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Ozarka Announces Spring Commencement



The 2009 Ozarka College Commencement will take place on May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the John E. Miller Auditorium.

For those students graduating, practice will be held in the John E. Miller Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday May 7. Graduates will meet in the Lecture Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the night of commencement. Caps and gowns may be picked up May 4-14 at the Ozarka College Bookstore.

A photographer will be available in the Conference Room of the John E. Miller Education Complex prior to graduation from 5:00-6:30 p.m. as well as after the ceremony.

This year's commencement speaker will be Kevin Johnson. Johnson and his wife, Tammy, and their children Jill and Caleb, live in Melbourne. Johnson graduated magna cum laude from Lyon College in 1985 with a degree in Math Education. He also played basketball for Lyon and was named twice as an Academic All-American and is a member of Lyon's Hall of Fame.

Kevin is a double heart transplant recipient who has an inspiring story of survival against the odds. He is employed by Bad Boy Mowers in Batesville.

For further information regarding Ozarka College 2009 Graduation ceremony, contact Vice President for Student Services, Ron Helm at 870-368-7371.

BE ADVISED
Ozarka College

Registration for
Returning
Students is
underway
April 12th.

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.

TRiO to Host Career Night April 22

TRiO Student Support Services will once again host their Career Night which is open to all Ozarka College students on April 22nd from 5:30p.m. until 7:30p.m. in the Miller Education Building lecture hall.

John Petersen, Transfer Specialist for TRiO is organizing the event and states, "We try to bring in professionals working locally to speak about their careers and educational backgrounds. We will also have college and university program directors to discuss their programs that will prepare students for professional careers."

There will be someone from the fields of speech pathology, law enforcement, social work, and education available to talk to students about their careers.

To sign up to attend this event or for further information, contact Petersen or Shelia Titus in the TRiO office at 368-2039 or 2036.

TRiO
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall.
- ◆ **SPRING CARNIVAL!!!!**
April 16th 4P-7P FREE Fun, Food and Games for everyone.
- ◆ **American Red Cross Blood Drive** April 16th 10A-4P in the Miller Lobby from 8A-4:30P in the Lecture Hall.
- ◆ **TRiO Career Day** April 22nd (See article on this page for details)
- ◆ **Last Day to Drop Classes and Receive a "W"** is April 23rd.

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EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS
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WWW.OZARKA.EDU UNDER
NEWS & EVENTS

Ozarka Nursing Students Compete



Amanda Lester

Ozarka College Practical Nursing Program recently attended the 13th Annual Arkansas Licensed Practical Nurses' Association (ALPNA) Spring Conference and Competition at University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville (UACCB).

Eighty-eight students and seven instructors from Melbourne, Ash Flat and Mountain View attended the two day event March 12-13.



Rob Morrow & Charity Schaffler

Ozarka students competed against students from other LPN programs across the state in events such as medical spelling, quiz bowl, CPR, job interview, prepared speaking, anatomy and physiology, nutrition, medical terminology, pharmacology, and individual and group talent.

"Our students did well in all events and maintained a display of good sportsmanship throughout the competitions," according to nursing instructor, Katie Wilson. Three Ozarka students placed in competitions.

From Melbourne's program, Amanda Lester of Cherokee Village placed second in the medical spelling competition.

Ash Flat nursing student Rob Morrow of Cherokee Village won first place in the talent event with his electric guitar performance; while Ash Flat student, Charity Schaffler of Salem placed second in the job interview competition.

ALPNA's purpose is to connect all licensed practical nurses in the State of Arkansas and promote contacts on national, state and local levels with groups interested in the improvement and extension of nursing service, including the advance of educational standards of practical nurses and the continuance of their education.

Student Success Center: Hosting Job Interview Workshop

The Student Success Center will be hosting a job interview workshop open to all Ozarka College students in April. This workshop is offered at no cost and will provide tips on professional appearance, proper attire, and questions to expect during an interview.

Each workshop will begin at 11:00 AM and will be offered on April 27 in Mel-

bourne's Success Center located in the John E. Miller complex; April 28 in Mountain View room MVI06; and April 29 in Ash Flat's Success Center.

As part of the workshop, the Student Success Closet will be open in the Miller Building. Any student who needs professional attire can pick up a suit Free of Charge as long as supplies

last on a 'first come, first serve' basis.

For more information contact Student Success Coordinator in Ash Flat, Richard Williams at 368-7371, 994-7273 or via email, rawilliams@ozarka.edu.

