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JOIN THE OZARKA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Any Ozarka Graduate with a degree or technical certificate is eligible to join at this time

There will be a reception after the 2011 Commencement. This year's graduates will be able to join the Alumni Association at that time.

Contact Suellen Davidson for more information
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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 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

2011 Commencement Keynote and Information



The 2011 Ozarka College Commencement will take place on May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the John E. Miller Auditorium.

The Commencement keynote speaker this year is Senator Shane Broadway of Bryant. Broadway is interim director for the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). He is a member of Governor Mike Beebe's full cabinet as well as the Governor's Workforce Cabinet, an appointed group of state government leaders charged with creating 21st Century jobs and skilled workers.

An Arkansas State University alumnus, Broadway served three terms as a representative for Pulaski and Saline Counties, and two terms in the senate. He was elected speaker of the house by his colleagues in 2001.

Education is important to Senator Broadway and he was at the forefront of the legislature's push to continue improving Arkansas's educational system, serving on the education committee during his tenure in the General Assembly. Creating economic development opportunities to bring jobs to the state has been another focus of Broadway's efforts, both as a legislator and as a private consultant.

There will be a reception immediately following the ceremony in the dining room of the Main Building for this year's graduates and their families.

For those students graduating, practice will be held in the John E. Miller Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday May 5. 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 2-13 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.

For further information regarding Ozarka College 2011 Commencement or other graduation information, contact Registrar, Zeda Wilkerson at 870-368-2028.

2011 Spring Finals Schedule - May 2-5

If your class meets: Then your final is:

MW - 8:00 a.m.	Monday, May 2 - 8:00-10:00 a.m.
MW - 9:30 a.m.	Wednesday, May 4 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
MW - 11:00 a.m.	Monday, May 2 - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
MW - 12:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 4 - 12:00-2:00 p.m.
MW - 2:00 p.m.	Monday, May 2 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.
MW - 3:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 4 - 3:00-5:00 p.m.
MW - 5:30 p.m.	Monday, May 2 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
MW - 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 4 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
T Th - 8:00 a.m.	Tuesday, May 3 - 8:00-10:00 a.m.
T Th - 9:30 a.m.	Thursday, May 5 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
T Th - 11:00 a.m.	Tuesday, May 3 - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
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T Th - 3:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 5 - 3:00-5:00 p.m.
T Th - 5:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 3 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
T Th - 7:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 5 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Final exams for any class that meets one (1) day per week are scheduled during finals week at their regular hour. Students may request a change in time for an exam, if three or more are scheduled for the same day.

Around Campus

- **FINALS EXAMS** - May 2-5 (see schedule on this page)
- **LPN Capping and Pinning** Tuesday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. John E. Miller Auditorium.
- **Ozarka Commencement May 12 at 7:00 p.m.** (see article above for more info)
- **Ozarka College Board of Trustee's Meeting** Saturday, May 21, 9:00 a.m., College of The Ozarks Keeter Center, Branson, MO.
- **Memorial Day (offices closed) Monday, May 30**
- **Summer I Classes Begin** Tuesday, May 31.

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

Economic Impact Study Results Released



"It is exciting to see the positive results from this economic impact study and realize the effects Ozarka has on our region as a whole."

*-Dr. Richard Dawe,
President.*

Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI) was contracted earlier this year to conduct an economic impact study for Ozarka College. The study measures the economic benefits received by students and the communities served by Ozarka College.

Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe, expressed his thoughts about the study. "It is exciting to see the positive results from this economic impact study and realize the effects Ozarka has on our region as a whole.

The contributions due to Ozarka's presence in the region are both significant and remarkable when one

considers the many benefits from student, taxpayer and social perspectives, as articulated in the EMSI study." He adds, "The results demonstrate that Ozarka is a sound investment from each of these perspectives."

Some of the highlights from the study include the following:

- Ozarka students receive an impressive return on their investment in their education at Ozarka, at \$12.80 of future higher income for every dollar they invest.
- As a taxpayer in Ozarka's service area, the return is substantial at 10.6 percent for every dollar invested in tax support.

