



# Ozarka College Connection

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**Summer II Classes will begin on July 5.**

**Register now for Summer II and Fall classes.**

**From the Kitchen**

**Sign up for Text alerts each morning for the daily menu in my.Ozarka**

Now serving an entrée or choice of Salad Bar, Chicken Strips, or deli sandwich.

The menu is online so check it out!  
**Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM**

Breakfast available 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

## Grant Funding Awarded for Amphitheatre

The Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) has awarded \$165,000 for construction of an amphitheatre, which is phase two of the current capital project for Ozarka's campus in Mountain View.

The outdoor amphitheatre will seat up to 150 people and be available for many different cultural and educational events for the college and the community. Ozarka plans to utilize the venue for guest speakers and outdoor classroom experiences, student organizational meetings, concerts, lectures, and other campus events. The amphitheatre may also be scheduled for use by different community entities for a variety of events such as outdoor concerts, festivals, or cultural enrichment activities.

ANCRC awards funds for projects that protect and maintain state-owned natural areas, historic sites, and outdoor recrea-

tion. In addition to the Grants and Trust Fund, the legislation also allows for a percentage of the revenue to be distributed to the Outdoor Recreation Grants Program of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism and the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

Ozarka President, Dr. Richard Dawe expresses his enthusiasm for the grant award that will make this unique project possible. "Ozarka is already deeply engrained in Mountain View as the higher education provider for the area. The addition of the amphitheatre will enhance this relationship as an important part of the culture and heritage that is so unique to the Stone County and Mountain View. We are grateful to the many people who shared in making this grant funding possible and look forward to continuing our growth in the community and our service to students."

Dr. Dawe also acknowledges the donors who have helped fund this project. "The generous support from the community will allow this project to include some important features and equipment needed to complete the amphitheatre, such as sound and lighting, which are not covered by the ANCRC grant funds."

Donors for Phase II are Cornerstone Patron: Stone County Community Resource Council; Gold Level Patrons: AmVets Auxiliary, E. H. Broyles, Simmons First Bank, Larry and Donna Sullivan, and Dr. Charles Varela; and Bronze Level Patrons: Jackie Burgett and Darci Looney Memorial.

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## Around Campus

- **Summer I Classes Begin— May 31**
- **Izard County Relay for Life**  
Friday, June 4.
- **Ozarka Foundation Board Meeting** Monday, June 6 at 9:30 a.m.  
Board Room- Miller Building
- **Lion's Club** Monday, Noon  
Administration Building Meeting Rm.
- **Last day to Withdraw for Summer I is June 24**
- **Finals for Summer I is June 27.**
- **LPN Capping and Pinning** June 30 at 6:00 p.m. for 11 month programs in Ash Flat, Mountain View and Melbourne in the Miller Auditorium.



**Latest Architectural rendering of the proposed Amphitheatre in Mountain View.**

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

## Nursing Grads Honored at Capping and Pinning Ceremony



Spring 2011  
Melbourne LPN Class

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-Dr. Richard Dawe,  
President.

Practical Nursing graduates at Ozarka College were honored at a Recognition Ceremony in the John E. Miller Education Complex on May 3, 2011.

Students completing their studies in practical nursing were: Danielle Allgood of Batesville, Donna Arnold of Guion, Britni Bateman of Calico Rock, Kelly

Cannon of Cave City, Sarah Cochran of Salem, Scott Goodson of Sturkie, Danielle Kuk of Salem, Megan Kulczycki of Cherokee Village, Sarah Pierson of Franklin, Stephanie Pittman of Guion, Krystal Rogers of Poughkeepsie, Cynthia Rush of Melbourne, Rita Sullivan of Smithville, Sandra Tolman of Melbourne, Casey Townsend of Calico Rock, and Jennifer Wess of Williford.

After Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe welcomed guests attending the ceremony, and Scott Goodson

offered the Invocation to open the ceremony; nursing faculty members recognized outstanding students.

This semester's Florence Nightingale Awards went to Sarah Pierson. This award is given to a student in each program who exemplifies the true meaning of nursing with hard work and a true dedication to the profession.

The LPN class awards were given as follows: Clinical award winners were Kelly Cannon, first place; and Jennifer Wess, second place. Theory award winners were Jennifer Wess, first place; and Kelly Cannon, second place. Perfect attendance awards went to Sarah Cochran, Megan Kulczycki, and Rita Sullivan.

