

Ozarka College

Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Final Report

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Mission Vision Values

MISSION

Ozarka College provides lifechanging experiences through education.

VISION

Ozarka College will be the education resource of choice in our community providing a quality, learningcentered environment that is innovative, responsible, adaptive, and caring.

VALUES

Our values are the principles, standards, and ideals that form the foundation of our actions. They are the things to which we, as a community of educators, ascribe worth. Our values reveal what we strive for and give us our identity as a college.

LEARNING

Ozarka College values learning and scholarship for our students, our employees, and our communities.

CARING

Ozarka College values people and ideas. We respect the dignity and potential of each individual, expressed through fairness, responsiveness, and just treatment for all.

QUALITY

Ozarka College strives for excellence and integrity in all we do.

RESPONSIBILITY

Ozarka College values responsibility for its students, employees, and the institution.

COMMUNITY

Ozarka College values community - both the communities we serve and the community developed within the College.

Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Executive Summary

In 2015, Ozarka College created the strategic plan for the next 5 years. Five Strategic Priorities were developed and an initial plan was created. This report outlines the progress made during the five years toward completion of the strategic plan. The five Strategic Priorities are outlined below:



Access to Education

Student Success

Workforce Development

Continuous Innovation

Community Engagement

Strategic Plan 2016-2020 Priority One

Access to Education

STRATEGY ONE: 1.1 ENHANCE EARLY ACCESS INITIATIVES

GOAL 1.1.1 INCREASE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment Management Plan

As part of the Higher Learning Commission accreditation process, Ozarka College developed a Quality Initiative Proposal consisting of a Strategic Enrollment Management Plan. A cross-department team was created to evaluate the existing enrollment management process and develop a plan to expand enrollment at Ozarka College with a strategic approach. The Quality Initiative Proposal was accepted through the Higher Learning Commission in March, 2016, is currently in progress and directly aligns with Priorities 1 and 2 of the College strategic plan.

Increase Concurrent Enrollment

Over the past five years, Academics and Student Services have implemented the Enrollment Management Plan (EMP) and worked hard to increase the number of concurrent offerings to our local high schools. This work is evident with the rising numbers of high school students taking Ozarka College courses for concurrent credit.

As part of the previous EMP, Ozarka College focused on increasing the fall concurrent enrollment. The College created a goal to increase the 249 three-year baseline by 10% (to 305). By the end of the strategic plan timeline, the number of concurrent students had grown to 320 (28.5% increase over baseline).

The Access team turned attention toward this group of students to improve the overall college going rate for our area high schools. Through direct recruiting and marketing efforts, the College strived to increase the rate of concurrent high school seniors enrolling as full-time students at Ozarka College in the two years following graduation (from 34% to 39%), thereby improving the overall college going rate for the four-county area.

STRATEGY 1.1 ENHANCE EARLY ACCESS INITIAIVES

GOAL 1.1.2 INCREASE NMBER OF CTE COURSE OFFERINGS However, by the end of AY2019-20 high school seniors enrolling as full-time students at Ozarka steadily decreased to 22%. While Ozarka concurrent enrollment continued to increase, about half of those students were preparing to transfer to a four-year university. Although students were attending college at higher rates, Ozarka was not always the college choice, likely due to a stronger performing economy and more students starting at a four-year university. Ozarka will continue to focus on increasing concurrent student conversion and will assess the hypothesis in the next iteration of the plan in light of the pandemic, economic impact and overall two-year college enrollment.

This next goal addresses the need to continue to expand CTE course offerings in area high schools. During the previous iteration of EMP, the College made progress with the expansion of CTE courses. Expansion of the CTE offerings is an initiative to increase the overall college going rate in the four-county service area. The College is continuing to expand current relationships with local high schools and the educational co-op to expand CTE course offerings. The College strives to increase the CTE offerings by at least one course per year, specifically in the areas of welding, agriculture and automotive/diesel. With the opening of a multilocation secondary center, the College will continue to pursue concurrent growth in technical programs

STRATEGY 1.2 EXPAND AND MAXIMIZE CURRENT ACCESS

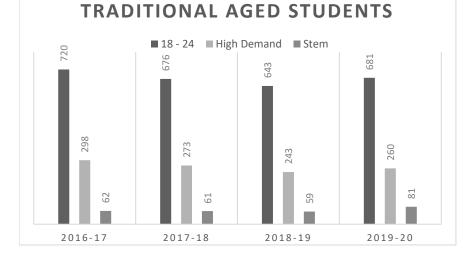
GOAL 1.2.1 INCREASE ENROLLMENT OF TRADITIONAL-AGED STUDENTS INTO TO HIGH DEMAND AND STEM PROGRAMS

Increase High Demand and STEM Program Enrollment

The College directly aligned multiple strategies with Arkansas productivity funding metric, specifically in support of state-informed high-demand and STEM career pathways. Efforts were focused on activities supporting both traditional and non-traditional student access to education.

Through new program offerings and the expansion of CTE into the local high schools, Ozarka College sought to grow the number of traditionalaged students into the High-Demand and STEM programs. The College sought a 5% growth in this population over the three-year baselines: High demand from 275 to 289, and STEM from 62 to 65.

Enrollment of traditional-aged students in High Demand Programs shows a slight decrease in AY2019-20 to 260 from the previous threeyear average. This is a demographic that the College needs to continue to work on and make modifications in the next Strategic Plan. However, the enrollment of traditional-aged students enrolled in STEM Programs increased significantly up to 81. Efforts are increasing the enrollment in STEM programs and the College will continue to use them going forward. The graph below explains the progression of the High Demand Programs and STEM Programs over the last four academic years.

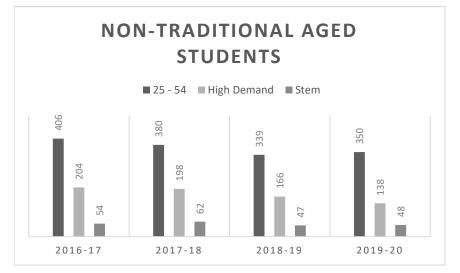


TRATEGY: 1.2 EXPAND AND MAXIMIZE CURRENT ACCESS

GOAL 1.2.2 INCREASE ENROLLMENT OF NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS INTO HIGH DEMAND AND STEM PROGRAMS New degree offerings in Agriculture, Aviation, Information Science Technology, and Welding offer an introduction into careers for non-traditional aged students. Additionally, the College offers many of the required courses either on-line, or at a time that is very convenient to the working adult.