- The combined local economies receive \$6.4 million in net added income each year due to payroll and operations.

- The added annual income due to the activities of Ozarka College and its former students is \$42.8 million.

- Arkansas benefits from improved health and reduced welfare, unemployment and crime, saving the public \$637,300 per year.

The executive summary and a full detailed report are available on the Ozarka College website (www.ozarka.edu) under "About Ozarka" on the "Visitors and Friends" tab.

SGA Campus and Community Clean-Up Successful

The Ozarka College Student Government Association (SGA) held a community and campus clean-up on Friday, April 8 at Ash Flat, Melbourne and Mountain View.

Participants at each campus were led by SGA officers and advisors to clean trash and debris in and around the Ozarka College grounds and other areas in the community. "Overall, the SGA Clean-up was a huge success. The students who participated not only provided an excellent service to Ozarka College but also received extra credit points in some of their classes," states Vice President for Student Services, Ron Helm.



Ozarka Phi Theta Kappa 2010-2011 Induction



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 Friday, April 29, 2011 in the Lecture Hall of the John E. Miller Complex in Melbourne.

After PTK Advisor, Tracie Morris welcomed students and their guests to the ceremony, Ozarka President, Dr. Richard Dawe congratulated the new inductees on their educational success and leadership thus far and wished them continued success in their future endeavors.

Morris and PTK Advisor, Pamela McFarlin presented the candidates for induction.

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, Vice President for Student Services, Ron Helm offered the Invocation and PTK members and guests enjoyed a reception served by PTK Alumni Karen Overturf, Charlotte Knox, and Wanda McConnaughay in honor of the new members.

The following students were inducted during the ceremony, Kristy Nicole Adams, Mary Ann Anderson, Carrie L. Attebury, Keith Travis Bagwell, Derek Alexander Baird, Erica LeAnn Biard, Tatum Leigh Bishop, Jody Lee Boles, Crystal Denise Burns, Robert Wayne Burns, Eric H. Carr, Thomas Andrew Collins, Jeannie Bernice Day, Joan E. Dean, Trixy A. Dean, Cheyenne Grey Diaz, McKenzie Annette Gillihan, Gerry Claire Goodin, Angela L. Goodman, Angelique Jessica Gray, Jonell Green, Jennifer R. Grimes, Shonda Denise Harmon, Rebecca Lee Hill, Michelle Marie Hopper, Tanner Douglas Hoskinds, Donna Ann Jones, Mary Lou Kirby, Julie F. Kirk, Barbara J. Koone, Joseph Kruis, Kathy Lynn Lovenstein,

Corey G. Mann, Leslie Kay Mason, Whitney Michelle Mendoza, Anna Lee Mickler, Sonya Lea Miller, Melinda Gale Morgan, Jasen G. Ozbun, Torey Nicole Sadler, Chad Andrew Selby, Brandy Nicole Shell, Joseph Wayne Smith, Charlene Bernice Steiger, Sarah Denise Taylor, Theresa Marie VanOrman, Amanda Kellee VanDyke, Jerry Wayne Whitaker, Margaret M. Whittle, and Sian Helen Wilkins.

GED Testing for May

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas on May 4 & 18 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 May:

Mammoth Spring, AR	Ozarka College	9:00 a.m.	May 2 & 16
Calico Rock, AR	City Hall	9:00 a.m.	May 3 & 10
Mountain View, AR	Ozarka College	9:00 a.m.	May 5 & 19
Ash Flat, AR	Annex Courtroom	9:00 a.m.	May 13 & 24
Salem, AR	Courthouse	9:00 a.m.	May 19

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 may be necessary to allow two days for the testing.

Ozarka Kids Academy's Arkansas Children's Week in Pictures...



Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a fun and successful learning experience for the OKA students!



