

Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION

President's Perspective

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Hard to believe that summer II is about to commence but we are getting geared up for our students, and of course, well underway for preparing for the fall semester. This will surely be an exciting year for Ozarka as we will welcome our first aviation cohort along with many new and returning students. I'm sure we will all have opportunities to enjoy the Student Services Center on the Melbourne campus as well.

Our new Provost, Dr. Keith McClanahan, joins us on **July 16** and you will all have a chance to get to know him during in-service week. He brings vast experience in technical college administration and is well known and respected throughout our state. He most recently completed twenty years at ASU Beebe and also has strong industry experience. Dr. McClanahan was unanimously recommended by our Provost search committee and he will very quickly acclimate to the team and help lead the College to new levels of achievement.



I hope you enjoy the rest of our summer and stay safe!

Best of Success!

Dr. Richard Dawe

Upcoming Events

July

1: Summer two classes begin

23: Last day to withdraw from summer II

August

1: Tax Free Day in the Bookstore

4: Summer two final exams

4-5: New Student Orientation

10-14: Late registration (fall semester)

11: ARNEC classes begin

17: Fall courses being

Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring 5K



Ozarka College Foundation will host a 5K on Saturday, **September 5, 2015**. All proceeds will benefit Ozarka College - Mammoth Spring. The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Mammoth Spring State Park and is taking place in conjunction with Solemn Old Judge Days.

An early registration fee will be \$20 and registration day of the event will cost \$25. For more information, please contact Suellen Davidson by calling 870.368.2059 or email: sdavidson@ozarka.edu

2014-2015 Ozarka College Graduates

Ozarka College hosted the 2014-2015 Commencement on Saturday, **May 9, 2015** in the John E. Miller Auditorium. Congressman Rick Crawford delivered the Commencement address to graduates and their guests. He congratulated all graduates for their accomplishment, especially recognizing those who are first generation college graduates, and graduates who are veterans.

Students completing their studies with an overall grade point average of 3.75 or higher in an associate degree program are designated as graduating **Magna Cum Laude**. Achieving this recognition are the following students: Alex J. Soulard, Billie Jo Wolford, Brittnee R. Donaldson, Calvin Brent Everett, Chelsea Vines, Cheryl A. Landry, Christa Gail Spickes, Christina Worsham, Chrystal Ann Barnett, Cinda Pike, Cody L. De La Paz, Darla Richardson, Dorothy J. Hall, Elizabeth Mercy Anderson, Gregory Luke Willis, Hannah Teague, Isabel Marie Dodds, Jacob P. Shuler, James L. Tackett, Jennifer M. Finley, Jessica LeAnn Prescott, Jessica S. Holowell, Karen E. Payne, Kasey R. Hendrix, Kierra L. Witting, Kristen Kelly Soraci, Lindsay P. McGowan, Madison Bailey Gree, May Taylor-Brown, Melinda A. Manning, Michael John Hellesvig, Paula J. Stewart, Philip Charles Shuler, Rachel Ann Sutton, Robert Alan Watts, Roberta F. Sutton, Samantha D. Clements, Samuel W. Spann, Sharon Luck Joslin, Shawnette Kimble, Shonna Marie Arnold, Susan Adkins-Williams, Tiffani Eatherton, Tina Renee Fletcher Boris and Vicki Lynn Huskey-Mann.

Students graduating **Cum Laude** (with a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74) in an Associate degree program are as follows: Amy Jean Tavares, Andrea Pate, Angela Gail Maynard, Chef Connie P. Wilson, Christopher Mosley, Deborah A. Mullins, Debra L. Pittman, Emily Ragsdale, Janice F. Davis, Jessica J. Folyer, John R. Fitzgerald, Katherine E. Long, Kelli R. Dunegan, Kelsey L. Hopper, Kimber Cheyenne Murray, Kimberly Pauline Fossler, Kristin Montgomery, LeAndra LaBorde, Maegan L. McClure, Matthew C.D. Pitts, Megan R. Welch, Melanie Kay Bradford, Morgan B. Bray, Morgan E. Winston, Nicole R. Amaya, Paula Elizabeth Marshall, Rebecca Younce, Samuel A. Cobb, Savannah N. Phillips, Shannon Rayleen Cochran and Tayler B. Wade.