The College sought a 5% growth in this population over the threeyear baselines: High demand from 212 to 223, and STEM from 57 to 60. Enrollment of non-traditional students in High Demand programs shows a decrease in AY2019-20 to 138 from the previous three-year average. This could be a result of lower enrollment, generally, but something that Ozarka will continue to address and make modifications in the next Strategic Plan. The enrollment of non-traditional students enrolled in STEM Programs decreased significantly down to 48. This could also be a result of lower enrollment. As Ozarka strives to increase enrollment, administrators must re-assess shifting demographic makeup of enrollment and re-align supporting activities.

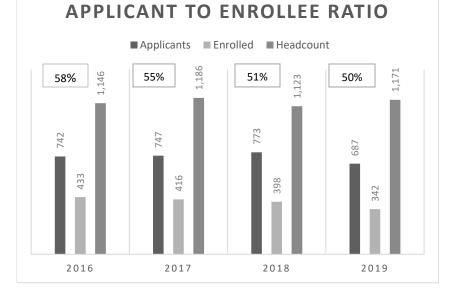
The graph below explains the decrease of the High Demand programs and STEM program enrollments over the last four academic years.



Increase Applicant to Enrollee Ratio

STRATEGY: 1.2 EXPAND AND MAXIMIZE CURRENT ACCESS

GOAL 1.2.3 INCREASE APPLICANT TO ENROLLEE RATIO TO 50% YEARLY The Access team has reviewed the data from this goal and has established a new three-year baseline. Instead of looking at the total of applications as in previous years, the conversion ratio now includes only new applicants and excludes, re-applying students (from one program to another) and concurrent students. The new baseline was aligned directly with the national standard for applicant conversion rates and more accurately represents outcome of effort and expenses in recruitment. This action to maintain the applicant to enrollee ratio to 50% has been successful. Ozarka will continue these actions to help increase enrollment each semester. The graph below shows the target goal has been met.



Strategic Plan 2015-2020 Priority Two

Student Success

Developmental Sequence

STRATEGY: 2.1 IMPROVE SEMESTER COMPLETION

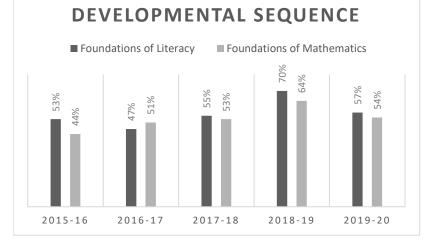
GOAL 2.1.1 INCREASE DEVELOPMENTAL SEQUENCE SUCCESS Through many concentrated strategies, in the original iteration of the Enrollment Management Plan (2015-2017), the College was able to exceed the goal of 50% of developmental education students completing their coursework to 54.84%. The College hoped to build upon that success by incorporating targeted strategies to increase the number of successful students. Beginning in the Fall of 2018, students testing below minimum entrance standards in English or Math were assigned an advisor dedicated to advising only developmental education students to assist and motivate them to complete the sequence. To that end, protocols were established and professional development was conducted to assist faculty in reaching this goal.

Additionally, the sequence of coursework was re-evaluated by English and Math faculty each year to not only ensure completion, but also to ensure a smooth transition to credit-bearing courses in the subject area. The developmental sequence includes Foundations of Literacy and Foundations of Mathematics. Both sequences show increases in successful students, with the Foundations of Literacy surpassing the goal by the end of academic year 2018-19 and the Foundations of Mathematics falling short by one percent. Neither sequence met the success of 65% by the end of academic year 2019-20, though unusual circumstances due the pandemic likely explain a portion of the variation in success. Improved completion of developmental sequences is important to student success. Therefore, continued efforts are recommended for this strategy. The graph below shows the developmental sequence progress for the past five academic years.

Priority Two – Student Success

STRATEGY: 2.1 IMPROVE SEMESTER COMPLETION

GOAL: 2.1.2 INCREASE YEARLY SUCCESS IN GATEWAY COURSES



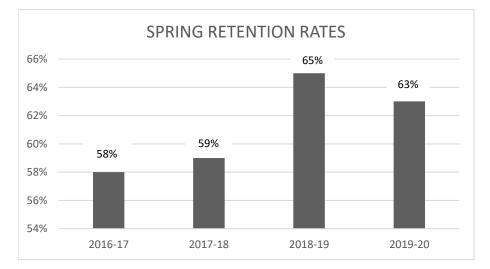
Increase Yearly Success in Gateway Courses

To aid in the achievement of these goals, faculty required students dropping below a "C" in Composition and Math to meet with the instructor and develop a remediation plan to be followed until the grade rises. In addition, students dropping below a C in gateway reading courses (e.g., General Psychology, American History, World Civilization, and American National Government) were required to meet with both the instructor and their advisor. All of these meetings were required to be documented in Advising Notes in MyOzarka. The actions taken by faculty and advisors to improve student success allowed for specific goals to be met for gateway courses. The goal for English Composition I was 77% and it increased to an average success rate of 84%; the goal for College Algebra was 76% but fell short by four percent; the goal for all the gateway reading courses was 85% and General Psychology was increased to an average success rate of 90%; American History I and II increased to an average success rate of 91%; American National Government increased to an average success rate of 87%; and World Civilization I and II increased to an average success rate of 91%. The College's faculty and advisors utilizing myOzarka's early alert system has helped increase student success and is a sustainable approach for continued improvement.

