Spring Enrollment Exceeds Record

Another enrollment record has been set at Ozarka College. Official reporting lists 1209 students enrolled at Ozarka for the Spring 2008 semester, 140 more students over the 2007 spring term.

According to Ozarka President, Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, "one of the most significant factors related to enrollment this semester involves retention. 71% of those students who registered for Fall 2007 returned to Ozarka this Spring to continue their education. With services now underway in the new Student Success Center, we are reinforcing our commitment to serve students at Ash Flat, Melbourne and Mountain View."

The Student Success Center has services such as tutoring, job placement, transferring assistance, computers, and other workshops and services available to every student, at every Ozarka location. Jennifer Miller has joined the Ozarka College staff as the Student Success Specialist.

The Arkansas Department of Higher Education met for its quarterly coordinating board meeting on February 1st and released its annual enrollment report. According to ADHE figures, seventeen of the twenty-two community colleges in Arkansas reported one year increases of on-campus enrollment, led by Ozarka College at 22.6% increase. Over the past five years, eleven two-year colleges in Arkansas reported overall enrollment growth with Ozarka having the third-highest growth at 40.2% increase from Fall 2003 to present.

For more information about Ozarka College and the programs available, log on the website at www.ozarka.edu, or contact the college toll free 800-821-4335.

OCAF to Assist with Clean-Up Efforts

Students or others who would like to volunteer to assist with the storm clean-up in the Highland and Ash Flat area are encouraged to do so on February 12th. Efforts are being organized by Ozarka College-Ash Flat and plans are set for those interested to meet at 11 AM in front of the campus located on College Drive in Ash Flat to travel to the command center for clean-up assignment.

Please contact Ozarka College-Ash Flat office by calling 994-7273 or stop by prior to February 12th in order for better coordination of this effort. Please bring work gloves and work boots and wear any Ozarka College gear.

Contact James Spurlock for further information at jspurlock@ozarka.edu or 994-7273.

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Around Campus

♦ Collegiate Ministry Meetings are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall.
♦ Ash Flat Clean Up (see article to left)
♦ Student Council Feb. 12 @11AM in C116 Compressed Video or CV at Ash Flat & Mt. View.
♦ Lyon College Rep on Campus John E. Miller Building 8A-12P.
♦ Izard County Spelling Bee Feb 14th @6PM Auditorium.
♦ TRI Hosting Transfer Day 8AM-12:30PM in The Miller Bldg.
♦ Red Cross Blood Drive Mountain View 9AM-1:30PM

ONLINE CAMPUS CALENDAR AT WWW.OZARKA.EDU UNDER NEWS & EVENTS
Ozarka College hosted its 29th Annual High School Business Competition Day on Wednesday, January 30th. Over 150 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members from 14 area high schools competed in 16 events. Ozarka College would like to thank these schools for participating: Highland, Mammoth Spring, Izard County Consolidated, Melbourne, Mount Pleasant, Norfork, Mountain View, Rural Special, Timbo, Hillcrest, Salem, Viola, Calico Rock, and Williford.

According to Business Technology instructor, Brad Hollaway, who coordinates the competition, there are many Ozarka College faculty, staff and administrators who organize and assist with this event. He extends appreciation to everyone who participated and assisted with the competition. “We appreciate all of the high schools and FBLA advisors as well as the Ozarka College team for helping make this a successful High School Business Competition Day! We especially appreciate each and every participant for their hard work and determination both in preparation for and during the competitions.”

The Sweepstakes Awards are given to the schools with the most accumulated points. Points are earned on the following basis: three points for first place in each event; two points for second place in each event; and one point for third place in each event. The school with the most points at the end of Competition Day is awarded a one-year, tuition-paid scholarship for a student from their school to attend Ozarka College. The second and third place schools receive a one-semester, tuition-paid scholarship for a student from their schools to attend Ozarka College. This year Ozarka College looks forward to an even higher level of participation for next year’s Business Competition Day, and would like to encourage other area high schools with FBLA chapters to join the event.

The event winners were:

**Accounting I**
- 1st Place: Katie Bruns, Viola
- 2nd Place: Darci Looney, Mountain View
- 3rd Place: Abby Cooper, Melbourne

**Accounting II**
- 1st Place: Jacob Lester, Williford
- 2nd Place: Heath Owens, Rural Special
- 3rd Place: Lacey Miller, Norfork

**Banking & Financial Systems**
- 1st Place: Jordan Meinter, Calico Rock
- 2nd Place: MiQuela Shipman, Mountain View
- 3rd Place: Westin McKnight, Rural Special

**Business Communication**
- 1st Place: Sari Blackwell, Mountain View
- 2nd Place: Tarrah Powell, Rural Special
- 3rd Place: Brittnee Arnold, Mount Pleasant

**Business Law**
- 1st Place: Kelsey Dale, Melbourne
- 2nd Place: Caleb Long, Calico Rock
- 3rd Place: Misha Batteyton, Viola

