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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

-International Days:  
Melbourne - Nov. 1, Mountain View - Nov. 3, Ash Flat - Nov. 8, Mammoth Spring - Nov. 10

-Blood Drive:  
Ash Flat - Nov. 8

-Last day to withdraw and receive a "W":  
Nov. 18

-No Classes:  
Thanksgiving - Nov. 23-25

## International Days set for November

*Events will introduce Japanese culture to College, community*

Ozarka College will present International Days at each campus in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mountain View, and Mammoth Spring starting Nov. 1. These events are presented by the Ozarka College Diversity Learning Initiative and are co-sponsored by the Ozarka College Cultural Committee. They are free and open to the public.

This year's International experience will focus on Japan, and Mieko Uchida Peek, a Japanese Language and Literature professor at Lyon College, will present



ent "Japanese Manners." The presentation will focus on cultural differences, including how to eat and how to greet people, as well as differences in the school system in Japan versus the United States.

Each of Peek's presentations will be from 12:30-1:15 p.m. and will begin at Melbourne, 218 College Dr., in the Dining Room on Tuesday, Nov. 1. She will be at Mountain View, 1800 College Dr., in the Lec-

ture Hall on Thursday, Nov. 3, at Ash Flat, 64 College Dr., in the Lecture Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 8, and at Mammoth Spring, 5th and Archer, on Thursday, Nov. 10.

The public is invited to attend these presentations and experience true Japanese culture. Due to limited space at the Mammoth Spring campus, anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Anthem Eder, Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring Site Coordinator, at 870-625-0411 to reserve a seat.

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## "New" study area available for students

The Ozarka College – Melbourne campus has a "new," comfortable space for students to study in between classes each day.

The Lobby of the John E. Miller Building is a perfect space for students who wish to make the most out of their time on campus. Located in the very front of the building, this area offers comfortable, cushioned couches and chairs in a quiet, well-lit atmosphere that is perfect if you're needing to catch up on reading, meet for a group project or just kick-back and relax for a bit.

Though there are no computers available in the Lobby for students to use, there is a Wi-Fi connection for anyone with a laptop, iPad or other computer device.

The Learning Lab, located in the John E. Miller Education Complex is now open for students at 7 a.m.!

Be sure to take advantage of these extended hours to write and print assignments, complete research and check your student email!

**Hours of Operation:**  
Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday: 6 a.m. - noon

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## From the President...

I hope that you are having a successful and enjoyable fall semester at Ozarka College! Fall is upon us and it's time to begin preparing for the spring semester already. I want to take this opportunity to inform you of some significant aspects of college business. We continue to develop the Tourism and Hospitality Management program which we plan to offer next year. You will soon also see survey information asking students if you or someone you know would be interested in an aviation pilot training program and also an Agri-Science program that could potentially include a rodeo club or team at some point. The Criminal Justice and Corrections program has developed great interest and we are considering additional exciting programs in the future.

Our student enrollment increased by five percent this year in full time equivalency (FTE) which was down from the 25 percent increase last year but still an increase when most colleges remained flat or

decreased this year. I believe this is largely because members of our communities and our students are realizing the value of an Ozarka education. Of note, we were also only one of two public colleges or universities in Arkansas that decided not to raise tuition this year. Our communities in the four counties we serve also directly benefit from Ozarka College in that nearly six million dollars goes directly into our community economies each year from Ozarka operations; primarily in contracts, services, and salaries.

Our Facilities Master Planning project is nearing completion and we have identified building needs for the main campus in Melbourne. We will begin planning a College Center that will be completed in the next year or two. This will allow us to centrally locate all student services and create some exciting new spaces for student learning and socializing. We also plan to create a new look for the campus with additional green space



Ozarka College President  
Dr. Richard Dawe

and a more collegial appearance for the college. We will be seeking input from students, staff, and faculty as the project develops. A planned tax proposal that would be shared by the college and the City of Melbourne would help pay for the new 2-3 story facility on the main campus. Ash Flat, Mountain View, and Mammoth Spring will be included in the master planning in the future.

