

Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION



March 9: TRIO students experienced the Phantom of the Opera in Little Rock.



March 10: Rebecca Lee and Josh Burns visited UCA on a TRIO transfer trip, and the Culinary Arts Student Showcase was held in the Student Services Center.



March 14: Students and staff in Mtn. View raised \$160 for the AR Children's Hospital during "Pi Day" festivities.

March 30: Ozarka College Classified Staff Council donated funds raised during a recent bake sale and silent auction to Safe Passage, LLC.

Registration is now OPEN for summer and fall semesters. Don't delay, ENROLL today!



President's Perspective

Spring is here and we are busy preparing for Commencement and also the Foundation Board's annual fundraising Gala. Commencement is of course our most celebrated event and the sole purpose of us all at Ozarka! We are honored this year to have our Arkansas Supreme Court Chief Justice, Judge John Kemp as our guest speaker. I look forward to presenting diplomas and wishing our soon to be alumni the very best in their future careers.

Advancement is working very hard to prepare for another exciting Gala event this year. We have so many supporters throughout the service region who want to continue to play a role in supporting the success of our students. This is always a very uplifting and successful event that I hope you can attend.

We are also working on the budget for the coming year, and although Higher Ed. received no new funds from the state, we are continuing to do the best we possibly can with limited resources, while striving to keep the costs as affordable as possible for our students.

Please don't hesitate to share your ideas for ways we might improve. I want to thank faculty and staff again for sharing your candid remarks for the things we should improve upon and also things we should keep up.

Best of Success!

Dr. Richard Dawe



Foundation to Host Annual Gala

The Ozarka College Foundation will host their annual Spring Gala on Thursday, **April 13, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. "Supporting Higher Education: The Key to Success" will take place in the Student Services Center at Ozarka College, located at 218 College Drive in Melbourne, Arkansas.

Centennial Bank will once again be the presenting sponsor and the Gala will feature a gourmet dinner, prepared by Ozarka College's ACF accredited culinary arts department. To add to the already enjoyable event, the exciting live auction will also return with a beautiful auction prize donated by Sissy's Log Cabin.

Proceeds from the Gala will support the Foundation in its effort to provide resources necessary for many students to have life-changing experiences through education at Ozarka College. Sponsorship levels include Corporate Sponsor (\$1,000) and Table Sponsor (\$750). Individual tickets will be sold at \$75 each; however, quantities are limited due to corporate sponsorships. Tickets are currently on sale and attendees are encouraged to purchase early to ensure seating to this impactful event. For more information or to reserve your table, please call 870.368.2059 to speak to Suellen or Angela in Ozarka College's advancement office.



SPN Conference

On **March 16 and 17, 2017**, Ozarka College hosted the sixth annual student nursing conference in Melbourne, Arkansas. Approximately 120 students from Ozarka's Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, and Mountain View LPN programs were in attendance.

Tara Pankey from White River Medical Center's (WRMC) Vascular Access, and Shari Moser from Arkansas Hospice were guest speakers. Pankey spoke about the various types of vascular access devices that their team at WRMC manages, and the different aspects of nursing care of those various lines. Moser shared what hospice is, how it helps patients and their families, and explained the nurse's role in hospice care.

Ozarka College LPN students did team building exercises and competed in various nursing competitions that tested their skills acquired as a nursing student. Winners of the competitions are as follows:

Anatomy & Physiology: 1) Brittany Hudson 2) Kassie Smith 3) Dillon Lawrence

Medical Terminology: 1) Terri Childs 2) Carol Rynders 3) Amber Merriam

Nutrition: 1) Rebekah Perez and Tamara Wilson 2) Jamy Kingrey

Math for Nurses: 1) Jonathan Dunnam 2) Savannah Rychtarik 3) Erin Henry

Two-Person CPR: 1) Michael Bell and Annette Foerster 2) Dakota Friend and Aundria Webb 3) Rachelle Cameron and Haley Amico

