
Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION

Student Accomplishments

President's List

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours, excluding developmental courses, not be on any type of probation, and must have a minimum grade point average of 4.0. The following students have earned this honor:

Britney N. Bair, Chasity D. Chapps, Joshua D. Holland, Lynn C. Johnson, Kierra L. Witting, Catina J. Tewksbury, Victoria L. Rush, Rebecca D. Glenn, James L. Tackett, Morgan E. Winston, Jordin R. Machalicek, Justin W. Smith, Brandis S. Harness, Brian M. Statler, Lindsay P. McGowan, Robert A. Watts, Courtney L. Lock, Holly D. Troxell, Adrianna N. Fletcher, Shonna M. Arnold, Wesley R. Bunting, Vicki L. Mann, Amber L. Merriam, Savannah N. Phillips, Tabatha L. Pebler, Samantha N. Redd, Violet M. Hampton, Isabel M. Dodds, Sara J. Andrews, Schuyler C. Madden, Christi A. Reed, Stephanie H. Robertson, Heather J. Rogers, Candice M. Bruyette, Wendy M. Causey, Tammy R. Felton, Clay L. Jones, Shawnette N. Kimble, Kristin M. Montgomery, Isaac W. Push, Chelsea K. Vines, Regina G. Corter, Dakota L. Teague, Bailey M. Barnes, Nathan D. Cobb, Joell S. Columb, Monica B. Day, Shannon T. Dixon, Dakota W. Dixon, Ryan E. Fuller, Gerry C. Goodin, Madison B. Green, Chelsea S. Lang, Susan M. Newman, Philip C. Shuler, Alex J. Soulard, Rachel A. Sutton, May E. Taylor-Brown, Katrina F. Whitfield, Gregory L. Willis, Hannah Z. Teague, Justine M. Villanueva, Billie J. Wolford, Brandi N. Sweet, Laura L. Geiger, Amber G. Young, Linda S. Finley, Elizabeth M. Anderson, Esther H. Anderson, Tina R. Boris, Kasey R. Hendrix, Susan C. Williams, Lauren M. Watts, Shannon J. Dougherty, Mandy S. Sollock, Brittany L. Booker, Tony R. Sharp, Marsha L. Earls, Kurina E. Etheridge, Corby J. May, Arianna N. Stewart, Kayla M. Cooper, Lindsey N. McHalfey, Tiffany J. Taylor, Seth J. Stapleton, Jeremy L. Wess, Andrew S. Wight, and Abram J. Mead.

Provost's List

To be eligible for the Provost's List, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours, excluding developmental courses, not be on any type of probation, and must meet minimum grade point average requirement of 3.5 or higher. The following students have earned this honor:

Kailee A. Abney, Shorlyn M. Morris, Angela L. Wiles, Kelli R. Dunegan, Nathan W. Gann, Tamara J. Haddock, William L. Sonnier, Eli J. Blankenship, Kayla Marie Cooper, Maria M. Bryeans, Karen R. Henley, Sharon D. Mamath, Monica D. Morgan, Kimber C. Murray, Jennifer M. Finley, Chelsey D. Smart, Bailey J. Stubbs, Molly E. Taylor, Shannon R. Cochran, Mary B. Lee, Katherine E. Long, Jessica L. Prescott, Megan R. Welch, Dalton J. Withers, Jami S. Taylor, Malcom L. Ashlock, Forrest M. Suchland, Blair E. Cone, Candace R. Dailing, Madison A. Deloach, Makayla E. Gross, Michael J. Hellesvig, Krystal D. Johnson, Sharie L. Kipfer, Cameron R. Massey, Matthew Charles Pitts, Hannah C. Rice, Paul G. Shaver, Richard O. Smith, Sherry M. Vest, Tayler B. Wade, David H. Buchanan, Brandi D. Buchholz, Amanda D. Coffell, Devon C. Fuller, Misty S. Jeffery, Courtney M. Lancaster, Angela G. Maynard, Sarah E. Reynoso, Ryan E. Richardson, Jennifer L. Rodgers, Jacob P. Shuler, Samuel W. Spann, Samantha J. Huckabee, Kristen E. Soraci, Melissa L. Bitting, Samantha D. Clements, Brendan J. Clements, Cody D. Cranford, Hunter D. Delargy, Luz A. Oliva, Megan M. Williams, Alison M. Parks, Shauna L. Rushing, Amy J. Tavares, Megan E. Cooper, Jennifer M. Baldrige, Kaylynn D. Bullock, Erin D. Risner, Brandi D. Conner, Debra L. Pittman, and Dennis J. Tiernan

President's Perspective

As we continue to celebrate the 40th year of Ozarka College, I am proud to have shared in the experience recently at our Student Services Center Ribbon Cutting event. It was one of those 'hallmark' events in the life of a college that everyone was pleased to experience and share. We not only opened the doors to a facility that was designed to provide outstanding, centralized support to students but also with the local community and businesses in mind. I believe it will be seen in time as a transformational structure and event for Ozarka.