Finally, it's flu season so please take advantage of the hand sanitizer located throughout our facilities and try to stay healthy. I wish you the best of success as we complete this semester!

Sincerely,

Dr. Dawe

## Nontrad Student Week to be held Nov. 7-11

Ozarka College will observe National Nontraditional Student Week Nov. 7 – 11 at all four campuses. Students who meet the criteria of nontraditional will have the opportunity to answer a simple survey in order to be entered into a drawing for door prizes.

This national event is sponsored each year by the Association of Nontraditional Students in Higher Education and is always the first week in November.

A student is considered nontraditional if they are 25 years or older, are a single parent, are married, are financially independent, have dependents, work full time, or have earned their GED. Many nontraditional students face challenges that traditional students may not face, including finding reliable transportation to and from school, finding affordable child care, many may hold full time jobs while also taking classes, and many struggle to meet financial obligations.

Currently, more than 50 percent of Ozarka College's population is considered nontraditional by simply meeting the criteria of being 25 years or older.

For more information about programs and assistance for nontraditional students, contact Mickey Freeze at 870-368-2056 or by email at [mfreeze@ozarka.edu](mailto:mfreeze@ozarka.edu).



Members of Ozarka College's Culinary Arts program were on hand at Ash Flat's annual city festival, Eaglefest, on Saturday, Oct. 1 to lend their culinary expertise. The group of young chefs assisted in judging a baking competition that took place during the festivities.

## JAPAN, CONT.

Ozarka College student artwork inspired by Japanese culture will be showcased, along with Bonsai, which is a Japanese art form of displaying miniature trees in containers. Haiku poetry written by Ozarka College students; Japanese block prints; books related to Japanese culture, gardens, and cooking; and a traditional Japanese wedding Kimono will also be available for viewing.

Devin Futch of Mighty Warriors Dojo

in Franklin will also be giving martial arts demonstrations for students at the Melbourne and Ash Flat campuses. Anthem Eder will be assisting in a demonstration at the Mammoth Spring campus. The demonstrations will be at 11:30 a.m., just prior to the speaking event.

Each year, Ozarka College presents International Days to expand understanding of other cultures. Students help choose the country that will be highlighted and past

International Days have included Egypt, France, Greece and Italy. Other activities will be available for students throughout the day, as well.

For more information, contact Joan Stirling, Vice President for Planning and Institutional Research, at 870-368-2007 or by email at [jstirling@ozarka.edu](mailto:jstirling@ozarka.edu).

# Annual flu season quickly approaching

Each year, up to 50 million cases of the flu are reported in the United States, where more than 200,000 of those people are hospitalized and almost 24,000 people die of the contagious respiratory illness. Though the number of people who report having the flu traditionally peaks in February, the Arkansas Public Health Lab has announced they have already confirmed the first case of the seasonal flu this year.

Since it is extremely important for students to be in class, Ozarka College encourages all students, faculty and staff to take the necessary precautions as we head into the winter months.

In order to protect yourself and those around you, the Center for Disease Control recommends covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough, wash your hands often with soap and warm water, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and stay at home if you are suffering from flu-like symptoms. The College will also be providing additional hand sanitizer at each of the campuses.

The CDC also strongly recommends anyone over the age of six months to be vaccinated against the flu. People at high risk of serious flu complications include small children, pregnant women, people with chronic health problems like asthma, diabetes, or heart and lung disease and people 65 years and older.

The ADH will be offering the flu vaccine at mass clinics in each county. Anyone with health insurance is asked to bring their card so their provider can be billed. If you do not have insurance or if your provider does not pay, the vaccine will be at no charge.

A mass clinic will be held in Izard County at the Health Department, 149 Haley Dr., Melbourne, on Friday, Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Ozarka College Nursing Department will be partnering with the Izard

## CDC tips for staying healthy

—Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough

—Wash your hands often with soap and warm water

—Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

—Stay at home if you are suffering from flu-like symptoms

—Take advantage of the extra hand sanitizer that will be distributed at all campuses

—Speak with your healthcare provider about receiving the seasonal flu vaccine

County Health Department to administer the vaccine.

