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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Proposed Development Plan Meeting for Faculty, Staff and Students Thursday, March 1, 11:30 a.m. in the Lecture Hall

- Mini Health Fair Monday, March 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the John E. Miller Education Complex Lobby.

- Foundation Board meeting Monday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Room

- Student Transfer Fair Tuesday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to noon in the John E. Miller Education Complex

Enrollment remains strong at Ozarka College

Official enrollment numbers have been released by Ozarka College following the eleventh day of classes showing stable enrollment for the spring semester. There are 1,567 students enrolled at the four campuses in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mountain View, and Mammoth Spring compared to 1,570 enrolled a year ago.

The Melbourne campus saw a 7 percent increase in students compared to last spring going from 443 students to 473. The Mammoth Spring site, only in its second year, grew 19 percent from last spring, sustaining enrollment for the year.

While the Ash Flat and Mountain View campuses saw a slight dip in enrolled students since last spring, the numbers are consistent with fall 2011 enrollment numbers.

"The fact that we had no significant decline in enrollment this semester while so many institutions across the state have declined significantly is very positive," said Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe. "The decline that so many are experiencing is not entirely unexpected however. During the past two to three years we saw a dramatic increase in enrollment, not only at Ozarka but nationwide. Jobs were scarce and so many people went back to col-



More than 70 new Ozarka College students attended Fall 2011 orientation.

lege to retool or advance their education. Now as many of those students have completed their studies and as the unemployment rate begins to decline, there are fewer students entering our education system."

Ozarka College was recently named by Community College Week one of the top 50 fastest growing community colleges with less than 2,500 students enrolled after a 15 percent increase in students from Fall 2009 to Fall 2010. Community College Week is an independent source of in-depth information for and about two-year college faculty, administrators and trustees. Established in 1988, it is published bi-weekly and distributed to two-year colleges across the United States.

Ozarka College Transfer Fair - Rescheduled!

When: Tuesday, March 13

Where: Main Lobby of the John E. Miller Education Complex - Melbourne

Time: 9 a.m. - Noon

Due to inclement weather in February, the Transfer Fair has been rescheduled for March! We invite all students to come by and visit with representatives from area 4-year colleges and universities! They will be here to help you make the best decision about your transition from Ozarka College and to educate you on scholarship opportunities available from their institutions!

Popcorn and drinks will be served and students will be able to register to win a free Ozarka College hooded sweatshirt!

Become OZC's next Academic All-Star!

The Arkansas Association of Two Year Colleges (AATYC) is once again offering the Academic All-Star Scholarship Program to students of two year colleges in the state.

One student from each college will receive the recognition, which includes a \$500 scholarship for the Spring 2013 semester to attend Ozarka College.

The purpose of this program is to recognize the scholarly and service achievements of Arkansas' two-year college students. Each Academic All-Star will be recognized at the AATYC All-Star Awards Brunch on Tuesday, Oct. 16 in Hot Springs, Ark.

To be eligible for consideration, students must be an Arkansas resident, be currently enrolled at Ozarka College and expect to be enrolled at Ozarka College through at least Spring 2013, have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours in pursuit of an Associate's degree by June 1, 2012, have the intent to graduate from Ozarka College with an Associate's degree by Summer 2013, and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 in all credit coursework completed at Ozarka College.

The deadline to apply is May 11.

For more information, contact Ron Helm, Vice President of Student Services, at 870-368-2027 or by email at rhelm@ozarka.edu. Application packets are available in Student Services on the Melbourne campus and in the main offices at Ash Flat, Mountain View and Mammoth Spring.

CE offering Cake Decorating II

Ozarka College will be offering a learning opportunity for those interested in cake decorating this semester through Continuing Education.

Cake Decorating II, offered March 27 through April 17, will take students through basic cake decorating and design to advanced decorating techniques. The course will be four weeks long on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. on the Melbourne campus.

Decorating kits required for the course

is included in the cost, which is \$95. Students who have already taken Cake Decorating I can immediately take Cake Decorating II.

Anyone interested in taking the class can contact Karen Overturf in the Vice President for Academic Affairs' office at 870-368-2005 or by email at koverturf@ozarka.edu to request a Continuing Education application that must be completed prior to the course. Applications and payment must be turned in by March 20.

Pell disbursement has impact on local economies

Ozarka College has disbursed more than \$2.5 million in Pell Grant funds to students at all four campuses since the beginning of the spring 2012 semester.

This semester's Pell Grant disbursement of \$2.55 million is consistent with funds distributed in past years.

Any money from the Pell Grant that remains on a student's account after tuition and fees are paid is then distributed directly to the students. The remaining money is allocated to assist with

living expenses, such as housing, food, utility bills, and childcare.

