



# Ozarka College Connection

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**Ozarka College is currently observing Summer Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
**7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**  
**Closed Fridays**

### From the Kitchen

Sign up for Text alerts each morning for the daily menu in my.Ozarka. Now serving a grilled item each day, along with a Salad Bar, Soup, Chicken Strip, and the daily entrée. The menu is online so check it out!  
**Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM**

## Joan Stirling Named Vice President



The Ozarka College Board of Trustees announced the promotion of Joan Stirling to Vice President of Planning and Institutional Research at its quarterly Board of Trustees meeting held May 20, 2010.

Stirling has been a member of the Administrative Council since 2002, when she was promoted to the Director of Planning and Special Projects from the faculty division of Ozarka College. She began her career at the College in 1996 as an adjunct science instructor before going on a fulltime faculty basis in 1997.

After the announcement of the promotion, Joan expressed her enthusiasm. "Over the fourteen years that I have worked at Ozarka, I have seen the College enhance the lives of so many students. I will work very hard for my fellow employees in my new capacity so that together we can continue to change lives through education."

Stirling's many accomplishments at Ozarka in her capacity as Director include managing the Title III grant and writing and managing the Per-

kins grant, Arkansas Urban Forestry Council grants, Women's Advocacy grant, Ozarka Partners for Care grant, and Big Read Grant.

More recently, Stirling has lead strategic planning sessions with the Board of Trustees and leaders at the College and is co-chairing the Self-Study currently underway at Ozarka for reaffirmation of accreditation through the North Central Association of the Higher Learning Commission. Vice President Stirling was also given the additional responsibility for Institutional Research this year which will serve to provide more useful information and relevant data for all decisions leading to improvements College-wide.

Stirling and husband, Guy, live in Violet Hill. Joan has four children: Kamala, Kristy, Scott, and Kaci. She also has four grandchildren.

## Foundation to Host Musical Event in Mountain View

The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors is hosting a Music Program at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Proceeds from the ticket sales for this event will benefit the Mountain View Building Expansion Campaign.

The event sponsor for this benefit program is Centennial Bank of Mountain View. The musical line-up includes: The Larry Nelson Family, Ozark Rhythm Cloggers, Sylamore Crossing, the Cobb Brothers, and the trio of Danny Dozier, John Parks and Pam Setser.

The Mountain View building project is scheduled to begin early Fall with a groundbreaking celebration planned for August 10, 2010. Ozarka College Foundation board members are currently taking pledges for two phases of the building project. The first phase includes: classrooms, nursing lab, lecture hall, student center and cyber café, and a conference room. Phase two is an outdoor amphitheater which will be available to the community. Naming opportunities are available for this project. The planned music program will also include student testimonials on the benefit of their Ozarka education, and a presentation of the new facilities by Ozarka's President, Dr. Richard Dawe.

For more information about the music event or to purchase tickets contact Campus Coordinator, Gin Brown at 870-269-5200 or via email [gbrown@ozarka.edu](mailto:gbrown@ozarka.edu); or contact the Development Office at 870-368-7371.

## Around Campus

- **LPN Capping and Pinning Mountain View - Monday June 28th at Ozark Folk Center Ash Flat - Tuesday June 29th at the Ash Flat Lecture Hall**
- **Summer I - Last Day to Withdrawal with an "W"** June 24th; **Finals** Monday, June 28th
- **July 4th Holiday** Monday, July 5th - Offices closed and no classes.
- **Summer II Classes Begin** are Tuesday July 6th

**FOR THE MOST CURRENT EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS CHECK THE ONLINE CAMPUS CALENDAR AT [WWW.OZARKA.EDU](http://WWW.OZARKA.EDU) UNDER NEWS & EVENTS**

## Ozarka Expanding Course Schedule to Mammoth Spring

Ozarka College is expanding to meet the educational needs in Fulton County, as well as Oregon County, Missouri by offering coursework this Fall at the Mammoth Spring High School.



Jo Kay Smith assisting a potential student in Mammoth Spring

Mammoth Spring Mayor, Jean Pace, who is also Chair of the Ozarka Foundation Board of Directors, is allowing Ozarka to utilize space in the Mammoth Spring City Hall for Ozarka staff to provide information about admissions, testing, and financial aid.

Student Services and other Ozarka staff, along with volunteer, Jo Kay Smith, who is also

an adjunct instructor and Foundation Board member, are available this summer from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday to visit with residents in the area about available classes as well as financial aid opportunities.

One such opportunity is the Arkansas in-state tuition rate offered to Oregon County Missouri residents and the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship for Arkansas residents.

The classes at Mammoth Spring will be offered in the evenings from 5:30 p.m. through 8:20 p.m. as follows:

Mondays: Practical Writing, Introduction to Sociology, and Fundamentals of Arithmetic.

Tuesdays: Survey of Computer Basics and English Comp I.

Wednesdays: American History I.

Thursdays: Communications and Reading Improvement.

Classes are also available online and at the Ozarka College Ash Flat site.