Clinical Skills: 1) April McDaniel 2) Miranda Sloan 3) Kimberly Lavelle

Job Interview: 1) Jessica Wilson 2) Haley Everett 3) Paige Grimes

Spelling Bee: 1) Christie Whitson 2) James McCloskey 3) Kimiko Dixon

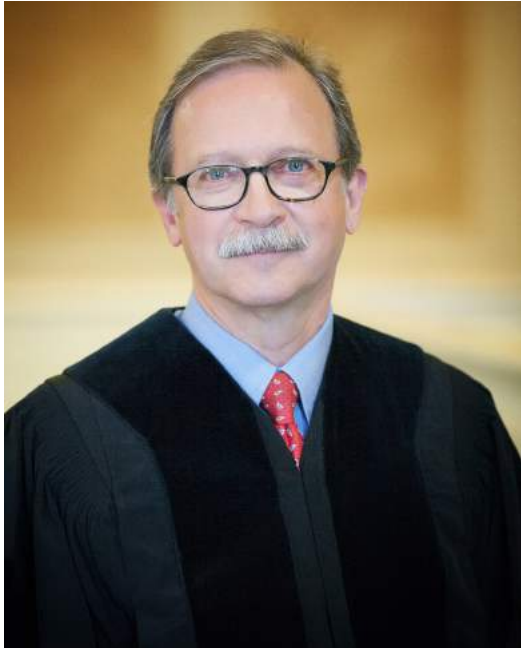
Quiz Bowl: 1) Brittney Yancy, Natasha Bagwell, James McCloskey, and Karlie Wacholtz 2) Emily Mathes, Jonathan Dunnam, McKenzie Zeiger, and Dillon Lawrence 3) Michael Bell, Laura Beth Miller, Brenda Mitchell, and Kayla Cullum



Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show



The Ozarka College Foundation hosted their 5th annual Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show in Mtn. View on **March 4, 2017**. The event featured fashion and fun, along with a catered lunch from the Ozark Folk Center Skillet Restaurant and decadent cheesecakes prepared by the Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department.



Chief Justice Kemp to Address Graduates

Arkansas Supreme Court Chief Justice John Dan Kemp will address Ozarka College graduates during the 2017 Commencement Ceremony. Prior to being elected to his current position, Chief Justice Kemp served as circuit judge for 29 years. Born and raised in Mountain View, Arkansas, Chief Justice Kemp has also had the honor and privilege of serving as an Elder at the School Avenue Church of Christ.

Commencement will take place on Thursday, **May 4** at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the John E. Miller Education Complex in Melbourne, Arkansas. Approximately 400 students are expected to receive credentials from 32 Ozarka College degree programs. The administration, faculty, and staff are proud of the hard work demonstrated by these graduates and invite family, friends, and interested community members to attend the 2017 commencement ceremony.



Employee of the Quarter

Ozarka's latest Employee of the Quarter recipient is Dawn Smith! Dawn was selected from a field of very talented colleagues this quarter.

"She is hard working, committed to her students and colleagues, and always has a positive, friendly attitude," said Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President. "Through her work instructing us all in CPR, she has made us a safer college. We are grateful for everything she does for Ozarka College and pleased to pay her this tribute."

Professional Development Opportunity

The Ozarka College Institutional Professional Development Committee extends a cordial invitation to all members of the college and community environment as Manda Jackson presents, "The Basics of STAR Service." The presentation will take place on Thursday, **April 20, 2017** in the John E. Miller Education Complex (C104), beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Jackson has been with the College since 2014 and is serving her 10th year in higher education. She came to Ozarka from Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and prior to, she worked as a Management Trainee at Cintas Corporation in Columbia, Missouri. Manda has a Masters degree in Business Administration, Management from Stephens College and a Bachelors degree in Marketing, Management from Arkansas State University.

New Firearm Training System Purchased

Using funds provided to Ozarka College through the federal Carl D. Perkins grant, the College purchased a firearm training system to provide criminal justice students with hands-on experiences to develop occupational skills needed by most criminal justice professionals.

“It is very important to student learning to not only be growing in academic disciplines, but also to have those interactive, hands-on experiences to develop the skills they need to do their jobs,” said Kay Adkins, Ozarka

College student success advising specialist/Perkins. “The range simulator provides valuable experiential learning for our students as they virtually experience ‘active shooter’ situations and practice their observation and reaction skills using non-lethal simulator weapons.”