Priority Two – Student Success

Fall to Spring Retention Rates

In alignment with strategic planning and new state productivity funding priorities, by year two of the plan the College sought to increase the number of students staying on pace to graduate in a timely fashion. Upon review of the prevailing literature on persistence rates and prior years' data at Ozarka, administrators set an improvement goal of 60% for semester-to semester progression. To achieve this goal, advisors were required to develop a four-semester degree plan with their advisees upon entrance to the college. Additionally, for degrees that have certificates embedded within them, students will be recognized for completion as they progress. Advisors also work to identify barriers to completion and guide students to interventions to overcome those barriers. To that end, division chairs worked to develop and disseminate summer course schedules earlier in order to promote more proactive scheduling and adherence to degree plans. At the end of AY2019-20 the on-time progression rate was 63%. The College was successful at maintaining as least a 60% on-time progression through AY2019-20. Faculty and advisors will both continue to utilize the early alert process to help aid in student success. The graph below shows the fall to spring retention rates for the past four academic years.



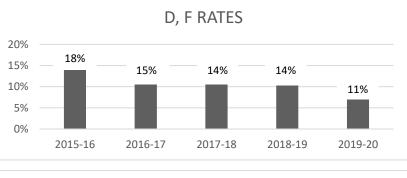
STRATEGY: 2.2 INCREASE SEMESTER-TO-SEMESTER PERSISTANCE

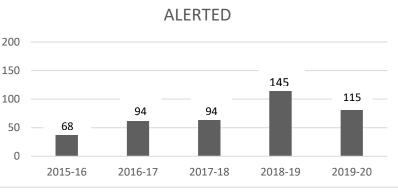
GOAL 2.2.1 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS MAINTAINING AN ONTIME PROGRESSION

Priority Two – Student Success

STRATEGY: 2.2 INCREASE SEMESTER-TO-SEMESTER PERSISTENCE

GOAL: 2.2.2 LOWER THE D, F RATE BY 13% BY THE END OF AY2019-20 To further support persistence goals, advisors were required to develop a four-semester degree plan with their advisees upon entrance to the college. Additionally, for degrees that had certificates embedded within them, students would be recognized for completion as they progressed. Advisors also worked to identify barriers to completion and guide students to interventions to overcome those. To that end, division chairs worked to develop and disseminate summer course schedules earlier in order to promote more proactive scheduling and adherence to degree plans. At the end of AY2019-20 the D, F rate was 11% therefore, the College surpassed meeting the College's 5% reduction goal at 13%. Ozarka College has successfully lowered the D, F rate and has recommended continued effort to lower the D, F rate to help students reach their educational goals. The graph below shows the decreased percentages of the D, F rate over the past five years.





Strategic Plan 2016-2020 Priority Three

Workforce Development

The College developed shorter-term and often stackable offerings in form of continuing education (CE) trainings, technical certificates (TC) and certificates of proficiency (CP) for multiple training fields. In Aviation, CE and CP training opportunities were developed for the Aviation field (e.g., Private Pilot, Commercial Pilot, and Instrument Ratings).

Academics also developed a TC in Criminal Justice Corrections and a CP in Criminology. Other degrees and certificates developed include, a TC in Information Science Technology (IST), CPs in IST, Cybersecurity, Internet Design Concepts, and Computer Services. In Automotive Technology, the College has developed a TC in Automotive Repair and Troubleshooting, a TC in Performance Suspension Systems, and CPs in Electronic Systems Troubleshooting, Automotive Repair and Troubleshooting, Performance and Suspension Systems, and Brake Systems. The College has also revised the TC in Business Technology for a more efficient completion timeline.

During first half of cycle, the College had planned to pursue the HVAC certification with continued plans to incorporate into a construction trades program, likely to be established at the new Carpenter Technical Center (CTC) in Ash Flat. Due to the phasedin, industry-informed approach to adding programs to the CTC, it was later determined there was/is greater demand for welding and manufacturing training in the service area, both of which will be under workforce development focus in the 2021-25 five-year plan.

STRATEGY: 3.1 EXPLORE FAST-TRACK TECHNICAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GOAL: 3.1.1 DEVELOP SHORT TERM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Priority Three – Workforce Development

STRATEGY: 3.2 STRENGTHEN EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS

GOAL: 3.2.1 ENHANCE ADVISORY BOARD AFFILIATIONS

GOAL 3.2.2 CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE CIVIC CLUB ENGAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 3.3

GOAL 3.3.1 EXPAND CE OFFERINGS

Enhance Advisory Board Affiliations

Ozarka College has evaluated and met with advisory boards for Automotive and Business programs and an advisory board was created for IST, and Agriculture. With the expansion of technical offerings across locations, Ozarka will **continue** to add advisory boards with new programs and will undertake the development of a regional workforce alliance to meet the objectives of the WORC grant over the next three years and to address regional employer needs for the future.

Continue to Encourage Civic Club Engagement

In order to continue to encourage civic club engagement, College administrators support key staff and faculty to become involve in local clubs and organizations. Campus directors, advancement staff, and various student services personnel are heavily involved with local chambers of commerce, economic development groups, rotary chapters, and other groups/committees specific to the service area.

Another goal included the development of a local speaker's bureau, an effort which was deferred until the next plan cycle due to limited interest in participation by community members at the time.

Expand CE Offerings

As part of the goal to expand CE offerings, Academics planning to review pay structure for short-term, adjunct, and CE offerings. Academics reviewed and adjusted pay structures first in AY2018 and modified them again in AY2020 to better align with our peer institutions in the region.

Strategic Plan 2016-2020 Priority Four

Continuous Innovation

STRATEGY: 4.1 OPTIMIZE FISCAL, HUMAN AND PHYSICAL RESOURCES

GOAL: 4.1.1 INCREASE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GOAL: 4.1.2 UTILIZE TECHNOLOGIES TO REPLACE LABOR INTENSIVE ACTIVITIES

Increase Professional Development Opportunities

Faculty have received 3-5 professional development trainings each year on multiple training topics each year (e.g., assessment, productivity funding, persistence and completion, and customer service).

In cooperation with Academics, the Information Services department has enhanced myOzarka to include extensive assessment tracking. Faculty map all activities to the appropriate course outcomes. Activity comments are combined under each course outcome, allowing Faculty to review the overall success of each outcome and the course as a whole. Faculty received training on follow-up assessments for any changes they made to the course. All course outcomes are now mapped to general education outcomes.