Additional graduates who earned their diploma in an **Associate degree program** include the following: Alicia R. Hicks, Alison Wallace Parks, Amanda L. Kirk, Amanda N. Everett, Amber N. White, Amy D. Abney, Andrea Phroper, Andrew Scott Wight, Angela C. Lewis, Angela Leann Ivie, Annah N. Campbell, April Odum Dean, Ashley N. Sherrell, Brian C. Kever, Brittany E. Ramsey, Brody Arnold, Brooke Mooneyhan, Caleb Matthew Robbins, Casey Leigh Morris, Cathy Susan Ramsey Kramer, Chantel R. Jelks-Pitcock, Chasity D. Chapps, Christa D. Free, Christie M. Miller, Christina L. Sirian, Christine E. Stone, Christine M. Cunningham, Christopher L. Avey, Cindy M. Bryant, Courtney R. Moffett, Dana L. Lilley, Daphne Travelstead, Denise Rose Diffey, Donna L. Biggs, Dylan Vaughn Biard, Erika D. Holland, Floyd W. Hoke II, Gabriel Dale Sandefur, Haley Ryan French, Hannah Christine Rice, Heather S. Ford, Hope Renee Broyles, Isaac W. Push, Jackie Linda Conrad, Jamie Lynn Brown, Janet VanWinkle, Jillian Rachel Johnston, Joshua Duncan Holland, Kaitlynn R. Wiles, Kasiaha K. Foley, Kathaleen Louise Johnson, Keisha L. Lovell, Keith Lewayne Britton, Kevin Day, Kim Smith, Lacy J. Garrett, Luke T. Johnson, Madison R. Sims, Maggie Alicia Roberts, Mary A. Lee, Mary Beth Lee, Mary D. Thrasher, Mary Welch, Megan D. Walls, Megan M. Burton, Megan Watson, Melissa Ann Richey, Michele A. Eaton, Mika F. Alexander, Misty Suzanne Jeffery, Mona A. Wirebaugh, Morgan Danielle Burcham, Morgan Lee Woodard, Morgan N. Vines, Nicki A. Wilson, Nyesha Traynee Smith, Phillip W. Southern, Rachel D. Day, Renee Chambers, Roxanne S. Byram, Samantha L. Mcnealy, Samantha N. Redd, Sandra Gonzalez, Sarah E. Sexton, Sarah Riojas, Shannon L. Keas, Shauna L. Rushing, Shawna R. Solimine, Sierra Leigh Smoot, Tamara Haddock, Taylor R. Finely, Terrill D. Martin, Tiffany Nicole Presley, Travis Treadway, Victoria E. Sutherland, Wesley R. Bunting, William Thomas Gilbertson, and Willow Rebekah Sullivan

Graduates Continued...

