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Ozarka Surpasses 1,500 Students

Ozarka College has reached a milestone during its first week of Fall 2010 classes. Enrollment has exceeded 1,500 students according to initial numbers.

President, Dr. Richard Dawe is very pleased with the early figures. "Enrollment growth has been steadily on the rise at Ozarka College for the past several years. However, this semester is 15 percent higher over last Fall, which is quite a milestone." He adds, "We are even more excited to report the 25 percent growth in full-time equivalency (FTE), which indicates Ozarka students are taking larger course loads."

With increased enrollment, comes the need for additional

space. Ozarka's Mountain View campus broke ground on a new facility earlier this month and construction is underway which will add over 10,500 square feet to accommodate the growth in Stone County. Parking is also being added at both the Mountain View and Ash Flat locations.

Another highlight is the strong enrollment for evening-only classes at Mammoth Spring. The College expects 125-150 students from the Mammoth Spring and Thayer area next semester by offering both day and evening classes. Ozarka College's Board of Trustees approved Dr. Dawe to begin negotiations for suitable facilities in Mammoth Spring.

Dawe states, "I appreciate the strong support of our Board of

Trustees to serve all counties in our service area. This agility is one of the great aspects of a community college; the ability to respond quickly to community and students' learning needs. The site in Mammoth Spring has also been enabled by the support from Mammoth Spring Mayor Jean Pace, who also serves as the Ozarka Foundation Board Chair. We appreciate Mayor Pace being a committed advocate for the College and our mission of providing life changing experiences through education."

For more information about Ozarka College and the programs available, log on the website at www.ozarka.edu, or contact the college toll free 800-821-4335.

Student Government Association Nominations Open

The Office of the Vice President for Student Services announces students may begin submitting nomination forms to be considered for officer positions in the Student Government Association (SGA). Nomination forms and By-Laws may be found on the Student Government link on right hand side of myOzarka. Students meeting the required criteria may nominate themselves, and turn forms into Jenny Cannon, Gin Brown, or James Spurlock. The Registrar will verify the nominees eligibility to run for office, and notify the student of his or her ability to campaign for office.

In order to be eligible, students must have completed a minimum of nine semester hours in the spring and/or summer 2010 semesters, be enrolled in at least nine credit hours, have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5, be in good academic standing with no record of disciplinary actions, have at least two consecutive semesters remaining before graduation, and must be able to regularly attend meetings as required. Information regarding the responsibilities of each office can be found in the SGA By-laws.

Students may campaign for office between September 8-22 until 4:30 p.m. At that time nominations will close and electronic voting will be available through myOzarka until 12:00 p.m. October 1, 2010. Students may only vote once for each office, including president, and a vice-president, secretary, and campus liaison at the site that he or she is most connected to. Each location will have an SGA advisor who will attend meetings and offer support to the organization.

Campaign materials must be approved by either Ron Helm, Gin Brown, or James Spurlock before it may be posted on campus. Students are encouraged to participate in this leadership opportunity representing the student body as they play a role to support constructive change in programs, facilities, and student services. If you have questions please contact Ron Helm at 870-368-2027 or by email at rhelm@ozarka.edu.

Around Campus

- **Ozarka College Foundation Board Meeting** - Monday, September 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.
- **Ozarka College Board of Trustees Meeting** - Thursday, September 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room.
- **Foundation Golf Scramble** Saturday, September 18, 8AM shotgun start at Cooper's Hawk Golf Club. Contact the Development office at 870-368-7371 for more info.
- **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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*-Dr. Richard Dawe
President*

Grant Expands High Speed Network to Two-Year Colleges

Arkansas public two-year college students will benefit from a grant awarded to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in partnership with the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC), which includes Ozarka College.

Funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the grant expands the current Arkansas Research & Education Optical Network (AREON) to the 22 public two-year colleges in the state. The network will improve the colleges' ability to deliver distance learning. Two-year colleges will also have new opportunities to collaborate to expand course and program offerings by sharing curriculum and other resources that benefit students.

