More than 200 people attended a dedication ceremony, ribbon cutting and open house Ozarka College newest facility on College Drive in Ash Flat, on Monday, September 8.

Guests gathered outside for a short dedication by Ozarka College President Dr. Dusty R. Johnston and the Ozarka College Board of Trustees and Foundation Board Members who were present at the ceremony. The Spring River Area Chamber of Commerce then held a ribbon cutting to officially mark the opening of Ozarka’s state-of-the-art Nursing/Student Center building. The facility was then open for touring and a reception hosted by Culinary Arts.

Attendees were impressed with the modern 9,200 square foot facility designed by Rico Harris of Harris Architecture in Hot Springs and built by Tate General Contractors of Jonesboro, both of whom were present for the opening. The Nursing/Student Center Building houses a nursing lab and classroom, a Student Success Center and resource room, sponsored by Liberty Bank; two general classrooms, office space, a conference room, a spacious student center, and a cyber café, sponsored by CenturyTel.

Prior to the dedication and grand opening, the Ozarka College Foundation Board held its quarterly meeting and retreat in the facility, utilizing the FNBC Conference Room.

The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors announces its annual benefit golf scramble will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008. Coopers Hawk Golf Club in Melbourne will host the tournament this year.

First National Banking Company serves as the major corporate sponsor again this year.

The Ozarka Foundation Board is an approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations made to the Foundation and the golf tournament are tax-deductible. The Board sponsors this event each year to raise monies primarily to provide scholarships to Ozarka students.

The 18-hole tournament is scheduled for a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Entry fee for a four-person team is $200.00. For more information, call 368-7371.
Adjunct Instructor Kay Wiggins Releases Book

Author, Kay S. Wiggins has been an adjunct instructor for Ozarka, teaching Yoga I & II for the past five years. She has recently written a book entitled The Green Plaid Jacket.

There will be a book signing for Kay and her book, on September 20th at 2PM, at WORDS Bookstore in Hardy. This will be an exclusive preview of her work and a great time to meet the author and discuss her work. Advance copies may be pre-ordered by contacting Words at 870-856-5579.

Ozarka instructor, Judy Cannady, who is a friend of Wiggins, began reading the book, “because Kay is my friend,” but says she finished the book “because it was a wonderful story that kept me enthralled!” Cannady adds, “I loved the characters in the story and the way their lives became interwoven because of the green plaid jacket. It was a fun mysterious journey and I would recommend this book to everyone.”

Money Management Resources Available

Several books are available in the Ozarka College Paul Weaver Library on the Melbourne campus to help students with money management problems.

The titles include: "Money Management for College Students" by Larry Burkett; “Financial Basics” by Susan Knox; “Getting Through College Without Going Broke” written by students; “Broke! College Students Reveal the Secrets to Getting by on Less” edited by Supurna Banerjee; and “Dollars & Sense for College Students” by Ellen Braitman.

These books can be checked out for two weeks at a time according to Mary Ellen Hawkins, Librarian.

Student Seminar will be Held Again this Fall

Due to popular demand, Student Services, TRiO SSS and Career Pathways are offering a series of workshops on Saturday, October 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The event is co-sponsored with Ozarka Student Services, TRiO SSS, Student Success Center and Career Pathways and is open to all Ozarka students.

**Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge**, however, pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available in the TRiO office, Student Success Center, the Career Pathways office and at the Mountain View and Ash Flat main offices.

According to Ronda McLelland, TRiO Tutor Coordinator who is helping to organize the event, “every student at Ozarka can benefit from the information that will be provided during the sessions! We will be offering workshops on topics such as stress management, personality styles, resumes, plagiarism, time management, transfers, careers, communication skills and multiple intelligence.”

Students will have the opportunity to attend three workshops of their choice. Stop by TRiO office, Student Success Center, Career Pathways or one of the educational centers to register.

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“Money Management for College Students” is entirely FREE to ALL Ozarka Students!”

-Ronda McLelland

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Last year’s Student Seminar was deemed a success by students and faculty alike.

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CO L L E G E  C O N N E C T I O N
Ozarka College Continuing Education Department is offering several upcoming courses during October.

