

Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION



10/19: Students in the Culinary Arts program served 40 attendees at their Student Showcase Dinner. **10/25:** Ozarka Student Services hosted a College Planning Day for several hundred high school students. **10/26:** TRIO students attended, "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie at Murry's Dinner Playhouse in Little Rock.



10/27: Students from area high schools, as well as College staff and students participated in American Voices: Bullying Prevention, hosted by the Diversity & Cultural Arts Committee. **10/31:** Students at Mammoth Spring helped with the community Spooktacular event.



11/2: Nursing students from the Ash Flat program helped with a diabetes seminar, hosted by White River Medical Center. **11/10:** The Mammoth Spring campus hosted a live remote and collected non-perishable food items for the Hunger Hero Campaign.



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President's Perspective

As I write this today it is quiet around the College, other than some decorating and a faculty in-service. Many of our faculty and staff colleagues have started their Thanksgiving holiday early and are getting prepared for visits to or from family and friends. Although a slow period for some, it is pretty busy for our students as they prepare for finals and for faculty preparing for both the end of the fall semester and next semester. Please try to be understanding with one another as tensions typically begin to rise with both positive and strained emotions this time of year. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful and determined student body and an amazingly dedicated staff and faculty. While emotions continue to rage in some parts of our nation, we are able to maintain a steady focus on our efforts; and a kindness and commitment to one another. Please join me in being proud of what we have at Ozarka College, and in our part of the world.



Best of Success!

Dr. Richard Dawe

Book Return/Buyback Information

Book returns in Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring and Mtn. View:

There will be a box located at above listed campus locations for students to return their books. Books **MUST** have the student's name with the book(s) so proper credit can be issued. Please refrain from writing your name directly on or in the book, but rather put all of your books in a bag with your name on the bag or rubber band them together and attach a note with your name. We cannot give credit if we do not know who rented the book.

- The last day for pick up at these locations is **Monday, December 12**. Any returns after that date will need to be brought to the Melbourne campus. Chargebacks for non returned books will begin December 19, 2016.
- If you are concerned about books getting properly credited to your account, please return to Melbourne (see below) and you will be given a return receipt.
- The bookstore is not responsible for books that are returned off campus and do not make it to the bookstore in Melbourne.

Book returns in Melbourne:

Drop books by the bookstore during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Special arrangements may be available if these hours are not convenient to you. To make an appointment for book return outside of regular business hours, please call 870-368-2022.

Buybacks:

Only available at the bookstore in Melbourne.

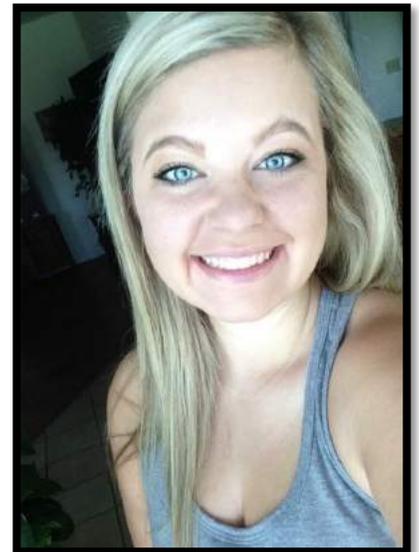
Foundation Scholarship Recipients



Megan Brown, a culinary arts student from Newark, has received the Friends of the Paul Weaver Library scholarship.



Casey Weyh, a general education student from Viola, has received the James Fenton Memorial scholarship.



Caitlyn Altman, an education student from Mountain View, has received one of nine Stone County Community Resource Council scholarships.



William Tretter, an aviation student from Oxford, has received the Tom Dawe, Jr. Memorial scholarship. This endowed scholarship was established by Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe and his wife Chris, to honor Dr. Dawe's father. Tom Dawe, Jr. was a career airline pilot, raised in Thayer, Missouri.



Elizabeth Smith, an education student from Evening Shade, has received one of two Ozarka Family scholarships. This scholarship is supported by staff and faculty of the College.



Tamara Wilson, a nursing student from Cherokee Village, has received the Dietsche/Martin Honorary scholarship.

Rush Selected as Employee of the Quarter



Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College president, is proud to announce that Amber Rush of Melbourne has been selected as Ozarka's first Employee of the Quarter!

