

Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION

Student Activities



Staff and students donated to the American Red Cross blood drive in Ash Flat on **November 3rd**. On the **10th**, LPN students at Ash Flat assisted with a flu clinic, checked vitals, and checked blood glucose levels.



On the **30th**, students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education.



Also on the **30th**, candidates for the LPN and RN graduating class of 2015 were honored with a luncheon. Each class designated a representative to speak about their experiences; they also motivated fellow class members for the next steps in their career and educational journeys. On **December 1st**, these students participated in the Capping and Pinning Ceremony.



President's Perspective

The fall semester has come and gone and as I write this we are preparing for our Christmas holiday break. This is always a good time of year to reflect on our successes and challenges as a college. We have such hard working and motivated students and that makes our work as staff and faculty very motivating. I hope our students have enjoyed much success this semester and are looking forward to the break before jumping back into spring classes! It appears that enrollment is beginning to pick up again and our concurrent enrollment is significantly increasing in the high schools as a result of the new College-Now scholarship. This is a very exciting time for Ozarka and I hope you all enjoy and appreciate being a part of something special, as I do.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a very successful spring semester!

Best of Success!

Dr. Richard Dawe



Upcoming Events

January

- 4: College Open
- 4-8: Late Registration
- 6: ARNEC Orientation
- 7: New Student Orientation
- 11: First Day of Classes
- 12: Law Enforcement Course begins (Mammoth Spring)
- 18: College Closed (Martin Luther King Day)

College Humor



Register Today for Spring/Summer '16

Spring courses at Ozarka College will begin on **January 11, 2016**; registration is now open for current and new students. Students may also register for the summer terms, which begin on **May 16**.

By meeting with an Advisor now, students are often able to secure the classes that best fit their schedule, as well as learn more about available Financial Aid. Both spring and summer courses are offered at each of Ozarka's four campus locations in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, and Mountain View. Several programs can also be completed fully online.

Students who have not previously attended Ozarka College are encouraged to contact the Ozarka College Admissions and Financial Aid Departments to begin their life-changing experiences today! The College is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., but will be closed **December 21, 2015** through **January 3, 2016** for winter break.

For assistance with admissions or registration, please contact Student Services by calling 1.800.821.4335 or 870.368.2013. For questions about obtaining Financial Aid, please call 870.368.2009 or email: finaid@ozarka.edu.

New Student Orientation

Ozarka College will host New Student Orientation at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, **January 7, 2016**. New Student Orientation is for students enrolled in the Spring 2016 semester, who have not previously taken classes through Ozarka College.

The orientation will convene at Ozarka College in Melbourne and will be viewable via livestream at Ozarka College in Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring and Mountain View. Students are encouraged to attend New Student Orientation at the campus location nearest them, regardless if they are enrolled in classes at that campus location or on the web.

Students attending orientation will learn pertinent information about student portals, campus safety, programs they can participate in such as Career Pathways and TRiO, be eligible for door prizes, and receive a free t-shirt.

For more information about New Student Orientation, please contact Amber Whitaker, Ozarka College Director of Admissions, by calling 870.368.2013 or email: amber.whitaker@ozarka.edu

Registration for Spring 2016 courses is still open, with late registration taking place **January 4-8** and classes

Returning Student?

Register Online 24/7 through myOzarka
www.ozarka.edu

Graham Appointed Interim Director of Ozarka Kids Academy



With nearly nine years experience in early childhood, Kelly Graham has been appointed the Interim Director of Ozarka Kids Academy. Kelly is a credentialed Child Development Associate and is a member of the Tapp's Registry. In addition to Kelly's credentials, her staff has more than 35 years combined experience and they are all required to obtain twenty hours of early childhood training each year.

Ozarka Kids Academy is open to the public Monday through Friday and accepts children ages six weeks to five years of age, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. They also offer an after school program for kids up to 10 years of age.

The infant/toddler rate is \$105 weekly and preschool/pre-k is \$95 weekly. Breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack are provided. Ozarka Kids Academy is the only licensed facility (center or licensed family child care home) open in Melbourne at this time.

For more information, or to enroll your child, please contact Kelly Graham, Ozarka Kids Academy Interim Director, by calling 870.368.7868 or email: kgraham@ozarka.edu

Fitness Challenge Results

Ozarka College hosted a reception on Tuesday, **December 8, 2015**, for participants of their fitness challenge. The fitness challenge was part of a grant from the Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas that began in January of 2015, where participants were invited to log their miles throughout the year from walking, running, swimming, etc.