To manage fiber construction and connectivity at the two-year colleges, UAMS will grant a subaward to AREON, the state's only publicly owned fiber optic network currently serving four-year universities. Spending from the grant will include \$28 million to construct fiber optic network routes to serve community colleges and \$5 million for network equipment for community colleges, plus additional money for leased lines. The project is expected to be completed in three years.

"This grant provides Arkansas two-year colleges with high-speed

internet access that most other states don't have," said Dr. Ed Franklin, Executive Director of AATYC. "This increases our capacity to deliver educational services to students and to improve our collaboration with business and industry partners."

Ozarka President, Dr. Richard Dawe states, "This high-speed internet access will allow Ozarka College and other institutions throughout the state to provide state of the art, high-speed distance learning opportunities for our students and the communities we serve. Dr. Ed Franklin of AATYC and the UAMS system are to be commended for their vision in supporting this important and transformational opportunity."

Arkansas two-year colleges will serve more than 60,000 students in the 2010-2011 year - nearly half of whom are nontraditional and/or first-generation students. Nontraditional students typically work while attending college, and they are likely place bound, meaning they are not able to relocate due to family and/or work responsibilities. Improving distance education through high-speed internet access will provide rural and working Arkansans with new opportunities to pursue higher education and skills training. Broadband internet access will improve the ability of two-year colleges to meet the training needs of businesses/industries in their communities, and well as attract

new businesses/industries. Annually, more than 50,000 Arkansans take noncredit courses through two-year colleges to upgrade workforce skills directly related to local business/industry needs.

The Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC) will coordinate staff development activities to expose faculty and staff to the benefits of high-speed internet access. AATYC will also serve on the project's management and steering committees.

Key partners in the project include the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network, Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, Arkansas Department of Health, Arkansas Department of Human Services, Baptist Health, Arkansas Hospital Association, Arkansas State Library and Community Health Centers of Arkansas.

The Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC) is a private, non-profit higher education membership organization serving the educational needs of two-year college students and the business/industry needs of the State. AATYC represents all twenty two (22) public two-year colleges in Arkansas. The Association facilitates the sharing of ideas, resources, and opportunities among its members, and advocates on behalf of members' students.

Culinary Gourmet Dinner Theme Announced

The Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department will host the first Gourmet Dinner on Thursday, September 16, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. A Mexican theme has been announced for September's dinner and menu planning is underway by the advanced Culinary Arts students under the direction of instructors, Mimi Newsome and Eric Smith.

Along with homemade tortillas, some of the entrées available for the evening will be carne asada (grilled steak), fajitas, chicken, beef and shrimp enchiladas, red snapper, and chile rellenos. Appetizers will include shrimp cocktail, fresh guacamole, and quesadillas. Desserts choices will be flan, sopapillas, and bread pudding. Dinner guests will order from a menu a la carte.

Two more gourmet night events are planned for October 7 and November 11. Reservations can be made in advance for those dinners. These events are by reservation only and seating is limited. Please contact the Culinary Arts Department at 870-368-2062 or 870-368-2061 for reservations on a "first come, first serve" basis or for more information. Please leave a message with a call back number if there is no answer.



Ozarka Recognizes Scholars During Reception

Ozarka College scholarship recipients were recognized at a reception on September 2, 2010. Over 130 people attended, including 25 scholarship recipients, their families and Ozarka College staff and faculty.

Students received certificates for the following awards: Academic Excellence, New Horizon, Student Ambassador, Ozarka Foundation Regional, John E. Miller, James Fenton, Paul and Treva Miller, Wally Pittman, Joe and Maxine Wyatt, Jean Jennings, Dietsche/Martin, First National Banking Company, Stone County Resource Council, Netta Gilbert, Orvis & Lilbern Nix, Judge Harold Crawford, Coy Ferguson, Tri-County Hospice, Robert Kalischer, Nursing Achievement, Harry Powell and Velma Fudge Dixon, Sharp County Literacy and JaNoel Bess, and the Ozarka Family Scholarships.

Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe welcomed those in attendance and commended the students and their families who support them on their achievements thus far and encouraged them to continue to pursue their educational goals. He also discussed the significance of scholarships and how the college's scholarship program has grown over the past few years.

