

Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION

Student Activities

Ozarka College – Ash Flat hosted the 2nd annual nursing career fair on June 25, 2014 for the Ozarka College Licensed Practical Nursing students. Approximately 60 students attended, while representing Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, Melbourne, and Mountain View nursing programs.



Deb Martin, Ozarka College Clinical Instructor, coordinated the career fair. The students learned good resume tips and were provided employment information from several area businesses.



The students were also able to learn about travel nursing, working in other compact states, and opportunities for nurses in other areas such as teaching, oil and gas industries, youth camps, cruise ships, civilian military contracting,

insurance companies, and industrial manufacturing plants.

Ozarka College appreciates the facilities



represented at this year's event: Air Evac, Arkansas Department of Human Services, Ash Flat Nursing and Rehab, Baxter Regional Medical Center, Community Home Health of Highland, Community Medical Center Home Health, Eaglecrest Nursing and Rehab, Fulton County Hospital, North Arkansas Home Care, and the United States Army.



President's Perspective

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer I semester and acclimating to the warmer temperatures. Our enrollment numbers are looking very good for summer II and next fall at this point.

With our new hospitality track in culinary, the recently approved aviation program, renewal of the Information technology program, and significantly larger culinary, we are positioned to see continued enrollment growth in future semesters.

If you are not on the Melbourne campus this summer, I invite you to check the progress on the Student Services Center on the Ozarka home page. It appears much larger than we envisioned and is very impressive when walking through to check

progress.

This exciting facility will be such a convenience for our students as they will, for the first time, be able to access all student services support functions in one location.

It will also provide a host of contemporary and student friendly spaces to study, socialize and relax between classes. The culinary learning lab will be a space not only for applied learning for culinary students, but will also provide a café for use of the College and local community. The new offices for our hard working student services staff will also be refreshing.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer as we prepare to welcome students and faculty for the upcoming fall semester.



Upcoming Events

July (Closed all Fridays)

- 1: Summer 2 Classes Begin
- 4: Closed for Independence Day
- 11-13: Hollow Vessels, Embellished with Carving & Texture
- 15-18: Native American-Style Baskets
- 21-24: New Student Orientation
- 22-26: Construct Your Own Ukulele
- 22-26: Four Harness Weaving
- 24: Last day to receive a "W" for withdrawal
- 31: Final Exams
- 31: ARNEC classes end

August

- 1: Final Grades Due
- 1-3: Wood Turning
- 11: Faculty Development/In-Service Day
- 12: College opens to students
- 12: ARNEC classes begin
- 12-15: Late Registration
- 14-15: New Student Orientation
- 18: Classes Begin
- * Continuing Education Courses *
for more info, please contact
Arkansas Craft School

Student Services Center Update

The Student Service Center (SSC) construction on the Melbourne campus continues to move forward at a rapid pace.

The concrete slab for the commons area on the main level has been poured and covered. It will be polished later in the project. The contractor is currently finishing the interior and exterior metal stud installation; and rough-in for HVAC, electric and plumbing is still progressing.

The next steps in the construction process includes the installation of drywall and masonry. Also, we are currently working with the awarded bidder to purchase the kitchen equipment for both the kitchen and café areas.

We invite you to follow the progress online:

https://www.ozarka.edu/campaigns/2013_ss_c/index.cfm.



Meet the Staff



Mary Ellen Hawkins, the Librarian, has served over 28 years at Ozarka College. She and her staff have a combined 51.5 years of experience. In addition to assisting students with resources helpful to their academics, or simply items of interest, they also host programs throughout the year that are open to the public. In April, Friends of the Paul Weaver Library hosted Tour D'Art. In June, they hosted a summer reading program; pictures can be seen on page 5. For more information about resources or services they provide, please stop by and meet the staff.

Location: Administration Building, Melbourne
Summer Hours: M-TH, 7:00-5:30
Hours in August: M-TH, 8:00-7:30 & Fri, 8:00-4:30
Phone: 870.368.2054

Pictured left to right: Maximino Diaz, Mary Ellen Hawkins, and Dan Lindsey

Foundation Golf Tournament – Fulton County

Ozarka College Foundation hosted a 4 person scramble at Cherokee Village South Course, on June 7. Special thanks to Centennial Bank and FNBC for being Corporate Sponsors. Additional photo's can be viewed on Facebook.



\$1,000 Foundation Scholarship



Jordin Machalicek is the 2014 recipient of the \$1,000 FNBC scholarship. This scholarship is renewable for four semesters! Jordin is a 2014 graduate of Highland High School and plans to seek a degree in the Allied Health field. Pictured left to right are Kim Whitten, Director of Ozarka College - Ash Flat, Jordin Machalicek, scholarship recipient, Martin Carpenter, CEO and Chairman of the Board of FNBC, and Marty Sellars, FNBC President/COO.

College Humor Scholarship

Going back to school as an adult woman with kids requires awesome and a lot of insanity.



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Capital Campaign Contributions



Ron and Karen Helm are pictured presenting \$5,000 to the Student Services Center capital campaign. Accepting their generous donation is Dr. Richard Dawe and Matt Rush. Mr. Helm serves as the Vice President of Student Services and has been employed at Ozarka College for more than 21 years.



Matt Rush, Ozarka College Foundation Board member, is pictured accepting \$2,500 donation from Rep. Tommy Wren, Farm Bureau Board member, Phillip Steed, Farm Bureau Agency Manager, and Kendall Morrison, Farm Bureau Board President. Their contribution will help fund an area in the new Student Services Center building.

Memories in the Making



Right: Josh Wilson presents to the Spring River Area Chamber of Commerce about CareerLink.



Above: Pupils take part in, "Reading under the Stars," a summer reading program at the Paul Weaver Library, June 16-19. Guest readers included Erica Sommers, Dr. Dennis Rittle, Manda Jackson, and Joanna Fulbright.

Community Support



The Paul Miller Fitness Center on the Melbourne campus is pleased to announce improvements made to the facility. New flooring and mirrors were added to the free weight room during the spring semester, and the IT department continues to improve the TV and sound system.

Most notable, though, is the state of the art fitness equipment added to the free weight room thanks to a General Improvement Funds donation by House Representative, Tommy Wren. The new equipment includes a half-cage and flooring for weight lifting, incline press, hack squat and leg press machine, dumbbell set, and abdomen and lunge machines.

“With the new equipment in the free weight room, we now have more to offer our students and community,” said Coach Gore, Ozarka College Fitness Center Coordinator. “Before, members who wanted to do weight training were limited. Now we can provide equipment and instruction for all levels of fitness.”

Membership in the fitness center is available for students as credit classes, as well as members of the community as non-credit. For community members, the cost is \$134 per semester or \$64 for those 60 and older. Ozarka employees and their dependents (ages 16 and older) may participate free of charge. The facility will have new hours of operation beginning July 1st. Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Coach Gore at 870.368.2090.



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