Criminal Justice program coordinator and faculty member, Allen Wallis, began using this simulator in his curriculum during the fall semester of 2016. On February 21, 2017, Wallis utilized the equipment to host training for the Sharp County Sheriff's office reserve officers at Ozarka College – Ash Flat. “It's very advantageous for my criminal justice students to get to train on the same equipment as officers already working in the field,” said Allen Wallis.

For more information about Ozarka College's criminal justice program, please call Allen Wallis at 870.994.7273 or email: allen.wallis@ozarka.edu.

Criminal Justice Industry Workshop

Ozarka College - Ash Flat will host the 1st Annual Criminal Justice Industry Workshop on **April 14, 2017**. All Ozarka College criminal justice students are invited to attend this free event, and transportation may be requested from other Ozarka campus locations. The workshop will take place in the lecture hall from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will feature Criminal Justice Program Coordinator, Allen Wallis. Also attending will be guests from various areas of the criminal justice field with whom students will interact as a group and individually.

This is a valuable opportunity for current Ozarka College criminal justice students to explore possible careers within the criminal justice field, learn about available training and certifications, and make connections with professionals who can provide invaluable insight into your present and future employability. To RSVP to this event, please contact Career Planning Mentor, Kendra Smith, by Friday, April 7 at 870.994.7273 ext. 4034 or email: kendra.smith@ozarka.edu.

Free GED Classes

Work towards obtaining your GED by taking free classes at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring, or Mountain View. Ozarka College's Adult Education program is ADA accessible, EEOC compliant, and disability accommodations are available upon request.

Classes meet at Ozarka College in Melbourne on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Classes in Ash Flat are on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mammoth Spring and Mountain View both offer classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration is ongoing. For additional information on free GED classes, please call Ozarka College's Adult Education Department at 870.368.2051.

Desserts for Diabetics

In a partnership with ARcare, Ozarka College will offer Desserts for Diabetics, a continuing education course. There is no charge to enroll, but seating is limited to 15 participants. The class will meet on **April 20, 2017** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Ozarka College in Melbourne.

Participants will not be cooking during this demonstration class, but they will get to sample Peach Bavarian, prepared by Ozarka College's Chef Alden Griffus, CCC. To register for this course, please call Alden at 870.368.2073 or email: alden.griffus@ozarka.edu

FrogWatch USA Workshops

Ozarka College will partner with FrogWatch USA to offer free Frog Listening Workshops in Ash Flat beginning in April. The seminars will be presented by Linda Glass, FrogWatch USA Chapter Coordinator. Participants will learn to identify all the frogs and toads in our area by their calls, learn why they are important, why they are in trouble, and what you can do to help. In addition, participants will receive an introduction to wetlands and a description of the national frog monitoring network, FrogWatch USA, and have the option of becoming a certified FrogWatch USA citizen scientist.

The workshops will be held in the lecture hall at Ozarka College in Ash Flat on **April 11 and 13, 2017** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. For more information or to register for this free workshop, please call 870.994.7273.



Ready, Set, Graduate!

Ozarka College – Ash Flat had the privilege of partnering with John Kunkel, Sharp County business development officer at First Community Bank to provide smart financial planning workshops throughout the school year to seniors at Cave City and Highland High Schools.

Then on **March 3, 10 and 31**, approximately 200 seniors from these schools, collectively, attended program finales at Ozarka. Students learned what they could (and could not) afford based on the education and careers they intended to pursue after high school. The students had a great time going through the reality stations, coordinated by the Univ. of Arkansas Extension Services!



International Day – Costa Rica

Ozarka College's Diversity and Cultural Events Committee hosted the 9th Annual International Day, **March 28 – April 6, 2017**. This event was open to Ozarka students, faculty, and staff and focused on the country and culture of Costa Rica. English faculty member, Tena Rosse led a presentation at each Ozarka College location and refreshments prepared by Culinary Arts students were available for sampling.



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