

Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION

Student Activities



4: New Student Orientation in Ash Flat and Mammoth Spring



5: New Student Orientation in Mtn. View & Melbourne



24: Melissa Cooney wins Bounty Bucks promotion from Outlaw 106.5

Student Activities Continued

27: Welcome Back events

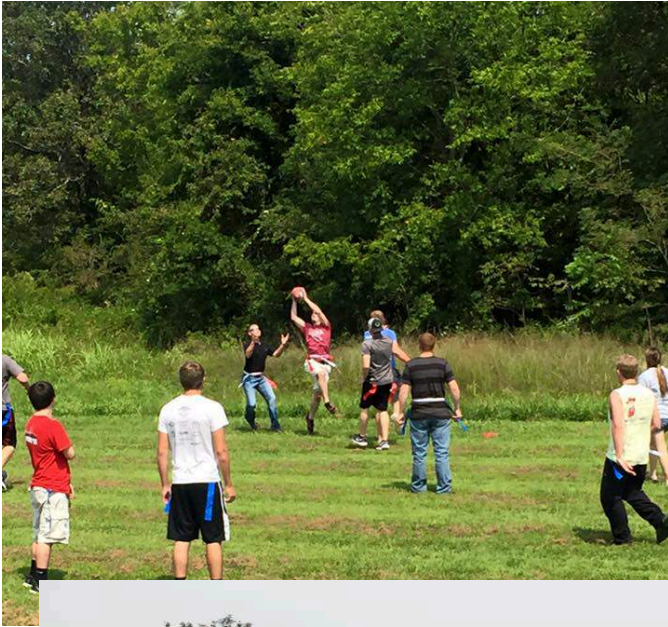


Photo to the Left:

New computers in the IST lab at Ozarka College – Ash Flat

President's Perspective

I hope you all are settling into the fall semester well by now. We are off to a very good start at Ozarka College and I am pleased that we had such good participation in the student welcome events at all campuses.

Something you will be hearing much more about this year is our application for approval to offer the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN). This would be an exciting and historic program for us that would address a critical health care industry need in north central Arkansas and beyond. I'll be sure to keep you updated as we make progress in the months ahead. We do not envision necessarily becoming a four year college in the future but we are addressing a critical workforce need.

We are also now offering an exciting new scholarship program called 'College-Now' that will allow those who complete at least four concurrent Ozarka College courses while in High School, to attend the fall term at Ozarka following HS graduation at no cost of tuition and fees. This will, in effect, let those students complete a year of credit at Ozarka for only \$600!

Have a great fall semester!

Dr. Richard Dawe



Upcoming Events

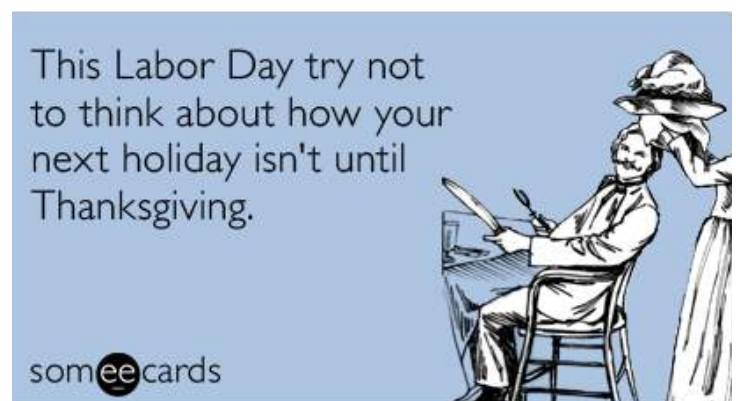
September

- 4: Cont. Ed Computer Course (Ash Flat)
- 5: Foundation 5K in Mammoth Spring
- 7: College Closed (Labor Day Holiday)
- 11: Cont. Ed Computer Course (Ash Flat)
- 18: Cont. Ed Computer Course (Ash Flat)
- 22: Scholarship Reception
- 24: Last Day to Receive a "W" (8 wk courses)
- 25: Cont. Ed Computer Course (Ash Flat)

October

- 3: Foundation Golf Tournament (Melbourne)
- 3: Foundation Fall Concert (Mtn. View)
- 9: End 1st 8 wk courses
- 12: Mid-term advisory grades due
- 12: Start 2nd 8 wk courses
- 30: Advisor Training

College Humor



Call for SGA Nominations

The Office of the Vice President for Student Services announces that students may begin submitting nomination forms to be considered for officer positions in the Student Government Association. The nomination forms and By-Laws may be found by going to myOzarka, and on the right-hand side of the page clicking on the Student Government link. Students meeting the required criteria as designated in the Student Government By-laws and the nomination form may nominate themselves, and turn forms into Zeda Wilkerson, Lindsay Galloway, James Spurlock, or Kim Whitten. The Vice President of Student Services 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 run for office, candidates must 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. For information regarding the responsibilities of each office, please consult the Student Government By-laws.