One of the most popular CE courses, Cake Decorating I will be offered in Melbourne on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. from October 6 - October 27, 2008. Cost for the class is $85.00 and includes a cake decorating instruction book. Each student will also receive a cake decorating kit with all the tools needed for the class. The course includes instruction in baking and leveling a cake, making icing and icing the cake, preparing stars, flowers, figures, writing, etc.

Julie Gosser will teach this non-credit class with limited enrollment available. The deadline to enroll is Monday, September 22nd. To register for this class, call Kim Lovelace at 870-368-7371 or email klove-lace@ozarka.edu.

A beginner quilting class will be offered at the Melbourne campus. Jennifer Hale will teach this twelve-hour continuing education class on Thursdays starting on October 9th.

Students will learn basic quilting skills, including the steps to preparing and assembling a quilt project during the four week class. At the end of the class, students will have completed a quilt project from start to finish.

Class meeting dates are October 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuition for the course is $60.00 and the materials fee is $7.50. Other supplies will be needed to complete the class.

Limited enrollment will be available. To pre-register or for more information, call the continuing education department at 870-368-7371.

Space is also still available for the eight-week Equine Management class. Tom Sauer will teach this beginner level class at the Melbourne campus on Tuesday evenings beginning October 7th.

“How to Live with a Horse” will meet from 5-7 pm on October 7, 14, 21 and 28 as well as November 4, 11, 18 and 25. Topics to be covered during this class include: how to select a horse, basic horse handling and safety, grooming, loading and driving the horse, horse nutritional needs, equine balance, determining age, heredity and breeding, and physical facilities to accommodate horses.

Cost for this course is $60.00 per student. To pre-register call Karla Rush at 870-368-7371 or email karla@ozarka.edu before October 1st.

New Online Course for Artists

Ozarka College has a program that makes it easy to take high-quality, non-credit online courses by partnering with Education To Go to offer hundreds of online, instructor-facilitated courses and is pleased to announce the launch of "Start Your Own Arts and Crafts Business."

"Start Your Own Arts and Crafts Business" is for anyone who has an art or a craft and a dream of turning it into a business. A professional artist will teach participants how to create a niche, price their work effectively, find the best craft shows, and market their product to a worldwide Internet customer base.

This course is part of Ozarka’s growing catalog of more than 300 instructor-facilitated online continuing education courses. Through well-crafted lessons, expert online instruction, and interaction with fellow students, participants in these courses gain valuable knowledge at their convenience. They have the flexibility to study at their own pace combined with enough structure and support to complete the course. And they can access the classroom 24/7 from anywhere with an Internet connection.

New sessions of each course run every month. They last six weeks, with two new lessons being released weekly (for a total of 12). The courses are entirely Web-based with comprehensive lessons, quizzes, and assignments. A dedicated professional instructor facilitates every course; pacing learners, answering questions, giving feedback, and facilitating discussions.

To learn more, call the Ozarka Continuing Education Department at 368-7371 or visit online at www.ed2go.com/ozarka.
2008 CMA Nominated Vocal Group, Emerson Drive to Perform at Ozarka

The Ozarka College Foundation Board will present the CMA nominated Vocal Group for 2008, Emerson Drive. Tickets are still available for the concert which will be held on Friday, September 26, 2008, at 7:00 PM in the John E. Miller Auditorium.

The 2008 CMA Nominations were released on September 10th and lead vocalist Brad Mates expressed his enthusiasm, "We're honored to be included in the Group category for the second time. To be recognized by our peers for a second year in a row is a great feeling!" The CMA's will air on ABC November 12th.

Emerson Drive, who has also been nominated for various Dove Awards is comprised of five musicians originally from Canada, who have the distinction of being one of the very few bands playing their own instruments on all of their records, a rarity in the music industry. Some of their more popular hits include: "Moments", "A Good Man", and "Fall Into Me".

Tickets for the concert are $30 and $40 with all seating assigned in advance. Tickets are available for purchase now at Ozarka College locations in Ash Flat, Melbourne, or Mountain View; and at all First National Banking Company locations in Ash Flat, Batesville, Cherokee Village, Hardy, Highland, Horseshoe Bend, Mammoth Spring, Melbourne, Mountain Home, Salem, and Wal-Mart in Ash Flat. Tickets can also be purchased online at Ozarka College's Foundation Webpage.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Ozarka College Foundation Endowment for scholarships. For more information contact the Development office of Ozarka College at 870-368-7371.