Sharp County's clinic will be Friday, Oct. 28 at the A.L. Hutson Memorial Center, 1765 Hwy 62/412, Highland, from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Stone County's will be held at the Health Department at 204 Whitefield Dr., Mountain View, on Friday, Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fulton County has already held its mass flu clinic for the year.

Symptoms of the flu include fever or feeling feverish with chills, coughing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, and fatigue.

The ADH does note that not everyone who is suffering from the flu will experience fever. If you believe you have the flu, please visit your healthcare provider.

More information about protecting yourself and your family from the seasonal flu can be found on the Arkansas Department of Health's website at [www.healthy.arkansas.gov](http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov).



Pam Setser, Ozarka College Foundation Board member and Centennial Bank employee, Brad Shipman from Centennial Bank in Mountain View, Gin Brown, Site Coordinator at Ozarka College - Mountain View, Mr. Joe Wyatt, and Renee Storey, Vice President and Branch Manager of Centennial Bank in Mountain View, were on hand Friday, Oct. 21 for Mr. Wyatt's donation.

## Sweepstakes winner makes annual donation to Ozarka College

Joe Wyatt donated \$500 to the Ozarka College Foundation on Friday, Oct. 21 at Centennial Bank in Mountain View.

Each year on his birthday, Wyatt receives a \$1,000 check from Centennial Bank because he was one of two sweepstakes winners when the Sylamore Branch opened in 2007. He will receive this check for the rest of his life or up to 30 years. And each year, after he receives his check, he splits it up and donates it to organizations and causes he feels passionately about.

The Ozarka College Foundation happens to be one of those causes. Wyatt, along with his wife, Maxine, endowed a \$500 annual scholarship for a deserving student at the Mountain View campus.

The Wyatts were named as Stone County

icons in 2008 by the Ozarka College Foundation Board and acknowledged with a scholarship in their honor. They have served Stone County in many capacities for over 50 years. Joe was an area pharmacist and Mountain View's Mayor. They served on the Folk Center Commission, Lion's Club and other various civic organizations. The Wyatts are passionate about education and they both feel everyone deserves an opportunity to further their education.

This scholarship fund is managed by the Ozarka College Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information about the foundation or scholarship opportunities, call Development Officer, Hannah McWilliams at 870-368-7371.

## LAB, CONT.

Students needing computer access may utilize the computer lab located in the Miller Building, the Student Center near the Cafeteria or the computers in the Paul Weaver Library.

The Lobby will be opened daily for students to use from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., with the exception of normal and weather-related campus closings. Be sure to watch for closings posted on the doors into the Lobby or through myOzarka. The restrooms will also now be unlocked for students' convenience and food and beverages will be allowed, but everyone is asked to pick up after themselves and keep the area clean.

## Student Success Class makes big impact

One Ozarka College Success class is collecting food and hygiene items for those who need it most as part of a Community Service Project.

Jessica Wrenfrow's College Success class meets at the Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring site and is working with the Mammoth Spring and Oregon County, Missouri Food Pantries to help stock their shelves prior to the holiday season.

Currently, boxes have been distributed to local businesses that are willing to participate in the event and students have been checking them weekly for items. Some of the participating locations include Harp's Grocery Store in Thayer; Unique Hair Design, Subway, Country Cottage, The Train Depot, and the Bank of Salem. There are several other locations throughout the Mammoth Spring and Thayer communities that will be accepting donations. Items can

also be dropped off at the Mammoth Spring campus.

The food drive kicked off on Sept. 22 and will run until Monday, Oct. 31. Wrenfrow said that in the first week, they had been able to collect six full boxes of items that can be donated and they've received a monetary donation.

Her class will also spend time volunteering at Spooktacular on Saturday, Oct. 29. The event is held on Main Street and is sponsored by the Mammoth Spring Chamber of Commerce to promote safe trick-or-treating for kids in the community. The students will be responsible for working the prize table where tickets can be turned into prizes from games played. Kids may also donate a canned food item for three tickets toward a prize.

In all, students have the opportunity to earn 200 points toward their final grade in the Student Success class.

