



# Ozarka College Connection

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**Save the Date!**  
**August 11**

**Open House and Ribbon Cutting in Mountain View— Student and Nursing Education Center 10-11:30 a.m.**

**From the Kitchen**

**Sign up for Text alerts each morning for the daily menu in my.Ozarka**

Now serving an entrée or choice of Salad Bar, Chicken Strips, or deli sandwich.

The menu is online so check it out!

**Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM**

Breakfast available 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

## Another Record Semester Realized

Ozarka College is having another record semester. The second summer semester which began July 5, 2011 has risen 59%, an overall record for the college for a Summer term.

“Ozarka’s enrollment has increased significantly each semester over the 2010-2011 academic year,” according to Vice President of Student Services, Ron Helm. “This includes classes at our main campus in Melbourne and the off-campus sites in Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, and Mountain View; as well as online courses.” Helm credits the expanded course offerings, especially the online class schedule. He notes that over the course of the last two summers, Ozarka’s headcount for summer II has significantly increased from 176 in 2009 to the current headcount of 383.

Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President, also contributes the record growth to “bringing learning opportunities near where people live, as in the newly established site at Mammoth Spring in Fulton County. Having an Ozarka location in all four of our service area counties empowers working adults and learners of all ages and economic conditions to achieve a college education.”

Ozarka College fall registration is taking place now for classes that begin August 22. For more information about educational opportunities or to apply call or email admissions at 870-368-7371, admissions@ozarka.edu or log on the website at www.ozarka.edu.

## New Online Courses Available

Ozarka College has a program that makes it easy to take high-quality, noncredit online courses. Ozarka has partnered with Ed2Go to offer hundreds of online, instructor-led courses and is pleased to announce the launch of "Introduction to Crystal Reports" and "Small Business Marketing on a Shoestring."

Participants in Intro to Crystal Reports will discover how to transform information in databases or accounting programs into clear, easy-to-understand business reports. With the help of hands-on activities and step-by-step instructions, they will learn how to extract, sort, and format data to create anything from a quick meeting handout to an elaborate annual report.

The Small Business Marketing course will build their own customized marketing plans step-by-step as they learn how to attract their target audiences, entice customers to buy their products or services, and keep buyers coming back for more. They will master cost-effective strategies including strategic partnerships, local marketing, search engine optimization, social networking, e-mail marketing, lead generation, and niche marketing. In addition, they'll learn how to generate referrals, evaluate tactics, track their results, and continually improve their marketing strategies.

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## Around Campus

- **Summer II Classes Begin— July 5**
- **Summer II last day to withdraw— July 28.**
- **Summer II Finals - August 1**
- **Ozarka Summer Schedule ends July 28 & will resume regular hours, Monday - Friday on August 1st.**
- **Lion's Club** every other Monday, at Noon Administration Building Meeting Rm. (July 4 and July 18)
- **Mountain View Ribbon Cutting and Open House for new Student and Nursing Education Center - August 11 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**FOR THE MOST CURRENT EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS CHECK THE ONLINE CAMPUS CALENDAR AT WWW.OZARKA.EDU UNDER NEWS & EVENTS**

## 2011 Academic All-Star Announced



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*-David Mitchell  
Science Instructor*



**Dr. Rhonda Hammond**

Ozarka College recently named their Academic All-Star for 2011. Anna Mickler, Ozarka student from Mountain View will represent Ozarka College in October at the Arkansas Association of Two-Year College (AATYC) annual conference. She will receive a \$500 scholarship for this honor, as well as opening the door for other possible scholarship opportunities.

Anna's leadership and enthusiasm are contagious at the Ozarka College Mountain View campus, where she can be found helping and encouraging other students in a diverse range of subject matter. Biology instructor, David Mitchell, describes her as an exemplary student and

a person of exceptional character. "Her leadership skills go beyond the norm of most students. I admire her positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning. Anna is a positive role model both academically and personally to anyone she encounters with her humble attitude and willingness to stand up for her principles."

