

Ozarka College

THE CONNECTION

Ladies' Luncheon & Fashion Show



Hosted by:

OZARKA COLLEGE
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Saturday, March 4 at 11:00 AM
Ozarka College – Mountain View
Located at 1800 College Dr.

Tickets are \$25 each (lunch is included)

Purchase tickets at Ozarka College in Mountain View, Centennial Bank,
First Service Bank, or from any Ozarka College Foundation Board
Member.

For more information about this event, please call 870-269-5600.

This event will also include a Silent Auction! All proceeds to benefit
Ozarka College – Mountain View.

President's Perspective

As spring rapidly approaches I think we can all be glad that we have experienced a mild winter. However, the warm weather has caused an early bloom and allergies seem to have run wild! I hope you're all able to stay healthy and cope with our changing temperatures.

The legislative session continues, and I am pleased to report that we don't anticipate any roadblocks or challenges to our funding. This is largely due to the very supportive legislators throughout our service region who are committed to Ozarka College and the success of our students. The gun bill (HB1249) is still making its way through the session and it is not clear what the final product will look like. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the general intent is to authorize employees with concealed carry permits to carry on campus if they so choose. I will keep everyone closely informed as we hear more details.



If you haven't heard, our culinary department has received official national accreditation. This is exciting for the College and will help current and future culinary students in their careers. Their hard work and the many skills they are learning are being demonstrated in our Ozarka Café. I hope you continue to have a successful month and enjoy the remainder of the semester.

Best of Success!

Dr. Richard Dawe

LPN Application Deadline is April 1

The Ozarka College nursing department is currently accepting applications for the fall 2017 Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program in Ash Flat, Melbourne and Mountain View. LPN applications will be accepted through **April 1, 2017** for fall semester program admission. Interested students may apply to the LPN Program by completing an Ozarka College online application for admissions, designating Technical Certificate, Licensed Practical Nursing as the intended college major. If applicants are a transfer student, they will also need to have official transcripts sent directly to the Ozarka College Admissions office from the previous college(s) attended.

Once application has been submitted, mid-term grades will be reviewed, then an email will be sent from the nursing department to the email address listed on the admissions application. This will contain information regarding testing dates and PAX registration instructions. Grades will be reviewed to confirm a final grade of C or higher in pre-requisite courses. Students with the highest compiled scores will be invited into the ensuing class. In the case of a tie, date and time of application will determine class placement.

For more information about the application process, please contact Ozarka College Admissions by calling 870.368.2024, or the Ozarka College Nursing Department at 870.368.2077.

New Degree in Agriculture Available

Ozarka College has recently received approval from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to begin offering an Associate of Science degree in Agriculture. This degree is designed to provide students with a broad knowledge of agriculture and agribusiness applications.

“Agriculture is a vital industry in Arkansas’ 1st District, and it is important to train future generations in the necessary skills and new technologies in the industry,” commented Congressman Rick Crawford. “The Associate of Science degree in Agriculture will open doors to individuals interested in agriculture that they can later use in a 4-year program, or employment. I applaud Ozarka College for meeting the needs of their community and for the work they have done to launch this new degree.”

Dr. Keith McClanahan, Ozarka College provost and executive vice president of learning stated, “Ozarka’s service area consists primarily of small, family owned farms and ranches involved in animal production, grazing, and haying operations. There is also a growing number of poultry production and laying facilities within our service area.”

The College plans to offer an agricultural orientation course, as well as introductory agricultural courses in Plant Science, Animal Science, Agribusiness, and Soils. Through a partnership with Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, graduates will have a seamless transfer into agriculture degrees offered at A-State. Students will also be equipped with skills preparing them to manage the family farming operation, or to enter employment within the Agribusiness World of Work. For more information, please call Chris Lorch, associate vice president of academics, at 870.368.2071 or email: clorch@ozarka.edu



Thanks to Cub Scout Pack 316 for touring our Aviation program on February 14!

Scholarship Application Information

Students interested in applying for an Ozarka College Foundation scholarship will need to do so by the **April 1, 2017** deadline. The Foundation offers more than 50 scholarships each semester! To apply, login to myOzarka, complete and submit the scholarship application and a short essay. For more information, please contact Suellen Davidson, director of advancement, by calling 870.368.2059 or email: sdavidson@ozarka.edu.

The Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (AASFAA) will award at least two \$500 scholarships to students planning to attend AASFAA member institutions. These are non-renewable awards. Scholarship winners must be enrolled at least half time in 2017-2018 in a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

All applications must be completed by **April 1, 2017**. Limit one entry per person. Winners will be selected at a random drawing during the 2017 Spring AASFAA Conference. Winners will be notified via the information on the application link:

<http://www.aasfaa.net/StudentsandParents/AASFAA20172018Scholarship.aspx>

For more information, please contact Laura Lawrence, director of financial aid, by calling: 870.368.2009 or email: finaid@ozarka.edu.

TRIO News

Ozarka College Student Services and TRIO Student Support Services offer free tutoring services, at each campus location, to any student in need. The complete tutoring schedule can be found at: <https://www.ozarka.edu/blogs/trio/index.cfm/Announcements>.



Additionally, students in the TRIO program can take advantage of online tutoring through NetTutor. NetTutor is available to students 24 hours a day, every day of the year for all levels of math and English. Other subject areas have extensive tutoring coverage during the days and times students need it most. They never close, not even on holidays or during traditional semester breaks. Not only is NetTutor available at any time, but students can also connect with the support they need via computer, iPad®, tablet, or other mobile device.



On **February 23**, TRIO students attended, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare at Harding University. They'll also have the opportunity to see, "The Phantom of the Opera" at The Robinson Center on **March 9** and, "Smokey Joe's Café" at Murry's Dinner Theatre on **April 12**. For more information about the TRIO program, please contact Tracy, Bryan, Ashley or Shelia at 870.368.2035.

TRIO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



Career Sphere

Spring 2017



Inspiring and equipping Ozarka College students for successful careers

Benefits of JOB SHADOWING

Firsthand Experience—You’ll truly get a feel for your future day-to-day work activities when you’re immersed in your future work environment.

Understanding Employer Expectations—Observing and working with an employee in your future role in an organization will give you valuable insight into what the employer expects as far as productivity and customer service.

Reality Check—Job shadowing provides an opportunity to find out if a job is a good fit for you. The career you may have always wanted to pursue may require you to perform some tasks you are not willing to perform or deal with situations contrary to your personality and abilities.

Resume Builder—Time spent learning about a business in a hands-on fashion demonstrates to potential employers that you are willing to go the extra mile for success.

Networking—Through job shadowing, you can not only learn about your chosen industry’s structure and chain of command, but make valuable contacts whose insight and recommendations may prove invaluable when you’re ready to search for a job.

About This Issue

Ozarka College Career Planning Services cares about the employability of our students. Our goal is to help students throughout the career planning process. Job shadowing is one very helpful tool in the job seeker’s toolbox, and is the topic of this edition of Career Sphere.



Job Shadowing is the practice of working with or observing an employee with the goal of learning about aspects of their job.



IDENTIFYING JOB SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Who do you know already doing the job you want to shadow?
- If you do not know someone already, ask your advisor, instructors, or Career Services for suggestions.
- OR, make phone calls to businesses you are interested in. Ask to speak to an office manager or hiring official.

ASKING PERMISSION TO JOB SHADOW:

“I am a college student interested in learning about jobs in your industry. I was wondering if you take interns or allow job shadowing?”



Examples of Job Shadowing Interview Questions

AUTOMOTIVE

- What types of mechanical, computerized or technical equipment have you used to test cars?
- What are your best qualities when it comes to providing customer care?

AVIATION

- Tell me about your aircraft.
- Pilots have simultaneous responsibilities during a flight. What advice can you give me about balancing those responsibilities?

BUSINESS

- Describe a business problem you faced and how you handled it
- What are two to three industry or management trends that impact your role?

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- What are some misconceptions people may have about law enforcement professionals?
- What type of continuing education and training is provided on this job?

CULINARY ARTS

- How involved are you in the menu development?
- What was the biggest mistake you made when you were a brand new chef?

“Success does not come to you. You go to it.”

- Marva Collins

HEALTH INFORMATION

- How do you keep track of all the data you track so that the work gets done on time?
- Share a time in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your company .

INFORMATION SCIENCE

- Tell me about the most recent project you worked on. What were your responsibilities?
- How would you rate your key competencies needed for this job?

NURSING

- How do you create a great patient experience?
- Are there any duties you perform that you did not expect you would be required or asked to perform?

