Ozarka College began another semester last week with many new and returning students taking classes at each Ozarka site as well as online. With another record year for Full Time Enrollment (FTE), a new President, and new programs in the works, Ozarka is working to fulfill its mission of “providing life changing experiences through education.” As students begin having homework, tests, essays and the routine of classes, Ozarka Student Services wants to remind all students of the many clubs, organizations, and free services available.

Ozarka is rejuvenating the Student Government (SGA) organization and asks students to watch the website, bulletin strips, and the Ozarka College Connection for details about membership into this student driven organization. There are also program specific clubs such as ALPNA (Arkansas Licenced Practical Nursing Association), PBL (Phi Beta Lambda student business club), SkillsUSA (vocational organization for Culinary and Automotive students), SAEA (Student Arkansas Education Association), AAMT (American Association for Medical Transcription), and PTK (Phi Theta Kappa - for academic honors).

Also available to help support students in many different areas is Career Pathways, TRiO Student Support Services, and the Student Success Center.

Ozarka urges students to take advantage of one or more of these organizations and programs for academic help, social interaction and a fulfilling college experience.

Follow Good Health Measures to Prevent Flu

With school now in session, Ozarka officials are making a special effort to educate students, faculty, staff, and the community about taking the extra precautions to prevent any spread of the H1N1/swine influenza or other illnesses that begin to spread during the upcoming cold and flu season.

Although no local cases have been reported in the service area, Ozarka plans to take a proactive approach in the effort by keep public areas such as computer labs, student areas, library and other locations sanitized and clean.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has provided recommendations to follow for good health practices:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often to help protect you from germs.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Symptoms for swine influenza are similar to those of seasonal influenza, including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Extreme cases report severe complications, such as pneumonia. Further information about the swine flu can be found at the CDC website [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/] and the Arkansas Department of Health site [http://www.adoh.gov/].
Second Annual Money Management Fair

Ozarka College Student Services and Financial Aid Department will host the second annual Money Management Fair August 25-27th.

"Students can get tips to help make their college money go further and to manage their college loan debt better," according to co-chair for the event, Joyce Goff.

Sandy Beatty from the Arkansas Student Loan Guarantee Foundation of Arkansas will be the guest speaker. Goff will also address the students at this event.

Local financial institutions will be available to provide information to the students about their services. Many classes are giving extra credit point for attending the event. There will be giveaways and door prizes for students in attendance.

The fair will be at each Ozarka College location from 11AM-12:30PM each day as follows:

- Aug 25th - Ash Flat
- Aug 26th - Mountain View
- Aug 27th - Melbourne

For further information please contact Joyce Goff at 368-2010 or jgoff@ozarka.edu, or John Petersen at 368-2039 or jpetersen@ozarka.edu.

Career Pathways Program Highlights

Career Pathways was designed to assist eligible students overcome barriers in their pursuit of higher education and employment training. The CP staff has had a busy first week of classes loaning out books and helping new and returning students submit any outstanding paperwork needed for eligibility.

Some of the services provided by CP is tuition, fees, books, child care, fuel costs, counseling, resumes, and other services throughout the year.

One new incentive for new or returning students to is a free book bag filled with some basic school supplies. Some of the supplies include calculator, pen, highlighter, notebooks, paper, and post-its. Bags are still available in the Career Pathways offices in Melbourne, Ash Flat, and Mountain View.

CP now has a webpage through the Ozarka homepage under the “Students” tab. Students can find eligibility requirements, an application, handbook, staff schedule and other valuable information.

Students interested in taking the LPN entrance exam can now check out the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) study guide from the Career Pathways office or library. The Perkins Grant has provided copies of the TEAS study guide for the library. Students from Ash Flat and Mountain View can request a copy be sent to them on those off-campus sites. Eligible Career Pathways students can request a copy from any Career Pathways staff member. Please contact one of our staff members at 870-368-2041 or careerpathways@ozarka.edu.
Ozarka to Host Student Conference, featuring Paul Vitale

Nationally renowned professional speaker and author Paul Vitale will speak during the upcoming Student Conference at Ozarka College on Friday, August 28. Presenting "It's Your Life, Dominate It!" to students gathered at the John E. Miller building, Vitale will challenge those in attendance to maximize their potential to the fullest.

Vitale, founder of Vital Communications, Inc., travels worldwide speaking to organizations about the importance of a positive attitude, a strong work ethic and other concepts vital in today's society. His audiences benefit from the many seeds of heroism he has encountered during his travels and experiences with people from the corporate boardroom, to the classroom and everywhere in between. During the high-energy presentation "It's Your Life, Dominate It!" Vitale presents ideas that captivate and inspire individuals to not merely exist, but thrive and excel in this constantly changing world.

"It is a privilege to have the opportunity to speak to the students of Ozarka College," stated Vitale. "As they chart their future course, they have the opportunity day in and day out to make each moment of their lives count for something special."

Paul Vitale is a native of Russellville, Arkansas. He has authored three books, several curriculums and recorded the spoken word CD "Live Life Like You Mean It." Vitale's expertise, energy and ability to encourage people to exceed their potential, both personally and professionally, has been described by his audiences as extraordinary. His energetic and enjoyable presentation style has made him one of America's most sought-out training and motivational speakers.

The 2009 Student Conference is co-sponsored by TRiO, Student Services, Career Pathways, Carl Perkins grant and the Student Success Center. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, however, pre-registration is required.

Registration forms are available in the TRiO office, Career Pathways, Student Success Center and at the Mountain View and Ash Flat offices.

During the workshop portion of the conference, sessions will be offered on the following topics: Time Management, Study Skills, Career Choices, my.Ozarka Tools, and Basic Word Processing. Students will have the opportunity to choose two of the workshops listed.

Stop by the TRiO, Career Pathways, or Student Success Center office; or one of the educational sites to register.

WHERE:
Ozarka College-Melbourne

WHEN: Friday, August 28, 2009

TIME: 8:30AM-Noon

For more information pick up a flyer at any Ozarka location.

Road Construction Begins Wednesday in Melbourne

After much preparation over the Spring and Summer, road work on College Drive which runs in front of Ozarka College in Melbourne will begin this week, college officials are told.

College Drive from the stoplight to the Ozarka Kid's Academy will be undergoing construction to widen the road and install a new sidewalk. An alternate route is suggested for all students, faculty, staff, and guests coming to Ozarka from Highway 69/Main Street.

The detour route is From Hwy 69, turn south on Moser Street (street is unmarked but is by Mickey's Barber Shop) across from First National Banking Company. Traveling south, turn right on Haley Street, stay on Haley Street then left on Bright Future Drive into the Ozarka parking lot.

Signs to direct traffic to a detour route will be posted at the corner of Moser and Highway 69, then on the corner of Moser and Haley, and into campus on Bright Future Drive.
Ozarka Employees Honored

Prior to the rush of the first official week of classes beginning, Ozarka employees were honored for their hard work at a Welcome Back Barbeque on Friday, August 7 14th. Along with the barbeque, ice cream sundaes were available and served by Ozarka President, Dr. Richard Dawe; along with the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Michael DeLong; Vice President for Student Services, Ron Helm; and Vice President for Finance, Tina Wheelis.

A presentation was made to those employees who have been with Ozarka for over 20 years. Dr. Dawe presented those honors to (left to right) Dr. Wayne Wilson, Larry Wilkes, Joyce Baker, Mary Ellen Hawkins, (not pictured) Ronnie Rush, and Phillip Gillihan.