Nomination forms are due by **4:30 p.m. September 11, 2015**. Electronic voting will be available through myOzarka from **12:00 p.m. on September 13 until 12:00 p.m. September 18**. Students may only vote once for each office, voting for one president who will serve as the president for all three locations, and for a vice-president, secretary, and campus liaison at the campus or 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.

Campaigning students may distribute campaign material; however, it must be approved by Ron Helm, Lindsay Galloway, James Spurlock, or Kim Whitten 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: rhelm@ozarka.edu.

FNBC Bank Sponsors Ozarka College Foundation 5K



The Ozarka College Foundation will host a 5K Walk/Run on **Saturday, September 5, 2015**, with all proceeds benefiting Ozarka College - Mammoth Spring. The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Mammoth Spring State Park, and is taking place in conjunction with Solemn Old Judge Days.

An early registration fee will be \$20 and registration on race day will be \$25. Participants of all skill levels are welcome at this fun event, regardless of speed. Prizes will be awarded to the overall top male and female finishers and the top three finishers in each age/gender category will receive a medal.

Registration can be completed online at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/AR/MammothSpring/OzarkaCollegeMammothSpring5k> as well as in person at Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring, or day of the race. For more information or to get registered, please contact James Spurlock, Director of Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring, by calling 870.625.0411. Questions can also be emailed to: jmspurlock@ozarka.edu

Wilson Family to Fund Ozarka College Scholarships



Ozarka College is pleased to announce two new scholarships that will be awarded beginning the Fall semester of 2015. Donors, Josh and Courtney Wilson of Calico Rock, will fund two \$500 scholarships, annually. Each recipient will receive \$250 during the Fall semester and \$250 during the following Spring semester.

Josh Wilson is the Associate Vice President of Planning and Institutional Research at Ozarka College and Courtney Wilson is the District Treasurer at Calico Rock Schools. They wish to fund these scholarships in

recognition of the respective honorees' sacrifices made to their small communities and their years of dedication to educating young minds.

The first scholarship will be named the David and Phyllis Wilson Honorary Scholarship, in honor of Josh's parents' years of service in education. David graduated with degrees in Mathematics from the University of Arkansas and obtained the equivalent of a specialist degree in Public School Administration. He taught high school mathematics for 28 years and spent 11 years in administration. Mr. Wilson was serious when it came to teaching mathematics. Later his serious nature in the classroom bled over into his work as superintendent, leading the largest expansion and one of the most prosperous eras in the history of the Calico Rock School District.

Phyllis graduated with degrees in Business Ed., English, and Educational Media/Library Science from the University of Central Arkansas and obtained an elementary principal certification. She spent 22 years in the classroom and was an elementary principal for 7 years. Mrs. Wilson was also a go-getter in the classroom and the library, and she too, was serious about education. Most notably, Mrs. Wilson was responsible for the first comprehensive technology roll out for Norfolk schools in the 1990s and later as principal, she ushered in a new era in academic excellence at Norfolk's Arrie Goforth Elementary in the early 21st century.

The second scholarship will be named the Dixie Wayne Anderson Memorial Scholarship, in loving memory of Courtney's grandmother, for her years of dedicated service to Texas education and her true passion for teaching. The late Mrs. Anderson was a 1952 graduate of North Texas State College, now known as University of North Texas. She taught first grade for over 35 years at Valwood Elementary in Farmers Branch, TX and was a Lifetime Member of the Parent-Teacher Association. For many years, Mrs. Anderson also taught Sunday school for her church. Upon her passing in 2010, many of her students shared stories about Mrs. Anderson and how she changed their lives.

Both scholarship awards shall benefit students that are not only committed to their studies, but also show an interest in public service or contributing to the field of education. To apply, students must be a traditional student, a Calico Rock High School graduate, and have a 3.0 or higher GPA. Education majors will receive first preference, but not required.

For more information, please contact Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College Director of Advancement by calling 870.368.2059.

A Trek Through Tech



Ozarka College in Ash Flat, Arkansas will host a month long series of computer workshops through their Continuing Education program. The workshops will meet on Friday's, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending by 12:00 p.m. The first workshop in the series is scheduled to take place on September 4, 2015.