Utilize Technologies to Replace Labor Intensive Activities

Information Systems has developed an online purchase order system that went live in January 2020. Review process to update the website took place during 2018/2019 with plans to select a new design Fall 2019 and implement by Jun 30 2020. A design was selected in Fall 2019, but due to health crisis, transition to new design postponed until January 2021 and reflected in new plan. Information Systems had received the efficiency and met with the appropriate groups to discuss the effectiveness of Sonis as a student information system. Information Systems has reviewed the efficiency and discussed with faculty the effectiveness of myOzarka as a learning management system.

Priority Four – Continuous Innovation

STRATEGY: 4.1 OPTIMIZE FISCAL, HUMAN AND PHYSICAL RESOURCES

GOAL: 4.1.3 CONTINUE TO EXPLORE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

GOAL: 4.1.4 IDENTIFY ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS

Continue to Explore Grant Opportunities

Ozarka College received a grant from the Blue and You Foundation to provide and obesity prevention program and cardio equipment in the fitness center. The College received an Opioid Awareness and Prevention grant to implement new strategies to combat opioid abuse in our communities. At the end of AY2020, the Advancement team applied for a \$1.47M grant through the US Dept of Labor and Delta Regional Authority, a grant that Ozarka was awarded in September and will help develop a regional workforce alliance, stand up new programs at the Carpenter Technical Center in Ash Flat (Welding and Machining), and will support workforce readiness for student participants.

Identify Energy Efficiency Solutions

Ozarka pursued options for lighting fixture replacements in older campus buildings. College administrators received and reviewed quotes for efficiency upgrades. A company came in and conducted a lighting efficiency audit. As a result, we replaced the lights in the Administration Building with LED lights. We are currently in transition to use only LED lights in all of the buildings on all of our campus locations.

Priority Four – Continuous Innovation

STRATEGY: 4.2 PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATION

GOAL: 4.2.1 CELEBRATE OZARKA COLLEGE INNOVATIONS

STRATEGY: 4.3 ADVANCE DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING

GOAL: 4.3.1 REFINE DASHBOARD METRICS

Celebrate Ozarka College Innovations

Ozarka College initiated a quarterly employee recognition program to recognize employees who go above and beyond for the College, co-workers, and students.

Ozarka College also votes Faculty-of-the-Year and Staff-ofthe-Year who are recognized at the Annual Arkansas Community Colleges Conference each October.

In 2019-2020 Ozarka revived the College newsletter to help keep employees and students aware of Ozarka news and upcoming events and student activities. One example of innovations/exceptional recognition was noteworthy advances in the wake of the pandemic shutdown experienced in Spring 2020. Especially innovative activities by Student Services staff and for Faculty online teaching transitions were also included.

Advance Data-Driven Decision Making

The College has undertaken multiple projects to advance the use of data in decision-making. Once all productivity funding data was released by ADHE, the IS department completed a dashboard for tracking productivity funding metrics, tools that have supported enhancement of this plan as well as development of an enrollment management plan.

Refine Dashboard Metrics

With input from a variety of other departments each year, the IS department reviewed and revised current dashboards and data reports. The updated data dashboard was provided to faculty members through myOzarka in 2018, and has been updated annually.

Priority Four – Continuous Innovation

STRATEGY: 4.3 ADVANCE DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING

GOAL: 4.3.2 PROMOTE THE AVAILABILITY OF DATA

STRATEGY 4.4 EXPLORE AND ADOPT TECHNOLOGICA L ADVANCEMENTS GOAL: 4.4.1 PROVIDE INNOVATIVE

INSTRUCTIONAL DEVICES

GOAL: & 4.4.2 EXPLORE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Promote the Availability of Data

Ozarka College has developed several tools to aid in the data- driven decision-making process. As requests for data increase, Information Services (IS) continues to make enhancements to existing dashboards and metrics. IS met with various stake holders through committee meetings, Planning and Assessment Council, semester in-service, etc.; concerning data that was available to assist with college operations. As a result, several reporting tools and dashboards were added or revised to better convey the data.

Explore and Adopt Technological Advancements

Technological advancements have proved invaluable to achieving goals. One particular advancement is the integration of strategic planning to the budget process. Through the budget request process, department managers entered categorical amounts, indicated funding priority level, and assigned all items to a strategic planning priority. Well received by the College community across all levels, this tool has greatly streamlined the budget request and strategic priority tracking processes.

Provide Innovative Instructional Devices

Academics and IS have installed cameras in every classroom and issued Go Pro equipment for broadcasting instruction. Additionally, IS has embedded distance communication software (e.g., Google Meet) into the myOzarka course shell for meetings with students. IS has constructed a video instruction hub for faculty recording. All efforts proved invaluable in transitioning instruction early in the pandemic.

Explore Instructional Assessment Tools

In collaboration with IS, Academics has enhanced the assessment activities in myOzarka, including the ability to assign comments to each outcome and even individual assignments. Additionally, all course outcomes were mapped to general education outcomes, allowing faculty to assess the overall success of the College General Education Outcomes.

Strategic Plan 2016 – 2020 Priority Five

Community Engagement

STRATEGY: 5.1 FOSTER MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

GOAL: 5.1.1 WORK WITH K-12 ON TECHNICAL CENTERS

GOAL 5.1.2 CONNECT AVIATION PROGRAMWITH LOCAL GENERAL AND PROFESSIONAL AVIATION GROUPS

Ozarka Academics continues talks with K-12 schools and the local Northcentral Arkansas Education Cooperative to strengthen the work relations to ensure continuing support for the welding program and gain support for IST and Agriculture. In addition to the current CTE offerings (IST, CNA, and ECD), welding was also identified as a priority program. Agriculture will also be added as a priority program. During the 2017-2018 academic year, the College acquired welding equipment through M & R Redistribution. After three years of preparation and collaboration with area high schools, the NAESC, and state agencies (e.g., Office of Skills Development); the College was officially designated by the State as eligible to offer programming as a secondary technical center, effective December 2019. With the recent acquisition and renovation of new program spaces and new resources flowing in the coming years, the College will continue to partner with K-12 to advance technical offerings.