## Ozarka College recognized at annual AATYC Conference

Members of Ozarka College's faculty and staff attended the annual Arkansas Association of Two Year Colleges Conference in Hot Springs Oct. 16-18. The conference brings together all 22 two-year colleges in the state, where each school is recognized with an outstanding faculty and staff member, as well as an all-star student and alumni.

Anthony Burkhammer was recognized as Ozarka College's Outstanding Faculty Member during the Monday evening banquet. Burkhammer teaches math at Ozarka College and his students praise him for making algebra fun. He began working full time at Ozarka College in 2009 after teaching as an adjunct for several years.

Kim Whitten was honored as Ozarka College's Outstanding Staff Member, also during the Monday evening banquet. Whitten worked as the Public Relations Specialist for nine years at Ozarka College before joining the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville family in July as the Assistant to the Chancellor. She was recognized for her impact on higher education in the state.

Dr. Rhonda Hammond was recognized during a brunch Tuesday as Ozarka College's Successful Alumni. Dr. Hammond is a 2002 graduate of Ozarka College's Culinary Arts program. She completed her bachelor's degree at Nicholls State University-Chef John Folse Culinary Institute in Thibodaux, Louisiana and her doctorate in Hospitality Administration from Texas Tech University. She is now an assistant professor at Kent State University in the School of Foundations of Leadership and Administration.

Ozarka College's All-Star Student was Anna Mickler of Mountain View. She is a biology student who is considering UCA after graduating from Ozarka College. Research she completed on the nocturnal drifting patterns of aquatic macro-invertebrates of a local creek was presented to the Ozarka College Faculty Council this past spring, as well as during a breakout session at the AATYC Confer-



Rebecca Burkhammer, Anthony Burkhammer and Dr. Richard Dawe



Anna Mickler and Dr. Richard Dawe



Dr. Rhonda Hammond and Dr. Richard Dawe



Nancy Dust

ence. This recognition included a \$500 scholarship to help Mickler complete her Associate's degree, as well as a second full-tuition scholarship to any of the 11 Arkansas public four-year universities to complete her Bachelor's degree.

Nancy Dust, Assistant to the President, was also recognized for her contribution to the AATYC Board of Directors. Dust served on the board for three years.

## Student Appreciation Day: Mammoth Spring

Students were treated to hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks at the event.



The day gave students an opportunity to relax after midterm exams.



Give away items included Ozarka College apparel, coffee mugs, jump drives, and a computer case.



Above: Cindy Pitchford, Administrative Assistant, Trenna Spears of Modern Woodman in Mammoth Spring and Anthem Eder, Site Coordinator, at the Ozarka College - Mammoth Spring Student Appreciation Day. Modern Woodman donated hot dogs, buns and condiments for the event, which was held on Thursday, Oct. 20. Cookies were donated by Shady Oaks Nursing Home and an Ozarka College throw blanket and Ozarka College T-shirts were donated by Gladin-Eder Insurance to be given away to students.

The Mammoth Spring campus planned the event to recognize students for their hard work through midterm exams and give them an opportunity to relax.

## Mountain View campus welcomes new career coach

The Ozarka College – Mountain View campus has a new Career Coach to help students make the best decision for life after high school. Eric Morgan, a native of Izard County, was hired in August for the position, which is headquartered out of the Mountain View High School office.

Eric is a 2007 graduate of Izard County Consolidated and a 2011 graduate of Lyon College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

He said he knew

working in education was his calling and when the position came open, he knew it would be a perfect fit for him.

“At first it was a little overwhelming,” he said. “I’m getting more comfortable every day and have no doubt I’m going to love doing this.”

Eric will be responsible for helping students with career plans after high school, performing career assessments with them and working with students daily throughout the Mountain View School District.

## Ozarka College - Melbourne to offer Continued Education course in Zumba Fitness

Ozarka College – Melbourne will be offering a Continuing Education course in Zumba Fitness on the stage area of the John E. Miller Auditorium. Session 1 is currently underway and Session 2 classes will be offered Nov. 15 – Dec. 15. Classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

The cost of the class is \$40 and will be taught by Tracie Kirk of Dance 2 Fitness in Cave City.