The instructor for, "A Trek Through Tech" workshop series will be Kelly Shell. Shell is currently working on her Bachelor's degree in Information Technology, with a focus on Marketing. "I work with computers and technology every day of my life," said Shell. "I love to share my experiences of technology with others and really encourage everyone to constantly ask questions and be curious about it."

"A Trek Through Tech" will consist of four different workshops. The cost is \$15 for one class, \$20 for two classes, or just \$25 for all four classes. Dates and topics of each workshop are as follows:

September 4 – Beginning Computers (Basic Computer Concepts, Microsoft Windows, Internet Search and Navigation, E-mail basics, Sending attachments, Uploading photos, Files and storage)

September 11 – Intermediate Computers (Microsoft Office Suite, Google Docs, Cleaning, Managing and Problem Solving)

September 18 – Smart Phones/Tablets (basics of Android and Apple phones and tablets)

September 25 – Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other basics)

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register for "A Trek Through Tech," please call Ozarka College – Ash Flat at 870.994.7273

Donation Received by Paul Weaver Library



The Paul Weaver Library, located at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas, recently received a large donation of books and DVD's from an anonymous donor. Doug Yancey from Cotham & Co. in Highland, Arkansas was instrumental in getting the items donated and delivered to the college library.

This donation includes over 200 books on various subjects, more than 100 single educational DVD's, and over 50 large sets of educational DVD's on a wide variety of subjects. All of the donated materials being cataloged into the library collections are recent and relevant publications.

Paul Weaver Library is open to the Ozarka College community, including the public. Their hours of operation include Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a patron of the Library, please contact Mary Ellen Hawkins, Ozarka College Librarian, by calling 870.368.2054.

Howard Appointed to Board of Trustees



Governor Asa Hutchinson recently announced the appointment of Ryan Howard, a lifelong resident of Melbourne, Arkansas, to the Ozarka College Board of Trustees. His seven-year term will expire in 2022.

Trustee Howard graduated from Melbourne High School in 1994, then attended Ozarka College and Arkansas State University. In 1998, he graduated from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance. In 2000, Howard became employed at Bancorp South, where he is now the Executive Vice President.

“I am very honored to have been appointed to Ozarka's Board of Trustees,” said Howard. “Ozarka has been very important to me for most of my life; I grew up just down the street from the Melbourne campus and later attended Ozarka. I am very excited to now be able to serve an institution that has been so important to me and so many others in the surrounding communities.”

In addition to serving on the Ozarka College Board of Trustees, Howard is also currently involved with other community services including Men's Adult Sunday School Teacher and Finance Committee Member at Belview Church, Melbourne Industrial Development Commission, and is a Kevin Wade Johnson Foundation Board Member.

“Trustee Howard is an outstanding selection to join our dedicated Board of Trustees,” said Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President. “I'm fortunate to report to such a supportive and talented Board and Ryan's appointment will serve to further strengthen our work together!”

Board of Trustees Updates

On **August 27, 2015**, the Ozarka College Board of Trustees met and appointed new officers; Board of Trustee officers are appointed every two years. Trustee Jack Yancey was appointed Chair, Trustee Ben Cooper, Vice-Chair, and Trustee Dennis Wiles, Secretary.

The Appointment of Board of Trustees to serve on the Academic Affairs and Finance committees, and the designation of committee chairs, was also made. The appointed Trustees each serve a two-year term on the committee. The Academic Affairs Committee considers matters concerning academic personnel, programs, faculty and student appeals. Any proposal considered by the Academic Affairs Committee with respect to the College academic program shall have first been reviewed by the Faculty Council and/or Curriculum Committee and the Administrative Council.

Appointments for the Academic Affairs Committee included Trustees Jack Yancey, Darla York, and Tim Gammill. Trustee Yancey will serve as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

The Finance Committee considers matters concerning the budget, audit report, construction, bond issues, non-academic personnel and staff appeals, contracts, and real and personal property. Trustees Ben Cooper, Dennis Wiles and Ryan Howard were appointed to serve on the Finance Committee. Trustee Cooper will serve as Chair.

Heart-Healthy Miles

Ozarka College was awarded The Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas grant in December of 2015, which helped fund a Comprehensive Health and Safety Program. In an effort to promote healthier lifestyles, part of the \$46,909 awarded to Ozarka College has been used to initiate a Cardio Wellness and Fitness Challenge. Ozarka College students, employees, and the general community alike have been challenged to adopt healthier, more active lifestyles.

Originally, Ozarka College set a goal for participants to log at least 10,000 heart-healthy miles, collectively, all while on a journey to a healthier life. The College is pleased to announce that it has well exceeded this goal. However, the College invites all who are interested, regardless of ability or skill level, to kick off the fall semester by participating in this fitness challenge. Whether you like to run, walk, bike, roll, or swim for fitness, please join us and contribute your mileage.

