Fall 2007 President’s List Announced

One hundred-sixty-nine full-time students qualified for the President’s List at Ozarka College for the Fall 2007 semester. This included ninety-two with perfect 4.00 grade point averages. All others earned at least a 3.50 average.

4.00 students from Fulton County were Naomi Anderson, Kimberly Baldwin, Krista L. Bedwell, Jessica R. Brown, Amber D. Deckard, Tina M. Howell, Robyn M. Sanders, Kristin A. Turnbough, Regina A. Twilley, Shelly A. Walling Hazel E. Wilcox and Stacy D. Woody.


Those from Sharp County earning a 4.00 were Carrie L. Attebury, Cori E. Baird, Jamie L. Barnett, Lindy D. Brindley, Ashley S. Crider, Shyronn D. Crider, Kayla L. Finley, Babette P. Gage, Rhonda D. Gray, Sylvia A. Nytrai, Sharon K. Qualls, Scott P. Sandefur, John P. Schneider, Ruthie A. Sheffield, Nina E. Thornton, Canea A. West, James B. West, Nathan C. West, Tommy L. Williams, and Audrey L. Wolverton.


Making the 4.0 list from Baxter County was Kathy D. Duncan; from Cleburne County was Shawnte M. Hill; from Lawrence County was Brem E. Dickson and Hardaway Terry Dickson; and from Van Buren County was Megan E. Goodnight.

General honor roll students from Fulton County included Lisa D. Burrow, Cassandra R. Franks, Nicole L. Frealy, Johannes Robinson, James E. Turnbough, and Margaret M. Whittle.

Izard County general honor students included Holly L. Barley, Cassandra B. Duvall, Cassandra R. Franks, Nicole L. Frealy, Johannes Robinson, James E. Turnbough, and Margaret M. Whittle.


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Stone County students making the list included Areia L. Carroll, Chelsea V. Cochran, Audra M. Fletcher, Julie Goss, Patricia M. Hess, Tennille L. John, Tamara M. Miller, Terry Y. Pennington, Renee’ S. Price, Randall W. Roth, Steven C. Stewart, Jennifer A. Taylor, Christina B. Thompson, Aaron A. Wilkins, and Julie M. Winkle.

Qualified for general honors from Searcy County was Kathryn M. Baldwin; and from Van Buren County was Jimmy C. Haag.

The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors will host Branson’s own Take it to the Limit Tribute to the Eagles, on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 7PM in the John E. Miller Auditorium in Melbourne. General admission tickets are $10 with proceeds to benefit the Ozarka College Foundation to fund scholarship opportunities.

This band, consisting of eight talented and energetic musicians, came together with the concept of an Eagles tribute because they recognized their abilities to play incredible music that has lasted through many decades.

They play music that has endured from the 70’s into the 21st century and know when they play mega hits such as "Hotel California" and "Desperado" they have to do it well. According to those who have experienced the band, "They do it well!"

After holding a successful five month long engagement at The Grand Palace in Branson, Missouri, and creating a large fan base, the band decided to take their act on the road. They will also continue to play at The Grand Palace during the 2008 summer season; and have been invited to perform during the Summer Concert Series in 2008 for The Landing and Hilton Promenade, also located in Branson.

The Ozarka College Foundation is conducting this fundraiser with the generous support of Shane and Billie Linn, North Central Insurance, Horseshoe Bend Insurance and Inkspot Graphics are corporate sponsors for the Eagles Tribute event.

Local musician, Kaleena Hutchins, will open for the band on February 28.

To purchase tickets, contact the Foundation Office at 870-368-7371, 800-821-4335, or purchase them online at www.ozarka.edu.

Brother Bob Stewart, long time Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) leader, recently organized a mission project for the BCM chapter at Ozarka College. The project, led by Brother Bob and student, Jacob Price, was to purchase bibles for the newly completed chapel at the Izard County Detention Center in Melbourne.

The chapel was built completely by private donations and labor was provided through the 309 program from the Department of Corrections. According to Izard County Sheriff, Tate Lawrence, "the project was initiated several years ago by Bruce Johnson and several others in the community," but added that the process was a countywide effort.