Amber, who serves as the business office manager, earned this recognition for the period of July through September 2016.

"Amber continues to do an outstanding job and always has a friendly and professional demeanor in her work," said Dr. Dawe.

10 Years Tree City Celebration



In celebration of Melbourne's tenth year as a Tree City, and in the spirit of the changing seasons, children at Ozarka Kids Academy participated in autumn-related activities, some of which were demonstrated through their art class. The children created artwork and learned how the beauty of the leaves changing is important to our community.

"The children get so excited about the changing seasons," said Kelly Graham, director of Ozarka Kids Academy. "Artwork is a great outlet for our students to not only express this excitement, but also learn about how the seasons and the leaves change."

2016 marks the City of Melbourne's 10th year as a Tree City USA. In partnership with the Arkansas Forestry Commission, the Mayor of Melbourne and the City Tree Board coordinates annual activities including an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation and maintains an annual community forest program to be carried out each year. The Tree City USA designation is maintained by meeting the standards set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation in collaboration with the National Association of State Foresters.

"We are so proud to be celebrating 10 years as a Tree City," said Rhonda Halbrook, Mayor of Melbourne. "This award marks 10 years and significant work by the Melbourne Tree Board, a strong partnership between city and Ozarka College staff, and help along the way from the children at the Kids Academy."

Drone Training Coming Soon



Aviation students at Ozarka College will soon have the opportunity to receive training for the operation of small, unmanned aircraft systems, also known as drones. Training will also be available to members of the community interested in legally flying their drones for civil use.

With the addition of this innovative technology, students in Ozarka's Aviation – Professional Pilot degree program will have the opportunity to earn a Remote Pilot Certificate (RPC) issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as part of the degree program. They will also have an opportunity to complete a lab course focused on drone operations.

Students in the program are excited about obtaining their drone certification. Alex Pannell exclaimed, "I've always wanted to fly a drone." The new FAA regulation on unmanned aircraft makes it is easier for students to train for a drone pilot certificate while working on their pilot certificate. According to Andrew Finne, Ozarka College flight instructor, "The addition of this equipment will broaden the experience for our students and give them the opportunity to explore different job avenues that their degree can take them."

The FAA issued 14 CFR Part 107 regarding sUAS on August 29, 2016. This coursework allows students to more affordably take the next step in training after achieving their private pilot certificate. For more information about drone certification or flight training at Ozarka College, please call Nick at 870.368.7926.

CSC Donates to New Beginnings Pregnancy Help Center



Members of the Ozarka College Classified Staff Council hosted a diaper drive at Ozarka College in Melbourne and Ash Flat during the month of September.

Pictured are some of the employees who collected approximately 2,200 diapers, 25 packs of wipes, and additional new baby items, then donated them to New Beginnings Pregnancy Help Center in Ash Flat on **October 11, 2016**.

Engelhardt Appointed Director of Career Pathways



Ozarka College is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Amanda Engelhardt as the director of Career Pathways. Prior to this role, Engelhardt served as the career support services facilitator in Career Pathways.

“Amanda has a wealth of knowledge and experience working with the Career Pathways Initiative,” stated Josh Wilson, Ozarka College associate vice president of student services. “She strives to always put students first and I am confident she will continue to serve the program well in her new role as director.”

Engelhardt holds an Associate of Arts in General Education from Ozarka College, a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Arkansas State University, and a Master of Science in College Student Personnel from Arkansas Tech University.

“Since joining Ozarka College four years ago, I’ve learned so much about higher education, but even more about the many struggles and barriers students face,” said Engelhardt. “I am very fortunate to be part of a program that provides support services to students to help overcome those barriers. It is very rewarding to build rapport with students, see them succeed, and know that we were part of their journey.”

Johnson Joins Career Pathways Team



Ozarka College is pleased to announce the recent hiring of Lindsey Johnson. Johnson will serve as the career support services facilitator in Career Pathways and primarily be responsible for identifying students’ interests, skills, needs, barriers and resources. She will also assist in the development, delivery, and promotion of services offered by the Career Pathways Initiative, and assist students in job placement by developing effective resumes and cover letters.

Amanda Engelhardt, director of Career Pathways said, “I have no doubt that Lindsey will be an asset to the program and serve our students well in this capacity.” Johnson holds an Associate of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, and is a graduate of The Institute of Ultrasound Diagnostics.