PTK Inducts New Members for 2008-2009



Ozarka College's Beta Alpha Eta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), a national honor society for students in two-year colleges, inducted new members during its Induction Ceremony, held the evening of March 10, 2009.

After PTK President, Jason Thomas welcomed students and their guests to the ceremony, Ozarka Vice President

for Academic Affairs, Dr. Mike DeLong congratulated each new inductee on their educational success and leadership thus far and wished them continued success for the future.

PTK Vice President, Misty Brewer and Secretary, Jessica Wolford presented the candidates for induction. This year's advisors are Ozarka College instructors: Melissa Martin and Tracie Morris.

Students eligible for membership in PTK must have a grade point average of at least 3.50 on twelve hours toward an associate's degree. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa revolves around the four Hallmarks of

Scholarship, Fellowship, Leadership, and Service.

Following the induction, PTK members and guests enjoyed a reception catered by Ozarka's Culinary Arts students in honor of the new members.

The following students were inducted during the ceremony, Patricia Crispell, Eric Darmstaedter, Brenda Dupree, Douglas Face, Audra Fletcher, Heather Godair, Amanda Guy, Kristyna Harmon, Bonnie Henson, Stephanie Lane, Ross Lunsford, Matthew Newcomb, Amanda Roland, Heidi Rutledge, Heather Slater, Alisha Smithson, Sarah Stevens, Kellie Traylor, and Jessica Wolford.

The Four Hallmarks of PTK are: Scholarship Fellowship Leadership & Service.

Get a Taste of France During International Day

The Ozarka College Diversity Learning Initiative will be hosting International Day from 11AM-1PM on April 28-30. All Ozarka College students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate in this fun event which will focus on the country of France.

Each campus will host International Day on a different date as follows:

- Tuesday, April 28th at Melbourne in the Student Center
- Wednesday, April 29th at Mtn. View in the Student Commons area.
- Thursday, April 30th at Ash Flat in the Student Center.
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Ozarka's Culinary Arts is preparing French pastries and coffee, which will be available to sample. There will also be an art and artifact display, music and cinema, as well as activities about the language, history and culture of France. There will be a \$25 cash drawing on each campus for those who participate in this event which is offered at no cost.

International Day is sponsored by the Ozarka College Diversity Learning Initiative and the Arkansas Association of Women in Two Year Colleges. Funding for this event is provided by The Office of Student Services and the Ozarka College Foundation.

For additional information call 368-7371, extension 2072.



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Provide Life Changing
Experiences Through
Education.*



TRiO SSS Names Lunsford to TRiO Hall of Fame



The TRiO SSS (Student Support Services) program at Ozarka College has announced Ross Lunsford as the 2009 TRiO Hall of Fame. Lunsford is a freshman at Ozarka and lives in Ash Flat, just a few miles from the Ozarka campus in Ash Flat where he attends classes.

Ross, who is 23, was working as a sub-contractor installing light fixtures in schools, but discovered that he was spending more money travelling than he was making. After being hired at a local hardware/lumber company and carrying boards in the lumber yard six days a week, Ross decided it was time to enroll in college. "I enrolled in the first available classes in the Summer of 2008 and got out of that lumber yard just in time!"

He learned about the TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) program and decided to apply since their services were free. "I had no idea how important the program would be to my success," says Ross. "The support, advice, and reliability of the TRiO staff have helped me enormously. Not to mention, all the wonderful cultural events that are available that provide a useful break from the seemingly long semesters. I plan to continue to take advantage of the services, as long as I can, during my quest to become a veterinarian."

According to TRiO Director, Deltha Shell, "Ross is an active participant in TRiO SSS at Ozarka and has attended many transfer trips, cultural activities, workshops, seminars and sought academic, transfer and career advising. The staff of Ozarka College TRiO SSS program was proud to nominate Ross Lunsford to the TRiO Hall of Fame and feels that he is exemplary of the success that their participants display."

A statewide TRiO Day was held earlier this year, which included an induction ceremony for all TRiO Hall of Famers. Unfortunately, Lunsford was unable to attend the event. However, he will be featured along with the other Hall of Fame inductees in a bound book sent to government officials in Washington, D.C.

Ozarka College's TRiO Student Support Services program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Federal TRiO Programs. The 2008-2009 funded award is \$278,960. All activities and services offered to the students in SSS are made possible through these grant funds. Announcement made in accordance with Public Law 105-78 Sec. 508.