"We started this journey with a goal of 100 participants to collectively log 10,000 miles," said Josh Wilson, Ozarka College Associate Vice President of Planning and Institutional Research. "As of Friday, December 4, we had 242 participants who together logged 116,445 miles." The College is proud to report that 75% of all participants either met or surpassed their mileage pledge for the year, and twenty-four participants logged more than 1,000 miles individually!

Of the 242 participants in the Ozarka College Fitness Challenge, 53 were members of the Ozarka College Fitness Center, 82 were Ozarka employees, 84 were Ozarka students, and 23 were members of the community-at-large.

The College would like to thank all of participants for their contribution, and give special congratulations to the top three mileage contributors: Takara Kinion (3,420 miles), Layne Sargeson (2,087 miles), and Jeannie Hudspeth (1,892 miles).

For more information about this project, please contact Josh Wilson by calling 870.368.2042 or email: jwilson@ozarka.edu

Opportunity to Travel Abroad

Ozarka College hosted an informational and registration meeting for students interested in traveling to Costa Rica: Pura Vida. The meeting took place at Ozarka College – Ash Flat on Thursday, **November 19, 2015**.

This trip is organized through EF College Study Tours and is open to Ozarka College staff, students and their families. The dates of this nine-day excursion are from **May 16, 2016** through **May 24, 2016**. Travelers should expect to board canal boats, kayaks, rafts and zip-lines while getting an up-close and personal look at the ever-changing landscapes of Pura Vida.

Roundtrip airfare, hotels, meals, excursions, bus driver, transfers, and an English speaking guide (available 24/7) are all included. The approximate cost of this program is \$2,400 and a \$150 discount is applied when enrolling for this Costa Rican adventure before **November 25, 2015**.

Tena Rosse, Ozarka College English Faculty and the group leader of this program states, “You will experience ‘Pure Life’ as the Costa Rican people will say.” Rosse continues, “If you have ever wanted to see an active volcano, visit a rain forest in search of a howler monkey, snorkel in the clear Pacific waters with the sea turtles, soar like a bird across the tree tops in search of a Green Macaw, or simply chill out in the relaxing warm geothermal hot springs of the cloud forest, then this is the trip for you!”

For more information, please call Ms. Rosse at 870.994.7273 or email: tena.rosse@ozarka.edu

Law Enforcement Officer Training coming to Mammoth Spring

A Reserve/Auxiliary/Part-Time Law Enforcement Officer Training Course will be presented by the Mammoth Spring Police Department and Ozarka College, beginning in January. Applications for this course must be submitted to the Mammoth Spring City Hall by **December 18, 2015**.

The Law Enforcement Officer training course will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **January 12, 2016** through **March 15, 2016**. Additional sessions will meet on specified Saturdays; times and locations for these hands-on-trainings will vary with subject matter covered.

This course will include nearly fifty different knowledge and skill areas, covering a wide range of topics, and is for Arkansas Certification. A detailed list of topics to be covered can be obtained from MSPD Chief of Police, Mike Davis. The fee for this course is \$300.

Applications can be picked up at the Mammoth Spring City Hall and returned there or mailed to PO Box 185 in Mammoth Spring, AR 72554. For more information, please contact Mike Davis or Jamie Turnbough at the Mammoth Spring Police Department, by calling 870.625.7516 or James Spurlock, Director of Ozarka College - Mammoth Spring, at 870.625.0411. Mr. Spurlock can also be reached by email: jmspurlock@ozarka.edu.

Student Success Career Sphere

Non-Traditional CAREERS

➔ *What is a non-traditional career?*

- ⇒ Occupations or fields of work for which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25% of individuals employed in that field or occupation
- ⇒ For women, many non-traditional careers fall into a few broad categories of jobs: labor-intensive, scientific/technical, and supervisory.
- ⇒ While fewer non-traditional careers are available for men, these careers tend to involve education, health, and service-related jobs.



➔ *Why choose a non-traditional career?*

- ⇒ Non-traditional jobs generally pay females 20-30% more than traditional female jobs, meaning that women in nontraditional fields will earn 150% more over the course of their careers.
- ⇒ For men, nontraditional training can open new opportunities including high-wage, high-demand careers in nursing, management, business ownership, education and school administration.
- ⇒ The economy increasingly demands more college-education workers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Female *Non-Traditional* Careers

- ⇒ Airline Pilots
- ⇒ Auto mechanics
- ⇒ Computer Scientists
- ⇒ Engineers
- ⇒ Farmers/Ranchers
- ⇒ Firefighters
- ⇒ Law Enforcement
- ⇒ Plumbers
- ⇒ Truck Drivers
- ⇒ Welders