TEACHING

- Tell me about the planning and preparation teaching requires.
- How do you handle unexpected situations/ behavioral problems?

Tips for Successful Job Shadowing

- ◇ Prepare questions ahead of time.
- ◇ Dress, speak and act professionally.
- ◇ Bring paper and pencil to take notes.
- ◇ Pick a time that works best for you and the person you're shadowing.

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Ozarka College Career Planning Services

- * If you don't know what you want to become...
- * If you know what you want to be, but don't know how to get there...
- * If you know what you want and how to get there, but need help with job seeking skills...

**We
 Can
 Help**



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Culinary Arts Program is Now ACF Accredited



Alden Griffus, CCC was elated to receive notice from the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation that Ozarka College's Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts degree has officially received accreditation.

“An industry accreditation of this caliber is very exciting,” said Chef Griffus. “Culinary Arts is a trade and this accreditation tells the future employers of our graduates that our students receive the highest quality of education here at Ozarka College, and will serve as valuable assets in their businesses.”

According to the American Culinary Federation website, accreditation assures academic quality by requiring a program to meet a minimum of standards and competencies set for faculty, curriculum, and student services. By earning this accreditation, Ozarka College Culinary Arts graduates are eligible for a Certified Culinarian® (CC®) without paying any fees or taking any separate exams.

Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College president commented, “Our culinary department worked very hard to receive this prestigious accreditation. We are one of only three, two-year colleges in Arkansas with this accreditation status and it will help us continue to advance and grow this vital program.”

In addition to an Associate of Applied Science degree, Ozarka also offers a Certificate of Proficiency in Hospitality Management. The average length of this program is 18 credit hours and it is a great option for individuals looking to strengthen their knowledge base and hospitality management skills in general. For more information about the culinary arts program at Ozarka College, please call Alden Griffus at 870.368.2073 or email: alden.griffus@ozarka.edu

Student Focus Group



20 students participated in a student focus group in Ash Flat. They were engaged and inquisitive while learning about the Innovation Hub that is being planned for Cherokee Village.

Guest presenters were James Henderson, Community Development for Cherokee Village; and Jonathan Rhodes, CEO of King Rhodes and Associates.

Advancement News

Ozarka College has recently awarded two new scholarships! Madison “Sidney” Stracener, a Health Information Technology student of Horseshoe Bend, has received the Son Lamb Honorary scholarship. James Phillips, a first-year student from Franklin, is the recipient of the Automotive Service Technology scholarship. The spring semester recipient of the Charles Cheatham Memorial scholarship has also been announced. This scholarship will go to Brittany Malloy, an Education major from Mount Pleasant. Each of these students will receive \$250 to be applied to the spring 2017 semester.



Sidney Stracener



James Phillips



Brittany Malloy



Caitlin Cook is a recipient of the staff funded, Ozarka Family Scholarship.

Caitlin is currently enrolled in the criminal justice program and is expected to graduate in May of 2018. Caitlin says, “After furthering my education, I hope to be a child advocate in our local area.”

When asked how she felt when she found out she received a scholarship, Caitlin revealed, “This meant the world to me and my family. I was overwhelmed with gratitude to learn that I was chosen to receive financial help from the Ozarka College Family”.

“For my family and me, this scholarship took some financial burden off of our everyday needs. Having five children, this scholarship meant that some weight was lifted from my shoulders.”

Caitlin added, “If I could say one thing to the donors of this scholarship, I would say that I am extremely grateful for their donation and let them know that their support is an encouragement to me in my educational process. They are helping me to get one step closer to reaching my educational goal.

In other news, the Advancement team is settling into their newly renovated offices, located next to the Ozarka College Bookstore. They are excited to welcome guests to visit them, no appointment necessary!

Suellen and Angela are always happy to share student success stories, just like Caitlin’s, and discuss giving opportunities. Maybe now isn’t the best time for you to make a financial contribution, but your time is just as important. Ask how you can become an event volunteer.

New Hires in the Education Department



Ozarka College has recently hired Jo Ann Counts to serve as the early childhood education program coordinator and Cheryl Toon as the education program coordinator. Both of these employees also serve as faculty members in their respective fields.

