

Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION

Student Activities



Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring’s practical nursing students incorporated a health and wellness event into the area **4th of July** celebration. This event was held at the Thayer High School football field in Thayer, MO. In addition to health education and promotion, they took blood pressure, blood sugar and pulse oximetry readings.

The students and staff also promoted the nursing program to the crowd, which was estimated to have been 8,000.

Baybe, the miniature therapy horse, was also invited to help with the nursing students wellness event and she quickly became the main attraction.



REGISTER FOR FALL '15 COURSES TODAY!!!



The last day to register for the Fall '15 semester is Friday, **August 14**. Classes begin on Monday, **August 17**. Don't wait a day longer to complete your FAFSA or to get registered! The FAFSA needs to be completed as soon as possible to ensure that aid is posted by the first day of fall classes.

For more info:

Admissions: 870.368.2013

Financial Aid: 870.368.2009

Registrar: 870.368.2028

Online Admissions Application: <https://otc.ozarka.edu/admissions.cfm>

President's Perspective

This is a very exciting time of the year at Ozarka College! We are welcoming new students at orientations and preparing for our in-service week prior to start of the fall semester; a lot of energy and optimism is in the air. We have been fortunate to hire several talented new faculty members and staff to the Ozarka family recently. Please be sure to say hello and continue the warm welcome. They will be highlighted in future editions to help get to know them.

I'm happy to pass along that our Director of Aviation, Nick Lenczycki, has successfully received formal program approval from the FAA and is actively seeking our next college aircraft for training. This program continues to generate a lot of interest and the first cohort should be quite strong.

On a very sad note, I am sorry to share that our colleague and friend, Dave Rush, Director of Grounds and Landscaping, recently passed away after a battle with cancer. He was an amazing man and we'll miss him dearly. A scholarship is being established in his name to honor his dedicated work at Ozarka College. Anyone interested in contributing to this scholarship fund is encouraged to contact Suellen Davidson, our Director of Advancement.

I hope you all have a wonderful semester and find your work and studies fulfilling!

Best of Success!

Dr. Richard Dawe



Upcoming Events

College Humor

August

- 10-14:** Late registration
- 11:** ARNEC classes begin
- 17:** Fall courses being
- 27:** Welcome Back Events

September

- 5:** Foundation 5K in Mammoth Spring
- 7:** College Closed (Labor Day Holiday)
- 22:** Scholarship Reception
- 24:** Last Day to Receive a "W" (8 wk classes)



Dr. Keith McClanahan Named Provost and EVP of Learning



Ozarka College is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. Keith McClanahan as the Provost and Executive Vice President of Learning. Dr. McClanahan comes to Ozarka College from Arkansas State University-Beebe, where he most recently served as the Director of Advanced Technology and Allied Health. Dr. McClanahan began his service at ASU-Beebe in 1995 as Industrial Relations Coordinator and Director of Economic Development and served in a wide variety of other positions prior to assuming his most recent position at Beebe.

“We are very excited to welcome Dr. McClanahan,” said Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President. “He is a seasoned academic leader, native to Arkansas and very well respected across the state. His engaging style and leadership experience will be key to advancing Ozarka College as we serve the region’s students.”

Dr. McClanahan is a first generation college graduate from the Arkansas Delta, who recognized that education is the key to economic improvement for individuals and for the communities they serve. He has a variety of teaching experiences at both four-year and two-year institutions of higher education. Dr. McClanahan taught Electrical Engineering and Systems Engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy, Electronics Technology and Manufacturing and Processes at ASU-Beebe, and Manufacturing and Processes for ASU-Jonesboro students in the BS Technology program with CADD emphasis.

Dr. McClanahan earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Mississippi and his Specialist degree in Community College Teaching and his Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University. Before joining ASU-Beebe, Dr. McClanahan was the maintenance supervisor for Bryce Corporation, an industrial manufacturing facility in Searcy. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps enlisting as a Private and later earned a commission and retired at the rank of Major.

Student Services Complete Professional Development Training

The Student Services department recently held a two-day professional development activity, led by Deltha Shell, Ozarka College TRiO Department Program Director. The training focused both on personal development and team building for the purpose of providing better service to Ozarka students.

Prior to the training, all of the Student Services personnel participated in a personality and personal strengths assessment. The group then built upon the results of these personal assessments to participate in a variety of team building and student services activities. Through these exercises, staff members were able to recognize the skill set of their co-workers at different departmental levels. They also learned how to utilize a variety of strengths and personalities to solve problems and provide better service to the College and students. The Student Services department plans to revisit this training in the future, focusing on problem solving, planning, and group dynamics.

Masson Receives FNBC Bank Scholarship



FNBC Bank has announced the recipient of their \$1,000, four semesters, Ozarka College scholarship. The scholarship has been awarded to Ms. Brianna Masson.

