

Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION

Student Activities

11/7: Student Government Association members attended ACDEC conference in Little Rock. Ozarka College had the most students in attendance!

11/11: Veteran's were honored at all campus locations.



11/4 - 11/13: Students participated in International Days – Brazil.

11/20: Culinary students hosted their Culinary Showcase Dinner.



11/21: SGA students collected non-perishable food items to donate to local charities.

College Humor

We all have that one friend who never gets worried or stressed over finals.



President's Perspective

We are in the final stages of registration for the spring semester and I would like to remind everyone to encourage friends, family and anyone in your circle of influence to encourage new and returning students to enroll as soon as possible.

Our Student Services Center facility is very near completion and those who have had a chance for a preview tour can attest to what an amazing facility it will be for our students and the community.

Our Ribbon Cutting is planned for the 15th of January, but furniture arrives on December 3 and offices will be open at the start of the spring semester! A great deal of planning and effort has gone into the building process and we owe a special thanks to the citizens of Melbourne for the shared tax revenue that has helped the College build this new facility. It will not only serve our students' many needs, but will also be available for community use for many years.

I am also pleased to announce that our Director of the Aviation program, Nick Lenczycki, is off to a fast start in preparing for the first cohort of student pilots in Fall of 2015. If you or someone you know is interested in an aviation career, you can contact Nick at his office in the Melbourne airport or through Admissions.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season with friends and family.

Best of Success!

Dr. Richard Dawe



Upcoming Events

December

- 1: Community College Work\$ in Melbourne
- 1-4: [Intro to Photography/Photoshop in Mountain View](#)
- 2: Community College Work\$ in Ash Flat
- 3: Community College Work\$ in Mountain View
- 4: Community College Work\$ in Mammoth Spring
- 5: Classes end
- 5: Holidays in Who-ville
- 8-11: Final Exams
- 22-Jan 2: Offices closed for Winter Break

January

- 5: Offices Open
- 6: College open to students
- 6-9: New Student Orientation
- 7: ARNEC Orientation
- 9: Last day of late registration
- 15: Student Services Center ribbon cutting
- 19: College closed (Martin Luther King Day)

* Continuing Education Courses *

for more info, please contact the Ozarka College campus location hosting the course

Student Services Center Construction

The Student Services Center construction project continues to move forward at a rapid pace. The contractors are currently finishing the polished concrete in the student commons area and the kitchen equipment contractors are completing the kitchen equipment set-up.

The IT staff has been busy terminating cables and preparing for the audiovisual needs of the building. A few of the remaining projects include finish/touch-up paint, window covering installation, and exterior site work. We are still on schedule to complete the move in mid-December and plan to be fully operational once we return in January.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for January 15, 2015.

To view other construction photos and a weekly time lapse:
https://www.ozarka.edu/campaigns/2013_ssc/index.cfm

Holidays in Who-ville

Ozarka College will host their 5th annual holiday event on December 5, 2014 beginning at 4:30 PM. This event is free to the public and will take place in the John E. Miller Education complex, at Ozarka College, in Melbourne.

This year's theme is, "Holidays in Who-ville" and families are invited to join Ozarka College for the viewing of Dr. Seuss cartoons, pictures with Santa, coloring activities and treats prepared by the Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department.

In the words of Dr. Seuss, "My town is called Who-ville, for I am a Who and we Whos are all thankful and grateful to you." That idea can be echoed by Ozarka College, as we are grateful to be celebrating our 40th year in Higher Education. Ozarka College looks forward to giving back to the community with this fun filled, family friendly event.



7th Annual International Day

The Ozarka College Diversity and Cultural Events Committee hosted the 7th Annual International Day at each of our four campus locations. Community members, faculty, and staff participated in this fun and educational event, which focused on the country and culture of Brazil.



Special thanks to our presenters: Dr. Fred Spann, who presented at Mountain View and Melbourne, and Mr. Grady Spann, who presented at Ash Flat and Mammoth Spring.

Dr. Spann reflected on 33 years of experiences as a missionary and music instructor in Recife, Brazil. His son, Mr. Grady Spann, Region 5 Supervisor of Arkansas State Parks, spoke on his experiences growing up in Brazil.



