



Ozarka College Connection

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Save the Date!

Sept. 8

Ozarka Scholarship Recipient Reception
6 p.m. in the John E. Miller Building Lobby

From the Kitchen

Be sure to check out Page 5 for information regarding the new menu now being offered in the cafeteria!

Lunch Served
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

New Mountain View Student & Nursing Education Center makes big debut

More than 150 guests gathered at the new Student and Nursing Education Center at the Mountain View campus Thursday, Aug. 11 for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Members of the Ozarka College faculty, staff, Board of Trustees, and Foundation Board attended the event, along with friends and supporters from across the state.

Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe welcomed the crowd, along with other guest speakers, including State Senator Missy Irvin, Dist. 10, State Rep. Tommy Wren, Dist. 71, Stone County Judge Stacy Avey, Charles Ramsey of the Mountain View Office of Code Enforcement, Donna Sullivan of the Ozarka College Foundation Board, Dr. Karen Rosa of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, Gin Brown, Site Coordinator for the Mountain View campus, and Suellen Davidson, Director of Advancement at Ozarka College.

The new building, which includes a lecture hall that seats over 90, a cyber café and student center, a conference room, classrooms, a nursing lab and classroom, offices, and a multi-purpose technology room, was designed by Polk, Stanley and Wilcox. It also features a bookstore and area for tutoring and advising.

Each of the speakers touched on the importance of the Mountain View campus and the impact it has on the citizens and



Dr. Richard Dawe and Gin Brown, along with board members and supporters from around the state, cut the ribbon in front of the new Student & Nursing Education Center on Thurs., Aug. 11.

economy of Stone County and the state.

"We are very appreciative of the tremendous support from the community to help build this new facility," said Dr. Dawe. "Citizens of Mountain View and Stone County understand, and directly support, the powerful and life-changing opportunities provided through education."

The new building was built to meet the growing enrollment and needs of the campus, which in the past five years has grown from 150 students to over 400.

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Around Campus

- **Fall Classes Begin**— Aug. 22
- **myOzarka Orientation**— Aug. 24 at 3:30 p.m.—each site
- **Blood Drive in Miller Lobby from 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m.** - Aug. 30
- **Labor Day recognized**—Sept. 5 **Campus Closed**
- **Ozarka Scholarship Recipient Reception**—Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. in the John E. Miller Building
- **Last Day to Withdraw From 8 Week Courses Only**—Oct. 13
- **Midterm Grades Due**—Oct. 19
- **Lion's Club** every other Monday, at Noon Administration Building Meeting Rm.

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

*Ozarka College
President Dr.
Richard Dawe
welcomes
faculty, staff
and students
back, and
reflects on the
College's
continued
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- Hannah McWilliams

President's Corner

I want to welcome everyone back to campus as we begin our new academic year! It was refreshing to see all the new students at orientation and also terrific to have all faculty back on our campuses. I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer, which seemed to pass very quickly. Enrollment is up again this year and we have completed several projects over the summer to prepare for the continued growth. Mountain View has a new Student Services and Education center and will soon see construction begin on the amphitheatre. Ash Flat has a new parking lot that was so badly needed as existing parking was overflowing last semester. Mammoth Spring continues to increase enrollment as students are getting used to the idea of having an affordable and convenient higher education option near home. At the main campus in Melbourne we have completed our strategic plan and have now begun the process of

developing a facilities master plan that will help us determine new facility requirements in the future to support growth and additional program development. We are now collaborating with ASU-Jonesboro to offer four year degrees on campus beginning with a bachelor's degree in Business Management. Additional four year degrees and possibly master's degrees will be added in the future. We are also very optimistic that our new Criminal Justice and Corrections program will appeal to many current and future students and employers. There has been a strong call for such a program and Ozarka has addressed the need.

As enrollment has grown, so have the number of new faculty and staff. We have been very busy this year promoting and hiring faculty and staff. Please join me in providing a warm welcome for our new colleagues as they embrace our strong culture of student support and



Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe

being learning-centered throughout the institution. Have a productive and rewarding semester and please continue to share your good ideas for further developing Ozarka College.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Dawe

Hannah McWilliams joins Ozarka College Administration

Hannah McWilliams joined the Ozarka College Administration in July as the Development/Alumni Relations Officer. She works as part of the Advancement Department and is active in all Foundation Board and Ozarka activities.

The Alumni Relations department is also new to Ozarka College and Hannah will work to develop initiatives to cultivate lasting relationships with alumni. Someone is considered alumni if they have graduated with a degree or certificate or have earned 30-plus hours from Ozarka

College.

"I could not be more pleased to have the opportunity for Hannah to join the Ozarka team," says Dr. Richard Dawe, president of Ozarka College. "She is an outstanding example of a successful Ozarka alumna and the perfect choice to lead Development and the new Alumni Association."