Author Barber, who has been the chaplain at the sheriff’s office for two years will conduct two services per week in the chapel for the inmate population and says the bibles will be a great addition to the program.

Stewart and Brother Rick Burke, pastor of First Baptist in Melbourne, who also volunteers for BCM, hold meetings in the dining hall in the Administration Building at Ozarka College in Melbourne at 11AM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the Fall the Spring Semesters. All students are invited to attend.
Culinary to Host Annual Valentine Dinner

The Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department will hold its annual Valentine gourmet dinner, on Thursday, February 14th. This dinner will be reserved seating only in the Culinary Dining Room in the John E. Miller Education Complex.

Touch of Class will feature an à la carte menu with prices based on the entrée selected. The advanced Culinary Arts students will lead this dining experience from planning to execution. According to Ozarka Culinary Instructor, Chef Linda Taylor, “Ozarka’s culinary department prides itself on a reputation for hosting many successful dining events. The Valentine dinner has become one of the most popular dinners.”

She adds, “These events are used as a learning tool for our students in order for them to become acquainted with a real, restaurant style setting. They do everything from seating, serving, and preparing the food and presentation for the meal.”

Another gourmet night is planned for March 13th and reservations are being taken for each dinner. Seating is limited, please contact the Culinary Arts Department at 870-368-2062 for reservations on a “first come, first serve” basis.

Nursing Applications Accepted Feb. 1

Ozarka College has streamlined the application process for those wanting to enroll in the Licensed Practical Nursing program.

Students interested in applying for Fall 2008 classes in Melbourne, Ash Flat or Mountain View should do so from February 1 – April 1 by logging on to the Ozarka College website at www.ozarka.edu and completing an application for admissions and selecting LPN as the program of study.

To be eligible for the nursing program, students must be currently enrolled at Ozarka College or have previously completed the required pre-requisites. Students must also take the NET and Wonderlic exams offered either on March 28 or April 2 at the Melbourne campus. Beginning on March 1st, students may schedule assessment with the testing coordinator.

In addition, letters of work experience should be submitted directly to the nursing department. For more information about the LPN programs offered at Ozarka College or if you have any questions please contact either Nursing or Admissions at 870-368-7371.

“Exploring Izard County” Display in Library

Throughout the month of January, the Ozarka College Paul Weaver Library is spotlighting the website “Exploring Izard County.” This Internet blog site was created by two Ozarka College staff members, Denny Elrod and Rick Dowdle. It features photographs, videos, and written descriptions of various points of interest around Izard County.

The Paul Weaver Library display consists of numerous prints and artifacts from across the county, collected and documented by the area will realize just what an amazing place Izard County is.”

Elrod adds, “Another hope of the project is that pointing out the natural beauty and history of Izard County will spark interest in preserving those things for future generations. The Exploring Izard County Web site address is: www.exploreizard@blogspot.com.
The Ozarka College academic and technical departments have named their Students of the Semester for Fall 2007. To be eligible for this honor, students must be enrolled full-time, earn a “B” average or better, and exhibit a positive attitude, good work habits, and a willingness to help others. Other criteria include quality of classroom performance and the ability to get along with peers. The individuals selected for Student of the Semester are considered at the end of the academic year for Student of the Year for each department.

Those selected include:

- Brady Johnson of Onia, Associate of Arts in Teaching
- Terry Dickison of Smithville, Automotive Service Technology
- Patsy Tice of Franklin, Business Technology
- Carlissa Whetstone of Cherokee Village, Associate of Arts/College Transfer
- Michelle McCollum of Melbourne, Culinary Arts
- Leslie Crouch of Ash Flat, Health Information Management
- Amanda Miller of Mountain View, Practical Nursing-Mountain View
- Ilene Curtis of Cave City, Practical Nursing-Ash Flat
- Heather Coleman of Melbourne, freshman Practical Nursing
- Roy Guiltner of Mount Pleasant, junior Practical Nursing
- Ruthie Sheffield of Sidney, senior Practical Nursing
- Trina Swift of Pocahontas, Registered Nursing
- Judith Moser of Horseshoe Bend, Early Childhood Education
- Jeff Moser of Melbourne, TRiO/Student Support Services