The Ozarka College Admissions Department hosted another successful College and Career Planning Day on October 31st in the John E. Miller Education Complex. College, university, financial and armed forces representatives, as well as various other agencies were set up to offer information to local high school seniors throughout the morning.

There were approximately 400 high school seniors from fourteen area high schools in attendance at the Ozarka hosted ArkACRAO (Arkansas Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers) College and Career Planning Day. Those schools included Cave City, Cushman, Evening Shade, Highland, Izard County Consolidated, Mammoth Spring, Melbourne, Mount Pleasant, Mountain View, Rural Special, Salem, Shirley, Timbo, and Viola.

The Admissions Department, with help from Ozarka’s remarkable Student Ambassadors and many other Ozarka faculty and staff assisted with the entire program to make the event a success. Student Ambassadors who assisted with the event were: Courtney Blevins, Brittany Ellis, Kary Foster, Ashley Fulks, Heather Godair, Brady Johnson, Latosha Maclin, Devin Ramsey, Tiffani Stender, Keisha Strader, James Vaile, and Kayla Walters.

Ozarka staff and faculty members, Mary Ellen Hawkins, Ron Helm, Sandra Miller, Judy Sharp, Kim Whitten, Deltha Shell, John Petersen, Karin Brown, Shelia Titus, Ronda McLelland, Bonnie Crider, and the Maintenance Department also played a big role in assisting with the event. Ozarka’s Director of Admissions, Zeda Wilkerson and Admissions Assistant, Wanda McConnaughay, coordinated the program.

A key element of the success of Ozarka’s College and Career Planning Day each year is the hospitality room provided by Culinary Arts for the high school counselors, bus drivers, college representatives and other guests who attend the event. Instructors, Linda Taylor and Mimi Newsome, along with the dedicated culinary students offered first-rate food and service throughout the event.

Culinary students display their skills to area high school counselors and officials, along with the other reps attending.

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**Around Campus**

- **Red Cross Blood Drive** November 6th - Ozarka Ash Flat Campus @ 9AM-2PM
- **CAAP Test** November 6th @ 4:30 PM Lecture Hall. November 8th @ 8AM Lecture Hall.
- **Melbourne Chamber of Commerce** November 6th @ 5:30 in the Ozarka Dining Hall.
- **Wonderlic & NET Test** November 7 @ 12:30 PM Learning Lab of the Miller Building.
- **Compass Testing** November 8th, 9AM Learning Lab of the Miller Building.
- **“Ozarka Idol!” November 8th @ 6PM in the Miller Auditorium. Fundraiser for LPN Students.**
Dr. Johnston Selected for HLC Team

Ozarka College President
Dr. Dusty R. Johnston has
been selected by the Higher
Learning Commission (HLC)
to the peer review corps.
The Higher Learning Com-
mission is an independent
organization and one of two
Commission members of the
North Central Association
of Colleges and Schools (NCA),
founded in 1895 as one of six
regional institutional accredi-
tors in the United States.

According to the HLC web-
site, the Peer Review Corps
is comprised of more than a
thousand carefully selected
and trained professionals
who serve the HLC in its
accreditation processes.
These volunteers are marked
by their knowledge of and
direct experience with higher
education, their willingness
to give generously of their
time and expertise, their
dedication to educational
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mitment to the principles
underlying voluntary accredi-
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The HLC accredits and
thereby grants membership
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North Central Association
to degree-granting educa-
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North Central Region includ-
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of Education and the Council
on Higher Education Ac-
creditation (CHEA).

Izard County Single Parent & Entergy Present Scholarships

The Izard County Single Parent Scholarship committee recently awarded the Entergy Scholarships to Joanna Lee of Evening Shade and Leslie Malland of Mt. Pleasant. Other students receiving funds from the Izard County Single Parent Scholarship board were Riquise Domino of Calico Rock, Jessica Wolford of Franklin, and Angela Sanders of Melbourne. All students receiving scholarships are enrolled at Ozarka College. The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to single parents who are pursuing a college degree to increase their earning potential. Presenting the Entergy Scholarships were Les Frensley (third from left), Entergy Arkansas, Jackie Edmonds (far left) from the Single Parent Scholarship Fund and Dusty R. Johnston (far right), Ozarka College President.

For more information about this scholarship fund, call 368-7371.
Ozarka Participates and Wins During the Annual Beanfest in Mountain View

Samantha Thornsberry (left) and Jeremy Nicholson: Ozarka "scholars" for Beanfest.

The 25th annual Bean Fest and Great Arkansas Championship Outhouse Race was held Saturday, Oct. 27 in Mountain View. Using the theme "Greek Scholars", Ozarka College once again participated in the Bean Cooking contest. Dressed in togas and wearing laurel wreaths, Samantha Thornsberry and Jeremy Nicholson served as "the Scholars". Nicholson also served as the "God of the Bean Pot." Helping to serve beans and set up the cooking/display area were Samantha's husband, Tim Thornsberry; Cheryl Moore; and Gin Brown. For their efforts, the team won the first in the Best Cook Area and 2nd in Best Costume. The Culinary Arts Department prepared 20 pans of cornbread which were served with the beans.

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Art Exhibit to Be on Display in the John E. Miller Complex

Ozarka Student Services and TRiO Student Support Services will be sponsoring a free art exhibit by local artist, Kristy Worthen on November 15-17 from 10AM-3PM in the Miller Complex. Kristy’s signature piece of art, titled “PUZZLE PIECES OF LIFE” was exhibited in the UN in New York in 2002. This piece reflects what Kristy intuitively perceived most Americans would have been feeling after the 911 tragedy in 2001. Her stippling portrait of President Bill Clinton exhibited at the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, AR is a permanent gift to the Presidential Library. Kristy is a multi-talented artist, working with several different mediums: acrylics, watercolors, stippling, sculpting, scratchboard, woodcarving, murals and mixed mediums. For more information on Kristy Worthen visit the Ozarka College homepage at www.ozarka.edu. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

Paul Miller Motors & Chrysler Donate to Ozarka Foundation

Paul Miller Motors, helped raise $190.00 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 September 15th. Chrysler offered a beautiful Chrysler Sebring as the hold-in-one prize car and provided additional tournament awards.

The Chrysler Group provided a variety of 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 long-standing 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.
Area high school students and Ozarka College students will again have the opportunity for allied health classes during the upcoming 2008 Spring semester thanks to the Partners for Care grant. This grant was awarded earlier this year to University of Arkansas Community College Batesville (UACCB) and partnering schools, Ozarka College and Arkansas State University Mountain Home (ASUMH).

Students who enroll in the allied health courses at Ozarka can obtain a Certificate of Completion for Personal Care Aide and Certified Nurses Aide (CNA). After completing the courses at Ozarka, students can take the State certification exam. In addition, these students will receive an introduction to phlebotomy where, upon completion, they can work fulltime for six months or part time for one year and test for certification. There are three courses totaling nine credit hours, which are required in the program, including: Basic Health Skills I, Basic Health Skills II, and Medical Terminology I.

There is some financial aid available to those who qualify for the program. For more information contact Tamra Bevill at 368-7371, extension 2079. This project was funded in part by a grant awarded under the Community Based Job Training Grants, as implemented by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration.

Also available this Spring is an introduction to the study of emergency medical services and the basic principles, procedures, and techniques of emergency care. This EMT course is seven credit hours.

Another Allied Health offering is the Health Information Management Program. This program studies medical coding, transcription, and terminology. Careers include working in a hospital or other medical facility, or working from home.

For further information on EMT or Health Information Management programs and classes for Spring, contact Ozarka admissions office at 368-7371.