Male *Non-Traditional* Careers

- ⇒ Bookkeepers
- ⇒ Cashiers
- ⇒ Dental Hygienists
- ⇒ Elementary/Middle School Teachers
- ⇒ Hairdressers
- ⇒ Legal Assistants
- ⇒ Nurses
- ⇒ Secretaries
- ⇒ Social Workers
- ⇒ Speech Therapists

Learn more by contacting Kay or Kendra in Student Success

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Ozarka College is Accepting Students for CNA

Ozarka College is currently accepting enrollment for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) classes. This Basic Health Skills course is for college credit and available at each of our four campus locations: Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, and Mountain View.

Basic Health Skills is a nine-week course that meets two times per week, beginning in January 2016. When submitting an admissions application, students should select the Technical Certificate for Health Professions. Completion of Ozarka's CNA course increases students' competitiveness for entrance into the LPN program, as well as prepares them to take the state certification test.

Financial Aid is available to students who qualify. For more information or to get registered, please contact: Tamra Bevill, Ozarka College CNA Coordinator, at 870.368.2079 or email: tbevill@ozarka.edu. Dawn Smith, Ozarka College Allied Health Instructor, may also be of assistance; please call 870.368.2044 or email: dawn.smith@ozarka.edu

SCCRC Scholarship Recipients



Ozarka College has had the pleasure of working with the Stone County Community Resource Council (SCCRC), based out of Mountain View, Arkansas, for the past several years. The SCCRC is a nonprofit corporation operated by volunteers, where they accept donated items at The Dorcas House thrift store and sell those items \$2.00 per bag. In turn, the SCCRC has donated a total of \$110,000 to Ozarka College; \$90,000 has been designated for scholarships and \$20,000 for College improvements.

The \$90,000 in scholarship donations from SCCRC created nine endowed scholarships that have been awarded to students in \$500 increments. By awarding funds in this manner, countless students have been, and will continue

to be, supported by these generous donations. The SCCRC is committed to investing in the lives of their scholarship recipients, and they firmly believe that education is the key to a brighter and more successful future.

This year's recipients are as follows: Destiny Butler, Randy Layman, Whitney Mendoza, Sarah Reynoso, Stephony Trantham, Shelby Turner, Summer Waddles, Sarah Werb, and Nathan Wilson

For more information about the Stone County Community Resource Council or Ozarka College, please contact Lindsay Wilson-Galloway, Director of Ozarka College in Mountain View, by calling 870.269.5600.

Blue & You Foundation Grant Update

Ozarka College will soon complete a year-long Comprehensive Health and Safety Improvement Initiative made possible in part by a \$46,909 grant through the Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas (BYF). The grant award supported a Quick Response Health Care Initiative, initiated a Cardio Wellness and Fitness Challenge, and established a Safety in the Workplace Initiative; efforts aimed at promoting healthier lifestyles and creating a safer campus for the hundreds of students, employees, and visitors of the College.

The College surpassed every defined goal within the grant proposal. Accordingly, the College outfitted all four campus locations with automatic external defibrillators (AED) and advanced emergency response beacons. Also, with grant support, Ozarka has trained and certified more than 100 employees and 65 community members in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and AED user training.

"The Blue & You Foundation grant provided for a very comprehensive program at the College," said Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President. "The installation of AEDs and emergency alert system upgrades and emergency response training have provided a safer environment for all who visit the College."

The impact of the grant initiatives also reached far beyond the College campus. The Cardio Wellness and Fitness Challenge initiative challenged College employees and students as well as members of the community to adopt healthier, more active lifestyles. The College set goals to enlist at least 100 participants in a 10,000 mile fitness challenge. The College is pleased to report that more than 200 participants collectively logged over 110,000 miles, crushing every milestone challenge throughout the year.

The Blue & You Foundation award also strengthened the College partnership with the Northcentral Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (NAESC) and the nine public school districts in the College's four-county service area (Fulton, Izard, Sharp and Stone). Specifically, the College provided adult and infant training manikins for NAESC to loan for quick response health care training, such as CPR and AED, in the local school districts. In addition, the grant initiative provided for the cost of training one personnel at each of the nine school districts to become a licensed CPR and AED training provider.

"The College enjoyed getting to partner with the education cooperative and the local districts," said Josh Wilson, Ozarka College Associate Vice President of Planning and Institutional Research. "Having additional training providers in-house provides sustainable, quick-response training solutions for our schools. It also supports the state-mandated CPR training requirement for high school students."