For more information contact Admissions at 870-368-7371, [admissions@ozarka.edu](mailto:admissions@ozarka.edu); or stop by or call Mammoth Spring City Hall at 870-625-3518.

## Izard County Single Parent Scholarships Awarded



Izard County Single Parent Scholarship committee recently awarded scholarships to two Ozarka College students for the upcoming Fall semester. Christy Whittaker of Calico Rock (top photo), and Melva Wood of Horseshoe Bend (bottom photo) received \$300.00 each. Chair of the Izard County Single Parent Scholarship Committee, Laura Lawrence awarded the scholarships on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Christy is currently seeking an Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology. She anticipates opening her own business once she completes her degree at Ozarka College.

Melva is seeking her Associate of Arts degree at Ozarka College and plans

to transfer to Arkansas State University to major in social work.

Lawrence, who is also a staff member of Ozarka College Student Services, explains the purpose of the scholarship. "This program is designed to provide single parents in Izard County the opportunity to pursue a diploma or a degree from a post-secondary school in order to improve their job skills, become self-sufficient and improve the lives of their families."

She adds, "The most effective way to help single parents become self-sufficient is to enable them through education, and to prepare them for a career that will sustain their families. We

want to find every resource possible to help them fulfill their needs in order to alleviate some of the financial burden of obtaining a degree."

For more information about the scholarship fund, contact Lawrence at Ozarka College 870-368-7371. The website for the Single Parent Scholarship Fund is [www.aspsf.org](http://www.aspsf.org) and applications are available online.

## Miller Promoted to Registrar



Ozarka College announced the promotion of Jennifer Miller to the Registrar position in its Student Services Department. Miller will begin her new job as Registrar on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Miller was hired into a grant position as Student Success Specialist in Fall 2007. She has made significant contributions to the College and has implemented many new services for students as Ozarka College developed strategies for increased student retention. This past year, Miller was promoted to Director for Student Success and served as Perkins Coordinator in that capacity.

The duties of Registrar have previously been managed by Vice President of Student Services Ron Helm. According to Helm, "As the college has grown and enrollment has continued to increase over the last several years, it has become necessary to fill the gapped position of Registrar to adequately fulfill those duties."

Helm adds, "Jenny Miller is already an asset to Student Services and Ozarka College as a whole. She always goes above and beyond to help with events on campus through her role as Staff Organization Chair, co-chairing Ozarka's Relay for Life team, organizing the Fall Festival and Spring Carnival, and any other extra work that needs to be done. As our new Registrar she will continue to enhance the quality of service Ozarka has to offer its students."

Miller received an Associate of Arts degree from Ozarka. She went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from Coastal Carolina; and is currently seeking a Master's degree from Arkansas Tech University. She and her son, Austin, live in Melbourne.

## 2010 Outstanding Staff, Laura Lawrence Accepts New Position



Ozarka College recently named Career Pathways Outreach Specialist, Laura Lawrence as the 2010 Outstanding Staff. She will represent Ozarka in that capacity in October at the Arkansas Association of Two-Year College (AATYC) annual conference.

Lawrence has also recently accepted a new position at the College as Director of Financial Aid. She will transition to her new position July 1<sup>st</sup> and states, "The opportunity to serve students is very exciting to me and it is satisfying to see students accomplish their educational goals." Laura began her career at Ozarka four years ago when she was hired as an assistant in the Admissions Office before taking her current position with Career Pathways where she works diligently to help students obtain services they need to succeed.

After attending Ozarka College and receiving an associate's degree, Laura obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Arkansas State University and is currently seeking a Master's degree from Arkansas Tech University. Laura's husband Travis, and their children, Abbie and Ty live in Sage.

### Summer GED Courses Available

The Adult Education Department of Ozarka College will offer GED classes throughout the summer at the Melbourne Campus, as well as the education centers in Ash Flat and Mountain View. Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. until Noon on the following days and locations: Mondays in Ash Flat, Room 109; Tuesdays in Mountain View, Room 107; Wednesdays in Melbourne - Wyth Duke Adult Education Building, Room 515.

Programs are available in math, writing skills, reading comprehension, etc. An instructor is available for one-on-one assistance. For more information, please contact the Adult Education Department at 870-368-7371.

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Provide Life-Changing  
Experiences Through  
Education.**



## Arbor Day Celebrated at Ozarka College

Ozarka College celebrated Arbor Day on campus for the fifth year in a row. On April 29, trees were planted at the Ash Flat and Melbourne sites with assistance from Ozarka grounds staff and the Arkansas Forestry Service. The students from Ozarka Kids Academy participated in Arbor Day at Melbourne and received a surprise visit from Smokey The Bear who posed for pictures with the children after the tree had been planted. Karla Rush and James Spurlock read the proclamation from Ozarka President, Dr. Richard Dawe to officially honor Arbor Day and several trees were given to attendees.



**Photos from  
Melbourne and  
Ash Flat Arbor  
Day Celebrations**