Graduates who earned a **Certificate of Proficiency** in their program of study include the following: Amanda C. Voegeli, Amanda D. Coffell, Amanda G. Cary, Amanda L. Kirk, Amber N. White, Amy L. Sartin, Angela Gail Maynard, Anice M. Fuller, April D. Jacobson, April D. Long, April D. Schamel, Ariaahna E. Ward, Ashlie Turner, Bailey M. Barnes, Beth L. Gladden, Blake E. Cruz, Bradon C. Verser, Brandi D. Conner, Brandi N. Sweet, Brianna M. Lunsford, Brianna Masson, Brittney N. Roem, Caitlyn E. Linkous, Cathy Susan Ramsey Kramer, Catina J. Tewksbury, Chasity D. Chapps, Cheyenne C. Comstock, Courtney D. Lane, Dakota L. Teague, David J. King, Dawn Michelle Boddie, Debra L. Pittman, Deirdra Jean Vester, Denise Rose Diffey, Dennis J. Tiernan, Destiny M. Norwood, Dorothy J. Hall, Douglas E. Burke, Elizabeth E. Genschoreck, Elizabeth M. Wells, Emilie F. Booker, Emma M. Bishop, Emma M. Cooper, Hannah T. Smith, Heather D. Watson, Heather M. Chafin, Heather N. Sprouse, Holly G. Stevens, Isaac H. Haddock, Jaclyn G. Marlin, Jacob A. Denny, Jeanetta M. Anderson, Jenerose B. Powell, Jennifer Hintson, Jennifer L. Sisk, Jeremy L. Ackerman, John J. Burns, Joni A. Tharp, Julie A. Richards, Julie L. Farris, Justin G. Burrow, Justin W. Smith, Kaitlyn A. Barnes, Kaitlyn L. Haney, Kara D. Whited, Kasey R. Hendrix, Kathryn E. Hayes, Kathryn L. Marrs, Katie Elizabeth Presser, Kayla M. Cooper, Kelly D. Blair, Kelsey L. Hopper, Kimberly D. Welch, Kirk W. Craiglow, Koty S. Jones, Kurt T. Bratcher, Kyrsten D. Grayling, LaManda G. Young, Laura Geiger, LeAndra LaBorde, Leanne N. Yielding, Linda J. Hutchins, Lindsay P. McGowan, Lisa M. Brooks, Luz A. Oliva, Lynn C. Johnson, Mackenzie L. Baum, Mary H. Sipe, Meagen A. Sparks, Meegan A. Mcdougall, Mercedes A. Kent, Michael W. Roe, Michelle R. Hutson, Nichole L. Kellems, Orielle D. Angotti, Paul A. Stewart, Paul J. Best, Rabecca S. Faver, Rainee C. Mills, Raven R. Richards, Rica D. Dava, Robert K. Caston, Robyn L. Ratliff, Ruth E. French, Samantha D. Clements, Sarah Riojas, Sasha N. Brewer, Savannah E. Hall, Savannah N. Phillips, Shane R. Van Dyk, Sharie L. Kipfer, Sheila J. Hendricks, Shelbi L. Gilbert, Shelby M. Brokaw, Stephanie D. Baker, Sydney L. Himschoot, Tamara Haddock, Tammy R. Felton, Tammy S. Key, Tayhlor J. Adams, Tera Goodman, Thomas L. Ross, Tiffany J. Bowles, Tori Lee, Vennessa A. Lyons, Vickie M. Blake, Whitney A. Buatte, Whitney M. Mendoza and Zachery M. Thielman

Graduates who earned a **Technical Certificate** in their program of study include the following: Alyssa D. Fountain, Ann Elizabeth Jones Wynn, Ashley F. Williams, Ashley M. Smith, Ashley Peek, Ashlie Turner, Benita Kay Stewart, Braxton M. Henderson, Brittany A. Adcock, Brooke Mooneyhan, Candice L. Hill, Candice M. Bruyette, Chasity D. Chapps, Chelsey D. Smart, Christi A. Reed, Cinda Pike, Cody L. De La Paz, Crystal L. Astle, Daniel A. Fulcher, Danielle Lee Duncan, Dylan Harris, Emily Thornton, Floyd W. Hoke II, Gary D. Green, Heidi Barnett, Hope M. Mccomas, Jamie Lynn Brown, Jared D. Lester, Jennyfer Lynn Partee, Jeremy L. Wess, Jessica J. Folyer, Jessica L. Sutton, Jessica M. Cubillas, Joy D. Taylor, Joyce L. Sandefur, Kelly Neal Ronquille, Kenneth G. Crow, Kimberly Ashley Clouse, Kristen Kelly Soraci, Larry M. Sharp, Laura Geiger, Lindsey Nicole McHalfey, Lisa M. Henry, Mary D. Thrasher, Mathew J. Cox, May Taylor-Brown, Melissa J. Cross, Mistye Sisk, Monica Bernadette Day, Paula E. VanSlyke, Regina Corter, Robert M. Butler, Roberta F. Sutton, Royce F. Boyd, Russell R. Thompson, Sarah Elizabeth Brewer, Shannon Rayleen Cochran, Shawna N. Jorgensen, Shelia Denise Roberts, Shyannia Smoot, Stephanie Heather Robertson, Stephanie M. Reynolds, Stevie Wilson, Tammy L. Knapp, Terrill D. Martin, Tiffany J. Taylor, Tina Sue Maguffee, Tonya M. Elms, Travis Treadway, Victoria Rush and Whittany M. Dockins

Ozarka College congratulates all of these graduates and encourages anyone who is interested in pursuing post-secondary education to contact the Admissions Department by calling 1.800.821.4335 or visit us on the web at www.ozarka.edu

Dr. Rittle's Farewell



On **June 18, 2015**, we bid farewell to Dr. Dennis C. Rittle, Ozarka College Provost and Executive Vice President. Colleagues, family and friends attended to share stories and enjoy cake and punch.

Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President, highlighted some of Dr. Rittle's many achievements. AVP of Academics, Chris Lorch, spoke about Dr. Rittle's great leadership skills. Similar compliments were echoed by Division Chairpersons, Kathryn Langston and Ruby Johnson.

We wish Dr. Rittle and his family all the best with their future endeavors of returning to their home state of Kansas, and Dr. Rittle's new role as President of Cowley College.



Spring 2015 President and Provost Lists

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours, excluding developmental courses, not be on any type of probation, and meet minimum grade point average (GPA) requirement.

The Ozarka College President's List is as follows (4.0 GPA):

Abram J. Mead, Adrianna N. Fletcher, Alexandria R. Rush, Alyssa L. Orr, Amber D. Smith, Amber G. Young, Amber K. Hacker, Amber L. Merriam, Amber N. Reynolds, Amy L. Sartin, Angela G. Maynard, Angela L. McCord, Angela L. Wiles, April D. Weaver, Arianna N. Stewart, Billie J. Wolford, Brandi R. Miller, Brandis S. Harness, Brittany L. Booker, Brittnee R. Donaldson, Caitlin B. Proctor, Cassie P. Latta, Catina J. Tewksbury, Charlotte L. Galloway, Chelsey D. Smart, Clarissa N. Rushing, Clay L. Jones, Cody L. Delapaz, Crystal R. Burns, Dakota R. Henslee, Dakota W. Dixon, Darla M. Richardson, Dennis J. Tiernan, Donald D. Buazard, Easton D. Massey, Elizabeth M. Anderson, Elizabeth R. Hall, Heather L. Goins, Heather M. Chafin, Holly D. Troxell, Jennifer M. Baldrige, Jeremy L. Wess, Kailee A. Abney, Kara D. Whited, Kari N. Brewer, Kassandra M. Smith, Kayla Marie Cooper, Kristen E. Soraci, Kristle S. Banditt, Lana Bunting, Leslie L. Moody, Lindsay P. McGowan, Lisha V. Hall, Maddlyn M. Meeker, Madison B. Green, Margo Del Real, Marsha L. Earls, Matthew Charles Pitts, Melissa L. Reny, Monica B. Day, Morgan E. Winston, Nathan D. Cobb, Nathan J. Wilson, Rachel A. Sutton, Rebecca R. Simmons, Robert A. Watts, Robert J. Mccord, Rodney C. Duncan, Samantha D. Clements, Sarah S. Catron, Seth J. Stapleton, Shannon J. Dougherty, Sharon D. Mamath, Sherry M. Vest, Shonna M. Arnold, Susan M. Newman, Tammy L. Knapp, Tammy S. Key, Tera Goodman, Teresa L. Radke, Tiffany J. Bowles and Zachery M. Thielman

The Ozarka College Provost's List is as follows (3.5 or higher GPA):

