

Career Pathways

Your Path to a Brighter Future

Employability Conference scheduled

Dear Student,

You are cordially invited to the 2012 "Get Hired!" Employability Skills Conference being hosted by Career Pathways and the Student Success Center. It will be held on Friday, March 9, 2012 from 8:30 to 2 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the John E. Miller Educational Complex at Melbourne.

This conference is designed to prepare future Ozarka graduates to be successful applicants for employment in their chosen field. Featured will be nationally-known motivational speaker, Russ Riddle, from the Zig Zigar Corporation, whose keynote address will be "Six Degrees of a HIRE Calling."

You'll also have the opportunity to attend mini-workshop sessions on interview skills, professional communication and networking. Employers from the area will be on hand to share with you what they look for in a

potential employee. Take advantage of this networking opportunity.

You'll also be treated to lunch prepared by the Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department while you enjoy a short session on business etiquette.

This conference will be one of the most beneficial professional development experiences you will have the opportunity to attend. You'll receive practical, useful information to help you "Get Hired!"

Stop by, call or e-mail any Career Pathways office by **February 24** to reserve your slot. Registration preference is given to students who are closest to graduation from the Health Information, Business, Automotive and Culinary Arts degree programs.

Early registration is recommended as seating is limited.



Know thyself means this, that you get acquainted with what you know, and what you can do.
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Career Pathways Announces New Hours

Career Pathways serves all four Ozarka sites.

The Melbourne office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brandy Shell is available daily to assist you with your CPI needs and questions.

Lindsay Galloway will now be at the Mountain View office four days per week to

serve your CPI needs. Her new hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kendra Smith will now be available to assist CPI students four days a week in the Ash Flat office. Her new hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Mammoth Spring office is open Wednesdays by Kim Lovelace from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Note: The Melbourne office will be moving to the Administration building (between Finance and Admissions) in March.

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"The most prepared are the most dedicated."

Raymond Berry

TEAS Preparatory Workshops to be Held

Career Pathways is offering a free workshop in February and March to help students prepare to take the TEAS exam. The Test of Essential Academic Skills, or TEAS, is the entrance exam into the LPN program at Ozarka College.

Students who have taken, or are enrolled in, the prerequisite classes for the LPN program may apply for fall admission from February 1st through April 1st. Successful applicants will be scheduled to take the TEAS exam in April. Spring 2012 testing dates are April 10, 12, 13, 17, 19 and 20.

The preparatory workshop will help students understand and prepare for the TEAS

exam, with details regarding the composition of the test and a list of resources available for students to access. Additionally, sample questions will be included covering each content area of the test: reading, math, science and English and language usage.

A special guest appearance from a current LPN student, who scored a 95.3 on the TEAS last spring, will be featured during the Feb. 20th workshop. She will discuss her success strategies and preparation tips with the group.

The workshop is free to all Ozarka students. Simply call Kendra Smith at 368-2043, stop by Career Pathways or e-mail

kendra.smith@ozarka.edu to sign up for the workshop of your choice. Please be advised that the maximum capacity for each date is 20 students. All materials will be provided.

The workshops will be held in Melbourne on Monday, Feb. 20 in Room H-112 from 1-2 p.m., at Ash Flat on Thursday, Feb. 23 in Room AFSC 106 from 1-2 p.m., at Mountain View on Wednesday, Feb. 29 in Room MVSC 115 (Lecture Hall) from 10-11 a.m., and at Mammoth Spring on Thursday, March 1 in Room 102 from 10-11 a.m. There will also be an overflow workshop held on the Melbourne campus on Friday, March 2 in Room H-112 from 1-2 p.m.

Stories of Inspiration: Helen Keller -

Source: <http://www.school-teacher-student-motivation-resources-courses.com>

Helen Keller lived in a world of darkness and silence. She was eighteen months old when she contracted a virus which robbed her of her sight and hearing. Imagine what that must have been like!

As she got older she developed terrible temper tantrums because she couldn't communicate with others. That is until one day Anne Sullivan came into her life. Anne was about to change Helen forever. Anne was once blind but had regained her sight. She taught Helen through touch. She would take her hand and stroke a cat with it. Then she would write Cat on the

back of her hand. Then she would put Helen's hand on her vocal chords and say the word Cat.

She did this with everything and eventually Helen began to 'feel' the world that she lived in. Later in life Helen would be able to actually 'speak' so that Anne could understand her.

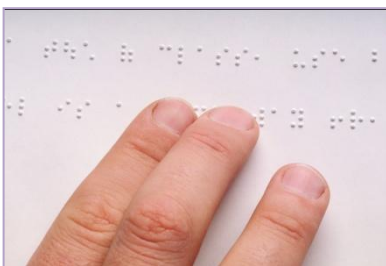
Helen and Anne travelled the world together giving talks about hope and overcoming the challenges that we all face in life. Helen became a sought after motivational speaker.

She wrote three books, 'The Story

of my Life' in 1903, 'Out of the dark' in 1913 and 'Teacher' in 1955. In 1904 she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Three films were made about her. 'Deliverance' in 1918, 'The Unconquered' in 1953 and 'The Miracle Worker' in 1959. In 1964 Helen was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Lyndon Johnson and in 1965 she was elected to the Women's Hall of Fame at the New York World's Fair.

One of her famous quotes - *'The world may be full of suffering but it is also full of overcoming'*.



10 Career Lessons from Those Who Found Success – Part 1

Source: <http://www.usatodayeducate.com/staging/index.php/career/10-career-lessons-from-those-who-have-found-success#>

1. Steve Jobs: “You’ve got to find what you love.”

As Aristotle once wisely stated, “Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.” Find something that you love to do and do it. And that is exactly what Steve Jobs did when he dropped out of college to start a company in the basement of his parents’ home. Thirty years later, he was at the pinnacle of a multi-billion dollar computer company. During a commencement speech in 2005, he stated that you need, “to have the courage to follow your heart and intuition... everything else is secondary.”