I want to also provide an update on our developing Flight program. Our Aviation Director, Nick Lenczycki, has been busy in efforts to receive formal FAA approval and acquire the first plane and a flight simulator training device. He already has at least two advisees who are students from outside our normal service area. This will provide an exciting new high tech career field for this part of the country, at a far less expensive cost than typical. Stand by for additional information as the program gains speed!

Best of Success!

Dr. Richard Dawe

Upcoming Events

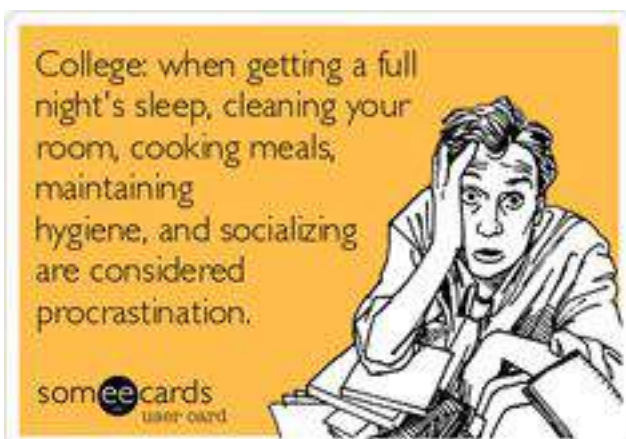
February

- 2: New Café Grand Opening
- 2-5: Photography & Photoshop course (Mtn. View)
- 12-19: FrogWatch USA workshop (Ash Flat)
- 15: IZARD County Single Parent Scholarship deadline
- 19: Last day to receive a "W" in 8 week classes

March

- 6: End of 1st 8-week classes
- 7: Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show (Mtn. View)
- 6: Intro. to Computers (Mtn. View)
- 9: Start of 2nd 8 week classes

College Humor



Intro. to Computers Course in Mountain View

Ozarka College in Mountain View will host an Introduction to Computers course to be offered through Continuing Education beginning in March.

This four-week course, being taught by Frances Bullard, will cover basic computer concepts, Microsoft Windows, Internet search and navigation, e-mail basics, and sending attachments. The course runs from March 6 through March 27, meeting on Fridays, from 9:00 AM – Noon.

The tuition is just \$25.00 per student, \$20.00 for ages 60 and over. Seating is limited and registration is required. Please contact Lindsay Wilson-Galloway, Director of Ozarka College Off-Campus Operations in Mountain View, by phone at 870.269.5600 or email lhgalloway@ozarka.edu

Student Services Center Ribbon Cutting

Approximately 225 guests gathered at the new Student Services Center at Ozarka College in Melbourne on Thursday, January 29, 2015 for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Members of the Ozarka College faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustees, and Foundation Board of Directors attended the festive event. Special guests also attending included donors, friends and supporters from across the state.

Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe, welcomed the crowd and provided introductions. He shared his appreciation for the vision of Representative John E. Miller for establishing Ozarka College 40 years ago.

Board Chairman, Bob Evins, thanked those in attendance and spoke to the success of Ozarka students and the importance of the new facility.



Remarks were also made by Congressman Rick Crawford, Mayor Rhonda Halbrook, Chris Mosley, a student at Ozarka College, and Mike Watson, Foundation Board Member and Capital Campaign Co-Chair.

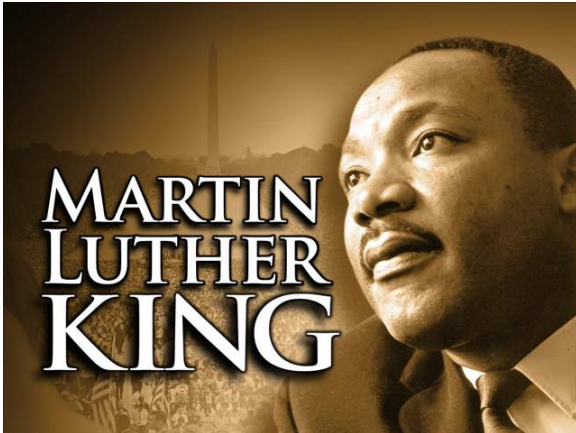
Music was provided by Pam Setser and Danny Dozier and refreshments were prepared by the Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department. Ozarka College student Ambassadors and Student Government Association members led guests on tours of the new Student Services Center.



