Student Activities

6: LPN students from Mammoth Spring were privileged to attend a seminar at St. Vincent’s in Little Rock where Barb Bancroft, a widely acclaimed national speaker noted for her humorous, entertaining and information packed seminars, presented, "Interpretation of Lab Tests."

6: SGA Leadership Training

12: Culinary Arts students visited the Ben E Keith Holiday Food in Little Rock.

21: The Ash Flat SGA Chili for a Cure and Flag Football event raised $134 for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and the Ash Flat LPN class’s bake sale raised $50 for the Ronald McDonald House.

27: Ambassadors assisted with a Career/College Planning Day hosted by Ozarka College. Over 400 area high school students were in attendance, as well as representatives from several College/Universities and a variety of career choices.
**Upcoming Events**

**November**
- 2: Spring/Summer Reg. opens (current students)
- 5: Domestic Violence Awareness Session
- 6: Open Registration Day
- 9: Spring/Summer Reg. opens to new students
- 12: Last day to receive a “W”
- 13: Open Registration Day
- 20: Open Registration Day
- 23-24: Faculty In-Service
- 23-27: Fall Break, No Classes
- 26-27: Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed

**December**
- 4: Fall Classes End
- 7-10: Finals Week
- 7-11: Book Buyback at designated campus’
- 11: Last day for Faculty
- 11: Final Grades due
- 21 – Jan 3: Winter Break, Offices Closed

**New Director of Admissions**

Ozarka College is pleased to announce the hiring of Amber Whitaker, who will serve as the Director of Admissions.

“Amber has the personality, experience, and communication skills to implement an effective enrollment management plan,” said Ron Helm, Ozarka College Vice President of Student Services. “We are looking forward to working with her in this important role.”

Amber holds a MSE in Educational Theory and Practice from Arkansas State University and a BSE in Early Childhood from Williams Baptist College. Prior to her assignment at Ozarka College, Whitaker had nine years experience as a teacher and coach, as well as two years experience as an Admissions Counselor where she recruited college students in Northwest Arkansas and Missouri.

“I am excited to be back home and serving my community and surrounding communities through Ozarka College,” said Whitaker. “It is important to me to have students further their education and what better way than to utilize all the opportunities Ozarka College offers.”

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**College Humor**

It's THANKSGIVING !!!!!!!

Don't forget to set back your scales 10 pounds at Midnight tonight
Spring ’16 Registration is Now Open

Ozarka College will open spring registration to current students on November 2, 2015 and registration for new students will begin on November 9. Spring semester classes start on January 11, so now is the time to ensure a schedule that is convenient for you.

For more information regarding admissions, financial aid or registration, please visit Ozarka College in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring or Mountain View. Interested persons may also contact Ozarka College via phone: 800.821.4335 or on the web at www.ozarka.edu.

Tuition rates start at just $88 per credit hour and many scholarship and financial aid options are available. Ozarka College provides life-changing experiences through education and offers thirty-two associate degrees, technical certificates and certificates of proficiency. Degree programs range from nursing to automotive, aviation, culinary arts and much more.

Domestic Violence Awareness

The staff of the Family Violence Prevention Center, in Batesville, will hold a domestic violence awareness session at the Melbourne campus on Thursday, November 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the Hall Building, room 113.

This event is hosted by the Classified Staff Council and is open to all Ozarka faculty, staff and students.

Family Violence Prevention. Inc. (FVP) assists individuals and families experiencing domestic abuse and sexual assault with options to help control their own lives by providing crisis intervention and a full range of support services. FVP also works to empower the community to understand and prevent the crimes associated with domestic abuse and sexual assault.

Driver Safety Refresher Course to be held in Mammoth Spring

Ozarka College in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas will host a Driver Safety Refresher Course on November 10, 2015. The course will be presented by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This training course is open to licensed drivers of all ages, and successful completion may result in a reduction of automobile insurance rates.

The cost of the driver safety refresher course will be $25 to the general public and $15 for AARP members. For more information or to register, please contact James Spurlock, Director of Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring, by calling 870.625.0411 or email: jmspurlock@ozarka.edu
Twenty-six teams gathered for a fun filled day at the Ozarka College Foundation Golf Tournament on October 3, 2015. The four-person scramble took place at Cooper’s Hawk Golf Course in Melbourne, Arkansas and all proceeds will benefit the students of Ozarka College.

After a three-way tie for the championship title and a three-hole play off, the Beene’s Car Care Center/Izard County Propane team came out on top. This year’s first place championship flight winners included Dr. Chris Dietrick, rusty Campbell, Brian Morris and Justin Burns. Second place honors went to the Izard County Farm Bureau team: Phillip Steed, Eric Teague, Cody Williams and Ryan Warner. The third place championship flight was won by the Cooper Realty team: Ben Cooper, Daniel Taylor, Adam Cooper and Kirk Brown.


Forty-four registered nursing (RN) students, who are part of the Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC) at Ozarka College, collected non-perishable food items as a community service project. Pictured are some of the RN students who will be donating more than 2,000 items to the Manna House in Melbourne, Arkansas.

**Website Design Workshop in Mammoth Spring**

Ozarka College, in conjunction with the Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center (ASBTDC), will offer a website design workshop in Mammoth Spring. The workshop will take place on **November 17, 2015** from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The cost for this training will be $40.00 to the public, $20 for any Ozarka College student, staff, or faculty member. The ASBTDC will take you step-by-step in creating an account and an attractive, functional website through their laptop lab. While using Weebly, they will make designing a free website easy for workshop participants.