The Blue & You Foundation was established by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a charitable foundation to promote better health in Arkansas. Ozarka College was one of only 35 grant applications funded out of 202 grant applications received for the 2015 cycle.

Student Success Stories, presented by Career Pathways



Elizabeth Smith

“After 19 years of being out of school, my husband and I decided this was the right time for me to continue with my degree. I was a little apprehensive as to if I would be successful at this stage in life, as I come from a home with nothing further than a High School education. My husband has a college degree and is very supportive and when I was introduced to Career Pathways and TRiO, I felt a peace settle over me as I discovered I wasn't alone. They helped to get all of my credits with ASU-Jonesboro transferred over.

I was also unsure if the path I had chosen so long ago was still the one I wanted to pursue; after completing the Kuder Interest Inventory I was relieved to find out my assessment pointed me in the direction I was going. As time grew closer to my first Biology exam, I grew more and more nervous. I went to one of the tutors to help with my studying and discovered I had excellent study skills and was advised to just keep reinforcing what I already knew. This helped me gain the confidence I needed and relax for the test.

After the exam, I felt quite confident and was not surprised to have received a 93 on my test! With a renewed confidence, I am pushing on to being the first in my family to complete college. Career Pathways is helping me to be successful in my education and pointing me in the right direction to ensure my future success as a teacher.”



Leah Hutchinson

“Career Pathways has helped me so much the year I have been at Ozarka! They have provided me with the gas to get to and from college and books. They have helped me with more than just the academic needs of college. Career Pathways has helped me so much when it came to the support I needed.

I have always been informed about any given opportunity to progress in college and life in general. Anytime I had a question, need, or anything at all, they were there to help. This was very important to me personally.

I am a single mother who needed a second chance at college and my education. I learned through Career Pathways that I could have a second chance! In the past, I failed out of college due to finances, lack of support, and information. Here, it is an entirely different story.

I am doing well in all of my classes, I am able to stay focused, and I don't worry as much about finances. I am able to keep balance with motherhood, college, and work. I am in my third semester now and planning to attend UCA in Conway next fall. I intend to receive my BA in Art Education and a minor in Spanish/French.

I am so close to the next step in my walk academically and it honestly started when I walked into the Career Pathways office. A little over a year ago, I said college “wasn't for me.” Now, I am a tutor and I am aspiring to go as far as my masters!”

Foundation Scholarship Recipients

The Ozarka College Foundation is pleased to announce additional scholarship recipients of the 2015-2016 academic year. Students being awarded these scholarships are as follows:

Teresa Mulderig: Dietsche/Martin Appreciation Scholarship. This scholarship was created in honor of Science instructors Bruce Dietsche and Melissa Martin and awarded to a student pursuing a science-related degree. Teresa has received \$250 for the Fall 2015 semester and will receive \$250 for the Spring 2016 semester.

Dakota Williams and Kandis Williams: Lesa Bull Memorial Scholarships. These scholarships were established by the Faculty and Staff of the College in memory of Lesa Bull, a former Ozarka College employee. Dakota and Kandis each received \$250 for the Fall 2015 semester and will receive \$250 for the Spring 2016 semester.

Judy Walker and Maureen Westphal: Nursing Achievement Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to nursing students in the area who seek higher education as the avenue from which to realize their potential for achievement. Judy and Maureen each received \$250 for the Fall 2015 semester and will receive \$250 for the Spring 2016 semester.

Savannah Hall, Maureen Westphal and Whitney Mendoza: Kenneth and Janice Sutton Nursing Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to students currently enrolled in the Mountain View LPN program. Savannah, Maureen, and Whitney each received \$1,000 for the Fall 2015 semester and will receive \$1,000 for the Spring 2016 semester and \$1000 for Summer 2016

Rebecca Rathel, Melissa Reny and Catherine Tuck: Garry and Carol Ann Lawrence Scholarships. These scholarships are funded by rental income generated from property owned by a Hardy, Arkansas landowner. Rebecca, Melissa, and Catherine each received \$250 for the Fall 2015 semester and will receive \$250 for the Spring 2016 semester.

Marvin Van Dyke and Dalton Foster: Garry and Carol Ann Lawrence Nursing Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in the Ash Flat LPN program and are funded by rental income generated from property owned by a Hardy, Arkansas landowner. Marvin and Dalton each received \$500 for the Fall 2015 semester and will receive \$500 for the Spring and Summer 2016 semesters.

