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Have a
Fun, Safe Memorial
Day Weekend!

Lunch Served
11AM-12:15PM Daily.
Cost: \$2.50 or \$3.00
with dessert.

MENU:

Mon 5/24
Reuben Sandwich
Tue 5/25
**Chicken Fried
Steak**
Wed 5/26
**Steak & Baked
Potatoes**
Thu 5/27
Pork Chops

Mon 5/31
Memorial Day
Tue 6/1
Chicken Fajitas
Wed 6/2
Chef Salad
Thu 6/3
Hamburgers

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Students of the Spring Semester & Year Announced

The Ozarka College academic and technical departments have named their Students of the Semester for Spring 2004. To be eligible for this honor, students must be enrolled full-time, earn a "B" average or better, and exhibit a positive attitude, good work habits, and a willingness to help others. Other criteria include quality of classroom performance and the ability to get along with peers.

Those selected include TaKara Long of Brockwell, Associate of Arts in Teaching; Joseph Blake Howard of Strawberry, Automotive Service Technology; Pam Ring of Melbourne, Business Technology; Richard Williams of Melbourne, College Transfer; Kimberlee Bledsoe of Bald Knob, Culinary Arts; Beverly Barnes of Melbourne, Health Information Management; Kathy Kimbro of Hardy, Information Science Technology; Debra Thomas of Horseshoe Bend, Senior Practical Nursing; Carla Shaw of Sidney, Junior Practical Nursing; Ellen Gann of Cherokee Village, Freshman Practical Nursing; and Rex Harris of Salem, TRiO/Student Support Services.

Persons selected as Students of the Semester for either fall or spring semesters are also eligible to be named Students of the Year. Judged most outstanding for the year 2003-2004 are TaKara Long of Melbourne, Associate of Arts in Teaching; Joseph Blake Howard of Strawberry, Automotive Service Technology; Pam Ring of Melbourne, Business Technology; Rex Harris of Salem, College Transfer; Adam Berry of Edgemont, Culinary Arts; Lynda McGuire of Hardy, Health Information Management; Mark Blankenship of Horseshoe Bend, Information Science Technology; Margo Drinkard of Sidney, Practical Nursing; and Richard Williams of Melbourne, TRiO/Student Support Services.

Students of the Year are recognized by receiving a certificate and having their names engraved on plaques permanently displayed in the Ozarka College Main Building.

Summer II Registration Information-

Online registration via Ozarka's website for current students is June 7- July 1. Students must contact the finance office to pay fees prior to the end of the online registration period to avoid losing a seat in a course.

Walk-in registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 30 at Ozarka College in Melbourne. Registration will also be held in Ash Flat at the Sharp County Education Center on Tuesday, June 29 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.; and in Mountain View at the Stone County Education Center on Monday, June 28 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Classes begin on July 6.

For more information contact Admissions at (870) 368-2028, toll free, 1-800-821-4335, or via email, admissions@ozarka.edu.

Capacity Crowd for Ozarka Commencement

Commencement Speaker, Martin Carpenter



Mr. Rush delivered many diplomas during the ceremony.



New Grads move tassels to signify their achievement.



Ozarka College graduates and their guests filled the John E. Miller Auditorium for 2004 Graduation ceremonies held Thursday, May 13.

The ceremony began with an invocation given by Gayle Cooper, Vice President for Finance. Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Tate Lawrence, Jr. welcomed all guests and College President Douglas W. Rush introduced members and former members of the Ozarka Board of Trustees and Foundation Board.

Chairman and CEO of First National Banking Company, Martin Carpenter, delivered the commencement address to the graduates.

Ron Helm, Vice President for Student Services, presented the class with diplomas awarded by Lawrence, Rush, and Linda Morgan, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Randy Scaggs, Director of Admissions, provided the benediction, while Sandra Miller played the processional and recessional.

Students completing their studies with an overall grade point average of 3.75 or higher in a technical certificate or associate degree program are designated as graduating Magna Cum Laude. Achieving this recognition in the Associate of Arts in Teaching program were Barbara Leann Gillihan and TaKara Shalane Long. Other graduates receiving an Associate of Arts in Teaching degree were Jenny Rebecca Fudge and Ta-

batha Dawn Stanley.