Since 2017, the College aviation program has hosted an annual fly-in event. During this event, a safety seminar was conducted for local people in the industry. During the academic year 2017-2018 academic year, the Aviation program (3 staff and 7 students) attended a Hypoxia safety training in Oklahoma City, OK. The Aviation department leaders serve on the local Airport Commission. The College President serves on the Arkansas Aviation Historical Society, an organization that also provided several scholarships to Aviation students.

Priority Five – Community Engagement

STRATEGY: 5.2 ENHANCE COLLEGE PRESENCE THROUGH EVENTS, SERVICE, AND ENRICHMENT

GOAL: 5.2.1 DEVELOP SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

GOAL: 5.2.2 DEVELOP A GREATER PRESENCE AT HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Develop Summer Camp Opportunities

Aviation faculty conducted a Summer Camp in Summer 2019 with 30 students attending and plans to continue each year. Information Science Technology also scheduled a summer camp for 2019; due to less than expected registrations for the program, the camp was cancelled. Summer camps were also explored for 2020. Agriculture, Automotive, Culinary Arts and Welding each had plans in place for summer 2020 but were deferred temporarily due to COVID-19.

Develop a Greater Presence at High School and Community Events

College representatives have committed to participating in various events/activities in support of our local communities. These events include parades, school athletics events, ballgame tailgates, local county fairs, Innovation Hub, Single Parent Scholarship meetings and fundraising activities, and local festivals, including Bean Fest, Ozark Folk Festival, Eagle Fest, and Pioneer Day.

A comprehensive community service calendar was also created to track involvement in high school and community events. However, the original version was abandoned once Information Systems developed a more system-integrated calendar that better met the communication needs for all parties involved. The new calendar is a great tool to track Ozarka team participation and service/event opportunities.



OZARKA COLLEGE

Strategic Plan 2016-2020

	STRATEGIC PLA	AN PRIORITY 1: ACC	ESS TO EDUCATIO	DN
STRATEGY	GOAL	ACTION	STATUS	RESPONSIBLE
	1.1.1 Increase concurrent	1.1.1.1 Target CE Courses for recruiting 1.1.1.2 Continue to market College Now Scholarship	Ongoing Ongoing	VPSS, VPA DADM, DPRM
	student enrollment conversion rate for high school seniors from 34%	1.1.1.3 Program faculty will make at least two visits per semester to a local high school	Ongoing	DADM, DCs, Faculty
	to 39% (5% increase) by the end of 2019-20	1.1.1.4 Conduct individual student meetings to explain the educational path into the College	Ongoing	DADM, DCs, Faculty
1.1 Enhance early access initiatives	1.1.2 Increase number CTE course offerings in high schools by one course per year	1.1.2.1 Develop partnerships with local co-op and high schools to align with state priorities and integrate students into pathways to college 1.1.2.2 Refocus content on counselor workshop to include CTE - Highlight new initiatives and our capabilities to develop individualized CTE pathways plans at high schools 1.1.2.3 Create marketing materials for concurrent students and parents, based on academic	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing	DCAST DADM DPRM, DADM, VPSS

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1.2 Expand and maximize current access	 1.2.1 a. Increase enrollment of traditional-aged students into High Demand Programs by 5% over 3 year baseline to 289 b. Increase enrollment of traditional-aged students into STEM Programs by 5% over the 3 year baseline to 65 	1.2.1.1 Utilizing the internal prospect data portal and ACT Database, target traditional-aged students who express interest in high demand and STEM programs 1.2.1.2 Educate advisors on advising for high demand and STEM programs 1.2.1.3 Increase outreach to inform the public about high demand and STEM program offerings	Ongoing Completed Completed	DADM, VPSS VPSS, VPA DPRM, VPSS, VPA
	1.2.2	1.2.2.1 Utilizing the internal prospect	Ongoing	DADM, VPSS
	a. Increase	data portal, target		
	enrollment of	students age 25-54		

non-traditional students (aged 25-54) into High Demand Programs by 5% over 3 year baseline 223	who express interest in high demand and STEM programs 1.2.2.2 Educate advisors on advising for high demand and STEM programs 1.2.2.3 Increase	Completed/Ongoing	VPSS, VPA
 b. Increase enrollment of non-traditional students (aged 25-54) into STEM Programs by 5% over 3 year baseline to 60 	outreach to inform the public about high demand and STEM program offerings 1.2.2.4 Align outreach efforts with Carl Perkins grant efforts to increase non-traditional gender students into CTE programs	Ongoing Completed/Ongoing	DPRM, VPSS, VPA VPSS
1.2.3 Increase applicant to enrollee ratio to 50% yearly	1.2.3.1 Implement an automated protocol to streamline admissions communication and outreach to students 1.2.3.1 Development of additional tools to target groups based on different variables from applicant data 1.2.3.1 Increase faculty utilization of unenrolled apps page in MyOzarka	Completed Completed Completed	VPSS, DADM, CIO VPSS, DADM, CIO VPA, VPSS

Comments (1.2.1a & 1.2.2a) Through new program offerings and the expansion of CTE into the local high schools, Ozarka College sought to grow the number of traditional-aged students into the High-Demand and STEM programs. The College sought a 5% growth in this population over the three-year baselines: High demand from 275 to 289, and STEM from 62 to 65. Enrollment of traditional-aged students in High Demand Programs shows a slight decrease in AY2019-20 to 260 from the previous three-year average. This is something that OC needs to continue to work on and make some modifications in the next Strategic Plan. However, the enrollment of traditional-aged students enrolled in STEM Programs and the College will continue to use them going forward. The graph below explains the progression of the High Demand Programs and STEM Programs over the last four academic years.

Comments (1.2.1b & 1.2.2b) The new degree offerings in Agriculture, Aviation, Information Science Technology, and Welding offer an introduction into careers for the non-traditional aged students. Additionally, the College offers many of the required courses either on-line, or at a time that is very convenient to the working adult. The College seeks a 5% growth in this population over the threeyear baselines: High demand from 212 to 223, and STEM from 57 to 60. Enrollment of non-traditional students in High Demand Programs shows a decrease in AY2019-20 to 138 from the previous threeaverage. This could be a result of lower enrollment but something that OC needs to continue to work on and make some modifications in the next Strategic Plan. The enrollment of non-traditional students enrolled in STEM Programs decreased significantly down to 48. This could also be a resulted of lower enrollment. As Ozarka strives to increase enrollment, these actions will be modified if needed. The graph below explains the decrease of the High Demand Programs and STEM Program enrollments over the last four academic years.