2. Jennifer Hudson: Success is rarely instant.

During Season 3 of American Idol, Jennifer Hudson was eliminated from the show before reaching the top 6, but that didn’t stop her from soaring to success. Just three short years after leaving AI, Hudson found herself singing with some of the best in the business in Dreamgirls; even winning an Oscar for her performance and eventually releasing a Grammy-winning album. There is a lesson to be learned: just because you aren’t noticed immediately,

don’t give up. Keep working hard and you will earn your recognition.

3. Mark Zuckerberg: Build and keep a solid network.

The creator of Facebook didn’t necessarily have in mind that he was about to embark on the biggest journey of his lifetime when he developed the social network that connects millions of people who might otherwise have lost touch. But, he didn’t do it alone. After his sophomore year of college, he made some connections with people that helped developed the social network that we know today. Sean Parker of Napster, Peter Thiel of PayPal, and Steve Chen, who later co-founded YouTube, all helped Zuckerberg create the biggest social media network of this age. Keep your chin up, a handshake firm, and remember all those connections that you’ve made over the years; you never know when those people will change your life.

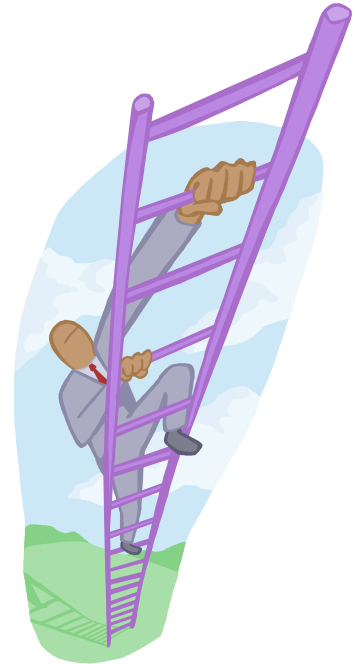
4. Barbara Walters: Keep your personal and professional lives separate.

Barbara Walter is an icon. She has been an extremely popular

media personality since the 1960’s, soaring as an expert interviewer regarding a wide range of topics and celebrities. Through those years that she was building her reputation and career, she had a tumultuous personal life dealing with four failed marriages, suffering three miscarriages, as well as raising a daughter. What is her secret to success? Keep it classy and don’t let your personal life interfere with your professional life. When you walk in the door to work, leave your personal matter at the doorstep.

5. Barack Obama: No barrier is unbreakable.

In 1920, women were given the right to vote; in 1969, man set foot on the moon; 65 years ago, experts thought the sound barrier was unbreakable, and until four years ago, America had never had a black President. Take these examples as proof that you can take your career as far as you’d like it to go—no matter who has or hasn’t done so before you.



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March Gas Card Distribution Dates

March gas cards will be distributed **March 5-9** on the Melbourne campus and **March 5-8** at the Mountain View site. Gas cards will also be available **March 5-8** at the Ash Flat site and **March 7** in Mammoth Spring.

To receive a \$25 gas card in March, CPI students must

submit an attendance sheet for February 1-29, an employment verification form for the same time frame and a receipt for the previous month’s gas purchase (if applicable). A MapQuest must also be on file confirming the student drives at least 15 miles per week to school. Students who receive a gas card

will also receive blank forms to submit the following month.

Spring Break is scheduled for March 19-23. No classes will meet during that week, but the campus will be open and the Career Pathways offices will remain open. If you need anything during Spring Break, please stop by or call.



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Career Pathways is a state-funded program that can assist eligible students with the academic and financial obstacles that they may face while going to school. CPI offers the following services:

- Tutoring
- Counseling
- Academic Advising
- Kuder Interest Inventory
- Career Readiness Certificates
- Resume Building
- Interview Skill Building
- Job Search Assistance
- Tuition & Fee Assistance
- Gas Cards
- Childcare Assistance
- Book Loan Library

Your Path to a Brighter Future



Our website is full of useful information, handy references and current (printable) documentation. Visit us at www.ozarka.edu/blogs/careerpathways or visit Ozarka.edu and go to the Student pull-down menu and select Career Pathways. E-mail us your questions (and job updates) at careerpathways@ozarka.edu. We're always glad to hear from you!

Develop Good Study Habits — Source: collegeboard.com

The demands of a college class study schedule are rigorous. Think of college as a full-time job, in which you spend 40 hours a week on class, labs, study groups and doing homework.

When to Study

- ✓ Work out about how many hours you need to study every day.
- ✓ Figure out what blocks of time you have available throughout the day, in the evenings and on weekends.
- ✓ Consider what time of day you are most alert.
- ✓ Think about whether you do better studying for a few hours at a time or sitting down for

marathon sessions.

Where to Study

- ✓ Where you should study depends on two factors: the environment in which you are best able to concentrate and the type of work you are planning to do.
- ✓ The best places to study have good light, adequate desk space and a comfortable temperature.
- ✓ For completing problem sets or brainstorming possible test questions, you may want to study with a group.
- ✓ When you are reading book chapters or working on a research

paper, you are probably better off in a less social environment.

How to study

You need to do more than just read the chapters you are assigned — you're expected to understand them thoroughly. Here are some tips:

- ✓ Don't skim. Read all the material carefully.
- ✓ Break up difficult assignments into sections you can digest.
- ✓ Look up any terms you don't understand.
- ✓ Ask questions in class about anything that is unclear.