Leading her biology class in a field research project on the nocturnal drifting patterns of aquatic macroinvertebrates of a local creek, Anna presented her findings to the Ozarka College Faculty Council this past spring. It was apparent through her professional and enthusiastic presentation, that Anna will achieve success in whatever

career choice she makes.

After completing an Associate of Arts degree, Anna plans to transfer to the University of Central Arkansas and major in Biology. She says she is keeping her career options open at this point, but would like to pursue a medical career in the field of pediatrics or optometry; or possibly a teaching career in higher education.

Anna is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is actively involved in music and working in her church. She volunteers her time as a tutor for college and high school students; and works part-time at Mountain View Eye Care and as a musician at the Ozark Folk Center.

## Dr. Rhonda Hammond Named Outstanding Alumni

Ozarka College has announced their Outstanding Alumni for 2011. Dr. Rhonda Hammond is a 2002 graduate of Ozarka's Culinary Arts program, and completed her doctoral work in August of 2010. She is now an assistant professor at Kent State University in Ohio.

Receiving her associate degree was a spring board to reach her goal of obtaining a bachelor degree, which she did at Nicholls State University-Chef John Folse Culinary Institute in Thibodaux, Louisiana. From there, she says "the ripple effect continued and the next thing I knew, I was being hooded by my major professor in August of 2010." Her graduate work includes a Master of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management from Purdue University in Indiana and a Doctor of Philosophy in Hospitality Administration from Texas Tech University.

Along with vast conference and industry presentations, Dr. Hammond has been published in industry journals and has made book contributions on her research and interests in the subject of restaurant wine marketing, beverage and food pairings, food traditions, and palate and sensory training and evaluation. She has also worked as a consultant and has trained, worked and interned in a variety of restaurants.

She attributes her success at Ozarka to the support and camaraderie of the students and her Culinary instructor, Rick Tankersley in the Culinary Arts program; as well as algebra instructor (Mr. Rex Whitfield) who made a big difference in her life by helping her overcome her fear of algebra.

When asked about giving advice to those current or potential students, Hammond states, "Getting an education will provide you with opportunities otherwise not afforded to you. Dream big and remember there are no limits! To reach a dream or goal will definitely have its challenges." She goes on to say, "Do not make decisions based on fear, be it fear of failure or fear of disappointment. The only failure is not trying. If I can do it, anyone can!"

Prior to beginning her education, Hammond enjoyed teaching SCUBA working in the British Virgin Islands. Currently, she is training for her first 5K and looks forward to taking in many local food, wine and music festivals in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park system in Ohio. She also plans to take her first return trip to the Virgin Islands since beginning school in 2002. Hammond still has ties to the Ozarka service area, her parents, Joan Hammond and Johnny Hammond, reside in Salem.

Dr. Hammond will be honored in October as Outstanding Alumni for Ozarka College at the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges annual fall conference in Hot Springs.

# Ozarka Foundation Sponsors and Winners

## Announced from Mountain View

The Ozarka College Foundation Board hosted its annual Golf Tournament in Mountain View at the Pine Hills Golf Course on Sunday, June 5, 2011. Proceeds from this event benefit the amphitheatre project as part of the Mountain View capital campaign.

There were 17 teams who participated this year and the winners for the First Flight were: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Kyle Vance and Monk Buchanan; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Clinton Ray Hinesely and James Storey. Winners for the Second Flight were: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Logan Ferguson and Brent Howard; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Al Smith and Dylan Smith.

Ozarka College Director of Advancement, Suellen Davidson was pleased with the results of the tournament and attributes the hard work and efforts of the Mountain View Foundation Board members, along with Administrative Coordinator at the Mountain View site, Gin Brown for its success. "Much hard work went into making this annual tournament a success and we are grateful for such a wonderful show of support by the local businesses and individuals who played or donated time and money.