**Business Math**
- 1st Place: Chris Taylor, Mount Pleasant
- 2nd Place: Hayden Adams, Mountain View
- 3rd Place: Shelby Paschel, Mammoth Spring

**Computer Concepts**
- 1st Place: Lorn Freeze, Rural Special
- 2nd Place: Will King, Williford
- 3rd Place: Annie Blankenship, Calico Rock

**Desktop Publishing**
- 1st Place: Kallie Johnson, Mount Pleasant
- 2nd Place: Ethan Gammill, Mountain View
- 3rd Place: Lane Ross, Rural Special

**Economics**
- 1st Place: Katie Miller, Williford
- 2nd Place: Joshua Roberts, Norfork
- 3rd Place: Chris Weiand, Highland

**Entrepreneurship**
- 1st Place: Brett Harris, Mountain View
- 2nd Place: Hannah Wright, Calico Rock
- 3rd Place: Maggie Campbell, Melbourne

**Introduction to Business**
- 1st Place: Alyssa Francis, Calico Rock
- 2nd Place: Brianne Smith, Williford
- 3rd Place: Brady Shannon, Rural Special

**Introduction to Business Communication**
- 1st Place: Olevia Wetzel, Mount Pleasant
- 2nd Place: Nicole Paschel, Mammoth Spring
- 3rd Place: Kristianna Lynxwiler, Williford

**Marketing**
- 1st Place: Lanny Richmond, Williford
- 2nd Place: Justin Moore, Highland
- 3rd Place: Anthony Baer, Mountain View

**Public Speaking I**
- 1st Place: Mary Smith, Highland
- 2nd Place: Alex Duncan, Viola
- 3rd Place: Mariah Mitchell, Timbo

**Public Speaking II**
- 1st Place: Steven Barros-Suchland, Timbo
- 2nd Place: Emily Spinks, Mountain View
- 3rd Place: Sarah Cochran, Salem
- 3rd Place: Kristin Montgomery, Viola

**Technology Concepts**
- 1st Place: Clayton Goodson, Mount Pleasant
- 2nd Place: Walter Moore, Mountain View
- 3rd Place: Thomas Collins, Mammoth Spring
Student Seminar to be Presented February 23

On Saturday, February 23 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Ozarka College Student Services, Trio SSS, Career Pathways, Carl Perkins grant, and Student Success Center are co-sponsoring a seminar open to all Ozarka College students. This event will provide a variety of workshop sessions offered during one time period. Various Ozarka faculty and staff members will present different sessions of interest to students.

This event is free to all Ozarka students and will include food (breakfast and lunch), fun, and door prizes. However, students will need to pre-register prior to the event. Registration forms are available in the Trio Office and Student Success Center, both located in the John E. Miller Educational Complex, Career Pathways located in the Main Building, or in the main offices at Ash Flat and Mountain View.

The purpose of this seminar is not only to provide valuable resources to students, but to also give them a positive experience of participating in a professional conference. Topics of interest include: financial aid, Careers, resume writing, study skills, stress management, alcohol awareness, career advice, transfer information and communication.

For more information, contact Trio Director, Deltha Shell at 368-2034 or via email, dshell@ozarka.edu, Career Pathways Director, Kim Lovelace at 368-2038 or via email, klovelace@ozarka.edu; or Student Success Specialist Jennifer Miller at 368-2056 or jmiller@ozarka.edu.

Application Deadlines Approaching

Prospective and/or current students should mark their calendars for upcoming application deadlines for the Fall scholarships and Practical Nursing classes.

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.

Ozarka College is currently accepting applications for various scholarships available for the Fall 2008 semester. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2008. Scholarship applications are available on the Ozarka College website at www.ozarka.edu under the Admissions or Financial section in the "For Students" section located on the left side of the homepage.

There are scholarship opportunities with different criterion available; from being in a specific program to having a certain grade point average or community involvement. There is further information available about specific scholarships under the "Ozarka Foundation Scholarship Information" located directly under the Scholarship Application packet link on the website. Or contact Ozarka College directly at 870-368-7371.

For more information about the LPN program, visit www.ozarka.edu and select the LPN program of study.
Overwhelming Response for Storm Victims

After setting up to help out the victims across Ozarka’s service area, the Career Pathways office, as well as the campus in Ash Flat have had an outpouring of help via monetary and supplies. Mountain View is not yet open because of the lack of electricity in that area, but will be accepting donations when it is restored.

Currently they have given out over 60 care packages to those who needed basic personal supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, and other personal products. They have collected over $1700 to date and continue to receive both monetary and other donations.

The University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville has partnered with Ozarka College and is collecting for victims in the Batesville area.

Several students and faculty have been affected by this disaster and Ozarka College hopes to assist them and others to be able to recover in some way.

Anyone wanting to make a donation toward the disaster relief fund may do so at any Ozarka College location. At the main campus in Melbourne in the Career Pathways office or the Human Resource reception office located in the main building; or in the John E. Miller Building, office of Michelle Cooper, Room C117.

For more information, contact Career Pathways at 870-368-7371.