Graduating Magna Cum Laude with an Associate of Arts degree were Bernard J. Brandenburg, Jamie Lynn Buffington, Trista Denee Carlton, Robin Melissa Chambers, Shelly D. Downing, Stephanie Louise Duncan, Barbara Leann Gillihan, Rex Lee Harris, Lynda P. Holloway, Amy Kathleen Jones, Julie Ann Kemp, Takara Shalane Long, David Mitchell, Patricia Elaine Mitchell-Nishiuchi, Timothy J. Praught, Billy A. Rollins, Cindy L. Searcy, and Richard Andrew Williams.

Graduating Cum Laude (with a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74) with Associate of Arts degrees were Kassie Ranay Burroughs, Samantha J. Hellums, Bobby N. Holder, and Charlotte L. Ratliff.

Other Associate of Arts graduates were Alyce Danielle Bailey, Kasie Branscum, Robert Seth Brooks, Sarah Jo Buck, Kristal Lynn Bull, Cortney Reagan Bynum, Richard Blake Caraway, Marla Lynnette Carpenter, Joseph Blain Cooper, Aaron Ray Estes, Jenny L. Estes, Thomas Scott Estes, Garrett M. Gillpatrick, Melissa E. Gross, Chad T. Holloway, Deanna Lee Honeycutt, Cathrine A. Hudspeth, Tanisha Leigh Johns, Matthew Wayne Kelley, Karan Nicole Komm, Joni Leann Knapp, Weslie Ryan Loggins, Cheryl Ann Lucier, Jerry Anthony Maine, Christy Massey, Crystal Leigh Morgan, Jerrod Robert Murphy, Remona Diane Neitch, Jamey Leann Nesbitt, Richard G. Newsome, Christina Caye Pedano, Armilda Jayne Peterson, Errica Jean Pruden, Aaron L. Reeves, Dustin Dewayne Reeves, Paula Marie Battaglear Smith, Tabatha Dawn Stanley, Blayne Allan Stewart, Jennifer Mae Stewart, Felicia Lou Tilley,

Laura Elizabeth Williams, and Jennifer Hope Wilson.

Magna Cum Laude graduates within Associate of Applied Sciences were Kelli L. Anderson, Business Administration; Beverly Ann Barnes, Health Information Management; Tiffany Rachelle Branscum, Business Administration and Information Management; Curtis R. Fesler, Criminal Justice Leadership; Paula Angelique Gipson, Information Management; Misty Lynette Lowrey, Information Management; Shirley Irene Minick, Information Management; Leah Elizabeth Smith, Information Management; Sara J. Stephens, Information Science Technology; James Cecil Watters, Business Administration; and Gale Elise Woods, General Technology.

Graduating Cum Laude with Associate Applied Science degrees in Information Management were Selina J. Cawvey, Sheri Joann Croslin, Aundria Nicole Eckard, Rachel Lynn Griggs, Tina D. Langston, Michelle Renee Lundry, and Pamela Irene Ring. General Technology graduates receiving Cum Laude honors were Therese Marie Raikes, Laura Beth Simon, and Beverly L. Strauser.

Other Associate of Applied Science graduates included Leslie M. Alderson, Information Science Technology; Melba L. Arrington, General Technology; Jacob Benjamin Bennett, Information Science Technology; Adam Stewart Berry, General Technology; James T. Estes, Criminal Justice Leadership; Peter D. Gembka, Jr., Automotive Service Technology; Heather Lynn Gilbreath, Information Management; Sherri L. Groves, Health Information Management;

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Anna Marie Guiltner, Information Management; Mary Kathryn Hancock, Business Administration; Lynda L. McGuire, Health Information Management; Lynda Mohr, General Technology; Shannon Ray Patty, Automotive Service Technology; Pamela F. Proctor, Information Management; Georgia A. Roach, Information Management; Johnny Wayne Satterwhite, Automotive Service Technology; George R. Seaberry IV, Information Science Technology; Mary E. Simmons, General Technology; and Sonya Lynn Slade, Information Management.

