

Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION

Student Activities

12/1: Art students displayed class projects in Ash Flat.



12/1: The Fall 2014 LPN and RN graduating classes celebrated with a luncheon.



12/9: LPN and RN Capping and Pinning Ceremony.



President's Perspective

I want to wish everyone a very happy and successful New Year! 2014 was a terrific year for Ozarka in service to our students and communities, and we are well prepared to accomplish great things together in 2015! I feel compelled to express my deep appreciation to our dedicated faculty, staff and administration for their untiring commitment to our students and to providing life changing opportunities on a daily basis throughout the year.

Together we set the standards for excellence in many areas of our mission. I think to me, the most uplifting characteristic of our College is that every employee regardless of the department or level in the organization, does her or his part to make our students' journey successful. It is not a burden that we share in our work; it is a passion.



Best of Success!

Dr. Richard Dawe

Upcoming Events

January

- 5: Offices Open
- 6: College open to students
- 6-9: New Student Orientation
- 7: ARNEC Orientation
- 9: Last day of late registration
- 19: College closed (Martin Luther King Day)
- 20-23: Offices moving into new SSC
- 27-2/3: FrogWatch USA workshop (Mtn. View)
- 29: Student Services Center Ribbon Cutting

February

- 2: New Café Grand Opening
- 2-5: Photography & Photoshop course (Mtn. View)
- 12-19: FrogWatch USA workshop (Ash Flat)
- 15: Izard County Single Parent Scholarship deadline
- 19: Last day to receive a "W" in 8 week classes
- 24-3/3: FrogWatch USA workshop (Mammoth Spring)

* Continuing Education Courses *

for more info, please contact the Ozarka College campus location hosting the course

Adult Education – Extended Hours

Free GED classes will resume at Ozarka College beginning January 12, 2015. Class availabilities are as follows:

Melbourne:

Monday and Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Ash Flat:

Monday 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Mammoth Spring and Mountain View:

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Registration is ongoing. For additional information on free GED classes, please call Ozarka College's Adult Education Department at 800.821.4335, ext. 2051.

College Humor

True happiness is...
finding a close parking
space on the first day
back to college!

Welcome back
students!



Student Services Center Construction

Furniture has been delivered, hardware is being installed, and upcoming events have been announced:

Staff offices will begin moving in on January 20
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on January 29
New Café Grand Opening will be February 2

We're looking so forward to future student and community use!



To view other construction photos and a weekly time lapse:
https://www.ozarka.edu/campaigns/2013_ssc/index.cfm

Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The Izard County Single Parent Scholarship application is now available; deadline to apply for this scholarship is February 1, 2015. To be eligible, a student must be a resident of Izard County and the single head of household with a child under the age of 18 in the home. Applicants must be a high school or GED graduate. Applicants should demonstrate evidence of financial need and plans for pursuing a career-oriented course of study.

Applications are available at Ozarka College Financial Aid office or online at http://www.aspsf.org/county_izard.html. For more information about this scholarship, please contact John House by calling 870.269.7311, Don Alexander 870.670.4445, or Laura Lawrence 870.368.2010.

Criminal Justice Society Beginning

The Criminal Justice Society will begin in the spring semester and all majors are welcome to join. Students will engage in hands on projects, attend field trips to industry centers, gain valuable job connections, and add to their professional resume. For more information about the forming of this new student organization, please contact Nick Wilcox, CJ Program Coordinator, by calling 870.994.7273, extension 4043 or email nick.wilcox@ozarka.edu.

Upcoming Continuing Education Courses

Frog Listening Workshops

Ozarka College will partner with FrogWatch USA to offer free Frog Listening Workshops. Participants will learn to identify frogs and toads in our area, to mimic frog calls, and will receive handouts and visual memory aids. Additionally, participants will learn why frogs are important, why they are in trouble, and what can be done to help them. Workshops are available as follows:

Mountain View: January 27 and February 3 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM
870.269.5600

Ash Flat: February 2 and 19 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM
870.994.7273

Mammoth Spring (National Fish Hatchery Aquatic Center): February 24 and March 3 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM
870.625.0411

Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. For more info, please call phone # listed above.

Photography & Photoshop

Ozarka College in Mountain View will offer a four-day Photography and Photoshop continuing education course, beginning in February.

Instructor: Patrick Ward

Class Dates: February 2 - 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Tuition: \$20.00 per student

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required! For more information or to register, please contact Lindsay Wilson-Galloway, Director of Ozarka College - Mountain View, by calling 870.269.5600 or email lhalloway@ozarka.edu

Grants Received

Arkansas Flower and Garden Show

Ozarka College will receive \$1,500 from the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show through its 'Greening of Arkansas' grant program. The funds will support landscaping the Ozarka College plaza and courtyard, a central commons and green space near the new Student Services Center, located at the heart of the Melbourne campus.

With this grant award, Ozarka College will purchase five large trees to bring seasonal beauty to the commons area. The trees will serve as the final touch to the plaza and courtyard development project.