Abigail C. Shackelford, Amanda D. Coffell, Amber N. White, Ashley M. Mills, Ashley M. Smith, Bailey J. Stubbs, Brandie D. Chism, Brenda S. Bolden, Brittney N. Miller, Candice M. Bruyette, Chasity D. Chapps, Christi A. Reed, Courtney L. Lock, Courtney T. Fleetwood, Daniel A. Fulcher, Dylan V. Biard, Elizabeth M. Crymes, Emma M. Bishop, Gabriel D. Sandefur, Ginny M. Dudra, Heather M. Weiand, Holly G. Stevens, Hope M. Mccomas, James L. Tackett, Jessica L. Sutton, Jewelia F. Anglum, Jordin R. Machalicek, Joshua D. Holland, Justine M. Villanueva, Kaleb I. Wilson, Katherine E. Long, Kaylynn D. Bullock, Kelly D. Blair, Kendra Harralston, Kierra L. Witting, Kimber C. Murray, Kimberly D. Welch, Kimberly D. Yoder, Kristin M. Montgomery, Laura E. Miller, Mackenzie B. Mccord, Madison A. Deloach, Maegan L. McClure, Makayla E. Gross, Mandy S. Sollock, Markie C. Seay, Martha M. Goins, Marvin Van Dyk, Melissa L. Bitting, Paige M. Grimes, Patricia L. Holt, Philip C. Shuler, Rebecca C. Guthrie, Rebecca D. Glenn, Samantha N. Beard, Sarah E. Reynoso, Sarah G. Riojas, Savannah N. Phillips, Schuyler C. Madden, Shannon R. Cochran, Shannette N. Kimble, Sherry A. Simpson, Stephony M. Trantham, Steven A. Lewis, Susan M. Hadley, Tamela L. Earls, Tony R. Sharp, Tracy D. Flynn and Vicki L. Mann

Welcome to Chef Alden



Originally from Northern Michigan, Chef Alden Griffus moved here from the Branson, MO area where she worked as a Sous Chef at The Keeter Center, taught culinary classes at College of the Ozarks, and was Program Coordinator for the College of the Ozarks' ACF Apprenticeship Program.

Griffus is certified as a Chef de Cuisine through the American Culinary Federation, has a B.A.S. degree in Hospitality Management from Northern Michigan University, a B.S. degree in Sociology from College of the Ozarks, and is certified a ServSafe Instructor and Proctor. She is also a mother of three and a happy wife who enjoys reading, gardening, hiking, knitting, and serving others.

Little Free Library



The Paul Weaver Library has started a “Little Free Library,” located in the new Student Services Center, on our Melbourne campus. We will soon have one set up at each of our four campus locations as well.

What is the Little Free Library? It’s a “take a book, return a book” gathering place where our students, faculty, or staff may share their favorite literature and story books. We also have free bookmarks and a small pamphlet for visitors. The pamphlet has information about our Little Free Library and a QR code that links to our library web page. Please hashtag us when you visit!

For more information, please contact Mary Ellen or Kelly by calling 870.368.2054.

Flight Training Available

Ozarka College is pleased to announce that the College will begin offering flight training at the Melbourne Municipal Airport on **July 1, 2015**. This training is being offered as the College begins the rollout of a new Associate’s Degree in Professional Pilot – Aviation. The inaugural cohort is anticipated to begin during the fall 2015 semester.

“Individuals can now train with Ozarka College to earn an FAA Private Pilot Certificate,” said Nick Lenczycki, Ozarka College Director of Aviation. “This is the identical training that students will receive as part of the degree program using the exact same equipment.”

Ozarka College recently acquired a Cessna Skyhawk 172 and a Redbird LD Advanced Aviation Training Device. The Redbird LD accurately represents the training aircraft in almost every respect and serves as an economical way for students to practice a whole range of skills.

“For those that are on the fence, the College also offers discovery flights,” said Lenczycki. “These flights last about thirty minutes and students have a chance to fly an airplane and see what aviation is all about.” Discovery flights cost \$75.00.

The Aviation Program continues to work toward FAA approval as a flight school under 14 CFR Part 141. Once approved, both degree students and private individuals will be able to complete their training with fewer required hours. “Because students can complete their Private Pilot Certificate with five less hours of solo flight time, becoming an approved flight school will save each student almost six hundred dollars,” said Lenczycki.

For more information about flight training at Ozarka College, the Aviation Program, or to arrange a discovery flight, please contact Nick Lenczycki, Ozarka College Director of Aviation, at 870.368.7926.

Miniature Therapy Horse Visits LPN Students



Baybe, a miniature therapy horse, recently visited the LPN students at Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring. Jenny Kiest of Mini Blessings Farm in Thomasville, Missouri is the owner of Baybe. Some of the students had worked with Baybe earlier in the school year during clinical experiences at an area nursing home.

When Baybe isn't enjoying life on the farm, she is busy working as the only miniature horse used for therapy in the area; the next closest are in Kansas City and St. Louis, MO. Baybe works with the elderly, autistic, cancer patients and special needs to name a few.

