Ozarka College's Beta Alpha Eta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), a national honor society for students in two-year colleges, inducted eighteen new members during its Fall Induction Ceremony, held on November 16, 2005.

Guest speakers for the ceremony were Ozarka Interim President, Karla Rush and Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Gary Phillips who congratulated the new members on their successes. Director of Admissions, Randy Scaggs led the invocation and PTK officers assisted in the induction ceremony.

The Chapter officers for 2005-2006 include President – Joyce Densford, Vice President – Crystal Coble, Records Secretary – Nancy Niswonger, and Treasurer – Mary Foote. Advisors for the PTK Chapter are Ozarka instructors, Samantha Thornsberry, Michael Orf, and Rick Tankersley.

Students eligible for membership in PTK must have a grade point average of at least 3.50 on twelve hours toward an associate’s degree. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa revolves around the four Hallmarks of Scholarship, Fellowship, Leadership, and Service.

Following the induction, PTK members and guests enjoyed a reception catered by Ozarka’s Culinary Arts students in honor of the new members.

The following students were inducted, although they were not all present during the ceremony: Donnie Attaway of Timbo, Colleen Dearien of Mountain View, Jacqueline Davis of Mount Pleasant, Charlotte Davis of Mount Pleasant, Angela Duncan of Cherokee Village, Cheryl Ekenes of Horseshoe Bend, Marilyn Hall of Brockwell, Lea Hammond of Sage, Patricia Holder of Ash Flat, Meredith Luter of Melbourne, Jared Middleton of Evening Shade, Carol Morris of Cherokee Village, Niki Partee of Mountain View, Paul Pipkin of Mountain View, Edith Stersic of Leslie, Rebecca Taylor of Salem, Stevie Turner of Guion, and Elizabeth Vargason of Cherokee Village.

Lunch Served 11AM-12:15PM Daily.
Cost: $3.00 or $3.50 with dessert.

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Collegiate Ministry Meetings
are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall with Brother Bob Stewart.

PBL/Student Council Art Auction
Nov. 26th 1PM Lobby of the Miller Auditorium.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
No Classes Wed through Fri. (Nov. 23-25)

Student Council Meeting
12/6 @11AM in Compressed Video Rm (C116) Miller Complex.
Paul Miller Motors Helps in Donation to OC Foundation

Paul Miller Motors, helped raise $260.00 for the Ozarka College Foundation through Chrysler’s popular, charity golf program, Drive for the Chrysler at Ozarka’s annual Foundation golf benefit. The tournament was held at CoopersHawk Golf Club on October 1st. Chrysler offered a beautiful Chrysler 300 as the hold-in-one prize car and provided additional tournament awards.

The Chrysler Group provided two of the Chrysler 300 vehicles for golfers and guests to test drive at their convenience throughout the day. For every test drive completed at the tournament, Chrysler made a $5 donation to the Ozarka College Foundation. A gift of golf balls was given to each driver as Chrysler’s way of saying, “Thank you” to participants.

Paul Miller Motors, local sponsor of the event, supplied the vehicles, and owner, Paul Miller and his wife Treva played in the Ozarka Golf Tournament, as they have been longtime supporters of Ozarka College. “Drive for the Chrysler charity tournaments are mutually beneficial,” explained Miller. “The Ozarka Foundation was able to raise additional funds, and we were pleased to promote our products through a program that supports such a worthwhile cause. We thoroughly enjoy our involvement with the golf benefit each year.”

Chrysler has a longstanding interest in golf and sponsors the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, Chrysler Classic of Greensboro, Chrysler Classic of Tucson, Chrysler Championship of Tampa and Drive for the Chrysler. Chrysler and its dealer network support amateur golf and numerous charities, in communities across the country, through the Drive for the Chrysler program.

PBL Hosting Blood Drive in Ash Flat

Ozarka College’s Delta Alpha Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 29 from 10AM until 3PM. The blood drive will take place at the new facility of Ozarka College Ash Flat on College Drive, in the Lecture Hall.

PBL is a national education association of college students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. Ozarka’s PBL hosts a blood drive each semester on the main campus in Melbourne as part of their community service project and is hopeful that the drive in Ash Flat will prove to be as successful, according to Advisor and Business Instructor, Brad Hollaway.

There will be special giveaway and refreshments to all donors while supplies last. A donor card or photo ID is required to donate. For further information contact Hollaway at 994-7273.

Diversity Series Continues with “Soapbox”

The first diversity Soap Box Talks will take place on Tuesday, at 11AM on November 22 featuring Ozarka faculty, staff and administration each giving a 10 minute talk on their personal “soap box”.