Comments (1.2.3) The Access team has reviewed the data from this goal and has established a new three-year baseline. Instead of looking at the total of applications as in previous years, the conversion ratio now includes only new applicants and excludes, re-applying students (from one program to another) and concurrent students. The Access team believes that the new baseline will more accurately represent outcome of effort and expenses in recruitment. This action to maintain the applicant to enrollee ratio to 50% has been successful. Ozarka will continue these actions to help increase enrollment each semester. The graph below shows the target goal has been met.

	STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY 2: STUDENT SUCCESS					
STRATEGY	GOAL	ACTION	STATUS	RESPONSIBLE		
2.1 Improve semester completion	2.1.1 Developmental Sequence Completion: Increase developmental education sequence success to 65% by the end of AY 2019-20	2.1.1.1 Assign students testing into developmental education coursework specific advisors trained to assist in timely completion of the sequence 2.1.1.2 Develop protocols for advising developmental education students 2.1.1.3 Re-evaluate sequence of coursework within developmental education courses 2.1.1.4 Conduct	Completed/Ongoing Completed/Ongoing Completed/Ongoing Completed/Ongoing	VPA, DC's VPA, DC's, VPSS VPA, DC's, DE Faculty VPA, DC's		
		2.1.1.4 Conduct professional	Completed/Ongoing	VPA, DC's		

C	 2.1.2 Gateway Courses: Increase yearly average success in Composition I to 77% by the 	development for faculty on student mentoring/hospitality 2.1.2.1 Require a documented meeting with the instructor to develop a remediation plan for	Completed /Ongoing	VPA, DC's
	end of AY 2019- 20 Increase yearly average success in College Algebra to 76% by the end of AY 2019-20 Increase yearly average in reading gateway courses to 85% by the end of AY 2019-20	students dropping below a C average in College Algebra and English Composition I 2.1.2.2 Require a meeting with instructor and advisor for students dropping below a C average in all other gateway courses (documented in advising notes)	Ongoing	VPA, DC's

Comments (2.1.1) Through many concentrated strategies, in the previous iteration of the Enrollment Management Plan, the College was able to exceed the goal of 50% of developmental education students completing their coursework to 54.84%. The College hoped to build upon that success by incorporating targeted strategies to increase the number of successful students. Beginning in the Fall of 2018, students testing below minimum entrance standards in English or Math were assigned an advisor dedicated to advising only developmental education students to assist and motivate them to complete the sequence. To that end, protocols were established and professional development was conducted to assist faculty in reaching this goal. Additionally, the sequence of coursework will be reevaluated by English and Math faculty to not only ensure completion, but also to ensure a smooth transition to credit-bearing courses in the subject area. The developmental sequence includes Foundations of Literacy and Foundations of Mathematics. Both sequences show increases in successful students, with the Foundations of Literacy surpassing the goal by the end of academic year 2018-19 and the Foundations of Mathematics falling short by one percent. Neither sequence met the the success of 65% by the end of academic year 2019-20. The College will continue this action to work on targeted strategies to increase student success in the developmental sequence. The graph below shows the developmental sequence progress for the past five academic years.

Comments (2.1.2) To aid in the achievement of these goals, faculty required students dropping below a "C" in Composition and Math to meet with the instructor and develop a remediation plan to be followed until the grade rises. In addition, students dropping below a C in gateway reading courses will be required to meet with both the instructor and their advisor (the reading courses that will be the focus of this plan are General Psychology, American History, World Civilization, and American

National Government). All of these meetings will be required to be documented in Advising Notes in MyOzarka. The actions taken by faculty and advisors to strive for successful students allowed for specific goals to be met for gateway courses. English Composition I increased to an average success rate of 84%; College Algebra fell short by four percent; General Psychology increased to an average success rate of 90%; American History I and II increased to an average success rate of 91%; American National Government increased to an average success rate of 87%; and World Civilization I and II increased to an average success rate of 91%. The College's faculty and advisors utilizing myOzarka's early alert system has helped increase student success and will continue to be a vital part of the College.

		2.2.1.1 Require all	Completed	VPA, DC's, VPSS
		advisors to develop a four semester degree plan with advisees upon entrance that is revisited every semester	/Ongoing	
	2.2.1 Progression: Increase the number of students maintaining an	2.2.1.2 Encourage/recognize the achievement of Certificates of Proficiency and Technical Certificates within AAS degrees	Ongoing	VPA, DC's, VPSS
2.2 Increase semester-to- semester persistence	on-time progression to 60% by the end of AY 2019-20	2.2.1.3 Identify student characteristics that are barriers to progression and implement interventions	Ongoing	VPA, DC's, VPSS
		2.2.1.4 Develop summer schedules earlier to promote students staying on degree plan	Ongoing	VPA, DC's
	2.2.2 D,F rate: Lower the end of semester D,F, rate to 13% by	2.2.2.1 Require all students with a D or F at midterm to meet with both advisor and instructor	Ongoing	VPA, DC's
	the end of AY 2019-20	2.2.2.2 Develop a more comprehensive Early Alert Process 2.2.2.3 Require advisors to document	Completed Ongoing	VPA, VPSS VPA, VPSS

	counsel with students before acknowledging drop requests	

Comments (2.2.1) Ozarka College will sought to increase the number of students staying on pace to graduate in a timely fashion. To achieve this goal, advisors were required to develop a four-semester degree plan with their advisees upon entrance to the college. Additionally, for degrees that have certificates embedded within them, students will be recognized for completion as they progress. Advisors will also work to identify barriers to completion and guide students to interventions to overcome those. To that end, division chairs worked to develop and disseminate summer course schedules earlier in order to promote more proactive scheduling and adherence to degree plans. At the end of AY2019-20 the on-time progression rate was 62.74%. The College was successful at maintaining as least a 60% on-time progression through AY2019-20. Faculty and advisors will both continue to utilize the early alert process to help aid in student success.