When asked about Baybe, Heather Rogers, an Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring nursing student said, "We thought she was cute."

Rogers also stated that Kiest was very informative and explained how some patients at the nursing home may have a hard time remembering day to day activities, but they always ask when the horse will be back to see them. Those patients are known to light up and interact more than they normally would when Baybe is there.

The Ozarka College LPN students would like to thank Kiest for bringing Baybe to their class, and they are looking forward to working with them again at their booth in Thayer, MO during the 4th of July festivities.

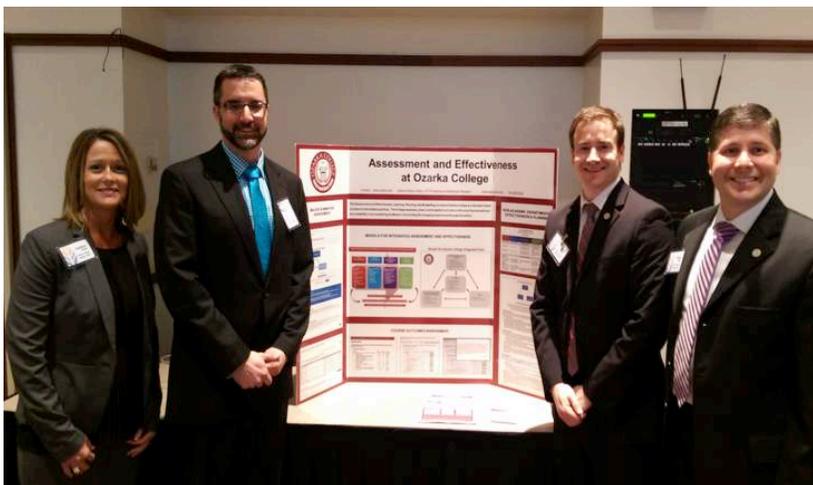
Transfer Agreement with UCA

Ozarka College has finalized two-plus-two articulation agreements with the University of Central Arkansas (UCA), and is pleased to announce that the Associate of Science in Business will now transfer seamlessly into 16 Bachelor Degrees at UCA. The two-plus-two articulation agreements detail the specific set of courses that a student can take at Ozarka College to earn the Associate of Science in Business degree. UCA then guarantees to accept the successful completion of the AS –B degree as fulfillment of the first two years of a specified Baccalaureate degree program at UCA.

Ozarka College students completing requirements for the Associate of Science in Business may apply to UCA to complete a bachelor degree program in the following Bachelor of Business Administration in Management, BBA in Marketing (Supply Chain Management), BBA in Marketing, BBA in MIS (Business Analysis Concentration), BBA in MIS (Application Development, E-Commerce), BBA in MIS (Application Development, GIS), BBA in MIS (Networking Concentration), BBA in MIS (Application Development, Programmer Analyst), BBA in Accounting, BBA in Business Administration, BBA in Economics (International Trade), BBA in Finance, BBA in Innovation & Entrepreneurship, BBA in Insurance & Risk Management (PFP), BBA in Insurance & Risk Management or BBA in Management (Supply Chain Management).

For more information, email: klangston@ozarka.edu or visit the UCA website: uca.edu/2plus2

Higher Learning Commission Presentation



Ozarka College accepted an invitation to showcase its successes at the Higher Learning Commission's National Assessment Academy conference in St. Charles, Illinois. On **June 4, 2015**, Dr. Dennis Rittle, Provost and Executive Vice President of Learning, Chris Lorch, Associate Vice President of Academics, Josh Wilson, Associate Vice President of Planning and Institutional Research, and Candace Killian, Director of Distance Learning, Advisement and Placement, showcased the College's innovative transition from a *teaching college* to a *learning college*.

During their presentation, titled *Assessment and Effectiveness at Ozarka College*, the presenters shared the story of the four-year journey in which the College advanced the level and quality of its assessment practices. Reflecting on challenges as well as highlighting the College's advances, the presentation detailed how the transition has fostered cutting-edge student success techniques and best practices in measuring performance in assessment and effectiveness.