Division Chair of Allied Health, Ruby Johnson and nursing faculty, Susan Thielemier, Valerie West, and Katie Wilson presented graduates

with caps, pins and lamps. Johnson offered closing remarks and Cindy Rush offered the Benediction.

For further information regarding Ozarka's 18-month LPN program, the 11-month programs in Ash Flat or Mountain View, or the LPN to RN program through ARNEC please contact the admissions department at 870-368-7371 or via email, admissions@ozarka.edu



Florence Nightingale Award winner, Sarah Pierson.

## Amphitheatre Grant (Continued from Front Page)

In 2009, the Ozarka College Board of Trustees responded to community needs in Stone County by approving bond sales for construction of an additional facility in Mountain View. This 10,475 square foot building is nearing completion and will house a student center, administrative offices, a lecture hall, multipurpose technology classroom for specialized classes in arts and technical training, nursing lab and classroom, and additional general classrooms. Construction on this phase of the project is scheduled to be completed in July of 2011.

Construction of the amphitheatre will begin in the Fall of 2011. There are still opportunities to play a role in this project. Any donations toward the amphitheatre will enhance needed equipment and features. For more information or to make a donation, contact the Advancement Office at 870-368-2059; or the Mountain View office at 870-269-5600.



Director of Operations at Mountain View, Gin Brown (center) with ANCRC Program Manager, Randy Dennis (left); and ANCRC Chairman, Mark Karnes (right).

# 2011 Commencement Ceremony

Ozarka College graduates and their guests filled the John E. Miller Auditorium for 2011 Graduation ceremonies held Thursday, May 12, 2011.

The ceremony began with an invocation given by Ozarka College Vice President for Finance, Tina Wheelis. Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe, welcomed everyone to the event and introduced members of the Ozarka Board of Trustees, and dignitaries who were present for the ceremony. He also recognized longtime retiring faculty member Judy Cannady who served as Grand Marshall, leading the graduates into the ceremony.

Along with Cannady, Faculty Council Chair, Trish Miller and Faculty of the Year, David Mitchell also served as Grand Marshalls. A new aspect of the Commencement ceremony was the presentation of the Ozarka College Academic Mace to display during the service. An academic mace is a tradition for colleges and universities which dates back to the first universities founded in the middle ages. It symbolizes authority, learning and scholarship, history, reputation, and values. Ozarka's mace was handcrafted by woodturning artisan and friend of the College, Dr. Wright Pillow, who served as the primary architect and first Executive Director of the Arkansas Craft School. He donated his craftsmanship and presented the mace to the College in September of 2010.

Dr. Dawe then introduced Senator Shane Broadway, the 2011 Commencement speaker. Broadway serves as Interim Director for the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). He is a member of Governor Mike Beebe's full cabinet as well as the Governor's Workforce Cabinet, an appointed group of state government leaders charged with creating 21<sup>st</sup> Century jobs and skilled workers.

An Arkansas State University alumnus, Broadway served three terms as a representative for Pulaski and Saline Counties, and two terms in the senate. He was elected speaker of the house by his colleagues in 2001.

To begin his address, Senator Broadway congratulated the graduates on behalf of Governor Beebe and the State of Arkansas. He encouraged graduates to remember how they got to this point in their lives and to be sure and thank those who influenced them toward educational success.

He also reminded them to find a way to give back to Ozarka College and their community; as well as continuing to pursue their dreams beyond this point. The highlight of his address was pointing out to the graduates how they are an example to those around them.

After Broadway's inspirational comments, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Mike DeLong, presented the class of graduates. Vice President for Student Services, Ron Helm and Registrar, Zeda Wilkerson introduced the Ozarka College graduates; and Director of Adult Education, Dr. T. Wayne Wilson, introduced the GED graduates for diplomas. President Dawe and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Ben Cooper of Melbourne awarded the graduates their diplomas.

Phi Theta Kappa and student ambassadors assisted as ushers. Ozarka College Board of Trustee, Larry Sullivan delivered the Benediction. Graduates and guests were invited to attend a cake and punch reception after the ceremony and to join the newly organized Ozarka College Alumni Association. There was a drawing for a \$100 gift card for those graduates who registered for the Alumni Association. Sarah Taylor of Franklin was the winner.