Registration to join the Fitness Challenge is free, and to further incentivize active lifestyles, the top three mileage contributors will be awarded a cash prize at the end of the challenge. Simply pick up an application at any of our Ozarka College campus locations, at the Paul Miller Fitness Center in Melbourne, or access online at www.ozarka.edu/fitnesschallenge.

Please return completed forms to Stacy Gore, Ozarka College Fitness Center Coordinator, PO Box 10, Melbourne, Arkansas 72556. Once participants have completed the application, they will be provided with information on how to track and submit their miles.

For more information about the Fitness Challenge, please contact Stacy Gore at 870.368.2090 or email: stacy.gore@ozarka.edu

FNBC Bank Awards Ozarka College 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 understands and recognizes the impact receiving higher education can have on someone's life," said FNBC Bank President Marty Sellars. "For our organization, supporting students who strive to ensure better futures for themselves and their families is an easy decision to make. We are honored to be able to provide this assistance to a worthy student on this life-changing journey."

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.

After School Program at Ozarka Kids Academy

Ozarka Kids Academy, at Ozarka College in Melbourne, will offer an after school program, beginning August 17. This program is open to elementary students ages 5-9 years. The cost is \$10 per day and the program will be available on days that the elementary schools are in session.

Students may be brought to Ozarka Kids Academy after school, or they can be transported by school bus, if they attend Melbourne or Mt. Pleasant Elementary Schools. All students attending Ozarka Kids Academy after school program will need to be picked up at the Kids Academy by 5:15 p.m. Students will be served a snack and be offered assistance with their homework.

Only five seats remain open and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please contact Karen Hall, Ozarka College Director of Childcare, at 870.368.7868 or email: khall@ozarka.edu.

Free GED Classes at Ozarka College

Work towards obtaining your GED by taking free classes at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, or Mountain View beginning August 17. Ozarka College's Adult Education program is ADA accessible, EEOC compliant, and disability accommodations are available upon request.

The Adult Education department on the Melbourne campus has recently located to the front of the Administration building, where Student Services used to be. Classes are offered as follows:

- Melbourne: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Ash Flat: Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Mammoth Spring: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Mountain View: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration is ongoing. For additional information on free GED classes, please call Ozarka College's Adult Education Department at 800.821.4335, ext. 2051.



Luke Willis began building a 3D model airplane in his Sculpting Class at Ozarka College in Mountain View last school year. He has now completed the project and donated his artwork to the College.

The 3D model airplane is proudly displayed at the airport in Melbourne, where the Ozarka Aviation program is housed.



Welcome New Employees!



Chef Alden Griffus,
Culinary Arts/Hospitality Faculty



Angela Phipps,
Administrative Assistant for Aviation



Dr. Keith McClanahan, Provost



Tena Rosse, English Faculty



Leslie Love, Biology Faculty

American Single Parent Scholarship Fund Volunteer of the Month



“Laura Lawrence is thoroughly dedicated to our mission of empowering single parents through education. She puts her heart and soul into her volunteer work, which shows in the variety of positions she holds and the tremendous support she provides to students. Laura serves as Secretary for the SPSF of Izard County and also chairs the scholarship selection committee. In addition, she is instrumental in organizing and supporting fundraising efforts, such as their annual 5K run. She works with many committees to provide community outreach and student support activities. She has been involved with the affiliate since its founding in 2007 and continues to provide expertise, encouragement and support whenever asked. In her professional life, Laura is the Financial Aid Director at Ozarka College. She resides in Sage, Arkansas with her husband and three children.” ~ American Single Parent Scholarship Fund

FNBC Bank Sponsors Ozarka College Foundation Golf Tournament



FNBC Bank will sponsor the Ozarka College Foundation Golf Tournament in Izard County. The tournament will be a four-person scramble, taking place on **October 3, 2015** at Cooper's Hawk Golf Course in Melbourne, Arkansas. The tournament will have a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m., with all proceeds benefiting the students of Ozarka College.

The entry fee is \$300 per team and includes range balls, golf cart fee, light breakfast, lunch, gift bag, and 18 holes of golf. Mulligans will be available for purchase, \$5 each. Awards will be given for longest drive, longest putt, closest to pin, and putting contest. Freedom Ford in Melbourne will also sponsor a hole in one contest, awarding a Ford automobile to the winner.

Team entries are being accepted now. To register, please contact Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College Director of Advancement, by calling 870.368.2059 or email: sdavidson@ozarka.edu

In the case of heavy rainfall, team members will be notified and the rain date will be October 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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