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Holiday Message from the President



As I write this update I am realizing how fast this semester has passed; and how few days there are remaining for shopping before Christmas! I look back with satisfaction at what has been accomplished so far this year, and at the same time am anxious for the new semester and year ahead. The Ozarka College team always impresses me

with what we can achieve together. We recently had a nursing capping and pinning that was bigger than ever and we have so many examples of student success and achievement that need to be shared. Our SGA is more active than we have seen before and students, faculty and staff seem very motivated for the mission we share. Our students' success is why we are here, and why we are constantly seeking new ways to serve them.

We are in the process of Facilities Master Planning for the Ash Flat campus and working with our architects to begin the design of the new Student Services Center on the main campus in Melbourne. This project will cost approximately \$3,000,000 and will be financed by a bond issuance in January. The additional bond debt will be paid for in part by

the tax revenues approved this year by our very supportive Melbourne citizens. This facility will be shared with the community and will be a significant advance for Ozarka College. The main goal of the project will be to bring all student support services together in one new building. It will include a café, individual and group study areas, a new larger book store, an SGA meeting room and many other exciting spaces. We plan to break ground this spring and it will take about a year to complete. We will keep everyone posted as the project advances and ask for representation from students, faculty and staff to help with the design.

I want to also congratulate our students for their success this semester and wish them an outstanding and productive spring semester. Thanks too, for the tireless work and dedication of our faculty and staff. They are the true champions of this team effort.

I hope you enjoy the holiday break and are surrounded by friends and family!

Best always,

Dr. Richard Dawe

Ozarka College Holiday Event, Trees & Tidings

Over 700 people attended the third annual Holiday Event, Trees & Tidings on December 7, 2012.

Festivities included snacks provided by the Ozarka College Culinary Arts program, photos with Santa, and a holiday movie sponsored by Mark's Pharmacy in Melbourne.

We were even lucky enough to be part of a few first-time visits with Santa as well.



SGA Holiday Events

The Ozarka College Student Government Association held holiday fundraising events across multiple OC campuses. SGA raised over \$600 that will be donated to local Angel Tree Projects.



End of Semester Luncheon















Service Awards

5 YEARS

Kelly Graham Wanda McConnaughhay Tamra Bevill Amanda Roberts Ronda McLelland Rodney Williams Denny Elrod

10 YEARS

Chaney Coleman Candace Jeffery Jeremy Nicholson Eric Booth

15 YEARS

Joan Stirling Kendall Morrison
Gin Brown

New Employee Update

Dylan Mowery

-Director of Admissions

Eric Holowell

-Night Watchman

Amanda Engelhardt

-Administrative Specialist II Career Pathways

Larry Brown

-Physical Science Instructor

Dawn Fedor

-Allied Health Instructor

Margaret Dukat

-Adult Education Instructor

Christy Rittle

-Career Coach, Highland

Molly Carpenter

-Director of Off-Campus Operations AF

Jenna Robbins

-Administrative Specialist II, Adult Ed

Blayne Allan Stewart

-Public Information Technician

Carrie Watson

-Child Care Technician

Nursing Capping & Pinning

Ozarka College graduated 62 nursing students, 17 Licensed Practical Nurse candidates and 45 Registered Nurse candidates, during the Capping and Pinning Ceremony held December 4, 2012.