Students completing their studies with an overall grade point average of 3.75 or higher in a certificate or associate degree program are designated as graduating Magna Cum Laude. Students who complete with an overall grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 are designated as graduating Cum Laude. For a complete listing of graduates and their degrees please go to the Ozarka College website: [http://www.ozarka.edu/campusnews\\_view.cfm?uuid=08C50BF8-1422-B139-DA91C566804A699E](http://www.ozarka.edu/campusnews_view.cfm?uuid=08C50BF8-1422-B139-DA91C566804A699E) or scan the QR code on the right with using a smartphone or



## Ozarka College 2010-2011 Adult Ed Graduates

The Ozarka College Adult Education Department awarded General Education Development (GED) diplomas during the 2010-2011 academic year to 147 students in and around the Ozarka College service area.

These students also had the option to participate in the Ozarka College Commencement Ceremony held on May 12, 2011. Several GED graduates scored at or above scholarship eligibility level. For a complete listing of those students receiving GED diplomas go to the website at: [http://www.ozarka.edu/campusnews\\_view.cfm/uuid/2348B693-1422-B139-DABCA0092E1515D](http://www.ozarka.edu/campusnews_view.cfm/uuid/2348B693-1422-B139-DABCA0092E1515D)

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### 2011 Graduation Photos:



# Mountain View Nursing Class Participates in Relay for Life



The Ozarka College Mountain View Nursing Program entered a float in the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Folk Festival held in Mountain View, Arkansas on Saturday, April 16, 2011. The theme of their float was "When Granny had the Cure." The float won first place with a \$250 cash prize. The students are donating the winnings to Relay For Life.

Additionally, the nursing students grilled and sold hot dog lunches and baked goods for a donation to the Relay For Life. The event was held on the Mountain View Ozarka College site on

Wednesday, April 20, and raised \$960.00.

Relay For Life holds a very special meaning for many of the students in the nursing program because several of their family members have been affected directly by cancer. This event will give them all a voice in their fight against cancer.

The nursing students are one of eight teams participating this year in the 2011 Relay for Life of Stone County. The teams will camp out at the Mountain View High School and take turns walking (or running) around the track. This is an overnight event that will take place May 20-21, 2011.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It offers everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer.

Relay For Life is a life-changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people to:

- ~Celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer (the strength of survivors inspires others to continue to fight);
- ~Remember loved ones lost to the disease (at Relay, people who have walked alongside people battling cancer can grieve and find healing);
- ~Fight Back (we Relay because we have been touched by cancer and desperately want to put an end to the disease).

For further information on the event visit the Relay for Life website at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org). Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Ozarka Mountain View Nursing team may contact the main office at 870-269-5600.

## GED Classes and Testing for June

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas on June 2 and 22 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 June:

Mammoth Spring	Ozarka College	9:00 a.m.	June 6 and 20
Mountain View	Ozarka College	9:00 a.m.	June 7 and 21
Ash Flat	Annex Courtroom	9:00 a.m.	June 9 and 23

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.

GED Classes will be available free of charge at Ozarka College in Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring and Melbourne during the month of June. Programs are available in math, writing skills, reading comprehension, etc. An instructor is available for one-on-one assistance as follows:

Ozarka College - Ash Flat	Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 109	Beginning June 6
Ozarka College - Mammoth Spring	Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104	Beginning June 7
Ozarka Colelge - Melbourne	Wednesdays and Thursdays in Room 515	Beginning June 1
	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wyth Duke Adult Education Building,	

For more information, on any of these classes, contact the Adult Education Department at 870-368-2051 in Izard County, 870-994-7273, ext. 2059 in Sharp County, and 870-625-4011 in Fulton County.

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Provide Life-Changing  
Experiences Through  
Education.**

Ozarka to Offer Summer Institute July 11-14 –

*Learning Out Loud!*



Ozarka College will hold a summer program at the Melbourne campus during the week of July 11-14, 2011. Ozarka Summer Institute – Learning Out Loud (LOL) will include courses for students who are entering seventh through ninth grades during the 2011-12 school year.

Ozarka Summer Institute will take place from 1:00-4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with a closing session to include a presentation of certificates, music, movie and a cook-out. Classes include: Aviation, Careers, Criminal Justice, Culinary, Golf, and Health.

Cost for Ozarka Summer Institute is \$65 per student and will include any materials needed for activities, lunch, and a tee shirt. Deadline to register for this unique learning program is July 1 and class space is limited. For more information or to enroll contact Karen Overturf at Ozarka College: 870-368-2005 or [koverturf@ozarka.edu](mailto:koverturf@ozarka.edu).