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**The next edition  
of the  
College Connection  
will be March 23rd.  
Enjoy your Break!**

**Ozarka  
Kitchen**

**Lunch Served  
11AM-12:30 PM  
Daily.  
(12:15 on Fridays)**

**For a daily menu  
go to my.Ozarka  
and click on  
"MY TOOLS"  
Sign up for  
SMS alerts to  
receive a  
daily  
text message\*  
of the menu.**

*\*Charges by provider  
for receiving text  
messages apply.*

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## Career Pathways Book Loan Program Grows

Career Pathways Initiative began offering a book loan program less than a year ago. This was after the success of other services they offer, including gas cards and child care assistance. The book loan program has been hugely successful over the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 semesters.

The book loan program was designed to help the CPI students supplement their federal Pell grants and loans in order to stay in school. "By having books available for students to use for classes, the students have more money in their pockets to use during these hard economic times," explains Director of CPI, Kim Lovelace.

The book loan program will loan books to eligible Career Pathways students on a first come, first serve basis. In order to begin the book loan program, the CPI office asked for students to donate their used books to build the inventory.

"Over 100 students have taken advantage of the book loan program. Most students who requested books received more than one book and some students received all of the books they needed for the semester," according to Lovelace. "More than 50 students at Ozarka College donated their used textbooks to the program so that other students could use them and save money on their book expenses," she added.



CPI Staff from left to right: Laura Lawrence, Charlotte Knox, Kim Lovelace, and Tracy Cone.

Jason Thomas donated his used books to the CPI book loan program last Spring.



There was some limited state funding through the CPI program to purchase some new books to add to the inventory, but the majority of books have been donated by students who are in Career Pathways and some who are not in the program have made donations.

Even Ozarka College faculty and staff have supported the book loan program. Division Chair for Allied Health, Ruby Johnson allowed nursing students who donated books to count it as a community service act. Admissions Assistant, Wanda McConnaughy, who is an Ozarka College alumnus donated notebooks and loose leaf notebook paper for students.

Any student who would like to donate their used books to the CPI book loan program, or find out eligibility requirements for the program itself, may contact Career Pathways at 368-2041 or toll-free outside Izard County at 800-821-4335.

## Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall.
- ◆ **Nursing Applications Accepted** Feb 1 - April 1
- ◆ **Beef Production Workshop** Mar 2 & 9 @ 6PM OCAF Lecture Hall by Sharp County Ext. Office. Call Joe Moore at 994-7363
- ◆ **Poultry Meeting for Hobby Farm** Mar 19 @ 1PM OCAF Lecture Hall by Sharp County Ext. Office.
- ◆ **Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting** - March 19th at 4PM in the Board Room of the Miller Bldg.
- ◆ **Spring Break** - March 16-20.

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

## Artemobile Visiting Ozarka College



*“The Artemobile is a wonderful way to introduce audiences to fine art in their own communities.”*

*-Ned Metcalf*

The Arkansas Arts Center's Artemobile, a 40+ft mobile gallery containing original works of art from the Arts Center's permanent collection will be in the parking lot of the John E. Miller Education Complex of Ozarka College in Melbourne March 26 from 9A-4:30P (closed from 11A-Noon for lunch).

The Artemobile, one of the nation's only mobile galleries of its size, showcases an all-new exhibition – **ART! – Works from the Collection of the Arkansas Arts Center**. The Artemobile attempts to be a travel – size version of the Arkansas Arts Center, bringing art to people who cannot regularly visit an art museum. While it is impossible to represent the full breadth of the Arts Center collection, the current exhibition aboard the Artemobile is an overview of the kinds of objects you can expect to see in the Museum.

The exhibition includes works in all mediums that are always thought provoking as well as aesthetically pleasing. The exhibition attempts to answer questions about the Arts Center's collection, such as: Why museums collect art? How museums collect art? What makes the Arkansas Arts Center collection special? In addition, the exhibition covers a broad range of works from all periods. Drawings, contemporary crafts, paintings, photography, and prints are all included in this exhibition.

Bringing the art to life and further enhancing the educational opportunity of the Artemobile visit is an on-board Art Educator, Virgil Lawrence, who serves as a guide through the mobile gallery.

"The Artemobile provides a quality visual arts experience that is great for schools, colleges/universities, festivals, special events, museums, libraries, and because it is a mobile gallery, it is a wonderful way to introduce audiences to fine art in their own communities," said Ned Metcalf, State Services Manager at the Arts Center. The Artemobile's exhibition is available to be viewed on the Arts Center's website: [www.arkarts.com](http://www.arkarts.com) under "Touring Programs".