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, please contact Kelli Listenbee at ASBTSC by calling 870.972.3517, or email: klee@astate.edu. Additional information is also available on the web: asbtdc.org/training/jonesboro-events/ For information about Ozarka College, please contact James Spurlock, Director of Ozarka College - Mammoth Spring by calling 870.625.0411 or email: jmspurlock@ozarka.edu
PACE Project Completed

Ozarka College is pleased to announce the completion of the Path to Accelerated Completion and Employment (PACE) grant project, a $14.7 million statewide sponsored program awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor. The four-year project brought just under $600,000 to Ozarka College to enhance developmental education programs, to streamline allied health program pathways, and to expand advising and job placement technologies.

“The PACE project had a profound impact on the College,” said Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President. “The grant provided resources to support the enrollment growth experienced as a result of the recent recession and allowed the College to provide timely support to students in need of regaining access to employment.”

For the College, the project helped serve 831 students in the allied health program pathways and provided support to every student that has enrolled in developmental education courses since the spring semester of 2012. The program supported information technology infrastructure allowing for the purchase of laptops for students in developmental education and nursing courses. PACE helped the College acquire an advanced medication dispense unit and software for nursing students and supported the development of an online career planning portal for Ozarka students and alumni.

Further, the PACE grant supported a comprehensive redesign in the way the College delivers developmental education, which allows individual students to progress through the remedial curriculum at a much faster pace.

“The developmental redesign focused on the needs of the individual student,” said Josh Wilson, Ozarka College Associate Vice President for Planning and IR. “It was transformed into a ‘go at your own pace’ curriculum rather than a traditional ‘one size fits all’ approach.”

As a result, the College has realized a significant drop in the rate at which developmental students must enroll in a second semester of remedial coursework; a reduction from 47% before the project to 30% after implementation.

In an effort led by Northwest Arkansas Community College, the PACE grant was awarded to all 22 two-year colleges in Arkansas. The grant program was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) program and the PACE grant was awarded in 2011 in the first of four rounds of funding. The TAACCCT grant program was authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Classified Staff Council Officers Announced

The Classified Staff Council has announced the election of new officers; each will serve a one year term. “I appreciate the efforts of Wanda McConnaughhay and those serving in the past and know that this important council will continue to flourish and serve the needs and interests of our talented and dedicated staff members,” said Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President. “I hope that this will continue to develop into a fulfilling and important arm of our shared governance structure to ensure members are well informed, provided additional developmental opportunities, and have a voice in key aspects of our College.” Congratulations to Tess Weatherford (President), Ashley Sherrell (Vice President), and Niki Hutchins (Secretary)!
Governor Hutchinson Meets with Ozarka College

Governor Asa Hutchinson recently took time from his busy schedule to meet with Representative Michelle Gray, Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe, and members of the Ozarka College team on October 15, 2015.

The Governor was in Melbourne, Arkansas with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission’s announcement of Micro Plastics’ new factory.

The meeting with Ozarka College was to discuss the new Aviation - Professional Pilot program that trains students for future careers as professional pilots. The Governor was also made aware of Ozarka’s application for approval to offer the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN). Similar ‘workforce and applied baccalaureate’ degrees have been approved at two-year colleges across the nation to address specific workforce training and industry needs.

This transformational degree offering is proposed to address the shortage of BSN qualified nurses in Arkansas and across the country. Ozarka graduates more LPNs than any other two-year college in Arkansas.

College Fairs

Ozarka College had representation from Student Services at approximately 25 college fairs during the months of September and October, some of which Nick Lenczycki, Director of Aviation, attended to share information with students about the new Aviation program. Pictured below is Registrar, Zeda Wilkerson, at ending a fair at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. Also pictured is booth space at the A.L. Hutson Center in Highland, where Vice President of Student Services, Ron Helm, met with attendees of the Business Expo.
Karen Hall’s Farewell

After five years of service, we shared farewells and best wishes with Karen Hall on October 16, 2015. She will be missed as the Director of Ozarka Kids Academy, but we are happy for her and her future endeavors.

Kelly Graham, who has nearly nine years experience in early childhood, has been appointed Interim Director. Kelly is a credentialed Child Development Associate and is a member of the Tapp’s Registry.

ACC Award Recipients

Arkansas Community Colleges awarded recipients at a ceremony in Hot Springs on October 12 and 13. Representing Ozarka College were Academic All Star - Dakota Dixon, Alumni of the Year - David Mitchell, and Staff of the Year - Penny Ramsey. Not pictured was Faculty of the Year - Joanna Fulbright.

Congratulations to all of the 2015 ACC award recipients!
Fall Concert Held in Mountain View

The Ozarka College Foundation hosted the Fall Concert in Mountain View on October 3, 2015. Performers included: Brad Apple, Gary Rounds, Ken Loggains, Pam Setser, Sam and Nathan Cobb, and Tim Crouch.


Counselor’s Update

Area High School Counselors joined Ozarka College for lunch and college updates on October 9, 2015. They learned about the College Now scholarship program and other financial aid opportunities, updates to the nursing and aviation programs, and much more.

Cushman Miner’s Day

The kid's plane ride made for a great time at the Cushman Miner’s Day parade and festival on October 10, 2015.
Culinary in the Community

Left: Judging the baked goods division at Eaglefest in Ash Flat, and the Spring River Area Chamber of Commerce Chili Cook Off on September 12

Right: Judging a baking contest in Cherokee Village on October 3

OKA Trick or Treating

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