Ozarka student, Jayson Ozbun, who received the James Fenton Memorial Scholarship, spoke to the group about how Ozarka has lived up to its mission statement of providing life-changing experiences to him. He described Ozarka as a family and thanked the donors and others for their generosity in helping students succeed in their educational endeavors.

Director of Advancement, Suellen Davidson updated the group about recent donations. Director of Admissions, Zeda Wilkerson gave a brief description of the institutional scholarships available through the Academic Excellence, Regional, and Ambassador programs; and Adult Education Testing and Correctional Counselor, Sandra Miller offered information about the scholarship available to excellent GED completers.

Dr. Dawe presented scholarship certificates to those recipients in attendance and the reception ended with refreshments provided by Ozarka's Culinary Arts Department.

For more information about scholarship opportunities, call Davidson or Nancy Dust at 870-368-7371.



Left: Dr. Dawe and Paul and Treva Miller Scholar, Jennifer Grimes.



Top: Greg and Beth Bess (left) with Corey Mann (right), Sharp Literacy/JaNoel Bess scholar. Right: Dr. Dawe and New Horizon scholar, Robin Craig



Top: Betty Campbell (left) with Alicia Clay (right), Robert Kalischer Scholar. Left: Ozarka faculty, staff and admin. in attendance.

September GED Testing Schedule

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas on September 2 & 16 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 516 of the Wyth Duke Adult Education Building.

The test will also be given at the following locations in September:

Ash Flat	Annex Courtroom	9:00 a.m.	September 7 and 21
Mountain View	Ozarka College	9:00 a.m.	September 7 and 14
Mammoth Spring	Simmons First National Bank	9:00 a.m.	September 13 and 20
Salem	Fulton County Courthouse	9:00 a.m.	September 14 and 28

You must present an Arkansas photo ID, a Social Security Card, and proof of passing Practice Test scores dated within the last year. There is no cost to take the GED Test. However, if you plan on taking the test at any of these locations, you **MUST** register by calling Ozarka College at 368-7371 or 1-800-821-4335 before the day of the test. Because of increased demographic information needed, it may be necessary to allow two days for the testing.

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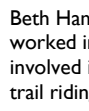


New Ozarka College Part-Time Staff Members

Ozarka College has many new faces for the 2010 year. Several of those faces are among the part-time staff and play a very important role at the institution. New part-time staff includes Robin Coggins, Beth Hames, Tara Jo Harmon, Bryan Jeffery, and Jacob Roberts.



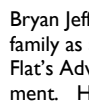
Robin Coggins joined the Ozarka College Bookstore just in time for the new Fall semester. Robin and her husband, James live in Salem, but have lived in many different areas of the United States including the last six years at the Grand Canyon. Robin says she enjoys being around people and decided a college bookstore would be a great fit for her personality and experience in public relations.



Beth Hames is not all together a new face at Ozarka, she recently began working again in the Ozarka Kitchen as a cook. She had worked in the kitchen about a year ago. Her husband, Lance is the pastor of the Foothills Cowboy Church and she is also very involved in that organization. They have two grown children and one granddaughter, Madie Beth. Beth enjoys horses, especially trail riding.



Part-time worker at the Ozarka Kids Academy, Tara Jo Harmon, is also an Ozarka College student. She is working toward an Associate of Arts degree and hopes to transfer to ASU to pursue degree in Social Work. She graduated from Melbourne High School in 2008 and enjoys shopping and hanging out with friends. She says her favorite part of the Kids Academy is "the kids of course!"



Bryan Jeffery recently joined Ozarka's part-time staff as courier and bookstore worker; however, he is already part of Ozarka's family as an adjunct instructor. Bryan is also married to Candace Jeffery, who recently began a new position at the College as Ash Flat's Advising Specialist. Bryan has a master's degree in History and is currently teaching World Civilization I and US Government. His interests include gardening, travel and spending time with his family.



Jacob Roberts began working as part-time groundskeeper in the early Spring. He is married to Mandi Roberts, who works at the Ozarka Kids Academy. He enjoys hunting and anything outdoors, which is why he says he enjoys his job. His supervisor, Dave Rush is impressed with Jacob's work ethics saying "Jacob is always here, ready and willing to work tirelessly until the project is complete."