There was a record 42 hole sponsors for this year's tournament including: Altman Motor Company, McDonald's of Mtn. View, Centennial Bank, Mitchell's East Side Furniture, Charles & Rozell Reeves, Modern Woodman Financial, Mtn. View Abstract & Title Co Inc., Citizens Bank, Mtn. View Chevrolet, Dr. Andy's Family Practice, Mtn. View Ready Mix, Inc., Farm Bureau Insurance, Mtn. View (Yelcot) Telephone Co., Farmers Insurance Group, North Arkansas Farm Supply, Inc. (Co-op), First Baptist Church Student Ministries, Ozark Heritage Bank, NA, First National Bank of Izard County, Ozark Orthopedic & Hand Surgery, First Security Bank, Representative Tommy Wren, First Service Bank, Senator Missy Irvin, Gammill Oil Co, Inc., Shelter Insurance, Harold Mitchell, State Farm Insurance, Harp's Food Stores, Inc., Steven's Construction, H & R Block, Stone County Publishing Co., ING (NorthArk Financial Group), Stone County Medical Center, Isbell Family Dentistry P.A., Randy & Holly Berry, Larry & Donna Sullivan, TD Builder's Supply, Mark's Pharmacy, White River Insurance Agency, McClung Ford & Equipment, and Woods Pharmacy & Soda Fountain.

A silent auction was held in conjunction with the tournament. Various items were donated by: Centennial Valley Country Club, Liz's Place, MV Ready Mix, Holt Chiropractic & Decompression, The Dude Ranch, MV Day Spa (Tonya Nichols & Melony Logan), Cobb Brothers, Cornerstone Shoppe, Prissy's MV Florist, Hoover Gilbert, The Mane Attraction (Emmalea Burns & Jessica Patterson), Inner Touch Therapy, Maxilea McCasland, Ozarka Culinary, David & Becky Dahlstedt, Wilson's Town & Country, Loco Ropes, Candy Bouquet, Larry & Donna Sullivan, Susan Kemp, Judi Munn & John Perry, Best Drug Store, Wallace Woodworks, Pam Setser, Gin Brown, Nana's, SCMC, Susan Kemp, Radio Shack, and The Dulcimer Shop.

Other sponsors included: Anglers, Cherokee Village South Golf Course, Centennial Bank, Citizens Bank, Cooper's Hawk, Country Time Dining, Doolin Snacks, First Baptist Church Youth Ministries, First Security Bank, First Service Bank, Simmons, First National Bank, Hardee's, Indian Hills Country Club, Lost Creek Golf Resort (TC Golf), Mikey's, Mountain Ranch, Nutters Chapel, Ozark Heritage Bank, Pizza Hut, Pizza Inn, Simmons Bank, Sonic, Stan and Gin Brown, Subway, State Farm Insurance, The Course at Eagle Mountain, Tommy's Famous a Pizzeria, Turkey Mountain Golf Course, Walmart, Willis Athletics Wilson's Town & Country, Valero/Gammill Oil, and Wing Shack & Cheeseburger

Also a special thanks to the individuals that helped on site to get everything in order to play golf: Ron Willis, E A & Twilla Wallace, Kenneth & Connie Crymes, Sally Gilbert, Randy & Debra Alexander, Methodist Church, Missy Irvin, Stan Brown, and all the Foundation Board Members and their spouses.

**Pictured are Foundation Board Members, Donna Sullivan (far left), Pam Setser (second from left), and Susan Kemp (far right). Also pictured is Josh Hallman of Sonic (at grill).**



## First Annual Mammoth Spring Golf Tournament Winners Announced

The Ozarka College Foundation Board hosted its 1st Annual Golf Tournament at the Cherokee Village South Golf Course on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Proceeds from this four-person scramble benefit the Mammoth Spring building fund.

Event sponsors for the tournament were: First National Banking Company, Gladin-Eder Insurance Agency, Mammoth Spring Medical Clinic, North Arkansas Electric Cooperative, United Country Realty of Thayer, Two River Tee, and Simmons Bank. Liberty Bank provided lunch after the tournament. Many other local sponsors contributed as team and hole prize sponsors.