The new Student Services Center houses the Ozarka College student services, two community meeting rooms, a Café, computer lab, video conferencing center, and so much more. Many of these areas are available for public use, and business and industry partners are encouraged to utilize the state of the art technology and conference space.



Black History Month



As a follow up to Martin Luther King Day, the Diversity and Cultural Events Committee wishes to remind everyone that February is Black History Month. In celebration, the Committee wants to share with you the following contributions made by African Americans.

Arguably, the most famous African-American inventor is George Washington Carver. He urged southern farmers to rotate cotton crops that depleted the soil with peanuts that enriched the soil.

Farmers obliged, but did not know what to do with all the peanuts. Carver subsequently invented 300 different uses for peanuts, including dye, laundry soap, fuel briquettes, diesel fuel, coffee, and ink.

As we celebrate Black History Month, below is a list of the top ten African-American inventors featured on the science.howstuffworks.com website.



10. Sarah Goode – folding cabinet bed

9. George Crum – potato chip

8. Granville T. Woods – multiplex telegraph

7. Jan Matzeliger – shoe lasting machine

6. Elijah McCoy – automatic oil cup

5. Lewis Latimer – carbon filament light bulb

4. Sarah Breedlove – Walker hair care system

3. Dr. Charles Richard Drew – blood bank

2. Philip B. Downing – protective mailbox

1. Garrett Morgan – gas mask



To read more about these inventors and their inventions, go to:

<http://science.howstuffworks.com/innovation/inventions/10-inventions-by-african-americans.htm#page=0>

Whitten is Co-Recipient of the E. Wilson Green Award

Ozarka College is proud to announce that Kim Whitten, Director of Ozarka College in Ash Flat, is a co-recipient of the 2014 E. Wilson Green Award. Nominees of this award should be a person or organization that is a Civic Minded Volunteer and has distinguished themselves by love and vigorous support of the Spring River Area community.



Whitten received this honor during the Spring River Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet that was held on January 20, 2015 at Artisan Steakhouse and Grill in Highland, AR. She and fellow Rotarian, Donald Britnell, tied for this honor.

“I have attended the Spring River Chamber of Commerce Banquet many times over the past several years and have watched people who I respect in the community receive the E. Wilson Green award,” says Kim Whitten. “I would never expect to be honored with such an accolade!”

Whitten who has been an employee of Ozarka College for several years loves the Sharp County community and enjoys doing her part to serve. She hopes that the work everyone does together as members of the Chamber, along with various churches and community organizations, will help to improve our local economy and the way of life in Sharp County and beyond.

Ozarka College Accepts GED Walmart Scholarships

A new scholarship opportunity is now available to adult education students. The GED Walmart Scholarship will cover Official GED Testing fees, in full, if the student meets the required criteria.

The only criteria for the scholarship is that the candidate must be an Arkansas resident and not earn more than 200 percent of the Federal poverty level. A student who has only one person in the family can make as much as \$23,340 a year. As always required, the student must take and pass the section of the GED Ready™ test in which they are testing prior to official testing.

Students are encouraged to complete the scholarship application through Ozarka College Adult Education, as a signature from a certified Adult Education instructor is required prior to submitting application for the GED Walmart Scholarship.

Students who are awarded the scholarship may take the GED test free of charge at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, and Mountain View. Ozarka College’s Adult Education program is ADA accessible, EEOC compliant, and disability accommodations are available upon request.

For additional information about free GED classes or use of the GED Walmart Scholarship, please call Ozarka College’s Adult Education Department at 800.821.4335, ext. 2051.

Heart-Healthy Miles Needed



In December, Ozarka College was awarded The Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas grant, which will help fund a Comprehensive Health and Safety Program. On January 7, 2015, Ozarka College was presented a check for \$46,909 from the Blue & You Foundation.

In an effort to promote healthier lifestyles, part of the \$46,909 awarded to Ozarka College will be used to initiate a Cardio Wellness and Fitness Challenge. Ozarka College students, employees, and the general community alike will all be challenged to adopt healthier, more active lifestyles.

