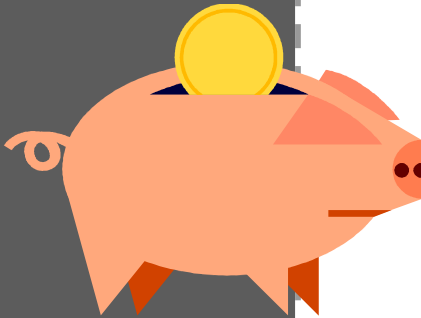


Photos from the Student Conference.

## Around Campus

- **MIDTERM Grades Due**  
Wednesday, October 20.
- **SGA Wii Bowling** - Thursday, October 21 from 10 a.m -2 p.m. in the Student Center of the Main Building. (Details on Page 4.)
- **Culinary Gourmet Night** - Thursday, November 11.
- **Ozarka Community Cinema**  
Saturday, November 20, 2010.  
Movie: *Inception*. Showtimes TBA.
- **TRiO SSS Money Management and Math Lab** - Each Wednesday in Ash Flat 3:30 in AF109 (money) and 4:30 AF106 (math)

**FOR THE MOST CURRENT EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS CHECK THE ONLINE CAMPUS CALENDAR AT WWW.OZARKA.EDU UNDER NEWS & EVENTS**



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*-Joan Stirling  
Vice President for  
Planning and IR*

## Continuing Ed to Offer Financial Planning

Ozarka College's Continuing Education Department will offer a non-credit one-day class entitled Financial Planning. The course is designed for participants to learn how to better plan for their financial future by using common-sense approaches and techniques.

Instructor for Financial Planning is SherylN Homod. The cost for this course is \$35.00 and will be offered in the evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. at each Ozarka location as follows:

- Tuesday, October 19 at Ozarka College - Melbourne
- Thursday, October 21 at Ozarka College - Ash Flat
- Tuesday, October 26 at Ozarka College - Mountain View.

Ozarka College strives to bring the community the latest in personal enrichment, workforce development, and continuing education. For more information about future continuing education courses, please contact the Continuing Education Department at 870.368.7371, or via e-mail: [koverturf@ozarka.edu](mailto:koverturf@ozarka.edu) or [mdelong@ozarka.edu](mailto:mdelong@ozarka.edu).

## Higher Learning Commission Visits Next Month

Ozarka College is quickly approaching the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visit that will take place November 15 through 17. With just a month left before the visit, plans are being finalized with the HLC Evaluation Team. The Team is composed of four peer reviewers who have positions in community colleges similar to Ozarka. Each member of the Team has received a copy of the Ozarka College Self-Study to evaluate along with the e-Resource Room that is linked to the CD of the document. While the Team is on campus, the members will hold meetings with various Ozarka groups and persons to authenticate the Self-Study and the process that generated it. Soon, the Team Chair will send Dr. Dawe a guide for Ozarka to build a schedule for these meetings.

Vice President for Planning and Institutional Research, Joan Stirling states, “On November 17, the Team will conduct an exit interview probably sometime between 9:00 am and 10:00 a.m. prior to leaving. At the exit interview, the Team will inform us of the content of their report to HLC that will include their recommendations on accreditation for the College and the strengths and challenges noted.”

Check the next edition of the Connection for more updates.



# Ozarka Enters Agreement with Russian University



After several online cultural exchanges between Ozarka College and Gorno Altaysk State University (GASU) in Siberia last Spring, the institutions have officially entered into an Agreement of Cultural, Educational and Scientific Cooperation.

Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Michael DeLong says the agreement came about after the successful exchanges between students from Ozarka and GASU utilizing online technology via Skype. "The administrators from the Russian university were so impressed with these cultural exchanges, they suggested for-

**Ozarka students watch Russian students during the first exchange.**

malizing the partnership by entering into the agreement." The first online meeting took place in March 2010 for Ozarka students in Cultural Anthropology to share regional arts, crafts and music of their respective regions, along with interactions about social and civic topics. The first exchange came about because of a friendship and academic partnership between Ozarka College adjunct instructor, John C. Van Orman of Mountain View and GASU English teacher Maria Ostanina of Gorno Altaysk.

The first online exchange was such a success that a second conference occurred in April entitled *Working Together: Applied Anthropology and Applied Science: Anthropologists and Biologists*

*Working to Benefit Communities.* Van Orman invited Biology instructor, David Mitchell and his biology students to join in the conference since the focus of the discussion was measuring and managing water quality.

The Ozarka College Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Agreement at the quarterly board meeting held in September. There are two exchanges planned for each of the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters.



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*-Dr. Michael DeLong  
VP for Academic Affairs*

## FNBIC Donates In Honor of Ray Stinnett

Director of Operations for Ozarka College –Mountain View, Gin Brown (right), received a check from, First National Bank of Izard County Vice President, Abby Buchanan (left), for the Ozarka College Mountain View Expansion Fund. The Bank will sponsor the Technology Classroom in honor of Ray Stinnett.

FNBIC Executive Vice President, Kenny Thornton states, "It is an honor to name the technology class-

room in Ozarka's new Student and Nursing Education Center in memory of Ray Stinnett. Ray was committed to the mission of FNBIC and served the residents of Stone County very well. By supporting this naming opportunity, Ray's legacy will continue. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to assist Ozarka College as they continue to offer an affordable education to area students."

Other naming opportunities are currently available in the Mountain View Building Expansion project. For more information contact Brown at 870-269-5600 or the Development Office at 870-368-7371.



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Experiences Through  
Education.**



## SGA Hosting Wii Bowling

The Ozarka College Student Government Association has plans for more student activities and events this year. To unwind during midterms, SGA officers will set up Wii Bowling in the Student Center of the Main Building on Thursday, October 21 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be three televisions and Wii game consoles set up for students to enjoy a fun break and possibly some friendly competition. The top scores will have the opportunity to win passes to the November Ozarka Community Cinema showing of the movie: *Inception* on November 20.

All students are invited to participate in SGA. Watch upcoming issues of the Connection or my Ozarka for more information on ways to get involved with SGA.



**Pictured, back row (left to right) Vice President, Melbourne: Brian Neel; Liaison, Corey Mann; and President, Joseph Smith. Front row (left to right) Secretary, Brandy Shell and last year's Liaison, Veronica Indish.**