Approximately seventy-five college leaders and scholars from across the country attended the College's presentation. Among those in attendance, the senior scholar for the Assessment Academy commented on Ozarka's presentation as being one of the finest he's seen in his many years with the academy.

"Sharing the successful journey of Ozarka College with my fellow colleagues was one of the chief highlights of this year," said Dr. Dennis Rittle. "We were overwhelmed by the heightened interest of our colleagues across the country regarding how they may replicate the work we've achieved here at Ozarka."

Cherokee Village's 60th Anniversary

Several Ozarka College employees and Foundation Board members volunteered their time to assist with an Ozarka College booth at Cherokee Village's 60th Anniversary Celebration the weekend of **June 12, 2015**.

We also had a float in the 'Time to Shine' parade that was filled with four pilots.



Basic Health Skills for CNA's

Ozarka College is currently accepting enrollment for the Basic Health Skills course, catered to Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA). This course is for college credit and available at each of our four campus locations: Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, and Mountain View.

Basic Health Skills is a nine-week course that meets two times per week, beginning in August. Students should select the Technical Certificate for Health Professions, when submitting their admissions application. Completion of Ozarka's CNA course increases students' competitiveness for entrance into the LPN program.

Financial Aid is available to students who qualify. For more information about the Basic Health Skills class or the CNA program, please contact: Tamra Bevill, Ozarka College CNA Coordinator, at 870.368.2079 or email: tbevill@ozarka.edu. Dawn Smith, Ozarka College Allied Health Instructor, may also be of assistance; please call 870.368.2044 or email: dawn.fedor@ozarka.edu

Gwenn Lea Memorial Aviation Scholarships



After receiving a \$50,000 donation from the late Gwenn A. Lea, Ozarka College has designated a portion of this gift for endowment scholarships that will benefit students in the new Aviation Program. Ms. Lea, who was from Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, passed away on March 1, 2015 and left funds to the College for scholarship purposes.

Ozarka College will offer two scholarships, endowed at \$10,000 each, for students who have declared their major as Professional Pilot - Aviation at Ozarka College, to use for lab (flight) fees. Each scholarship recipient will be awarded \$500 per semester, beginning in the Spring semester of the 2016 academic school year.

The deadline to apply for each of the Gwenn Lea Memorial Aviation Scholarships is **October 1, 2015**. To apply for the Gwenn Lea Memorial Aviation Scholarships or for more information about enrolling as a student pilot in the Ozarka College Aviation program, please contact Nick Lenczycki, Ozarka College Director of Aviation, at 870.368.7926 or email: nick.lenczycki@ozarka.edu

Fall 2015 Ozarka College Foundation Scholarships Awarded

First Name	Last Name	Scholarship	Fall Award
Jordon Ray	Williams	Charles Cheatham Memorial	\$250
Amanda	Hutchins	Coy Ferguson Memorial	\$250
Racheal	Webb	Dan (Wally) Pittman	\$250
Lealyson	Bailey	Dan (Wally) Pittman	\$250
Seth	Stapleton	Harry Powell and Velma Fudge Dixon Memorial	\$250
Leah	(Skidmore)Hutcinson	James Fenton Memorial	\$250
Kristen	Trantham	Jean Jennings Memorial	\$250
Justine	Villanueva	Jean Jennings Memorial	\$250
Lucas	Smith	John E Miller Honorary	\$500
Brianna	Jenne	JoKay Smith Memorial	\$250
Nathan	Cobb	Kennth and Janice Sutton	\$250
Mika	Vannatter	Kennth and Janice Sutton	\$250
Alex	Lyons	Netta Gilbert Memorial	\$250
Judy	Walker	Nursing Achievement	\$500
Hunter	Schreurs	Orvis and Lilbern Farris-Nix	\$250
Jennifer	Baldrige	Ozarka Family	\$250
Dominique	Faulkner	Ozarka Family	\$250
Rebecca	Guthrie	Paul and Treva Miller	\$250
Lana	Bunting	Robert Kalischer Memorial	\$250
Rodney	Duncan	Sharp County Literacy/JaNoel Bess	\$250
Randy	Layman	Stone County Community Resource Council	\$250
Stephony	Trantham	Stone County Community Resource Council	\$250
Sarah	Reynoso	Stone County Community Resource Council	\$250
Shelby	Turner	Stone County Community Resource Council	\$250
Hannah	Davis	Stone County Community Resource Council	\$250
Paige	Grimes	Tom Dawe, Jr. Memorial	\$250
Rebecca	Sinclair	Tri-County Hospice	\$250
Sarah	Carey	Tri-County Hospice	\$250
Brianna	Masson	FNBC Bank	\$1,000
Melody	Vick	"Students Support Students"	\$300
Rebecca	Rathel	Garry and Carol Ann Lawrence Scholarship	\$250