International Day 2014 activities are supported in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Community College Work\$

Ozarka College will meet with government and business leaders during an event titled, “Community College Work\$.” Community College Work\$ is being brought to participating two-year and technical colleges within the state of Arkansas by Arkansas Community Colleges (ACC), formerly known as Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC).

Community College Work\$ is designed to share the mission overview of customized workforce training, short term certificates, stackable credentials, affordability and access, overview of students and their challenges, and how to meet the needs of local communities.

Workforce initiatives, student testimonials, and financial impact will also be shared with those in attendance. Community Colleges are tax producers not tax consumers, who work to improve economic development, return on investment, employment and salaries of completers.

Ozarka College will participate in this initiative by hosting Community College Work\$ at each of their four campus locations in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring and Mountain View during the first week of December.

Student Success Story

Patrick Neal Ward’s first experience with Ozarka College began with EMT Certification renewal in Mountain View. Not only did he complete this certification in 2011, he was also working towards an Associate of Arts degree. In 2012, he graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors and transferred his Associate of Arts degree to University of Central Arkansas (UCA).

Patrick is currently studying Biophysics and Religious Studies at UCA, where he commutes five times per week from his home near Mountain View. Upon completion of courses in May or December of 2015, he will have earned two Bachelor degrees.

As if he weren’t busy enough, Patrick also teaches Continuing Education courses at Ozarka College. He enjoys being able to stay connected to Ozarka College, as his experiences truly prepared him for college at UCA.

We are proud of you, Alumnus Patrick Neal Ward!

**SPRING & SUMMER REGISTRATION
FOR ALL STUDENTS IS NOW OPEN
SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS JAN 12**



In the case of inclement weather, enrolling now for loan disbursement
Direct Deposits will help ensure you receive your aid when expected.



Blue & You Foundation Grant

Ozarka College has been awarded The Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas grant, which will help fund a Comprehensive Health and Safety Program.

Ozarka College was awarded \$46,909 to support a Quick Response Health Care Initiative, to initiate a Cardio Wellness and Fitness Challenge, and to establish a Safety in the Workplace Initiative; efforts that will all promote healthier lifestyles and make a safer campus for students, administration, and faculty. Specifically, the grant will provide for the installation of health and safety upgrades across all four campus locations, including automated external defibrillators (AED) and advanced emergency response beacons.

“The Blue & You Foundation grant will provide for a very comprehensive program at the College,” said Josh Wilson, Ozarka College’s Grant Administrator. “The installation of AEDs and emergency alert system upgrades will provide a safer environment for all who visit the College.”

The impact of the grant initiatives will also reach far beyond the college campus. The Cardio Wellness and Fitness Challenge will challenge Ozarka College employees as well members of the community to adopt healthier, more active lifestyles.

The Blue & You Foundation award also strengthens the College partnership with the Northcentral Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (NAESC) and the nine public school districts in the College’s four-county service area (Fulton, Izard, Sharp and Stone). Specifically, the College has secured funding for adult and infant training manikins for NAESC to be used on loan for quick response health care training, such as CPR and AED, in the local school districts. In addition, the grant initiative will provide for the cost of training one personnel at each of the nine school districts to become a licensed CPR and AED training provider.

“The College is thrilled to partner with the education cooperative and the local districts,” said Wilson. “Having additional training providers in-house provides sustainable, quick-response training solutions for our schools, not to mention, it supports the state-mandated CPR training requirement for high school students.”

The Blue & You Foundation was established by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a charitable foundation to promote better health in Arkansas. Of the 202 grant applications received, only 35 were selected for this years funding cycle.



Meet the Staff – New Employees Edition



Zachary Adams,
Part Time Maintenance



Matthew Edwards,
Part Time Courier



Nikita "Niki" Hutchins,
Financial Aid Specialist



Nicholas Lenczycki,
Director of Aviation



Jeanne Pier,
Part Time Secretary for
VPA

Memories in the Making



Nick Wilcox spoke at the Quad Cities Rotary on November 3



Luke Willis has been building a 3D model airplane in his Sculpting Class at Ozarka College in Mountain View. Upon completion of the project, he plans to donate his artwork to the college.

Here he is pictured preparing to take flight with College President, Dr Richard Dawe.



Happy Holidays from the Paul Waver Library staff!

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