Zumba is a mix of body-sculpting movements with easy to follow dance steps like the Meringue, Salsa, Cumbia, and Mambo, as well as other dances from around the world, including hip-hop and belly dancing. Zumba uses the principles of interval training and resistance training to maximize cal-

ories burned, fat burned and total body-toning.

If you have any lower back or knee problems, or any other medical problems, it is recommended that you speak with your physician before starting a Zumba program.

Anyone interested in taking the class can contact Karen Overturf in the Vice President of Academic Affairs Office at 870-368-2005 or by email at [koverturf@ozarka.edu](mailto:koverturf@ozarka.edu) to request a Continuing Education application that must be completed prior to the session. Applications and payment can be turned in the first day of the course. All participants will also be required to complete a liability waiver the first day of each session.

## Foundation awards Bowser-Petersen Scholarship

Stacy Layne, a Registered Nursing student from Salem, has been awarded the Bowser-Petersen Nursing Scholarship by the Ozarka College Foundation. Layne works as a Licensed Practical Nurse at North Arkansas Homecare and will graduate from the RN program at Ozarka College in December.

This is the first Bowser-Petersen Nursing Scholarship awarded since it was established in the summer. It is offered by Drs. Robert E. and Cheryl Bowser Petersen of Horseshoe Bend, AR. It is available to LPN's currently enrolled in the Ozarka College RN program and is given in gratitude for the exceptional care given to Joseph T. Bowser whose last days were blessed by his hospice nurses.

The scholarship is worth \$500 each semester as long as all requirements are met.

In addition to the regular Ozarka scholarship application, applicants for this scholarship are required to complete either a one page essay or



Stacy Layne

a short recorded message describing what they know about hospice nursing and why they think they would be good at hospice work. Overall GPA and citizenship will also be considered in awarding this scholarship.

In her essay, Layne wrote that it was a visit to the Hospice House in Mountain Home over a year ago to visit a family friend that made her aware of the true compassion involved with working in hospice. She said she loves working as a LPN and as she finishes her RN courses, she's excited to see what the future holds for her. She wrote that she has the compassion, heart and talent necessary to become a great hospice nurse.

The Ozarka Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible on itemized tax forms.

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## GED Testing in November

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne on Nov. 3 and 16 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 516 of the Wyth Duke Adult Education Building. The test will also be given at the following locations in November:

Ash Flat	Annex Courtroom	9 a.m.	Nov. 1 and 22
Mammoth Spring	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	Nov. 8 and 15
Mountain View	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	Nov. 8 and 17
Salem	Courthouse	9 a.m.	Nov. 10
Calico Rock	City Hall	9 a.m.	Nov. 15 and 29

You must present an Arkansas photo ID, a Social Security card and proof of passing Practice Test scores dated within the last year. There is no cost to take the GED Test. However, if you plan on taking the test at any of these locations, you **MUST** register by calling Ozarka College at 870-368-7371 or 1-800-821-4335 before the day of the test. Because of increased demographic information needed, it may be necessary to allow two days for the testing.

## Spring 2012 Registration Dates:

Registration will open for current Ozarka College students Monday, Oct. 31 for the spring 2012 semester. Any student who has successfully completed a semester at Ozarka College can register online after meeting and planning their class schedules with their academic advisor. Once registered, financial aid arrangements must be made.

Any new first or full time students may register during early registration beginning Nov. 14 and continuing through Dec. 16. Students may also register during open registration Jan. 9-13.

Anyone planning to enroll as a new student at Ozarka College must take the ACT or Compans Exam. These test scores are required for placement in English, reading and mathematics.

Compass testing is available by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 870-368-2049 in IZARD County, 870-269-5600 in Stone County, 870-994-7273 in Sharp County, 870-625-0411 in Fulton County, or toll free at 1-800-821-4335. A photo ID is required to take the test.

The spring course schedule is available online at [www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu) or at any Ozarka College location. To request a copy of the schedule, please call Admissions at 870-368-7371 or toll free listed above.