Duncan McGowen: David and Phyllis Wilson Honorary Scholarship. This scholarship was funded by Josh and Courtney Wilson in honor of Josh's parents. This scholarship is awarded to a Calico Rock high school graduate, who has an interest in public service or contributing to the field of education. Duncan has received \$250 for the Fall 2015 semester and will receive \$250 for the Spring 2016 semester.

Savannah Harber: Dixie Anderson Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was funded by Josh and Courtney Wilson in honor of Courtney's grandmother. This scholarship is awarded to a Calico Rock high school graduate, who has an interest in public service or contributing to the field of education. Savannah has received \$250 for the Fall 2015 semester and will receive \$250 for the Spring 2016 semester.

Kimberly Monahan: Friends of the Paul Weaver Library Scholarship. This scholarship was funded by supporters of the Paul Weaver Library. Kimberly has received \$250 for the Fall 2015 semester and will receive \$250 for the Spring 2016 semester.

The announcement of scholarship recipients is on going. For more information, please contact Suellen Davidson, Director of Ozarka College Advancement, at 870.368.2059

ACC Leadership Institute



The 2015-16 academic year marks the 8th year of Arkansas Community College's Leadership Institution. Over the years, many Ozarka faculty and staff have attended and completed this program. Participants in this year's leadership class include Lindsay Wilson-Galloway, Deltha Shell and Josh Wilson. Wilson-Galloway serves as the Director of Ozarka College in Mountain View, Shell is the Director of TRiO, and Wilson is the Associate Vice President of Planning and Institutional Research.

Ozarka College president, Dr. Richard Dawe, was invited to attend one of the leadership classes to share his perspective on leadership and vision. He spoke about defining leadership, the difference between transactional and transformational leadership and when each can be appropriate based on organizational circumstances. He also spoke about the

importance of having a vision, willingness to step up and lead when it is necessary—an endeavor which some are hesitant to take on for fear of failure or uncertainty, and the need for “moderate anxiety” in one's job, as it reflects continual improvement and supports challenging endeavors in the organization.

Ozarka College Service Awards



On **December 11**, Ozarka staff enjoyed a potluck luncheon and honored employees with distinguished years of service. One in particular was Kathryn Langston who was also presented with a plaque for her retirement. Kathryn most recently served as the Division Chair of Applied Science and Technology.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients!

15 years of service: Bettie Estes, James Spurlock, Karen Overturf, Ruby Johnson, Kathryn Langston, and Kim Lovelace

10 years of service: Val West, Katie Wilson, and Tracy Cone

5 years of service: DeeDe Steed, Kendra Smith, Jason Self, Chris Layne, and Bryan Jeffery

Twice upon an Ozarka Christmas



Ozarka College hosted their 6th annual holiday event on **December 4, 2015**. This year's theme was, "Twice upon an Ozarka Christmas" and took place at Ozarka College's John E. Miller Education Complex, in Melbourne, Arkansas.

Families joined the College for the viewing of *Mickey's Twice Upon A Christmas*, pictures with Santa, festive treats prepared by the Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department, and several other fun activities. Over 500 people were estimated to be in attendance.

This fun-filled, family friendly event was sponsored by the Ozarka College Foundation and was free of charge for all who attended. "The holiday event is the perfect opportunity for the College to give back to the communities that we serve," said Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College Director of Advancement. "It is our pleasure to celebrate the season with kids and adults and show our gratitude for the opportunity to serve students in this area."

Spreading Holiday Cheer while Giving Back



Members of the Ozarka College Classified Staff Council hosted a food drive at each Ozarka campus location.

Pictured are some of the employees who collected non-perishable items and donated them to the Manna House in Melbourne on **November 23, 2015**.



The Ozarka College Classified Staff Council (CSC) and the Student Government Association (SGA) partnered together on this year's Angel Tree Project, organized by the Department of Human Services.

Members of Ozarka College's CSC adopted four angels to provide Christmas gifts for, and members of SGA hosted a bake sale that raised \$80. All proceeds benefited the angels adopted by CSC.

Pictured are some of the employees who purchased items and donated them to the Angel Tree Project. This year's angels included two boys and two girls, all under the age of three.

Kids Academy Donates to DHS



In lieu of a gift exchange, Ozarka Kids Academy at Ozarka College in Melbourne chose to donate to the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) this holiday season.

Kids Academy students donated non-perishable food items to DHS, who will intern redistribute them to Izard County residents in need.

For more information about Ozarka Kids Academy, please contact Kelly Graham, Interim Director of Ozarka Kids Academy, at 870.368.7868 or email kgraham@ozarka.edu.

Christmas Parades: Ash Flat, Mtn. View, Salem, Thayer & Mammoth Spring



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