Welcome Back to a new year and new semester! Remember it is never too early or late to come in for the help you need. TRiO Tutors are here to help you achieve your academic goals. Schedule an appointment today! We have tutors on all three campuses to help you or contact Ronda McLelland at rmclelland@ozarka.edu or 368-2033.

Congratulations

Jayson Ozbun
Student of the Semester
Fall 09

My name is Jayson Ozbun. I was born in Southern California and have been living in Arkansas for about seven years. Being enrolled at Ozarka College has definitely proved to be a life-changing experience. Before Ozarka I was self-employed in the maintenance and construction field. On the job site one afternoon, my knee decided it no longer wanted to carry my body weight. Being unable to work for weeks and with the economy in a downturn, it became clear to me that I was not going to be able to endure construction labor for the rest of my life. Per my lack of secondary education many doors were simply not open. With the economy showing few signs of a fast recovery, even more doors seem to shut. Since paying the bills was my number one priority, I needed to seek work. I also wanted to attend college and Ozarka College has been the perfect solution to accomplish my goal.

Being an active participant in the TRIO program has greatly enhanced my college experience. TRIO quickly became my most valuable tool in my educational tool box. The TRIO program provides students, such as myself, with many services such as academic advisement, cultural events, transfer trips, and many workshops. The TRIO program has allowed me to grow not just as a student, but as a person as well.

My future endeavors include receiving my AA degree from Ozarka and then transferring to ASU where I plan to major in business and minor in social work. I hope to be able to give back to the community when I complete my degree.

Jayson Ozbun

The TRIO staff was proud to select Jayson as Student of the Semester for Fall of 09.

Register Early
The Lyon College Theatre Department will present "Macbeth," a tragedy by William Shakespeare about regicide and its aftermath.

When: Thursday, February 18th
Leave Melbourne at 7:00pm
Return around 10:00pm
Sign up soon!

Transfer Trips

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For more information or to sign up for Cultural Events or Transfer Trips contact Karin at 368-2035 (kbrown@ozarka.edu) or Shelia at 368-2036 (stitus@ozarka.edu).

The staff of TRiO wants to say "Congratulations" and "Goodbye" to John Petersen. John has served as the TRiO SSS Transfer Specialist since August of 2006. John was recently hired as a Career Coach, and will still be a familiar face on campus.

Before John came to work at Ozarka, he served for 26 years as an Air Force flight instructor and evaluator. He also taught math at Williford High School.

John and his wife Kim live in Poughkeepsie. Their son, Travis, graduated from Auburn in 2007 and recently returned from duty in Iraq. Their daughter, Nataly is a student at UCA.

We wish John well in his new position and will miss his smiling face and dynamic personality in TRiO.