Johnson, who resides in Mt. Pleasant with husband Blake and their two children, Aniston Mae and Adley Blake, said, “I am grateful for this new opportunity and can’t wait to take on this exciting experience.”



North Central District Fair Queen Scholarship

Libbie Watkins of Salem has received the 2016 North Central District Fair Queen scholarship. As the winner of this pageant, Libbie will receive a \$500 scholarship to use at Ozarka College, where she is currently attending and majoring in Education. The pageant was held in the John E. Miller Auditorium on **October 1, 2016** and was a preliminary to the Arkansas State Fair Queen Contest.

For more information about Ozarka College scholarships, please contact Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College director of advancement, at 870.368.2059 or email: sdavidson@ozarka.edu.



An Enchanted Christmas

Ozarka College will host their 7th annual holiday event on **December 2** beginning at 4:30 p.m. This event is free of admission, open for the public to attend, and will take place at Ozarka College's John E. Miller Education Complex in Melbourne.

Ozarka College invites you to attend, "An Enchanted Christmas" at Ozarka College and families are invited to join Ozarka College for the viewing of *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Enchanted Christmas*. There will also be pictures with Santa, coloring activities and treats prepared by the Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department.

One of the most memorable quotes from the movie is, "As long as there's Christmas, I truly believe that hope is the greatest of the gifts we'll receive." While being committed to your success, Ozarka College strives to instill hope in the minds of students everyday, and looks forward to giving back to the community at this fun-filled, family friendly event.

In the case of inclement weather, this event will not be rescheduled. For more information about An Enchanted Christmas, please contact Suellen Davidson, director of advancement, at 870.368.2059 or email: sdavidson@ozarka.edu



Donation to the Angel Tree Program

Ozarka College's Classified Staff Council (CSC) hosted a bake sale for the Angel Tree program on **October 13, 2016**. Tess Weatherford, Ozarka College CSC president, is pictured presenting a check for \$364 to Cathy Savell from Izard County DHS.



Mitchell Hired as Assistant to the President

Ozarka College is pleased to announce the recent hiring of Fay Mitchell as the administrative assistant to the president. Prior to her employment at Ozarka, Mitchell worked in the Office of Recruitment at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College president stated, "Fay has significant experience and will be an outstanding addition to the Ozarka College team."

Mitchell, who resides in Cherokee Village, said she is looking forward to working with and getting to know everyone at Ozarka College. "I like the fact that working in higher education gives me an opportunity to help young men and women achieve their goals and dreams."

LPN Students Donate to Mission of Hope Food Bank



On **November 9, 2016**, Ozarka College LPN students hosted a free mini-health fair in Ash Flat. They also collected non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Mission of Hope food bank.

Ozarka College's LPN students appreciate everyone who supported their efforts and look forward to doing more in the future to support those in need. For more information about becoming a student, please call Ozarka College admissions at 870.368.2024 or email: admissions@ozarka.edu.

OKA Trick or Treat



Employees at Ozarka College treated students from Ozarka Kids Academy (OKA) on **October 31, 2016**. The kids enjoyed dressing in costume for their Halloween party, receiving treats, and playing games.

OKA is open to the public, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Kids Academy accepts children ages six weeks to five years, offers an after school program for kids up to ten years of age, and has a summer program for elementary aged students.

OKA is a licensed facility with low student to staff ratio. For more information, please contact Kelly Graham, Ozarka College director of childcare, at 870.368.7868 or email: kgraham@ozarka.edu.

Aviation Day



Ozarka College hosted an Aviation Day at the Thayer airport on **November 11**. Couch, Mammoth Spring, and Thayer high school students interested in aviation attended this event. Nick Lenczycki, Ozarka College director of aviation, covered many opportunities in the aviation field, the future of drone technology, and shared how Ozarka's aviation program is preparing students to succeed in this field.

At the conclusion of the event, a drawing was held for a Discovery Flight around the Thayer/Mammoth Spring Area. The winners of this drawing were Bobbie Wheeler from Mammoth Spring High School and Chase Powell from Thayer High School. For more information about Ozarka College or to register for Spring '17 classes, please call James at 870.625.0411 or email: jmspurlock@ozarka.edu.

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