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S.	STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY 3: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT					
STRATEGY	GOAL	ACTION	STATUS	RESPONSIBLE		
3.1 Explore fast-track	3.1.1 Develop	3.1.1.1 Develop a plan to add HVAC certification 3.1.1.2 Increase Aviation training opportunities for	Pending Completed	VPA VPA		
technical employment opportunities	training opportunities	non-degree seeking students 3.1.1.3 Develop additional trainings and certifications in CJ	Completed	VPA		
		3.1.1.4 Develop additional trainings	Completed	VPA		

and certifications in IST 3.1.1.5 Develop	Completed	VPA
additional trainings and certifications in Automotive		
3.1.1.6 Develop additional trainings and certifications in business program	Completed	VPA

Comments (3.1) During first half of cycle, the College had planned to pursue the HVAC certification with continued plans to incorporate into a construction trades program, likely to be established at the new Carpenter Technical Center. Due to the phased-in, industry-informed approach to adding programs to the CTC, it was later determined there was/is greater demand for welding and manufacturing training in the service area, both of which will be under workforce development focus in the 2021-25 five-year plan. The College provides CE training opportunities in Private Pilot, Commercial Pilot, and Instrument Rating. OC developed a TC in Criminal Justice Corrections and a CP in Criminology Justice. Others degrees and certificates developed include; AS in Information Technology, TC in Information Science Technology, OC has developed a TC in Automotive Repair and Troubleshooting and a TC in Performance Suspension Systems as well as CPs in Electronic Systems Troubleshooting, Automotive Repair and Troubleshooting, Performance and Suspension Systems, and Brake Systems. OC has also revised the TC in Business Technology.

2.2	3.2.1 Enhance	3.2.1.1 Evaluate advisory boards for Automotive, Business, and Early Childhood	Completed	VPA
3.2 Strengthen employer partnerships	Advisory Board affiliations	3.2.1.2 Establish a program advisory board for AS in Education, IST, and Agriculture	Completed	VPA
	3.2.2 Continue to encourage civic club engagement	3.2.2.1 Update the speaker's bureau	Deferred	DMPR

Comments (3.2) Ozarka College has evaluated and met with advisory boards for Automotive and Business programs and an advisory board was created for IST, and Agriculture. The speaker's bureau was deferred until the next plan due to limited interest in participation by community members. With the expansion of technical offerings across locations, Ozarka will continue to add advisory boards with new programs and will undertake the development of a regional workforce alliance to meet the objectives of the WORC grant over the next three years and to address regional employer needs for the future.

3.3 Advance continuing 3.3.1 Expand education offerings (CE)	CE 3.3.3.1 Evaluate instructor payment polices	Deferred	VPA
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Comments (3.3) Pay structures were adjusted for full class/pay-per-head valuations, first modified in AY2018 and updated for AY2020

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY 4: CONTINUOUS INNOVATION				
STRATEGY	GOAL	ACTION	STATUS	RESPONSIBLE
	4.1.1 Increase professional development opportunities	4.1.1.1 Create a plan for faculty professional development	Completed	VPA
4.1 Optimize fiscal, human and physical resources	4.1.2 Utilize technologies to replace labor intensive activities	4.1.2.1 Develop online Purchase Order system 4.1.2.2 Streamline the academic assessment process through myOzarka 4.1.2.3 Review and update website 4.1.2.4 Review efficiency of Sonis for meeting needs of College 4.1.2.5 Review efficiency of myOzarka meeting learning management system needs	Completed Completed In progress Completed Completed	CIO

4.1.3 Continue to explore grant opportunities	4.1.3.1 Develop partnerships with staff and faculty to aid in identifying potential grant opportunities 4.1.3.2 Continue to seek sustainable opportunities	Ongoing Ongoing	VPIR
4.1.4 Identify energy efficiency solutions	4.1.4.1 Partner with energy provider for lighting replacement program 4.1.4.2 Conduct energy audit	Completed Completed	EVPFA

Comments (4.1) Faculty have received several professional development trainings on assessment and productivity funding. In cooperation with Academics, the Information Services department has enhanced myOzarka to include extensive assessment tracking. Faculty map all activities to the appropriate course outcomes. Activity comments are combined under each course outcome, allowing Faculty to review the overall success of each outcome and the course as a whole. Faculty received training on follow-up assessments for any changes they made to the course. All course outcomes are not mapped to general education outcomes.

Comment (4.1.2) Information Systems has developed an online purchase order system that went live in January 2020. Review process to update the website took place during 2018/2019 with plans to select a new design Fall 2019 and implement by Jun 30 2020. A design was selected in Fall 2019, but due to health crisis, transition to new design postponed until January 2021 and reflected in new plan. Information Systems had received the efficiency and met with the appropriate groups to discuss the effectiveness of Sonis as a student information system. Information Systems has reviewed the efficiency and discussed with faculty the effectiveness of myOzarka as a learning management system.

Comments (4.1.3) Ozarka College received a grant from the Blue and You Foundation to provide an obesity prevention program and cardio equipment in the fitness center. The College received an Opioid Awareness and Prevention grant to implement new strategies to combat opioid abuse in our communities. At the end of AY2020, the Advancement team applied for a \$1.47M grant through the US Dept of Labor and Delta Regional Authority, a grant that Ozarka was awarded in September and will help develop a regional workforce alliance, stand up new programs at the Carpenter Technical Center in Ash Flat (Welding and Machining), and will support workforce readiness for student participants.

Comments (4.1.4) Received and reviewed quotes. A company came in and conducted a lighting audit. As a result, we replaced the lights in the Administration Building with LED lights. We are currently in transition to use only LED lights in all of the buildings on all of our campuses.

