



Ozarka College Connection

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The Student Success Center is offering Microsoft Word Workshops FREE for students:

Monday February 21; 2-3 pm
Ash Flat Computer Lab

Wednesday, February 23; 2-3 pm
Mountain View Computer Lab

Wednesday, February 23; 11a-noon
Melbourne - Miller Computer Lab C113

Thursday, February 24; 11a-noon
Melbourne - Miller Computer Lab C113

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

Register Now for Upcoming Spring Student Conference



will be provided to students who attend the conference.

The conference theme of technology will be carried throughout each workshop. Topics for the workshops include: Google Docs, Graphing Calculator, Google Tools, and Database Research Tools. Additionally, Dr. Thomas Pennington will provide a presentation on Cyber Rights and Wrongs.

Registration locations are: TRiO SSS, Career Pathways, Student Success Center, Ash Flat Office, Mountain View Office, Mammoth Spring Office and Melbourne Student Services Office. Contact Deltha Shell, Shelia Titus or Ronda McLelland for more information at 870-368-7371.

Ozarka College will host a seminar for its students on Friday, March 4, 2011, beginning at 8:30 AM and continuing until 12 PM. The seminar will take place in the John E. Miller Educational Complex at the main campus in Melbourne.

This year's event, which is sponsored by TRiO Student Support Services, Carl Perkins Grant, Career Pathways Initiative, and Ozarka College is open to all students at no charge. Lunch

Sponsored by:



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Around Campus

- **Baptist Collegiate Ministry**
Tuesday, February 22 and March 1 from 10-11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Stop by and meet Bro. Conyers, our new BCM director.
- **Last Day to Withdraw from 8-week class and receive "W" is March 3, 2011**
- **Spring Student Conference**
Friday March 4 from 8:30-Noon. **REGISTER TODAY!!!**
- **LPN application and testing deadlines can be found on Page 3**
- **SPRING BREAK**
March 21-25

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

Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Students who wish to apply for Ozarka College institutional scholarships for the fall 2011 term are encouraged to submit applications to the Scholarship Committee. The approaching scholarship deadline is March 1 for all Ozarka Foundation Scholarships to be awarded for the fall semester. Applications are available at www.ozarka.edu/finaid. For more information, call 870-368-7371.

New Publication Schedule for The Connection

Beginning in March, the Ozarka College Connection will be published monthly instead of bi-weekly.

If you have any news, events or information you would like to have included in the Connection, please contact the Public Relations Office, at 870-368-2060 or kwhitten@ozarka.edu for a news submission form.

Record Financial Aid Disbursement Impacts Local Economy

Ozarka College has reached record enrollment during the 2010-2011 academic year with a seventeen percent overall increase including the Fall and Spring semesters.

Since a majority of Ozarka's students are on some form of financial aid, this increased enrollment also affects the amount of aid that Ozarka disburses. During the 2010 Spring semester \$1.9 million was disbursed from the federal Pell grant program. In the current 2011 Spring semester, that number has risen to over \$2.6 million, a 35.9% increase.

Ozarka College Business Office Manager, Michelle Gray explains that after tuition, costs and fees are paid, there is over one mil-

lion dollars going into the students' pockets to use at their discretion this semester. "Ozarka's students are going to spend a large portion of this funding for living expenses throughout the semester; including food, clothing, transportation, entertainment and other day-to-day expenses. This spending has a major impact on the local economy, as these students utilize local businesses for a large part of their discretionary spending."

Along with the federal Pell grant funding, Ozarka will disburse other forms of financial assistance throughout the year which impacts the local economy. In fact, according to Gray, by the end of the fiscal year in June, Ozarka will have disbursed close to \$11 million

dollars for the 2010-2011 year.

This aid includes: Pell Grant, student loans, Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (FSEOG), Arkansas Lottery Challenge, Workforce Improvement Grant (WIG), Higher Education Opportunities Grant (GO Grant), and many institutional, local and state scholarships.

For more information about applying for financial aid to attend Ozarka College, contact the Financial Aid Office at 870-368-2009 or 870-368-2010, or visit the website at www.ozarka.edu.

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-Michelle Gray
Business Office
Manager

Upcoming Continuing Ed Courses

Ozarka College's Continuing Education Department will offer new computer classes beginning in March. Basic Computing, Beginning Webpage Design and Advanced Webpage Design will take place evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Ozarka's main campus in Melbourne.

Basic Computing will begin March 8 and run through March 22. This course will teach individuals with little or no computer knowledge a basic understanding of how computer

work, and the skills necessary to navigate the Internet, manage e-mail, and create and manipulate basic documents and spreadsheets. Cost for this course is \$50.00.