In the lecture hall at Ash Flat: Judy Cannady - “We All Make Our Own Reality”; Bettie Estes - “Values, Goals, and Actions: Are You Out of Line?” Kim Whitten - “Civil Service” Melbourne in the Small Dining Room: Wally Pittman - “Growing up in a Segregated Society”


Join in the FUN.
Ozarka’s Great Hunt

In the spirit of hunting season, Ozarka is holding a “hunt” of its own. Prizes that all the “hunters” will enjoy will be awarded the week of Dec. 5th. Answers due by Monday Nov. 28 and can be emailed to kwhitten@ozarka.edu or drop them by Kim Whitten’s office, located in the Main Building, across from Classroom M215. Get out your orange vests and get hunting!

All “hunters” having the correct answers will be put into a drawing for prizes. Be sure to include an email and telephone number to contact the winners.

READY?
1. What word was misspelled on the front page of the last edition of Ozarka College Connection (11/7/2005)?
2. What year did Ozarka open its doors?
3. Which Ozarka instructor is certified in blasting dynamite?
4. Which database does the Ozarka Library have available in print and electronically through the website?
5. The Diversity Soap Box Talk Series is Nov. 22nd. Where did the term “Soap Box” come from, such as, someone “getting on their soap box”?
6. Which Ozarka Instructor has a pink flamingo obsession?
7. Which celebrity’s picture appears on the Ozarka College website?
8. What year was the first Thanksgiving celebrated?
9. Which Ozarka instructor is a member of the Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians?
10. When is the next scheduled student council meeting?

Ozarka Awarded Department of Justice Grant

Ozarka College is one of 31 colleges and universities across the United States selected for a two-year Department of Justice Grant during 2005. This $200,000 grant will provide three deputies, one at each location for 20 hours a week; along with a victims advocate to serve female students who are victims of domestic violence, date rape, stalking or sexual assault.

According to Director of Planning and Special Projects, Joan Stirling, there were 166 applications submitted for this grant with over $138 million in requested funding. “Most of the thirty-one awarded projects were by larger colleges and universities, so Ozarka is fortunate to be selected for this grant.”

Ozarka College statistics indicate the student body of around 1000 enrolled is comprised of seventy percent female. “With such a large number of females as students,” Stirling says, “the grant is an important project for the college. By partnering with nonprofit, nongovernmental victim service programs through this grant, victims’ advocates can be provided for each location. These advocates will be available for those students who might be subject to domestic violence or other crimes against women, but may not have spoken up about their situations before or know their options.”

The agencies are: Safe Passage, Inc. in Izard County; Ozarka Family Development in Sharp County; and Stone County Abuse Prevention in Stone County.

The deputies that will be working on each site will be contracted through the three county’s Sheriffs Departments, and will be working in those locations mostly during the evening hours.

This grant will also allow for educating administration, faculty, staff and students of the college, and selected individuals and campus security will participate in extensive training to address issues of violence against women.

“Several goals have been established through this grant project,” says Stirling. “One of the goals is a one-day program to bring those who help fight violence against women from each county to Ozarka College for a forum to share effective practices and hear educational speakers. Ozarka hopes to become a key player of the coordinated community response teams for area counties. Internally, the grant will provide for Ozarka developing policies and protocols for dealing with violent crimes against women who attend Ozarka College and for educating the College personnel on how to assist these victims while holding perpetrators accountable.”

Ozarka College in Mountain View currently has a deputy on campus and Stirling is presently working with Sharp and Izard Counties to procure a deputy for each of those facilities. This project is supported by Grant No. 2005-WA-AX-0019 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

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Upcoming Dates to Note:

Spring Registration, ASSET, GED

The Ozarka College Spring 2006 Semester will begin January 9. Current students may register online until January 3rd after meeting with their advisors to plan their Spring class schedule.

Anyone interested in becoming an Ozarka College student during the Spring 2006 semester will need to first fill out an admissions application, provide official transcripts of all previous high school and/or college level work; or an official GED transcript or score report. New students should also either take the ASSET test or provide an official copy of ACT scores as well as measles and rubella immunization records.

ASSET testing will be available at each Ozarka College location. On Monday, November 28th, at 9AM, the ASSET test will be given at Ozarka College – Ash Flat. On Tuesday, November 29th, at 9AM, the ASSET test will be given at Ozarka College – Mountain View. On Friday, December 2nd, at 8:30AM, ASSET testing will be administered at Ozarka College in Melbourne, in the Main Building. There is a $10 fee to take the ASSET test which can be paid the day of testing.

For more information about the ASSET test, call 870-368-7371 or toll free 800-821-4335.

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas on December 9 & 14 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 December: Salem-Courthouse, Dec. 1 & 7 @9AM; Ash Flat-Courthouse Dec 2 & 6 @9AM; Mammoth Spring -Simmons First National Bank, Dec. 5 & 12 @9AM; Ozarka-Mountain View, Dec. 8 & 13 @9AM.

You must present an Arkansas photo ID, a Social Security Card, and proof of passing Practice Test scores dated after January 1, 2002. 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 will be necessary to allow two days for the testing.