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Ozarka College is currently observing Summer Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays

From the Kitchen

Sign up for Text alerts each morning for the daily menu in my.Ozarka. Now serving a grilled item each day, along with a Salad Bar, Soup, Chicken Strip, and the daily entrée. The menu is online so check it out!
Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM

OZARKA COLLEGE HOLDS GRADUATION MAY 13th



Ozarka College graduates and their guests filled the John E. Miller Auditorium for 2010 Graduation ceremonies held Thursday, May 13, 2010.

The ceremony began with an invocation given by Ozarka College Board of Trustee member, Larry Sullivan of Mountain View. 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.

Dr. Dawe then introduced Dr. Jason Wiles, the 2010 Commencement speaker. Wiles is professor of biology at Syracuse University. He attended Ozarka College as a part-time student while residing in Sharp County. His educational credentials include a B.S. in Biology from Harding University, an M.S.T. in Biology from Portland State University, an M.S. in Geosciences from Mississippi State University and a Ph.D. from McGill University.

During his address, Dr. Wiles reflected on his experiences of attending Ozarka College and encouraged the graduates to find careers that were rewarding and enjoyable. Wiles described the graduates as 'prepared for anything' and spoke about the value of attending a small college like Ozarka which has quality teaching faculty and dedicated staff to help students succeed in whatever choices they make along their educational journey.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Mike DeLong, presented the

class of graduates. Vice President for Student Services, Ron Helm introduced the 240 Ozarka College graduates; and Director of Adult Education, Dr. T. Wayne Wilson, introduced the 140 GED graduates for diplomas. President Dawe and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Ben Cooper of Melbourne awarded the graduates their diplomas.

Mathematics Instructor, Russell Bassham and Automotive Instructor, Larry Wilkes were Grand Marshalls. Phi Theta Kappa and student ambassadors assisted as ushers, while Sandra Miller played the processional and recessional, *Pomp & Circumstance*. Ozarka College Director of Advancement, Karla Rush delivered the Benediction.

A complete list of graduates and their degrees will be posted on the website soon.

Students Win Medals at State SkillsUSA Competition



Roman Mabes of Viola won gold medal in the Job Skill Demonstration competition of the Automotive Division.

Haley Hamby of Calico Rock won bronze medal in the Dining Room Service competition of the Culinary Division.

Ozarka College's Automotive Service Technology and Culinary Arts Department participated in the 44th annual Arkansas Association of SkillsUSA 2010 Championship Conference, held at the Hot Springs Convention Center on April 13-14.



Around Campus

- **Summer I Classes Begin** Monday, May 24th
- **Memorial Day Holiday** Monday, May 31st - Offices closed and no classes.
- **Keytrain & Work Keys Testing** Wednesday June 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Hall Bldg Computer Lab.
- **Relay For Life Survivor Dinner** Friday June 4th Dining Hall
- **Ozarka Foundation Board Meeting** Monday June 7th at 9:00 a.m. Miller Board Room.

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

Ozarka AAT Graduates Achieve Success at Tech

Nine graduates of Ozarka College's Associate of Arts in Teaching program have successfully completed their student teaching experience during the Spring 2010 semester as part of their curriculum to graduate from Arkansas Tech University with their bachelor degrees in education.



Ozarka College began an Associate of Arts in Teaching Degree program in 2002. Arkansas Tech agreed to deliver the upper level courses via Internet, allowing students to stay in this area to obtain a four year degree.

Ozarka College's AAT Coordinator, Michelle Cooper states, "I am pleased to report that these students have successfully completed their bachelor's degree this semester and will graduate on May

15 from Arkansas Tech University."

Spring 2010 graduates and the teachers they have been student teaching under left to right (back row): Bridget Cooper of Melbourne, teaching at Mt. Pleasant Elementary under Jodi Moody; Kelly Geoffrion of Cushman, teaching at Mt. Pleasant Elementary under Shelly Dale; Melissa Bonds of Mountain View, teaching at Calico Rock Elementary under Amy Clinkingbeard; Brady Johnson of Onia, teaching at Timbo Elementary under Melanie Gilbert; and AAT coordinator and instructor, Michelle Cooper.

Pictured left to right (front row): Carlie Qualls of Magness, teaching at Eagle Mountain Elementary in Batesville under Carol Williams; Tonya King of Cave City, teaching at Cave City Elementary under Denise Groom; Brenda Pittman of Calico Rock, teaching at Calico

Rock Elementary under Lisa Mason.

Not pictured is Ashley Dellinger of Melbourne, teaching at IZard County Consolidated Elementary under Shari Simino; and Kayla Knapp of Mountain View, teaching at Rural Special Elementary under Ramona Rorie. Cooper adds, "This program would not be possible without the help of the local schools and teachers who allow our students into their classrooms to learn first hand from their real experiences. Ozarka College, Arkansas Tech and our students appreciate their support for this program and look forward to continuing to build the relationships with them."