The Ozarka College Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt, charitable foundation established to assist with the development and enhancement of programs and facilities at the College. They do so by encouraging gifts of money and property, and by managing these gifts so as to maintain or increase their value, with all endeavors focusing on expanded educational opportunities for and service to the College's students and community.

For more information about applying for future scholarships, or to be a donor, please contact Suellen Davidson at 870.368.2059 or email sdavidson@ozarka.edu

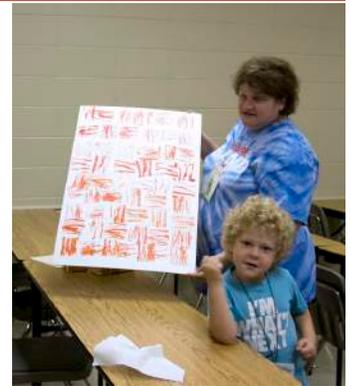
Summer Reading Program

The Friends of the Paul Weaver Library sponsored their annual Summer Reading Program during the month of June. This year's theme was "A Reading Safari." The library was transformed into a jungle complete with wild animals, tropical plants and jungle sounds. Approximately 25 children from the Ozarka Kids Academy and our local community enjoyed "jungle" stories, read by Friends members. They also watched video storybook animations in a theatre-type setting within the library.

Craft projects included safari hats made from paper plates, jungle vests made from paper bags and wood block prints on poster board, two of which are to be framed and displayed in the library. Special jungle treat snacks were served each day as well.

"We are really pleased with the turn-out this year," said Ozarka College Library Director, Mary Ellen Hawkins. "The children had a great time and really enjoyed the jungle themed activities." Mary Ellen sends special thanks to Library Assistant Kelly Shell, Library Media Specialist Dan Lindsey and Friends member Laura McNerney for making the event such a success. Thanks also to the Ozarka College Information Systems staff for their help with the audio and video setup.

The Summer Reading Program is just one event The Friends of the Paul Weaver Library sponsor each year to promote literacy and culture through the Paul Weaver Library and Ozarka College.



LPN Career Day



Ozarka College hosted a career day for nursing students in the LPN program on **June 24, 2015**. Approximately sixty students attended this event, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the John E. Miller Education Complex, at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas.

The purpose of the career day was to give prospective employers the opportunity to present nursing students with job applications, benefit packages, and pay rates in an effort to recruit new and future graduates of the Ozarka College nursing programs.

“This event was a huge success,” said Cheryl Ekenes, Ozarka College LPN Instructor. “We are constantly receiving calls and emails from employers wanting to hire our students because of the excellent educational training they receive at Ozarka. This event provided a venue for those employers to provide specific information on pay and benefits in order to get these students to come to work for them.”

Students heard presentations from Ozarka College, Legacy Hospice Home Care, Baxter Regional Medical Center, Hospice of North Arkansas, Pinnacle Pointe and White River Health Systems all before breaking for lunch. Their afternoon session included presenters from Reliant Healthcare, Unity Health MCMC and Ozarka College.

Ozarka College has the highest pass rate in the state of Arkansas for LPN's. “Our students are not only academically strong, but because of their skills training they are able to ‘hit the ground running’ instead of the employer having to train them in technical skills,” said Ekenes. “This not only provides superior patient care, but also saves the employer time and money.”

Registration for Summer Two and Fall semester courses at Ozarka College is currently open. For assistance with admissions or registration, please call 870.368.2013 or visit Ozarka College on the web: www.ozarka.edu/admissions.cfm

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