"FNBC Bank has always believed in helping students in our community, at any level, when at all possible," said Marty Sellars, President of FNBC Bank. "We are blessed to have Ozarka College, which provides quality, affordable education in our area, and we are proud to offer this scholarship to a worthy student who is eager to further her education, especially close to home."

Masson is a 2015 graduate of Melbourne High School. She resides in Zion and plans to major in Teaching.

For more information about this scholarship or other scholarship opportunities, please contact Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College Director of Advancement, by calling 870.368.2059.

Adult Education Relocated

The Adult Education department has relocated to the Administration building, formally the home of Student Services. Dr. Wilson, Sandra Miller, Trish Miller, Kendall Morrison and Debbie Yancey are still available to assist with your GED needs. So stop by and see their new space, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

TRiO Student Support Services Grant Update



On July 14, 2015, Ozarka College received notification that the current TRiO Student Support Services federal grant was funded for an additional five years. Through this federally funded grant program, Ozarka College offers services for many of its students. TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) provides academic, financial and personal support to eligible students at Ozarka College to assist them with their educational endeavors.

The services offered by Ozarka College's SSS program include the following: academic advising, academic coaching, financial and economic literacy assistance, information on chosen educational major and career choices,

aptitude and interest inventories, transfer scholarship information, tours of four-year colleges and universities, help with admissions, financial aid and faculty advisors at other institutions, individual and group peer tutoring, technology training, informational workshops, and cultural events and trips.

Eligibility for SSS is established through the U.S. Department of Education. Students applying for the program must meet one of the following qualifications: meet low-income guidelines, be a first-generation college student, or be an individual with a documented disability. Program participants must also be pursuing an associate's degree, be enrolled in a transferrable program, or working toward an eventual four-year degree. Additionally, participants must be a U.S. citizen or meet residency requirements.

Ozarka College currently has four staff members in the SSS Department. Deltha Shell is the Program Director, Tracy Cone is the Academic Services Coordinator, Bryan Jeffery is the Transfer Specialist, and Shelia Titus is the Administrative Assistant. They have offices located at each of Ozarka College's four campus locations in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring and Mountain View. On the Melbourne campus, the SSS Department is housed in the new Student Services Center, located in the heart of campus. Additionally, the program employs several part-time peer and professional tutors who provide academic and study skill assistance to participants.

The SSS department has several activities planned for this academic year including leadership training, student panel discussion, financial literacy programming, several transfer trips, and a variety of cultural events.

Currently, SSS is processing new applicants. Any Ozarka College student who meets the eligibility requirements is encouraged to apply. For more information, please call TRiO Student Support Services at 870.368.2036 or email: trio@ozarka.edu

Ozarka College's TRiO Student Support Services program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Federal TRiO Programs. The 2008-2009 funded award is \$278,421. All activities and services offered to the students in SSS are made possible through these grant funds. Announcement made in accordance with Public Law 105-78 Sec. 508.

Ozarka College Foundation Scholarships Announced

The Ozarka College Foundation is pleased to announce recipients of several \$500 scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded as \$250 in the fall 2015 semester and \$250 in the spring 2016 semester.

“Donors play a vital role in the support and success of our students,” said Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College Director of Advancement. “Each endowed scholarship is important not only to the person or persons that establish this lasting memorial, but also to the student that receives the scholarship.”

Jordon Williams of Calico Rock has received the Charles Cheatham Memorial scholarship and Amanda Hutchins of Oxford is the recipient of the Coy Ferguson Memorial scholarship. The Dan “Wally” Pittman scholarships have been awarded to Racheal Webb of Mammoth Spring and LeAlyson Bailey of Cherokee Village. Seth Stapleton of Wideman has received the Harry Powell and Velma Fudge Dixon Memorial Scholarship and Leah Hutchinson of Cherokee Village has received the James Fenton Memorial scholarship.

The Jean Jennings Memorial scholarships have been awarded to Kristen Tratham of Mountain View and Justine Villanueva of Timbo. Brianna Jenne of Mammoth Spring has received the JoKay Smith Memorial scholarship and Alex Lyons of Mountain View has received the Netta Gilbert Memorial scholarship. Hunter Schreurs of Hardy is the recipient of the Orvis and Lilbern Farris-Nix scholarship.

The Ozarka Family scholarships have been awarded to Jennifer Baldrige of Thayer, MO and Dominique Faulkner of Horseshoe Bend. Rebecca Guthrie of Melbourne has been awarded the Paul and Treva Miller scholarship and Paige Grimes of Thayer, MO has received the Tom Dawe, Jr. Memorial scholarship. The Tri-County Hospice scholarships have been awarded to Rebecca Sinclair of Ash Flat and Sarah Carey of West Plains, MO.