Beginning Webpage Design will begin March 10 and run through March 31. Advance Webpage Design will then begin March 31 and run through April 21. These courses will offer the knowledge and skills to create basic web pages for setting up a webpage design busi-

ness. Each course will cost \$75.00.

For more information or to register for these courses, please contact Karen Overturf, 368-2005 or kover-turf@ozarka.edu. Ozarka College strives to bring the community the latest in personal enrichment, workforce development, and continuing education



Nursing Applications Being Accepted for Fall



Nursing students in the LPN lab practice Injections.

Ozarka College is now accepting applications from those wanting to enroll for the 2011 Fall classes of Licensed Practical Nursing program in Ash Flat, Melbourne, and Mountain View.

Students may apply from February 1st –April 1st by logging on to the Ozarka College website at www.ozarka.edu and completing an online application for admission and selecting LPN as the program of study. The LPN program will be accepting applicants for the 18-month program at Melbourne, the 11-month programs at Ash Flat and Mountain View, as well as the 11-month evening and weekend program at Melbourne.

To be eligible for the nursing program, students must be currently enrolled in the four pre-requisite courses or have previously completed the required

pre-requisites. Students that are eligible must also take the TEAS and Wonderlic exams offered April 11-15 at the Melbourne campus.

Beginning on February 1, students who have completed an online application to the LPN program may schedule testing with the admissions office at 870-368-2024. The deadline to sign-up for testing is April 1, 2011, and test scores from a prior semester will not be considered. Study guides for the TEAS are available in the bookstore at each Ozarka location in Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, Melbourne, and Mountain View. There are a limited number available for check-out in the library. Career Pathways students may be able to check one out from career pathways office.

Career Pathways is also offering TEAS prep workshops in March at all four Ozarka locations. The one-hour workshops will cover the details of what to expect on the day of the test and a general idea of what and how to study

for the exam. There is no fee to attend, but pre-registration is required by simply notifying Career Pathways Counselor, Kendra Smith at ksmith@ozarka.edu or 368-2043.

The following are times, dates and locations for this workshop:

Mountain View - Monday, March 14; Room 102 from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Ash Flat – Tuesday, March 15 Room AFSC 105 from 11:00 a.m. - 12 00 p.m.

Mammoth Spring – Thursday, March 17; Room CNA Lab from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Melbourne – Friday, March 18 Room HI 12 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

In addition to the application and TEAS and Wonderlic testing, letters of work experience should be submitted to the admissions department. For more information about the LPN programs offered at Ozarka College or if you have any questions please contact either or Admissions at 870-368-2024 or the Nursing Department at 870-368-2077.



Applying for Fall 2011 LPN Class? Don't forget to schedule your TEAS and Wonderlic testing which takes place April 11-15!

Simmons First National Bank Donates to Amphitheatre

Simmons First National Bank has become a Gold level sponsor for Phase II of the Ozarka College Mountain View Expansion project. The \$2,500 pledge for the planned amphitheatre was officially presented to Ozarka President, Dr. Richard Dawe (left) and Director of Operations for Ozarka - Mountain View, Gin

Brown (far right) on February 1, 2011, by Simmons Assistant Vice-President Branch Manager, Elisha Fulks (second from left) and Vice President, Commercial Lending, Steve Mitchell (third from left).

For more information about this unique opportunity to support Ozarka College through the cur-

rent building campaign in Stone County, contact Gin Brown at 870-269-5200 or Director of Advancement, Suellen Davidson at 870-368-2059.



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**Our Mission is to
Provide Life-Changing
Experiences Through
Education.**

TRiO to Host College Transfer Fair - Monday Afternoon, February 21

The TRiO SSS Department of Ozarka College is once again hosting a College Transfer Fair. College representatives from four year colleges and other education related agencies around the state will be at Ozarka College to offer students all the information needed about their different programs, available scholarships and transferring.

The event will take place on Monday, February 21, 2011 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the halls of the John E. Miller Education Complex on the main campus in Melbourne. **All students are welcome to attend.**

Many institutions will be available including: Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE), Arkansas Student Loan Authority (ASLA), Arkansas State University (ASU)- Jonesboro, ASU Mountain Home, Arkansas Tech University (ATU), Baptist Health, Southern Arkansas University (SAU), University of Arkansas (UA)- Fayetteville, UA - Monticello, University of Arkansas Little Rock (UALR), University of Central Arkansas (UCA), University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Health Related Professions, and Williams Baptist College.



TRiO Transfer Specialist, Bryan Jeffery states, "This is a great opportunity to meet with four-year college and university recruiters from across the state. Students won't want to miss this chance to find a program to prepare them for a great career." For further information contact Jeffery 870-368-2039 or email bjeffery@ozarka.edu.