Ozarka College Director of Advancement, Suellen Davidson was pleased with the results of the tournament and attributes the hard work and efforts of the Mammoth Spring Foundation Board members, along with Administrative Coordinator at the Mammoth Spring site, Anthem Eder for its success. "Much hard work went into making the first Mammoth Spring successful and we are grateful for such a wonderful show of support by the local businesses and individuals who played or donated time and money. Ozarka College is privileged to have the opportunity to host this fundraising event at the South Golf Course and appreciate David Webb and his staff for running a successful tournament."



**Championship flight winning team left to right: Kermit Blevins, Russ Price, and Rusty Campbell.  
(not pictured: Reggie Gleghorn)**

The Championship Flight winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Russ Price, Kermit Blevins, Rusty Campbell, and Reggie Gleghorn; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kevin Steed, Butch Steed, Zach Steed, and Bobie Jo Cooper; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Russ Stokes, Jeanette Graham, Aaron Circle, and Pat Kimball.

First Flight winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> – John Shaver, Ed Schultz, Rick Fowler, and Carol Manry; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Birdie Rogers, Kenny Agnew, Erman Crony, and Rays Edwards; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jan Haney, Leslie Bragg-Gitz, Charleen Parten, and Paula Curtis.

Second Flight winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Mike Robertson, Chris Simmons, David Russback, and Carl Tune; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bill Perkins, Bob Mennen, Larry Kissee, and Don Henry; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Matt Roberts, Eric Roberts, Mitchio Sanders, and Dustin Denton.

Players had an opportunity to participate in a putt-off contest for a Scotty Cameron putter, donated by Two River Tee Company. Steve Powell won that contest and Jeanette Graham was runner-up. Other individual hole contest winners included: Billy Allen, Bobie Jo Cooper, Chris Dawe, Russ Price, Penny Reynolds, Pete Reynolds, Carl Tune, and Kevin Young.

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These courses are part of Ozarka's growing catalog of more than 300 instructor-facilitated online courses. Through well-crafted lessons, expert online instruction, and interaction with fellow students, participants in these courses gain valuable knowledge at their convenience. They have the flexibility to study at their own pace combined with enough structure and support to complete the course. And they can access the classroom 24/7 from anywhere with an Internet connection.

New sessions of each course run every month. They last six weeks, with two new lessons being released weekly (for a total of 12). The courses are entirely Web-based with comprehensive lessons, quizzes, and assignments. A dedicated professional instructor facilitates every course; pacing learners, answering questions, giving feedback, and facilitating discussions.

To learn more, call the Ozarka College Continuing Education Department at 870-368-2005 or visit online at [www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu), under Students and Continuing Education.

# Nursing Graduates Honored at Ceremony

Practical Nursing graduates from the Ozarka College eleven month Ash Flat, Mountain View and Melbourne night and weekend programs were honored at a Recognition Ceremony in the John E. Miller Education Complex on June 30, 2011.

The Ash Flat Practical Nursing graduates were: Lisa Berdeja of Cave City, Naomi Clingan of Salem, Vanessa Falwell of Evening Shade, Amy Goad of Cherokee Village, Wanda Harper of Franklin, Megan Houlthouser of Hardy, Misty McRee of Cave City, Lisa Montgomery of Horseshoe Bend, Amber Muston of Evening Shade, Jessie Praught of Poughkeepsie, Alichia Sinclair of Viola, Marie Smith of Williford, Meagan Taylor of Cave City, Christy Thielman of Violet Hill, Emily Wheelis of Cherokee Village, Darlene Wiley of Evening Shade, and Frannie Wright of Strawberry.

