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Go Online to View the Fall 2010 Class Schedule.
www.ozarka.edu

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)

Dawe Named Distinguished Alumni



Dr. Richard Dawe, President of Ozarka College, recently received an award as the distinguished Ph.D. alumni for 2010 from Saint Louis University's College of Education and Public Service.

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions to professional development in the profession. The award ceremony was held on SLU's main campus on March 19th as the culminating event at the annual spring professional development conference, which brought together alumni, faculty, students, and community members as a professional network for a cele-

bratory awards luncheon. Recipients are dedicated to strengthening and contributing to the SLU network of professionals as consultants, mentors and leaders in service to the College mission to transform individuals and communities. Dr. Dawe's remarks upon accepting the award included the important role of community colleges in today's economy, and specifically, the impact that Ozarka College has in their service region of north central Arkansas.

Dawe was a 2000 graduate of Saint Louis University, earning a Ph.D. in Public Policy Analysis and Administration and has been the Ozarka College president since July of 2009. He and his wife Chris are proud to call Melbourne their home. His mother, Bonnie Dawe, a 1976 graduate of the Ozarka LPN program also now resides in Melbourne.

Ozarka Relay Team to Begin Activities



The Ozarka College Relay for Life Team will be grilling and serving a Hot Dog meal on April 8. The meal will cost \$5 and include a hot dog, chips, lemonade and a cookie. All proceeds will go to the Relay for Life organization

There will be other Ozarka Relay team fundraising activities during the month of April including a week of

collecting change the week of April 26-30. Team members will collect pennies on Monday, nickels on Tuesday, dimes on Wednesday, quarters on Thursday, and any kind of currency on Friday. There is also a concert planned by Chaney Coleman and Tracy Cone on May 21.

The Ozarka Relay team invites the community to participate in these events. For more information contact Jenny Miller at 368-2056 or email jmiller@ozarka.edu.

Around Campus

- ◆ **PTK Induction** April 5th 6:30 p.m. Miller Lecture Hall.
- ◆ **Career Pathways Book Giveaway** April 5-9 (see page 3 for details)
- ◆ **Bookstore Clearance** April 5-9 (see page 2 for details).
- ◆ **TEAS Testing** April 12-16 (pre-nursing - must make appointment.)
- ◆ **SPRING CARNIVAL**
April 15th
4-6:00 p.m.

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

Ozarka LPN's Compete at ALPNA



Ozarka College's Practical Nursing students and instructors recently attended the 14th Annual Arkansas Licensed Practical Nursing Association (ALPNA) Student Skills Competition and Conference held on the campus of the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville.

There were ninety-two students from the Ash Flat, Melbourne, and Mountain View programs who com-

peted against other students from LPN programs across the state in events such as nursing skills, medical spelling, quiz bowl, CPR, job interview, prepared speaking, anatomy and physiology, nutrition, medical terminology, pharmacology, and talent.

According to LPN instructor, Katie Wilson, who was one of seven instructors who accompanied the students, Ozarka's students performed well in all the events and maintained a display of good sportsman-

ship throughout the competitions.

Four Ozarka College students placed in competitions: (pictured left to right) Tammie Braden of Mammoth Spring (Melbourne LPN program) placed first in job interview, Chloe Grasse of Calico Rock and Candace Clark of Mountain View (Mountain View LPN program) placed first in CPR, and Bonnie Henson of Calico Rock (Mountain View LPN program) placed third in nursing skills.

Arkansas Craft School Workshop Held at Ozarka in Mountain View



Shell (left) pictured with Becky Dahlstead of Dahlstead Pottery (right).

On March 12th and 13th, area students, artisans and small business owners met for a workshop on "Professional Networking for Craftspeople." Sponsored by the Arkansas Craft School, and presented at Ozarka College in Mountain View; participants experienced a hands-on approach to resume writing, social networking sites, marketing in the digital age and web site development. At least one student had a new web site by the end of the class, and posted the announcement about it on Facebook. The class was taught by Director of TRIO Student Support Services for Ozarka College, Deltha Shell; and Blayne A. Stewart, owner of b|media, a web marketing and digital media firm. The class was presented in order to fulfill one aspect of the mission of the Arkansas Craft School – "...to educate aspiring and practicing craft artisans for success in the creative economy." For further information on the Arkansas Craft School and craft classes scheduled for 2010, visit: www.arkansascraftschool.org.

Bookstore Clearance Sale

The Bookstore will be having a clearance sale on out of print textbook and reference materials during the week of April 5th. Numerous selections are available including subject areas such as math, nursing, computers, business, and many more. This is a great opportunity to purchase reference materials for your personal library at reduced prices. Stop by the following locations to see what we have to offer:

Monday, April 5th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm -Melbourne Student Center
 Tuesday, April 6th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm -Melbourne Student Center
 Wednesday, April 7th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm -Ash Flat Student Center
 Thursday, April 8th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm -Mountain View

Spring Carnival Slated for April 15

Ozarka College is again hosting a Spring Carnival in Melbourne from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15th in front of the John E. Miller Education Complex. The Spring Carnival will be **FREE** to Ozarka College students, their families and the community.

Many departments, programs and student organizations will be involved in the event again this year. There will be contests, fun, food and games for children of all ages. Some of the activities will include Games this year will include 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 other carnival type activities. Everything at the event will be **FREE** of charge and open to the public.

Organizer for the event, Jennifer Miller states, "The Spring Carnival is open to our students, their families and the community. Last year this event drew over 750 people and we hope to do the same again this year." For further information or questions about this event, contact Jennifer Miller at 368-7371 or jmiller@ozarka.edu. The event is funded in part by a grant received from the Arkansas Collegiate Drug Education Committee.



Pictures from Spring Carnival 2009.

Career Pathways Book Giveaway

The Career Pathways office is hosting a book giveaway during April 5-9th in their office at Melbourne. There are many books available for nursing and health care, history, English, communications, business, accounting, and other subject matters. These older edition books make great reference materials for students. There is an extensive list of books available online at www.ozarka.edu under the Campus News article entitled "Career Pathways Book Giveaway."

These books are available on a first come, first serve basis to any Ozarka student. This is not limited to students in the Career Pathways program.

For more information, contact the Pathways office at 368-2041 or email Laura Lawrence at llawrence@ozarka.edu.



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Provide Life Changing
Experiences Through
Education.*

Ozarka College Self-Study Progresses on Schedule

The employees of Ozarka College are continuing the self-study process for accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The College was last accredited in 2000 for a ten-year period. The self-study process consists of evaluating the College against HLC's Five Criteria of Accreditation followed by a visit from an HLC-appointed visiting team to validate the self-study.

During the 2009 fall semester five sub-committees at Ozarka worked diligently to assess the College's performance against each of these five criteria, as well as writing the first drafts of the self-study document. On December 20, each of the five criterion sub-committee's first drafts were submitted to the steering committee.

The steering committee co-chairs worked during the early part of the Spring semester on the first rewrites and passed them to the steering committee for review. After several meetings to discuss each submission, the co-chairs are currently in the process of a second rewrite. Then, the publishing subcommittee will prepare the document for final draft to be reviewed by the College. The self-study process is due to be completed in May, and the HLC-appointed evaluation team will visit November 15-17, 2010.