With more than 1,500 students in four counties, local economies stand to see tremendous impact from these check disbursements.

Unlike student loans, money that students receive from the Federal Pell Grant Program does not have to be repaid. The amount allocated to each student depends on a variety of factors including students' financial need, the cost to attend school,

status as a full or part-time student, and plans to attend school for an entire academic year or less. Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for a Pell Grant.

The Pell Grant is only one form of financial aid Ozarka College students may be eligible to receive annually, and it is estimated that several million dollars more will be injected into the local economies before the end of the fiscal year in June.



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KIDS ACADEMY

MELBOURNE, ARKANSAS

Invites you to join us at the

RIBBON-CUTTING

*for the newly remodeled
and expanded facility*

Friday, March 2

2 p.m.

Ozarka Kids Academy

218 College Drive

Melbourne, AR 72556

Refreshments will be served.

*Project made possible with a grant from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, with support from White River Planning and Development District, the City of Melbourne and Izard County.

*Total capacity has been increased to 84 children.

*Serves children 6 weeks to 5 years of age.

*Licensed by the DHS, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education.

For more information, contact
Karen Hall at 870-368-3010 or the
Advancement Office at 870-368-2060.

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

On Thursday, Feb. 16, 50 Ozarka College students were inducted into the Beta Alpha Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. This society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming. It is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2.5 million members and 1,275 chapters. In 1929, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges.



Students signed their names into the PTK book and lit a candle as part of their induction.



There were 50 students who were part of the 2012 inductees.



Nine of the inductees participate in TRiO programs available at Ozarka College.

Ozarka College welcomes 10 new employees

Ozarka College has added 10 full time employees to its four campuses in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mountain View, and Mammoth Spring.

Those hired include: Serelda Johnson, Health Information Technology Instructor; Micki Estes, Administrative Specialist III – Financial Aid; Phyllis Hoskinds, Administrative Specialist I – Information Technology; Kristopher Caraway, Arkansas Works Career Coach – Highland; Amber Rush, Accounting Coordinator; Rick Ramsey, Information Systems Analyst; Amber

Middlebrooks, Director of Distance Learning, Advisement, and Placement; Maegon Mayes, Developmental Education Instructor; Michelle Crock, Child Care Technician; Joshua Wilson, PACE Coordinator.

The new employees were hired to accommodate the growing student population at all locations. Ozarka College currently employs 118 full-time faculty and staff.

Scholarship deadline near

Students interested in applying for institutional or Foundation scholarships for the Fall 2012 semester should do so prior to the March 1 deadline. A full list of scholarships available are located at www.ozarka.edu under the Financial Aid tab on the homepage.

All students are encouraged to take advantage of scholarship opportunities available at Ozarka College.

For more information, contact Admissions at 870-368-2024 or Hannah McWilliams in the Advancement Office at 870-368-2060 or by email at hmcwilliams@ozarka.edu.

CNA students organizing on-campus health fair

As part of a community service outreach project, Ozarka College certified nursing assistant students will host a mini health fair for students, faculty and staff on the Melbourne campus Monday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the John E. Miller Education Complex lobby.

Under the direction of instructor Dawn Fedor, students will learn through the process their role in shaping the health care delivery system and providing holistic care for their patients. Anyone who attends will be able to have their vital signs checked, which include blood pressure, heart rate and respirations. Additional educational materials will be available from local health care facilities.

A few of the local agencies participating include Air Evac, Legacy Hospice, White River Medical Center, Horseshoe Health and Medicine, and more.

All Ozarka College students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. For more information, contact CNA Coordinator Tamra Beville at 870-368-2079 or by email at tbevill@ozarka.edu.

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Ozarka College to offer additional Adult Education courses

Director William “Bill” Walker with the Arkansas Department of Career Education has approved the disbursement of special project monies to fund additional adult education class offerings throughout Fulton, Izard, Sharp, and Stone counties. Class offerings began February 21, 2012.

According to Dr. Wayne Wilson, Director of Ozarka College’s Adult Education Department, this funding will be used to provide evening classes that had previously been cut due to a lack of available funding.

For a complete listing of day and evening classes now available, please contact Debbie Yancey at 870-368-2051.

February GED Testing Schedule

The GED® Test will be given at Ozarka College – Melbourne on March 8 and 28 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 February:

•Mountain View	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	March 6 and 13
•Ash Flat	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	March 5 and 12
•Calico Rock	City Hall	9 a.m.	March 15
•Mammoth Spring	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	March 8 and 15
•Salem	Courthouse	9 a.m.	March 5

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 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.