Melbourne Practical Nursing graduates were: Kayla Christy of Cherokee Village, Whitney Silas Dockins of Melbourne, Wanda Freeman of Salem, Cortney Goodwin of Cherokee Village, Edith Jensen of Cherokee Village, Lena Jones of Wideman, Teresa Mulderig of Oxford, Holly Mullins of Hardy, Sandra Palmer of Batesville, Lindsay Parrish of Viola, Leslie Price of Ash Flat, B. Diane Reed of Ash Flat, S. Regina Reeves of Melbourne, Nicole Sawyer of Cherokee Village, Denise

Scholz of Hardy, and Kimberly Thunberg of Melbourne.

Mountain View Practical Nursing graduates were: Irene Bryant of Hiden, Andrea Carlton of Edgemont, Margo DelReal of Alco, April Diamond of Mountain View, Johnathan Gillihan of Mountain View, Lorinda Harper of Mountain View, Brittany Holmes of Mountain View, Brandy Love of Mountain View, Trista Nichols of Edgemont, Christina Patton of Conway, Cynthia Perez of Mountain View, Teresa Pitts of Mountain View, Lora Rivera of Witts Springs, Laura Stair of Mountain View, and Kristy White of Mountain View.

After Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe welcomed guests attending the ceremony, and Lorinda Harper offered the Invocation to open the ceremony; nursing faculty members recognized outstanding students.

Florence Nightingale Awards were given to each class. This award is given to a student in each program who exemplifies the true meaning of nursing with hard work and a true dedication to the profession. The graduates receiving this honor were: Christy Thielman, Ash Flat class; Wanda Freeman, Melbourne class; and Lorinda Harper, Mountain View class.

LPN class awards were given as follows: Ash Flat clinical award winners were Emily Wheelis, first place; and Misty McRee, second place. Ash Flat theory award winners were Emily Wheelis, first place; and Darlene Wiley, second place. Melbourne clinical award winners were Teresa Mulderig, first place; and Leslie Price, second place. Melbourne theory award winners were Leslie Price, first place; and Teresa Mulderig, second place. Mountain View clinical award winners were Lorinda Harper, first place; and Margo DelReal, second place. Mountain View theory award winners were Trisa Nichols, first place; and Laura Stair, second place.

Division Chair of Allied Health, Ruby Johnson, MSN/ED, RN; and nursing faculty for each program, Becky Yuaila, RN (Ash Flat); Crystal Gillihan, RN (Mountain View); and Debra Kirtley, RN (Melbourne night and weekend) presented graduates with caps, pins and lamps. Johnson offered closing remarks and Sandra Palmer offered the Benediction.

For further information regarding Ozarka's 18-month LPN program, the 11-month programs in Ash Flat or Mountain View, or the LPN to RN program through ARNEC please contact the admissions department at 870-368-7371 or via email, admissions@ozarka.edu.



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Experiences Through  
Education.**



## Fall Registration at Ozarka College

Ozarka College continues to register current and new students for the upcoming Fall semester, which begins on August 22, 2011. New or first time, full time students may register August 16 -19 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at all four locations in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, and Mountain View. New student orientation will take place at Melbourne on August 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Anyone planning to enroll as a new student at Ozarka College must take the ACT or Compass Exam. These test scores are required for placement in English, reading, and mathematics. The Compass test is given by appointment. To schedule an appointment call (870) 368-2049 in Izard County, 870-625-0411 in Fulton County, 870-269-5600 in Stone County, 870-994-7273 in Sharp County, or toll free 1-800-821-4335. A photo ID is required to take the test.

Ozarka College offers Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, Technical Certificate and Certificate of Proficiency programs. There are day, evening and online courses to fit anyone's schedule. The Fall class schedule is available online at [www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu), or at any Ozarka College location. To request a copy of the schedule please call Admissions at 870-368-7371 or toll free listed above.

### GED Testing in July

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas on July 12 & 19 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 July:

Salem	Courthouse	9:00 a.m.	July 6
Mountain View	Ozarka College	9:00 a.m.	July 7 & 21
Mammoth Spring	Ozarka College	9:00 a.m.	July 11 & 18
Ash Flat	Annex Courtroom	9:00 a.m.	July 14 & 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.