Ozarka Officials Participate in Arbor Day



Left to right: Donnie Gulley, Gary Hutson, Kenny Smothers, Mayor Womack, Carroll Prewitt, Judge Sherrell, Dr. Dawe, Joan Stirling, and Don Tate

Arkansas Arbor Day was celebrated by the Melbourne Tree Board on the morning of Friday, April 22 at the Melbourne City Park. A group of about

twenty citizens and officials planted trees which were provided by the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

Melbourne Mayor, Shannon Womack welcomed those in attendance and read the April 22 Arbor Day proclamation. He was followed by Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe, who gave a talk on "Leaving a Legacy" through planting of trees. He also acknowledged the great efforts of Donnie Gulley with the help of the volunteer inmates from the North Central Unit in managing the forested area in front of Melbourne High School. Ozarka's Director of Advancement, Suellen

Davidson then read a poem entitled, "Think Like a Tree." IZARD County Judge, David Sherrell concluded the event by adding his support for the efforts of the Melbourne Tree Board. Immediately after, the group planted three trees near the walking trail.

The Melbourne Tree Board sponsored this celebration as part of Melbourne being a Tree City USA community. This is the sixth year that Melbourne has participated in Tree City USA. The Arkansas Forestry Commission provided free trees to those who attended the event.

Ozarka College Foundation Appoints New Member and Announces Upcoming Golf Tournaments



The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors appointed a new member at its quarterly meeting held in March 7, 2011. Pamela Setser of Mountain View was unanimously appointed to serve a five year term on the Foundation Board.

Pam has been the Business Development Officer at Centennial Bank in Mountain View for the past three years. Prior to this position, Pam spent 23 years at the Mountain View Telephone Company. Pam's family moved to Mountain View in 1962 so community is very important to her. Always involved in community activities through her music or volunteerism, Pam has served or is serving on the Chamber of Commerce, Committee of 100, and Stone County Abuse Board.

Pam and husband, Vic have three children and two grandchildren. She is enthused about serving on Ozarka's Foundation Board, "Education is so important and I am very thankful to have Ozarka available in Stone County. I feel it gives so many more students the ability to go to college, an option that was not available to me when I graduated from high school."

The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors announces two upcoming benefit golf scrambles. There will be a two person tournament on Sunday, June 5, 2011 with proceeds going toward Ozarka College Mountain View Building Expansion Fund amphitheatre project. There will also be a four person scramble on Saturday, June 11, 2011 to help fund the Ozarka College - Mammoth Spring Building Expansion Fund.

The June 5th Mountain View tournament will take place at the Pine Hills Golf Course in Mountain View. The 18-hole tournament is scheduled for a shotgun start at 2:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$100.00 per team. This year's event will include a benefit auction with numerous donated items. Anyone interested in donating an auction item, sponsoring a hole during the tournament, or for an entry form to play in the tournament, contact the Ozarka College Development Office at 870-368-7371 or in Mountain View at 870-269-5600.

The June 11th Mammoth Spring tournament will take place at the Cherokee Village South Golf Course. The 18-hole tournament is scheduled for a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. and entry fee is \$200.00 per team. Liberty Bank is sponsoring lunch for the tournament. Other event sponsors are First National Banking Company and Gladin-Eder Insurance Agency. Contact Anthem Eder at Ozarka College - Mammoth Spring at 870-625-0411 or the Ozarka College Development Office at 870-368-7371 for more information or to register a team for this tournament.

The Ozarka College Foundation is an approved 501©3 non-profit organization. Donations made to the Foundation and the golf tournament are tax-deductible as allowed by IRS regulations.

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Provide Life-Changing
Experiences Through
Education.**

Spring Carnival Successful Despite Weather

Ozarka College held its Spring Carnival on April 21 inside the John E. Miller Education Complex. Even though event organizers moved inside because of the rain threat, it was deemed successful with approximately 675 people in attendance.

Activities included many carnival style games, photo booth, two bounce houses, face-painting, and

the drunk driving simulation which was the focus of this event, to educate children and adults on the dangers of drunk driving. There were also free hot dogs, snow cones, and drinks.

One of the organizers for the event, expressed excitement of the success of the carnival. "We appreciate the community support; as

well as the help from volunteers who work behind the scenes before, during, and after in order to make this a continued success!" The event is funded in part by a grant received from the Arkansas Collegiate Drug Education Committee and the Hometown Health Coalition.