4.2 Provide an environment that supports innovation	4.2.1 Celebrate Ozarka College Innovations	4.2.2.1 Develop an awareness and recognition plan 4.2.2.2 Feature innovations in the newsletter, periodically	Completed Completed	СР
Comments (4.2) Ozarka College initiated a quarterly employee recognition program to recognize employees who go above and beyond for the College, co-workers, and students. Ozarka College also votes Faculty-of-the-Year and Staff-of-the-Year who are recognized at the Annual Arkansas Community Colleges Conference each October. In 2019-2020 Ozarka revived the College newsletter to help keep employees and students aware of Ozarka news and upcoming events and student activities. One example of innovations/exceptional recognition was noteworthy advances in the wake of the pandemic shutdown experienced in Spring 2020. Especially innovative activities by Student Services and Faculty online teaching transitions were also included.				
4.3 Advance data-driven decision	4.3.1 Refine dashboard metrics	4.3.1.1 Create Dashboard for pending Productivity Funding Metrics 4.3.1.2 Review and revise current dashboards	Completed Completed/Ongoing	CIO
making		1 3 2 1 Extend		

decision making	4.3.2 Promote the availability of data	4.3.2.1 Extend access to appropriate users through marketing and providing training and support	Completed	СЮ

Comments (4.3.1) Once all productivity funding data was released by ADHE, the IS department completed a dashboard for tracking productivity funding metrics. With input from a variety of other departments, the IS department reviewed and revised current dashboards and data reports. The updated data dashboard was provided to faculty members through myOzarka in 2018, and has been updated annually.

Comments (4.3.2) Ozarka College has developed several tools to aid in the data- driven decision making process. As requests for data increase, Information Services continues to make enhancements to existing dashboards and metrics. IS met with various stake holders through committee meetings, Planning and Assessment, semester in-service, etc.; concerning data that was available to assist with college operations. As a result of the meetings several reports or dashboards were added or revised to better convey the data. Another technological advancement is the integration of strategic planning to the budget process. Through the budget request process, departments entered budget requests

and assigned funding priorities. Additionally, departments provided details about each budget request, as well as assigned all items to a strategic planning priority. This process has been well received by the College community across all levels and has greatly streamlined the budget request process. This also allows the College to monitor resources as purchases are made to make sure the goals are met that were made during both budget making and strategic planning processes. IS intends to continue to communicate with departments concerning data need, availability and usage.

4.4 Explore and adopt	4.4.1 Provide innovative instructional devices	4.4.1.1 Identify and prioritize optimal learning tools 4.4.1.2 Identify funding source	Completed Completed	VPA
technological advancements	4.4.2 Explore instructional assessment tools	4.4.2.1 Implement outcomes at the course and department level	Completed	VPA and CIO
Comments (4.4) In combination with IS, Academics has enhanced the assessment activities in myOzarka, including the ability to assign comments to each outcome and even individual assignments. Additionally, all course outcomes were mapped to general education outcomes,				

allowing faculty to assess the overall success of the College General Education Outcomes.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PRIORITY 5: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT				
STRATEGY	GOAL	ACTION	STATUS	RESPONSIBLE
5.1 Foster	5.1.1 Work with K-	5.1.1.1 Collaborate with K-12 administration and appropriate state agencies 5.1.1.2 Identity funding sources(s)	Ongoing Completed	
	12 on technical centers	5.1.1.3 Create timeline for transition 5.1.1.4 Identify programs 5.1.1.5 Identify appropriate learning resources	Completed Completed Ongoing	VPA
mutually supportive relationships with stakeholders	5.1.2 Connect aviation program with local general and professional aviation groups	5.1.2.1 Include general aviation in safety and education programs 5.1.2.2 Serve as hub for aviator meetings/regional gatherings	Ongoing Ongoing	CP and VPA
Comments (5.1	5.1.3 Promote facility use to external user	5.1.3.1 Host community events	Ongoing	EVPFA

Comments (5.1.1) Academics continues talks with K-12 schools and the local Northcentral Arkansas Education Cooperative to strengthen the work relations to ensure continuing support for the welding program and gain support for IST and Agriculture. In addition to the current CTE offerings (IST, CNA, and ECD), welding was also identified as a priority program. Agriculture will also be added as a priority program. During the 2017-2018 academic year, the College acquired welding equipment through M & R Redistribution. After three years of preparation and collaboration with area high schools, the NAESC, and state agencies (e.g., Office of Skills Development) the College was officially designated by the State as eligible to offer programming as a secondary technical center, effective December 2019. With the recent acquisition and renovation of new program spaces and new resources flowing in the coming years, the College will continue to partner with K-12 to advance technical offerings. Comments (5.1.2) Since 2017, the College aviation program has hosted an annual fly-in event. During this event, a safety seminar was conducted for local people in the industry. During the academic year 2017-2018 academic year, the Aviation program (3 staff and 7 students) attended a Hypoxia safety training in Oklahoma City, OK. The Aviation department leaders serve on the local Airport Commission. The College President serves on the Arkansas Aviation Historical Society, an organization that also provided several scholarships to Aviation students.

5.2 Enhance College presence through events, services, and enrichment	5.2.1 Develop summer camp opportunities	5.2.1.1 Explore other summer camp opportunities	Deferred	VPA
	5.2.2 Develop a greater presence at high school and community events	5.2.2.1 Create comprehensive community service area calendar 5.2.2.2 Generate college representation at area events	Deferred Ongoing	VPADV

Comments (5.2) An Aviation Summer Camp was conducted in Summer 2019 with 30 students involved and plans to continue each year. There was also an IST Summer Camp scheduled however, there was not enough community interest to move forward. Summer camps were explored and were in place for summer 2020 but were deferred temporarily due to COVID-19. A comprehensive community service calendar was created; however, was abandoned because the college IT department was able to develop a calendar that better met the communication needs for all parties involved. Representatives from the College participate in the following community activities: parades, ballgames, local county fairs, Innovation Hub, Single Parent Scholarship activities, and local festivals including; Bean Fest, Ozark Folk Festival, Eagle Fest, and Pioneer Day

Key Persons

CP College President

VPSS Vice-President of Student Services

VPA	Vice-President of Academics
EVPFA	Executive Vice President of Finance & Administration
CIO	Chief Information Officer
DC	Division Chairs
DCAST	Division Chair of Applied Science Technology
DADM	Director of Admissions
DPIR	Director of Planning and Institutional Research
DPRM	Director of PR and Marketing