Automotive Students Score Well on National Exam

Ozarka College graduates who completed the Automotive Service Technology program at Ozarka College recently took an end-of-program test administered by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

According to automotive service technology instructor Larry Wilkes, there are eight areas that students are tested over in the NATEF exam. Those areas include Suspension and Steering, Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Engine Performance, Engine Repair, Automatic Transmission and Transaxle, Manual Drive Train and Axles, and Heating and Air Conditioning. The eight areas parallel those offered for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification.

Wilkes stated two students, Warren Newman of Salem and Alex Walton of Mountain View scored above the national average on all eight areas of the exam. Steven Parker of Franklin scored above the national average on five of the eight areas.

There are twelve students currently enrolled in the Automotive Service Technology program for the Fall semester. For more information about the program at Ozarka College, contact Larry Wilkes at 870-368-7371 or 800-821-4335.

Around Campus

- Faculty Council Sept. 5 @ 11AM in C116
- GAP testing (for RNs) Thu Sept. 7 9AM-Noon & Mon. Sept 11th 1-4PM in the Miller Bldg. Learning Lab.
- Little Big Town Thursday, September 7, 7:30PM Miller Auditorium
- Student Council Tue, Sept. 12 @ 11AM in Miller Compressed Video C116.
  All Students welcome!!!
- Optimist Club - Sept 12 11:30-12:30 SDR
- Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Thu, Sept. 14 @ 11AM in Miller Compressed Video C116.
- 6th Annual Arts Fair - Sat. Sept. 16th @10AM at Ozarka Ash Flat.
New Perkins Tutor on Campus

NiKole Thornton is the new Perkins tutor coordinator at Ozarka in Melbourne. Thornton will help technical students through TALK (Tutoring Assistance in Learning & Knowledge) at no cost to students enrolled in a technical program. Her office is located in the Miller Building, room C117 and her hours are Monday through Thursday, 9AM-11AM, 1:30PM-2:30PM and Fridays 8:30AM-10:30AM. She can also schedule around students’ classes. Her number is 368-2045 or via email nmthornton@mail.ozarka.edu.

Ozarka College Annual Golf Scramble Announced

The Ozarka College Foundation Board announces its annual benefit golf scramble will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2006. 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.

Culinary Students Presenting Gourmet Café

The Culinary Arts Department at Ozarka College has planned three unique dining opportunities during the Fall Semester. The advanced Culinary Arts students will lead this dining experience from planning to execution on three occasions, the first scheduled for Friday September 22nd, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Gourmet Café will be held in the culinary arts department (Room C-120) of the Miller Education Complex and will only be available to approximately 30 guests per event. The menu will feature Italian dishes, from salad to fresh bread, lasagna and tiramisu for dessert.

The idea behind Gourmet Café began two years ago as a more upscale dining experience to feature several courses in a more intimate setting. The offerings reflect the current trends in fine dining and allow dinner guests to taste multiple selections that are not readily available in this area.

According to Ozarka Culinary Instructor, Chef Linda Taylor, “Ozarka’s culinary department prides itself on a reputation for hosting many successful dining events. These dinners are used as a learning tool for our students in order for them to become acquainted with a real, restaurant style setting.” She goes on to say that the smaller Gourmet Café events will give the advanced culinary students a chance to experience putting together a more complex menu with a more intimate setting and unique food presentation.

Gourmet Café will continue in upcoming months with an event scheduled on October 20th and November 10th. Reservations are now being taken for the September dinner by calling 368-2062. Seating is limited and reservations will be on a “first come, first serve” basis.

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-CA Instructor, Linda Taylor
TRiO to Host Fall Festival September 28

TRiO Student Support Services is hosting its First Annual Fall Festival on Thursday, September 28th and invites all students and their families to attend the fun event.

The Fall Festival will take place from 3PM-7PM on the grounds in front of the Miller Building or inside the Miller Building if it rains.

All Ozarka departments, programs and student organizations have been invited to participate in the festival, which will include food and fun activities for all ages. Already scheduled for the event is a karaoke contest, putting contest, children’s games, hot dogs and popcorn. The culinary arts students are also hosting a bake sale.

For further information contact TRiO SSS at 368-2036.

Ozarka College’s TRiO Student Support Services program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Federal TRiO Programs. The 2005-2006 funded award is $265,045. All activities and services offered to the students in SSS are made possible through these grant funds. Announcement made in accordance with Public Law 105-78 Sec. 508.

“Good Books, Good Discussions” at Ash Flat

Beginning at 8AM, Wednesday, September 6, adjunct instructor, Tom Rhoades will host a weekly gathering at Ozarka College - Ash Flat entitled “Good Books, Good Discussions.” Rhoades says the purpose of these weekly meetings is to get connected to fellow students attending college at the Ash Flat facility and receive encouragement. “Short readings from ‘good books’ will be used to facilitate discussions and provide opportunities to share with each other what is happening in our lives,” states Rhoades and adds, “In this group, students will experience support and gain practical wisdom from great thinkers and learn how to balance study, work and family life.” The first book to read is “The Greatest Salesman” by Og Mandino. Rhoades reminds students that the books are very short for the discussions. Watch the bulletin board in the student lounge for further announcements on these meetings.

- Tom Rhoades

Ozarka Nursing Supports Cancer Society

Nursing students from Ozarka College will be participating in the Sharp County American Cancer Society “Walk of Hope” on Saturday, September 16th, from 4-10 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Cherokee Village. Students will be selling barbecue sandwich plates & drinks and have also obtained sponsor pledges to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.
ICARE Hosting Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

ICARE will host the next Arkansans for Animals Spay/Neuter Clinic with Joanna McManus, DVM on September 19, 20 & 21, 2006 in Melbourne. A deposit of $10 per animal is required to secure places in this clinic. Please contact ICARE at 870-368-5000 to make an appointment. Clinics fill rapidly so please call and schedule your pet as soon as possible.

Miller Fitness Center Hosting Lunch n’ Learn

Ozarka College’s Paul Miller Fitness Center located in the Miller Complex at Melbourne, has many activities scheduled during the upcoming months.

Holly Ayers, Fitness Center Director announced last week that the monthly lunch n’ learn seminar for October has been set. On October 3 from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. in the small dining room, a presentation on Body, Mind, Spirit-A well rounded approach to wellness will be given by Sandy Conway. Conway will be doing a 45 minute workshop on stress management, importance of stretching, mental wellness and exercise/diet. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling 368-2090 or emailing Holly Ayers at hayers@ozarka.edu.

Watch the Ozarka College website for other fitness and health related events hosted by the Fitness Center. Ayers also reminds those utilizing the fitness center that it will be closed on Thursday September 7th.

The normal hours of operation is Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday, 6 a.m. until Noon. For more information, call the fitness center at 870-368-2090.