Grant support is provided through the Arkansas Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Funding support is provided by the Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Foundation. Season sponsors include: Bank of America; The Stella Boyle Smith Trust; The Brown Foundation, Inc. of Houston; Willard & Pat Walker Charitable Foundation; Entergy Arkansas, Inc.; Union Pacific Foundation; Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation; and Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas. The Arkansas Arts Center is extremely grateful for the valuable support and contributions to the Artemobile by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation. Locally, the Artemobile tour is sponsored by Ozarka College.

For more information on the Arts Center's touring programs, call the State Services Department at 501-396-0350 or 1-800-264-ARTS. To schedule a group tour or for more information contact Director of Planning and Special Projects, Joan Stirling at 870-7371 or [jstirling@ozarka.edu](mailto:jstirling@ozarka.edu).

# LPN Applications Accepted Through April 1

Ozarka College continues to accept applications for the Licensed Practical Nursing program beginning Fall of 2009.

Students interested in applying for the programs in Melbourne, Ash Flat, and Mountain View should do so by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Log on to the Ozarka College website at [www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu) and completing an online application for admissions and selecting LPN as the program of study.

To be eligible for the nursing program, students must be currently enrolled at Ozarka College or have previously completed the required prerequisites. Students must also take the TEAS and Wonderlic exams which are being offered March 31st or April 2nd at the Melbourne campus.

All students who have completed an online application to the LPN program may schedule testing with the admissions office. **The deadline to sign-up**

**for testing is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

*Test scores from a previous semester will not be considered.* Study guides for the TEAS will be available in the bookstore at each campus.

In addition, letters of work experience should be submitted directly to the nursing department. For more information about the LPN programs offered at Ozarka College or if you have any questions please contact either Nursing or Admissions at 870-368-7371.

**LPN Fall 2009**

**Semester**

**program**

**application**

**deadline is**

**April 1st.**

## Ozarka Presidential Search Update

Karla Rush, Chair of the Presidential selection committee for Ozarka reports that the review of candidates is underway. The selection committee met for the first time on March 2nd and has started the process of reviewing the sixty applications received for the President's position.

Rush states, "Please remember to respect the members of the committee by not asking them to divulge information about the candidates and their qualifications. The selection committee members have been asked to follow the college board's policy to maintain complete confidentiality of the applicants."

She adds, "As soon as the committee has recommended candidates for interviews, that information will be shared as needed."

Any questions or comments in the meantime, can be addressed to Rush at [karla@ozarka.edu](mailto:karla@ozarka.edu).

## GED Testing Schedule for March

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas on March 11 & 25 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 March:

Mammoth Spring	Simmons First National Bank	9:00 a.m.	Mar. 2 & 9
Ash Flat	Courthouse	9:00 a.m.	Mar. 3 & 24
Mountain View	Ozarka College	9:00 a.m.	Mar. 3 & 10
Salem	Courthouse	9:00 a.m.	Mar. 5 & 23

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 will be necessary to allow two days for the testing.

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Provide Life Changing  
Experiences Through  
Education.*

### *Accreditation 101*

## Ozarka Learns More About Assessment from HLC Expert

Dr. Neil Pagano, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences for Columbia College in Chicago and a Consultant Evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), visited Ozarka College February 12 and 13. Dr. Pagano met with six groups as an assessment consultant, including staff, the four academic divisions of the college and administration.

Pagano explained assessment by using the six questions from the Higher Learning Commission to bring about the discussion of assessment on college campuses. He spoke about the paradigm shift within the Higher Learning Commission and higher education in general that focused the emphasis on assessment's purpose as being a lens to examine and, ultimately, improve student learning.

He further explained that part of this shift in perspective is due to a broader emphasis on assessment in all of its forms, not simply data which are quantifiable. He also shared his perspective that "many times we make changes in how we operate and though the results of these changes are not always measureable, this should not deter us from a commitment to continuous improvement with is the ultimate goal of the assessment mandate."

After meeting with each group, individuals at Ozarka feel more confident about assessment and the self-study process. One comment made after the presentation from a non-faculty member was "Through his experience in working with accrediting bodies, Dr. Pagano explained very well that the accreditation process doesn't have to be an intimidating process, and that planning is key. We will take some of his suggestions and put them in place to assess our department."

**Pictured is Joan Stirling and  
Dr. Neil Pagano**