The plaza and courtyard will serve as a central gathering area for all who visit the campus. As construction of the new Student Services Center comes to a close, the plaza and courtyard area will emerge as a funnel for communal activity. The commons space will draw students, faculty, staff, and members of the community to the center of campus where amenities, services, classes, and community programs will be only steps away.

This space is expected to beautify the college with an arrangement of walkways that will border manicured lawns in the courtyard and shaded picnic-style seating on the plaza. The commons area will naturally attract all patrons to the heart of campus.

For more information about the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show 'Greening of Arkansas' grant, please contact Josh Wilson, Ozarka College Grant Administrator at 870.368.2042 or email: josh.wilson@ozarka.edu.

Blue & You Foundation

Ozarka College has been awarded The Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas grant, which will help fund a Comprehensive Health and Safety Program.

Ozarka College was awarded \$46,909 to support a Quick Response Health Care Initiative, to initiate a Cardio Wellness and Fitness Challenge, and to establish a Safety in the Workplace Initiative; efforts that will all promote healthier lifestyles and make a safer campus for students, administration, and faculty. Specifically, the grant will provide for the installation of health and safety upgrades across all four campus locations, including automated external defibrillators (AED) and advanced emergency response beacons.

The impact of the grant initiatives will also reach far beyond the college campus. The Cardio Wellness and Fitness Challenge will challenge Ozarka College employees as well members of the community to adopt healthier, more active lifestyles.

The Blue & You Foundation award also strengthens the College partnership with the Northcentral Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (NAESC) and the nine public school districts in the College's four-county service area (Fulton, Izard, Sharp and Stone). Specifically, the College has secured funding for adult and infant training manikins for NAESC to be used on loan for quick response health care training, such as CPR and AED, in the local school districts. In addition, the grant initiative will provide for the cost of training one personnel at each of the nine school districts to become a licensed CPR and AED training provider.

The Blue & You Foundation was established by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a charitable foundation to promote better health in Arkansas. Of the 202 grant applications received, only 35 were selected for this years funding cycle.

CenturyLink Donates \$5,000 to Capital Campaign

CenturyLink has committed \$5,000 to the Ozarka College Student Services Center Capital Campaign. Their contribution will pay to furnish an office in the Student Services Center on the Melbourne Campus. CenturyLink, headquartered in Monroe, Louisiana, is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States and is recognized as a leader in the network services market by technology industry analyst firms.

“Ozarka is important to CenturyLink and to the customers we serve in that region of the state,” said Skip Layne, CenturyLink Area Operations Manager-North/East Arkansas and Mississippi. “We are happy to partner with Ozarka, because it improves the quality of life in the area. That is what we try to do with our products and services also, make life better for our customers in the areas we serve.” Mr. Layne resides in Monette, Arkansas and has served CenturyLink customers for more than forty years.

CenturyLink understands the importance of education, as they have met the needs of their customers by advancing technologically over the years. Currently, CenturyLink provides data, voice and managed services in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers for businesses and consumers.

“We are grateful that Mr. Layne and CenturyLink have demonstrated their strong commitment to Ozarka College and our students,” said Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President. “Their donation will have a profound and lasting impact to help ensure our students’ success.”

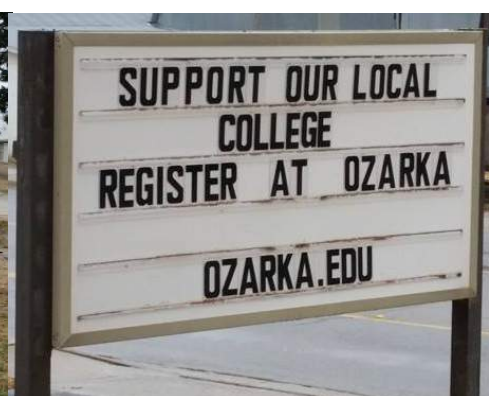
For more information about giving opportunities to the “Students at the Center” capital campaign, please contact Suellen Davidson, Director of Advancement, at 870.368.2059 or sdavidson@ozarka.edu



Community Support Program

Local businesses were asked to help us spread the word about registration deadlines, by participating in our newly created Community Support Program. Their generous support and use of signage is greatly appreciated! Thank you to the following businesses who took part:

- Citizens Bank
- Corner Drug Store
- Custom Cakes & More
- First National Bank of IZARD County
- FNBC Community Bankers
- Ozark Heritage Bank
- Salon 33



Memories in the Making



Community College Work\$ events took place at each Ozarka College location Dec 1-4. Left: Jacob Shuler speaks about his experiences as an Ozarka student and how impactful his instructors have been.



Pictured left, some of Santa's helpers, elves and whos anticipate the arrival of children at Holidays in Who-ville on 12/5.



Ozarka was well represented at several area parades this Holiday Season!



Friends of the Paul Weaver Library donated books to Ozarka Kids Academy on 12/4, then OKA donated non-perishable items to DHS on 12/20. Now that's the spirit!

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