To do this, Ozarka College has set a goal for participants to log at least 10,000 heart-healthy miles, collectively, all while on a journey to a healthier life. The College invites all who are interested, regardless of ability or skill level, to participate in this fitness challenge. Whether you like to run, walk, bike, roll, or swim for fitness, please join us and contribute your mileage.

“Everyone’s New Year’s resolution is to exercise more, and this is a fun way to do it,” said Patrick O’Sullivan, Executive Director of the Blue & You Foundation. “We hope that providing this grant to the Melbourne community will encourage people to log their exercise miles toward the community-wide goal of 10,000 miles.”

Registration to join the Fitness Challenge is free, and to further incentivize active lifestyles, the top three mileage contributors will be awarded a cash prize at the end of the challenge. Simply pick up an application at any of our Ozarka College campus locations, at the Paul Miller Fitness Center, or access online at www.ozarka.edu/fitnesschallenge.

Please return completed forms to Stacy Gore, Ozarka College Fitness Center Coordinator, PO Box 10, Melbourne, Arkansas 72556. Once participants have completed the application, they will be provided with information on how to track and submit their miles.

For more information about the Fitness Challenge, please contact Stacy Gore at 870.368.2090 or email: stacy.gore@ozarka.edu

American Voices - Americans with Disabilities

The American Voices Series, sponsored by the Diversity and Cultural Events Committee, will host its third annual event featuring the voices of *Americans with Disabilities*. The event is scheduled in the lecture hall of the John E. Miller Education Complex on **April 7 from 10:30 AM until 1:45 PM**. Plans are underway to live stream to the other campus locations in Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring and Mountain View.

Supported in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, American Voices – Americans with Disabilities will include three morning speakers, a share fair of information during the lunch break, and a five-person discussion panel in the afternoon. This is an excellent opportunity for all students, but particularly those majoring in nursing, criminal justice, teaching, and other public services, as they will gain valuable information on interacting with persons with disabilities.

This event is sure to be great for professional development, as well. Ozarka College faculty and staff, and the general public are all encouraged to attend. The speakers and panelists include representatives from the Arkansas Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities, the Arkansas Department of Human Services, the Birch Tree Communities, Inc., the Alzheimer's Association of Arkansas, and the Arkansas Disability Coalition.

The March newsletter will include the agenda and finalized information for this event. For more information or to reserve seats, please Contact Joan Stirling by phone at 870.368.2007 or by email: jstirling@ozarka.edu.

Foundation Scholarships for Fall '15

New or current students now have the opportunity to apply for the Ozarka College Foundation Board scholarships to use during the Fall semester of 2015 and Spring semester of 2016. Endowed scholarships are one-time awards distributed to recipients over the academic year. The Foundation awards over \$30,000 in scholarship aid to students each year and honors recipients at a Scholarship Reception where they have the chance to meet some of the scholarship donors.

To apply, students must meet the following requirements:

- Student must be full time (at least 12 credit hours)
- Maintain a 2.0 semester or cumulative grade point average
- Complete scholarship application and submit written essay through myOzarka

Application Deadline is Wednesday, April 1, 2015!



John E. Miller Family Donates \$5,000 to the Capital Campaign

The family of the late Representative John E. Miller has committed \$5,000 to the Ozarka College Student Services Center Capital Campaign. Their contribution will pay to furnish an office in the Student Services Center on the Melbourne Campus.

Representative Miller married his wife, Ruby, in 1949 and together they have three grown children, eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. In 1958, Representative Miller began his forty years of service when he was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives.



“The entire Miller family is delighted to support this very important project at Ozarka College,” said Ruby Miller. “We could not pass up this opportunity to name a space in the Student Services Center after our loved one, John E. Miller. The College was always near and dear to his heart, as he served the people of this area in the state legislature. We continue to honor him and the things that were important to him and our family.”

“We are so grateful for the long legacy established by John E. Miller and the continued commitment of the Miller family for Ozarka College,” said Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President. “Ozarka has been a powerful force in Melbourne, our four county service area, and northern Arkansas for forty years. We’re all very thankful for Representative Miller’s vision, tenacity and life of public service.”

The “Students at the Center” capital campaign is a bold step to raise the quality of educational and student support services at Ozarka College to new heights. The campaign will help ensure student success and will enhance the campus to create a more community-centered learning environment.

The Ozarka College Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible on itemized tax forms.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony January 29, 2015



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Continued January 29, 2015



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