Technical Certificates were awarded in Licensed Practical Nursing with and Magna Cum Laude honors to Shandle Lynn Barnhart, Laura Mae Brown, Mary Margaret Bishop, Shirley Marie Byler, Mary Anne Diles, Kimberly Katherine Emerson, Angela Gene French, Debbie G. Garner, Teresa Dianne James, Heather Courtney

McClanahan, Heather Marie Moody, Tina Marie Myers, Roberta Jo Powell, Virginia Lori Richards, and Mandy K. Tedeschi.

Cum Laude technical certificate in Licensed Practical Nursing were awarded to Miranda Dawn Brown, Lanetta Jane Busch, Tanya Lynn Davis, Patricia A. Engelbrecht, Rhonda Elaine Furgason, Katherine Marie Miller, and Marisa Paige Swafford. Graduating with a Cum Laude technical certificate in Information Management was Cassie Leann Boles; and graduating Cum Laude with a Culinary Arts technical certificate was Therese Marie Raikes.

Also receiving technical certificates in Licensed Practical Nursing were Kristina A. Crane, Nichole L. Deutsch, Kimberly Marie Johnson, Shasta Lee Kocher, Carolyn Gaye Pate, Barbara Kay Shelton, Robin Christine Smedley, Jacquelyn Rochelle Smith, and Debora Kay Thomas.

Technical certificates were awarded in Automotive Service Technology to Michael A. Brown, Matthew David Bruyette, Jr., Joseph Blake Howard, Anthony John Hunt, Shannon Ray Patty, Brad G. Taylor, Champ Edward Tyrone, Nathan Michael Walling, and Clayton Bryan White. Kyle S. Price received a technical certificate in Culinary Arts; and Kathleen J. Jones and Glenn Sheffield were awarded Information Management technical certificates

Approximately 125 students received General Educational Development (GED) diplomas.



Adult Education Students Honored at State Capitol



Left: Katie Hill / Right: Susan Andrews

The Arkansas Department of Workforce Education announced last month that two students who completed their GED (General Educational Development test) through the Ozarka College Adult Education Department last year were among the top 25 scores of the 6,325 who were awarded the Arkansas High School Diplomas in the State of Arkansas through the GED examination.

Susan Andrews of Williford tied for the third highest score; and Katie Hill of Mountain View tied for 22nd. Both GED recipients were honored and awarded plaques on their achievements at the State Capitol in Little Rock, during a Literacy Month celebration on April 22.

Upon achieving her high school diploma through the Adult Education Department at Ozarka, Andrews enrolled at Ozarka College and is currently a college student pursuing a degree in teaching. Of her accomplishment, Andrews said, "I was elated! It seems like a miracle that I will finally be able to earn a college degree."

She credits her parents with urging her to take the GED test. She now encourages others who did not complete high school to take the initiative and do so through GED testing. "Do not delay education. It is never too late to learn. I never believed I could afford to continue my education, but with scholarships, grants and loans new doors have opened for me."

Andrews is a model college student. She was selected during the Spring semester to be inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society for students in two-year colleges. Students eligible for membership in PTK must have a grade point average of at least 3.50 on twelve hours toward an associate's degree. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa revolves around four Hallmarks of Scholarship, Fellowship, Leadership, and Service.

Hill's reaction when she learned of her GED score was one of surprise. She explains that taking the GED was the natural completion of her high school education, as she was home schooled her whole life. Her advice to others who are considering taking the GED is to prepare well. Her plans for the future include attending Harding University where she plans to major in music.

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-Susan Andrews

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A Short Drive to Great Distances



McCounaughay Wins at State PBL Conference



Wanda McCounaughay won first place awards in the Business English and Records Management competitions

Four members of Ozarka College's Delta Alpha Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) participated in the PBL Spring Leadership Conference at the Double Tree Hotel in Little Rock on April 28 and 29. PBL is a national education association of college students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields.

Attending the conference from Ozarka was: Sherri Groves of Hardy, Mary Hancock of Mountain View, Wanda McCounaughay of Oxford, and Remona Neitch of Evening Shade. Ozarka Business Instructors and PBL sponsors, Brad Hollaway and Steven Baltz also attended the conference.

To Ozarka College:

The families of Charles Harris would like to thank each of you for the plant, food, prayers, cards, and kind words.

We truly treasured each kind deed.

*Thank-you,
Verna Lee
Grice & family*