Additional scholarship recipients will be released soon.

Little Free Library at Ozarka Kids Academy



The Paul Weaver Library has expanded the “Little Free Library” program. The first is located in the new Student Services Center, on our Melbourne campus. The most recent addition has been placed at Ozarka Kids Academy.

What is the Little Free Library? It’s a “take a book, return a book” gathering place where our students, faculty, or staff may share their favorite literature and story books. There are also have free bookmarks and a small pamphlet for visitors. The pamphlet has information about our Little Free Library and a QR code that links to the library web page. Please hashtag us when you visit!

For more information, please contact Mary Ellen or Kelly by calling 870.368.2054.

ARNEC Improves Education Delivery



The Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium has announced an alternative course delivery in addition to the current face-to-face education being offered for the fall semester.

The Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC) is a group of eight community colleges that collaborated to provide students an opportunity for an Associate Degree in Registered Nursing. Students who are already accepted will benefit from the new learning delivery offered in the fall. Many of the courses are taught using an interactive video delivery for lectures; however, this fall will feature face-to-face instruction and a live streaming option for a hybrid component for some classes. Students will be allowed to choose the delivery method they prefer on specific days. The hybrid incorporates students remotely accessing live lectures online.

The deadline for applications is August 31, 2015. Classes start in January for new students and they will include course work as well as on-site clinical work in nursing homes, hospitals, and clinics. In January, face-to-face delivery will be an option for one class per week.

“ARNEC is such a great option for students who want to earn a degree,” said Crystal Gillihan, ARNEC Director. “We are constantly striving to find the best way to educate our students. We have a tradition of our students being successful. They are employed quickly after graduation in both acute care and long-term care settings. However, the medical field is constantly changing; we have to continually strive to maintain our competitive edge and continue to improve our student’s preparedness for the work force.”

Student applications for the program can be submitted online and obtained from the consortium’s website: www.arnec.org. The applications are due by August 31, 2015 for the class beginning in January 2016. The website also has details and a complete description of the application process, requirements and program contacts.

ARNEC is an education consortium comprised of eight Arkansas community and technical colleges: Arkansas State University/Newport, Black River Technical College/Pocahontas, Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas/Nashville, Ozarka College/Melbourne, Rich Mountain Community College/Mena, South Arkansas Community College/El Dorado, University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, and University of Arkansas Community

CPR and AED Trainings

As part of a grant provided by the Blue & You Foundation, Automated External Defibrillators have been installed on all Ozarka College campus locations. To ensure that staff members are prepared to use these devices, in the case of an emergency, Dawn Smith (Ozarka College Allied Health Instructor) has been providing CPR and AED training this summer.

Melbourne school’s coaching staff also took Dawn’s training to become certified, as well as Ozarka College Nursing students who needed to renew their CPR certifications.



FAA Approval Received



Ozarka College is pleased to announce that on July 23, 2015 the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved the Ozarka College Aviation – professional Pilot program. FAA approval was a critical step in the rollout of the new Associate of Science (A.S.) in Professional Pilot – Aviation degree. Ozarka College will begin with the first class of student pilots during the Fall 2015 semester.

Subsequent to FAA approval, Ozarka College received approval on July 24, 2015 from the US Department of Education Federal Student Aid division. This approval will allow students within

the degree to apply for federal financial aid under Title IV. The College is now completing the final steps to obtain approval from the Veteran’s Affairs Administration to allow veterans within the degree program to use their VA benefits, in addition to federal financial aid.

As an FAA approved College, both degree-seeking students and private individuals will be able to complete their flight training with fewer required hours. “Students can now complete their Private Pilot Certificate with five fewer hours of solo flight time,” said Nick Lenczycki, Ozarka College Director of Aviation. “This saves every student nearly six hundred dollars.”

Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka President, commented, “This exciting new aviation program will provide students the opportunity to pursue a new career track that can lead to strong pay, world travel, and the ability to live where they were raised if they choose to stay close to home.”

Ozarka College has acquired a Cessna Skyhawk 172 and a Redbird LD Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD) in preparation for the first cohort of students. The College is continuing to grow its fleet of aircraft to support the program. Lenczycki stated that the Cessna Skyhawk is an ideal training platform with a proven safety record. “The Redbird LD accurately represents the training aircraft in almost every respect and serves as an economical way for students to practice a whole range of skills.”

It’s a great time to be thinking about aviation. The pilot shortage that exists makes it a perfect time to begin a career in aviation. For those who are on the fence, the College offers discovery flights. These flights last about thirty minutes and students have a chance to fly an airplane and see what aviation is all about. Discovery flights are available for \$75.00.

For more information about the program, available scholarships, or discovery flights, please contact Nick Lenczycki, Ozarka College Director of Aviation, at 870.368.7926.

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