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## Another Successful College Planning Day

The Ozarka College John E. Miller Education Complex was a popular place during the morning on October 26<sup>th</sup>, when college, university, financial and armed forces representatives were set up to offer information to local high school students during the Annual College/ Career Planning Day.

Close to 500 high school seniors from 17 area high schools were in attendance at the Ozarka hosted ArkACRAO (Arkansas Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers) College/Career Planning Day. Those schools included, Calico Rock, Cave City, Cushman, Evening Shade Highland, Iazard County Consolidated, Mammoth Spring, Melbourne, Mount Pleasant, Mountain View, Norfolk, Rural Special,

Salem, Shirley, Timbo, Viola, and Williford.

Representatives and recruiters from colleges, universities, the armed forces, and lending institutions were on hand with information and materials from their institutions for interested high school seniors.

Ozarka's Student Ambassadors, led by Mandy McCollum-Brooks, and other Ozarka faculty and staff assisted with the entire program to make the event a success. Student Ambassadors are Leslie Davis, Braden Hunter, Mandy McCollum-Brooks, Trent White, Cory Garretson, Kristin Teague, Lea Whited, and Niki Partee. Student work-studies, Wanda McConaughay and Kagni Gillihan; Tech-Prep Coordinator, Kim Lovelace;

Librarian, Mary Ellen Hawkins, Admissions Secretary, Betty Ellison, and the Maintenance Department also played a big role in assisting with the event. Ozarka Registrar, Gin Brown, who was recently elected to serve as Secretary for ArkACRAO, and Director of Admissions, Randy Scaggs coordinated the event.

Another key element of the success of Ozarka's College/ Career Planning Day each year is the hospitality room provided by Culinary Arts for the high school counselors, bus drivers, college representatives and other guests who attend the event.

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Lunch Served 11AM-12:15PM Daily.  
Cost: \$3.00 or \$3.50

### MENU:

Mon 11/7  
**Chicken Strips**  
Tue 11/8  
**Soup & Sandwich**  
Wed 11/9  
**Chicken Fried Chicken**  
Thu 11/10  
**French Dip**  
Fri 11/11  
**Breakfast**  
Mon 11/14  
**Soup & Sandwich**  
Tue 11/15  
**Reuben Sandwich**  
Wed 11/16  
**Crispitos**  
Thu 11/17  
**Pork**  
Fri 11/18  
**Hamburger**



L to R: Ambassadors, Mandy McCollum-Brooks, Leslie Davis, and Lea Whited help welcome high school students, counselors and other guests to Ozarka College.



Chef Richard Tankersley assists the culinary students with their task of making omelets for guests.

## Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall with Brother Bob Stewart.
- ◆ **CAAP Testing** -  
Mon., November 7 4:30-9:00;  
Tue, November 8 12:00-4:30;  
Fri, November 11 8:00-12:30.  
It does take the entire 4 1/2 hours to take the tests.
- ◆ **Student Council Meeting** 11/8 @11AM in Compressed Video Rm (C116) Miller Complex.
- ◆ **PTK Induction** Nov. 16th, 11AM Lecture Hall
- ◆ **VETERANS DAY** November 11th - Ceremony in Miller Auditorium

# Fenton Memorial Scholarship



James F. Fenton

Ozarka College lost a valuable member of its family on October 12, 2005. James F. Fenton was hired by Ozarka College in October of 2001 as the first Development Officer for the college through the Title III Grant. Fenton and his wife, Irene had moved to Cherokee Village from the State of Iowa and Fenton brought to Ozarka years of experience in education.

In Fenton's memory of his love for education and dedication to the students of Ozarka College, his family has established a scholarship in his name through the Ozarka College endowment. With a scholarship through the endowment, not only will the Title III grant match any money dollar for dollar, but it will allow Fenton's legacy to continue for many years to come, by helping Ozarka students with a financial need.

Prior to his move to Arkansas, Jim worked in many different aspects of education in

Iowa. He was a coach, teacher and administrator. Jim was a pioneer in the field of alternative education in the State of Iowa and on September 9th of this year, the Iowa Association of Alternative Education renamed their Lifetime Achievement Award the "Jim Fenton Lifetime Achievement Award." This honor is given to an individual each year at their Statewide Conference.

While at Ozarka, Jim was instrumental in raising funds for a science lab located in the new facility at Ash Flat. He oversaw the construction of that new 16,000 foot facility and was very involved with the students attending Ozarka at Ash Flat. He knew the value of education and wanted to see each and every one succeed. He also worked closely with the Foundation Board and his community.

Irene Fenton has established eligibility requirements for this scholarship in honor of Jim's connection to alterna-

tive education as well as his regard for believing that any student can succeed with the proper motivation and financial means. Once fully funded, preference will be given to applicants involved with alternative education. Otherwise, the criteria will be fulltime enrollment, have a financial need, but not necessarily qualify for federal grants or other academic scholarships. The scholarship will be available to cover tuition, books or other Ozarka related fees for renewal for up to three semesters as long as the student maintains a reasonable grade point average and remains enrolled at fulltime status.

