



# Ozarka College Connection

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### From the Kitchen

Sign up for Text alerts each morning for the daily menu in my.Ozarka  
 Now serving a grilled item each day, along with a Salad Bar, Soup, Chicken Strip, and the daily entrée. The menu is online so check it out!  
**Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM**  
 (12:15 on Fridays)

## Ozarka Phi Theta Kappa Inducts 2009-2010 Members

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 April 5, 2010.

After PTK President, Shelly Whetstone 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.

PTK Vice President, Michelle Erickson and Secretary, Jessica Wolford presented the candidates for induction. This year's PTK Treasurer is Kellie Traylor and PTK 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, Heidi Amerson, Carita Jo Baird, Kimberly Barnes, Donna Best, Charlotte Billingsley, Maggie Campbell, Karen Clemens, Meredith Cole, Sonia Dayberry, Cindy Dixon, Rebecca Dixon, Michelle Erickson, Jannette Hardin, Leilani Jackson, Mandy Keefer, Mary Lawrence, Darcee Morris, Sarah Moser, Christina Needle, Doris Panicci, Katie Powell, Tarrah Powell, Robyn Sanders, Destiny Seaton, Cole Severns, Sophia Spurlock, Rebecca Stamm, Kelsey Tarver, Julia Thiel, Jamie Turner, Steven Walker, Robert Whitlow, and Hazel Wilcox.



**2009-2010 Phi Theta Kappa officers, advisors, and new inductees.**

## Around Campus

- **Career Pathways Popcorn**  
Mountain View 4/19  
Melbourne 4/20  
Ash Flat 4/21
- **Red Cross Blood Drive**  
April 20th 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lobby of Miller Bldg.
- **TRiO Night of Stars**  
Thursday April 22nd 5:50 Dining Hall - Main Bldg. Reservations needed through TRiO 368-2036
- **Pioneer Day** -  
April 30-May 2
- **Ozarka Commencement**  
Thursday May 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Miller Auditorium.

**FOR THE MOST CURRENT EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS CHECK THE ONLINE CAMPUS CALENDAR AT [WWW.OZARKA.EDU](http://WWW.OZARKA.EDU) UNDER NEWS & EVENTS**

## Ozarka Welcomes New TRiO Transfer Specialist



Paige Holloway was hired last month as TRiO Student Support Service (SSS) Transfer Specialist.

Paige is from Mountain View and received her Associate of Arts degree in 2004 from Ozarka. She also

worked at the Mountain View site.

After transferring to Columbia College in Missouri, Paige completed a Bachelors in Business Administration, then completed the MBA program at Columbia in 2008.

Paige and her husband have three children and expect

another soon. They raise cattle and spend as much time as possible outdoors.

She will be working at both the Melbourne and Mountain View sites and says she is looking forward to meeting and working with the students.

## Ozarka College Participates in Second Cultural Exchange

Ozarka College Cultural Anthropology students in Mountain View held a second online exchange with students from Gorno Altaysk State University in Siberia on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The exchange was conducted using Skype technology and was entitled *Working Together: Applied Anthropology and Applied Science: Anthropologists and Biologists Working to Benefit Communities*.



Cultural Anthropology instructor, John C. Van Orman invited Biology instructor, David Mitchell and his biology students to join in the conference since the focus of the discussion was measuring and managing water quality.

Special guest speakers for the Mountain View class were Dr. Cynthia Annett and Ms. Heidi Mehl who are scientists that have done extensive water quality research in their home state of Kansas and in the Altay Republic in Siberia. Their presentation included discussion of the importance of scientists possessing cultural skills enabling them to work with local and indigenous communities in order to effectively manage water resources.



Van Orman and his colleague in Siberia, GASU English teacher Maria Ostanina of Gorno Altaysk, discussed monitoring of water quality, river and lake conservation, involving local community members in ecological management, and respecting and incorporating indigenous peoples' perspectives on responsible use of natural resources during the exchange.

Native Altaian students shared their traditional worldviews of nature including their belief that elements of nature have a spiritual essence. This perspective discourages people from taking more than they need from animals, plant life, and other natural resources such as rivers, lakes and woodlands. Because of the pristine condition of its scenic and bountiful landscape the Altay Republic is a UNESCO World Heritage Protected Site. Like the Ozarks, the Altay Mountains attract a large number of tourists each year.



## Spring Carnival Successful!

Ozarka College held a Spring Carnival on April 15, 2010 outside of the John E. Miller Education Complex. This year's event, which included free games, activities and food, was host to more than 800 people.

Some of the activities this year included the National Guard Rock Climbing Wall, drunk-driving simulator, face-painting, pick-up ducks, photo booth, dart throw, bean bag toss, grand-prize game, and a craft table.

One of the organizers for the event, Student Success Specialist, Jennifer Miller expresses her excitement of the success of the carnival. "We broke our attendance record this year with more than 800 people. 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.



## Ozarka Enforces Tobacco Policy

Ozarka College has adopted a policy to become a tobacco-free institution, including buildings, grounds and parking lots. The policy specifically states that no tobacco products of any type may be used, carried or distributed in any buildings, parking areas, grounds, facilities, vehicles or streets. (BPPM 2.41)

This policy was adopted after the State of Arkansas passed The Clean Indoor Air Act (Act 8 of 2006) which prohibits smoking in worksites and in public places to protect employees and the public from secondhand smoke. Arkansas was the seventeenth state in the nation to pass this type of smoke-free workplace act.

Ozarka will begin strictly enforcing the policy on June 1, 2010 and students, faculty and staff are expected not to use tobacco while on the grounds of Ozarka College. Violation of this policy will result in warnings and repeated violation could result in disciplinary action.

Any questions regarding the tobacco-free campus policy should be addressed to the Vice President of Student Services office at 870-368-7371.

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Provide Life Changing  
Experiences Through  
Education.*

## Are you the Next Ozarka All-Star?

Ozarka College and the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC) present the Arkansas' Two-Year Colleges Academic All-Stars scholarship program. One student is selected to receive a \$500 scholarship and represent Ozarka as the All-Star at the AATYC annual conference on October 19, 2010 in Hot Springs.

The Academic All-Stars program is designed to reward excellence in academics and leadership at each two-year college in Arkansas as well as service to the college and the community.

To be eligible, students must be an Arkansas resident, expect to be enrolled at Ozarka College through Spring 2011, have completed at least 24 credit hours in pursuit of an Associate degree by the end of the current Spring semester and intend to graduate at the end of Summer 2011. The student must also currently post a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 out of a possible 4.00 in all credit coursework taken at that college.

The deadline to apply is May 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to obtain an application packet contact Vice President of Student Services, Ron Helm at [rhelm@ozarka.edu](mailto:rhelm@ozarka.edu), or 368-2027. Applications are available in Student Services on the Melbourne campus or in the main offices at Ash Flat and Mountain View.