For more information on the Associate of Arts in Teaching program at Ozarka College, please contact Admissions at 870-368-7371 or toll free 800-821-4335.

Ozarka College Foundation Hosting Golf Scramble

The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors announces a benefit golf scramble to help fund the Ozarka College Mountain View Building Expansion Fund. The two person tournament on Sunday, June 6, 2010 will take place at the Pine Hills Golf Course in Mountain View.

The 18-hole tournament is scheduled for a shotgun start at 2:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$100.00 per team and will include green fees, cart, and a dinner at 6:00 p.m.

This year's event will include a benefit auction with numerous donated items. Anyone interested in donating an auction item, sponsoring a hole during the tournament, or for an entry form to play in the tournament, contact the Ozarka College Development Office at 870-368-7371 or in Mountain View at 870-269-5200.

The Ozarka College Foundation is an approved 501©3 non-profit organization. Donations made to the Foundation and the golf tournament are tax-deductible as allowed by IRS regulations.

Nursing Graduates Honored at Ozarka with Capping & Pinning

Practical Nursing graduates at Ozarka College were honored at a Recognition Ceremony in the John E. Miller Education Complex on May 4, 2010.

Students completing their studies in practical nursing were Jamie Ackerson of Cave City, Naomi Anderson of Salem, Brittany Boshears of Salem, Tammie Braden of Mammoth Spring, Lindsey Cox of Viola, Kristina Curtis of Mt. Pleasant, Christina Delargy of Wiseman, Randy Dyke of Mt. Pleasant, Stephanie Gale of Oxford, Stacy Layne of Salem, Amy McCoy of Calico Rock, Misty Phipps of Wiseman, Ginnifer Shaw of Mountain Home, Alice Shrable of Salem, Anne Smith of Melbourne, Ashlea Tiberghien of Cherokee Village, Brent Tyson of Melbourne, Delisha Williams of Hardy, and Amanda Wilson of Evening Shade.

After Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe welcomed guests attending the ceremony; and class member, Delisha Williams offered the Invocation; Allied Health Division Chair and instructor, Ruby Johnson opened the ceremony.

Awards and honors were presented by Brittany Boshears, Ashlea Tiberghien, Brent Tyson and nursing faculty. This semester's Florence Nightingale Award went to Delisha Williams. This award is given to a student each year who exemplifies the true meaning of nursing with hard work and a true dedication to the profession.

Anne Smith won first place, and Tammie Braden won second place in theory. Brent Tyson won first place, and Tammie Braden won second place in clinical. Attendance awards were given to Naomi Anderson, Tammie Braden, and Amanda Wilson. Students awarded Joyce Perkins, LPN, of Fulton County Hospital as nurse of the year; and Eaglecrest Nursing and Rehab as the facility of the year.

A slide presentation was given courtesy of Brent Tyson, and family honors were offered by the entire class of students to their family members. Nursing faculty, Ruby Johnson, Valerie West, Katie Wilson, and Susan Thielemier presented graduates with caps, pins and lamps. Johnson then offered closing remarks and Anne Smith offered the Benediction.

There was a reception following the ceremony hosted by the Ozarka Culinary Arts department in honor of the graduates and their families.

For further information regarding any of Ozarka's LPN programs, please contact the admissions department at 870-368-7371 or via email, admissions@ozarka.edu.



Ozarka College Offering CNA Course During June

Ozarka College Continuing Education will offer a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course beginning June 1st in Melbourne. Cost for this course is \$300.00 and will last one month. Interested persons can obtain more information or enroll no later than May 27, 2010, by calling Ozarka College CNA Coordinator, Tamra Bevell at 870-368-2079.

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Provide Life Changing
Experiences Through
Education.*

Summer Enrollment Increases

Ozarka College is realizing record enrollment during the Summer I session which began May 24th. According to initial registration numbers, there are currently 433 students enrolled, which is 44 percent increase from last year's 299 students. Full Time Equivalent (FTE) numbers are at their highest overall for a summer session with a 59 percent increase over Summer I 2009.

Ozarka President, Dr. Richard Dawe, recognizes that the significant growth is in part due to expanded course offerings at each of the Ozarka locations and also the restructuring of the Federal Pell Grant program which opened up new financial aid opportunities for summer courses. "With new regulations allowing eligible students to receive federal aid year round, students can accelerate the completion of their degree and certificate programs by enrolling in classes during the summer."

Dawe adds, "Ozarka will continue looking for ways we can expand and meet the needs of our community by providing quality, affordable learning opportunities and student services. We are currently exploring those options by adding classes in Mammoth Spring to serve the people in the northern part of our service area."

For more information about year-round Pell Grant eligibility and additional scholarship opportunities, or Ozarka College programs, call or email admissions at 870-368-7371, admissions@ozarka.edu or log on the website at www.ozarka.edu.