Hannah began her college career as a concurrent student at Ozarka College where she earned 44 credit hours before graduating from Melbourne High School in 2006. She now holds a Bachelor of Science in

accounting from Arkansas State University – Jonesboro, where she graduated magna cum laude in 2008. She also holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, where she graduated third in a class of 172. She passed the February 2011 Arkansas Bar Exam and is a member of both the Arkansas Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

"I am excited to come back to Ozarka and give back to my community," Hannah said.



Hannah and her husband, Clayton, a teacher and coach at Melbourne High School, live in Melbourne.

Fitness Center hires new coordinator, adds new equipment

The Ozarka College Fitness Center has made several changes over the summer, including hiring a new coordinator, Ross Jackson.

Ross began making much needed changes to the Center soon after his arrival on campus. Some of those updates include purchasing new benches for the weight equipment, sanding down and repainting older equipment, replacing the padding on older equipment, and organizing the stations in a way that would best benefit those

who utilize the facility.

By re-organizing the Center, Ross has created numbered stations and developed workout plans to accompany the stations that he said will make for easier and more effective resistance exercises.

Over the summer, showers were also added to the restrooms at the Fitness Center.

Ozarka College employees are able to use the Fitness Center at no charge, Ross said. Anyone over the age of 60 is only required to pay \$64 per

semester and students can pay \$134 per semester for either credit or non-credit hours. If students choose to use their membership for credit, they will earn two elective hours, with his or her grade determined by hours spent in the gym. Any students interested in earning credit will need to register through their advisors.

Ross comes to Ozarka College via ASU, where he earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Exercise Science. He and his wife,



Mary Margaret, are new to the area, so be sure to stop by the Fitness Center to check out the changes and welcome Ross to Ozarka College!

5K Fun Run to benefit Mammoth Spring site

The Beaver Family Spring River 5K Fun Run will be held over the Labor Day Weekend on Saturday, Sept. 3 with all proceeds benefitting the Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring site.

The 5K fun run and 2.5K walk will begin at 8:15 a.m. at the Mammoth Spring State Park Visitors' Center. Those with strollers or in wheelchairs are also invited to

participate in the event.

The cost to participate is \$15 for early registration and \$20 if you register the day of the run. Registration will be at 7:30 a.m. Since this is considered a fun race, no placement prizes will be available.

Anyone interested in being a part of this great fundraiser is encouraged to contact Anthem Eder at the Mammoth Spring campus at 625-0411.

Foundation Board schedules annual benefit golf scramble

It's that time of year again – time for the annual Ozarka College Foundation benefit golf scramble!

The Foundation board of directors announced the 18-hole tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 starting at 8 a.m. The entry fee for four-person teams is \$200, which includes lunch sponsored by Liberty Bank of Arkansas. First National Banking Company is serving as the major corporate sponsor again this year.

There are 28 spots available, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible! Contact Hannah McWilliams in the Development Office for more information at 368-2060.

Fall semester to kick off with new faculty, staff

This academic year will see more than the return of students to the four Ozarka College campuses. Almost 20 new hires joined the Ozarka College team over the summer. Ozarka College welcomes all faculty and staff back for what we know will be a great academic year!

Full-time

Loretta Trammell, LPN Instructor at Mt. View
Cheryl Ekenes, LPN Instructor at Ash Flat
Lauran-Marie DiPieromenico, Child Care Technician
Ross Jackson, Fitness Center Coordinator
Tracy Cone, Academic Advising Coordinator
Molly Carpenter, Public Relations Specialist
Eric Morgan, Career Coach at Mt. View
Jeannie Hudspeth, Psychology Instructor
Justin Ward, Developmental Education/Mathematics Instructor
Jedidiah O'Brien, Mathematics Instructor
Karin Brown, Associate of Arts in Teaching Program Coordinator
Amy Plaster, Criminal Justice Instructor
Brandy Gore, Developmental Education Instructor

Part-time

Gail Foster, Part-time Administrative Assistant at Mt. View
Sherry Davis, Part-time Administrative Assistant at Ash Flat
Robert Nelson, Part-time Fitness Center
Linda McBroome, Part-time Administrative Assistant at Ash Flat

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Dr. Dawe said they expect to see over 400 students enrolled this fall semester and it is projected that more than 500 students in the Stone County community will be served in the coming years.

Recently, nursing classes at the campus had been moved to the Mountain View High School due to prior storm damage, but they will be moved back over to the new facility this fall.

Gin Brown, Site Coordinator, said they are thrilled to have the students back, though they are appreciative of the high school for allowing them to use the space.

For more information on the Mountain View campus, contact Gin Brown at 870-269-5600.



Guests enjoyed refreshments prepared by Mimi Newsome after the dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting. The open space will serve as a lounge area for students to utilize between classes.



State Senator Missy Irvin, Dr. Michael DeLong, Donna York, Gin Brown, and Lindsey Galloway at the ribbon-cutting. Donna, Gin and Lindsey all work at the Mtn. View campus.