The Ozarka Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible on itemized tax forms. Anyone interested in making a donation to this endowed scholarship in honor of James F. Fenton and his dedication to education should contact the Ozarka College at 870-994-7273 or 870-368-7371.

Watch upcoming editions of the Ozarka College Connection for holiday activities hosted by student organizations.

## November Student Activities

The Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department will be hosting a bake sale on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8AM-2PM in the culinary classroom located in the Miller Education Complex in Melbourne. The students are also taking orders for unique kitchen tools through November 10<sup>th</sup> from the "Cook's Collection." Delivery of these items will take place the first two weeks in December, just in time for holiday gift giving. The students are raising funds to attend the state and national Skills USA competition during the Spring semester. For further information or to place an order contact the culinary department at 368-2062.

PBL and Student Council are jointly hosting an Art Auction on November 26 at 1PM in the Miller Auditorium Lobby. The items are donated by students, faculty and other friends of the college. The auction is a fundraising event to benefit these student organizations. Student Council hopes to raise enough funding to build a new float.

## Paul Weaver Library News

Another reminder that students need to pick up student ID cards in the library, or in the office at Ash Flat or Mountain View if attending classes on either of those sites.

Another reminder that the Brown Bag Diversity Series will take place on November 17th at 11AM on each campus. This experience is entitled "Soapbox" and will feature speakers discussing topics that they feel strongly

about. Join in and have a chance to offer comments or ask questions.

The big news from the library this week is the new edition to Dan Lindsey's family. He and his wife Renee had a baby girl on Halloween-October 31st. Her name is Arika Danielle-Mariann Lindsey and she weighed in at 8lbs, 13oz, and 20 inches long. Arika, Renee and Dan are all doing fine.



### Ozarka Participates in BEANFEST

Left to right, Gin Brown, Cheri McKee-McSwain, Jeremy Nicholson, and Samantha Thornsberry cook their pot of beans during Mtn. View's Annual Beanfest on October 29th. Their bean recipe was provided by Chef Rick Tankersley of Culinary.

## Ozarka Adopts Family From Gulf Coast

Ozarka College has adopted a family who was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Ed Franklin of the Arkansas Association of Two Year Colleges (AATYC) arranged for all 22 two year colleges in the State of Arkansas to "adopt" a family from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC), which has sites located all along the devastated gulf coast. MGCCC gave the names of the 22 employees who had suffered the most extensive losses from the hurricane.

Ozarka College selected the Ralph King family of Waveland, Mississippi. Ralph is an instructor for Local Area Networking Technol-

ogy and he and his family lost their home which floated off of its foundation and into the street during the heavy flooding that was associated with Katrina and lost most of their belongings.

Ozarka's Director of Planning and Special Projects, Joan Stirling, has coordinated this project for Ozarka and has been in communication with King. She states, "Mr. King and his wife, Stella and their two sons have been reluctant to take donations and said that they were thankful to be so much better off than many of the people along the Gulf because he still has a place to go to work." Stirling explained how the idea of

the twenty-two Arkansas two year colleges adopting twenty-two families from MGCCC came about and asked King to make a wish list of items that he and his family lost and Ozarka would go to work to try to provide those items. "King obliged and with the generosity of Ozarka's employees he and his family will have each and every item on their 'wish list,' which mostly consisted of household items and tools," added Stirling.

Ozarka is now in the process delivering the items to Ralph and his family in Mississippi.

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## TRiO's Halloweenie Roast

During lunch on Halloween, TRiO hosted a "Halloweenie" roast and costume contest. Proceeds from their Chili Cookoff were used to purchase items, along with donations from Student Council, Ideal Bread and TRiO staff. Ronny Rush also assisted with roasting the "hallo-weenies". The winner of the costume contest was Lorilee Crouch.



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# Ozarka College

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## Ozarka Continuing Ed Offering CPR Certification

The Ozarka College Continuing Education Department will be offering two CPR certification classes in the next few weeks. On Tuesday, November 29, Ozarka will offer an adult CPR certification class, and on Tuesday, December 6, Ozarka will offer an infant and child CPR certification class. Each four hour course will take place from 6-10PM. Karen Martin, who has been an American Red Cross CPR instructor for more than 25 years, will instruct the courses and an American Red Cross certificate will be issued to those completing the requirements for the courses.

These CPR courses will provide instruction in how to recognize and respond to an emergency and provide emergency care in rescue breathing, CPR and first aid for choking for adults and/or infants and children. Students will be taught using a multi-media approach incorporating use of videos, lecture and hands-on training using CPR manikins.

According to Martin, who is also Ozarka's Physical Education instructor, "these classes are not only useful to people who interested in a health related career, such as nursing, home health or paramedics, but they are valuable to anyone who would like to know how to respond

in an emergency situation that might arise at home or anywhere else."

The cost for each course is \$25.00 and with limited class size, pre-registration is required by calling Kim Lovelace at 870-368-2038, toll free 800-821-4335, or via email, [klovelace@ozarka.edu](mailto:klovelace@ozarka.edu).



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