Ozarka Scholarship Established in honor of Joseph Bowser

The Ozarka Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship opportunity for students interested in hospice care. The Bowser-Petersen Nursing Scholarship is offered by Drs. Robert E. and Cheryl Bowser-Petersen of Horseshoe Bend. It is available to LPN's currently enrolled in the Ozarka 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.

In addition to the regular Ozarka scholarship application, those wanting to apply for this scholarship will be required to complete either a one-page essay or 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.

The Ozarka Foundation is a 501(c) (3) organization and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by IRS regulations. For more information about giving opportunities at Ozarka College, please contact Suellen Davidson, Director of Advancement, at 870-368-2059.

Nursing, first year students attend fall orientation



Ozarka College nursing students filled the auditorium on Wednesday morning for orientation.



New student orientation was held in Melbourne on Thursday afternoon.



After orientation, students were taken on tours of the campus. Two incoming students spoke with Dan Lindsay about features of the Library.

Ozarka College's Advanced Education Center offers opportunity to obtain Bachelor's degree

Ozarka College will officially open its Advanced Education Center this coming spring to provide students the opportunity to earn a four-year degree locally. The program is still pending final approval from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board, but students may start working toward their four-year degrees this fall through the recent partnership with Arkansas State University-Jonesboro.

Students will be able to take classes that will count toward a Bachelor of Science in (Business) Management degree. Qualified students who have received an Associate of Arts with an emphasis in Business or equivalent program can take

prerequisite Ozarka classes concurrently with the following online classes from ASU: Organizational Behavior, Management Information Systems, and Operations Management.

Students who take part in this program will be considered ASU students on the Ozarka College campus.

Dr. Mike DeLong, Vice President for Academic Affairs, explained that this will be a great opportunity for students wanting to continue with their education to do so while staying local.

Interested students should call Kathryn Langston at 870-368-2083 or by e-mail at klangston@ozarka.edu.

Business Department to offer Certificates of Proficiency in Banking and Finance

Ozarka College recently announced they will offer a Certificate of Proficiency in Banking and Finance starting fall 2011. To earn this certificate, students are required to complete and pass six courses, which include Law and Banking, Principles of Banking, Financial Planning, Microcomputer Applications, Electronic Spreadsheets, and Computer Ethics and Security.

The program will be offered at all Ozarka College campuses located in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mountain View and Mammoth Spring. To enroll, students are encouraged to visit a campus to complete an application for admission, or complete the application online at www.ozarka.edu.

For more information about the program, contact Kathryn Langston by phone at 870-368-2083 or by email at klangston@ozarka.edu.

Melbourne campus cooks up something new

The Ozarka College – Melbourne kitchen has made changes to their menu that will begin August 15. The new kitchen menu will more closely resemble a “grill” rather than a “cafeteria style” dining service. Here’s how the “grill” will work:

Daily options will include a cold sandwich selection, salads prepared fresh that morning, which will include a side salad, a garden salad and a chef salad. Additionally there will be three or four grilled options that will change weekly. For instance, one week might offer a grilled ham and cheese, fish sandwich, hamburger or chicken patty sandwich. The

changes will include selections such as french fries, onion rings, potato chips, fresh fruit, and assorted desserts.

There has been a slight pricing increase in both breakfast and lunch items due to inflation of costs; however, the costs are still modest. Additionally, the dining room now boasts new tables, chairs, a few bistro tables, and even the addition of a casual seating area at the side. New energy efficient lighting has also been installed to brighten the dining area. Long gone are the old “wagon wheel” fixtures that we have lovingly



Faculty and staff enjoyed the new cafeteria area and menu on Monday.

joked about for years.

Changes have also been made to the Student Center area to allow for office space for the Advancement Department, which includes the addition of an Alumni Relations Officer. The Student Center is smaller, but

still offers the technology and television area, as well as a waiting area.

We encourage everyone to stop by and check out the new menu and the new look. Comment cards are available and we encourage feedback.

Ozarka College

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Provide Life-Changing
Experiences Through
Education.**



Financial Aid Info

Financial aid payments will be made according to the following schedule:

Pell Grant	Sept. 15
Loans (1st disbursement):	Sept. 22
1st time students:	Sept. 29
Loans (2nd disbursement):	Oct. 20

Note: Dates are contingent upon students having all necessary financial aid paperwork completed and aid awarded.

GED Testing in September

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Ark. On Sept. 7 & 14 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 September:

Calico Rock, AR	City Hall	9 a.m.	Sept. 6 & 13
Ash Flat, AR	Annex Courtroom	9 a.m.	Sept. 8 & 22
Mountain View, AR	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	Sept. 8 & 22
Mammoth Spring, AR	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	Sept. 12 & 26
Salem, AR	Courthouse	9 a.m.	Sept. 20

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.