Though Mrs. Counts is relatively new to this role, she actually began working at Ozarka College as an evening Adult Education teacher in 1991. She continued serving the College in this capacity until 2010. In 2009, she also began teaching as an Adjunct Instructor at Ozarka College – Ash Flat in several departments, then

transitioned into Early Childhood in August 2016. In January of 2017, she became employed full-time for her current position. From 1990-1999, Counts also taught full time at Highland School District.

“I believe Ozarka College is a necessary part of our community,” said Jo Ann Counts. “We are able to offer educational services to our students that larger Colleges and Universities simply cannot. To be able to work in this type of environment, while teaching and training adults to be teachers, is a dream come true.”

Counts has a Master of Science in Education from Arkansas State University and a Bachelor of Science in Education from North Western Oklahoma State University. She and her husband, Larry, have lived, worked and been a vital part of this area since 1990. Their youngest two children graduated from Highland High School and their grandchildren currently attend Cave City schools.

Prior to her employment at Ozarka, Mrs. Toon dedicated 18 years of her career to being a public and private school teacher. Most recently, she worked at Cedar Ridge High School teaching Advanced Placement English and senior English. She also served as the English Department Chair and District English Department Chair for five years, and was the Building Lead TAC Teacher for one year.

Toon is currently enrolled at the University of Arkansas Monticello in the Educational Leadership Degree program. She has a Master of Arts in English from Arkansas Tech University, a Master of Teaching/Leadership from National University in San Diego, California, and a Bachelor of Science Education in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Arkansas State University.

“I have been impacting students’ lives within my classroom as an English instructor for years, and now I get to impact and guide upcoming educators as they pursue their career in teaching and impacting their students’ lives,” said Cheryl Toon. “I feel as though my territory has expanded from a classroom at one school district to many classrooms in many school districts through each of the teacher candidates with whom I will be working. I want to instill within these upcoming educators a passion for their students and a seriousness of the influence they will have over their students.”

Toon and husband, Ronnie, have three children and two grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys long distance running, reading novels, spending time with my family, and golfing with her husband on occasion.

Ready, Set, Graduate!

Students from Cave City High School will be at Ozarka College - Ash Flat on **March 3** and **10**. Then we'll host Highland High School students on **March 31**. Ozarka College has partnered with John Kunkel, Sharp County business development officer at First Community Bank to provide smart financial planning workshops at each of these high schools throughout the school year.

Kay Adkins and Kendra Smith conducted a career planning workshop, "Make A Plan" at Cave City on November 30 and at Highland on February 14. Ozarka College director of financial aid, Laura Lawrence, met with students at Highland on February 22. Her workshop was titled, "Financing Your Education." Kim Whitten, director of Ozarka College – Ash Flat has also assisted with the workshops and is looking forward to hosting the program finale again this year. "In 2016, with the help of Ozarka faculty and staff, we hosted Highland High School seniors at our campus to go through the Ready, Set Graduate! Program, organized by the University of Extension services," said Kim. "This was such an impactful experience for the students, so we're happy to host again and to bring in even more students."

The College anticipates a total of 200 high school seniors to complete this program and will have faculty and staff on hand to help. Last year, they played the part of auto and insurance sales personnel, realtors, bankers, etc. as the students learned what they could (and could not) afford, based on the education and careers they intended to pursue after high school.



Save the date! There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on **March 14** from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The blood drive will be held in the John E. Miller Education Complex.

**American
Red Cross**

SGA Chili Cook-Off

On **February 27**, SGA hosted a Chili Cook-off in the Student Services Center at Melbourne. Consumers got to taste chili for \$3.00/bowl, then voted on their favorite by putting donations in jars: 1 cent = 1 vote.

Contenders in this year's cook-off were "Ring of Fire" (Josh and Courtney Wilson), "Make Chili Great Again" (Angela Phipps), "Mama Zeda's Revenge" (Zeda and Travis Wilkerson) and "Chili Chili Bang Bang" (Suellen and Pat Davidson).

Angela Phipps took home the title, but the real winner was the American Cancer Society. The proceeds from this event totaled \$100.77 and will be donated to the ACS for the Izard County Relay for Life.



Royal Roux Cajun Cook-off Participants

Chef Alden Griffus and culinary art students, James Cruz and Mike Blecke, participated in the Royal Roux Cajun Cook-off in Mountain View on **February 18**. They made Crawfish Etouffee and had a ton of fun!

Dr. Seuss' Birthday

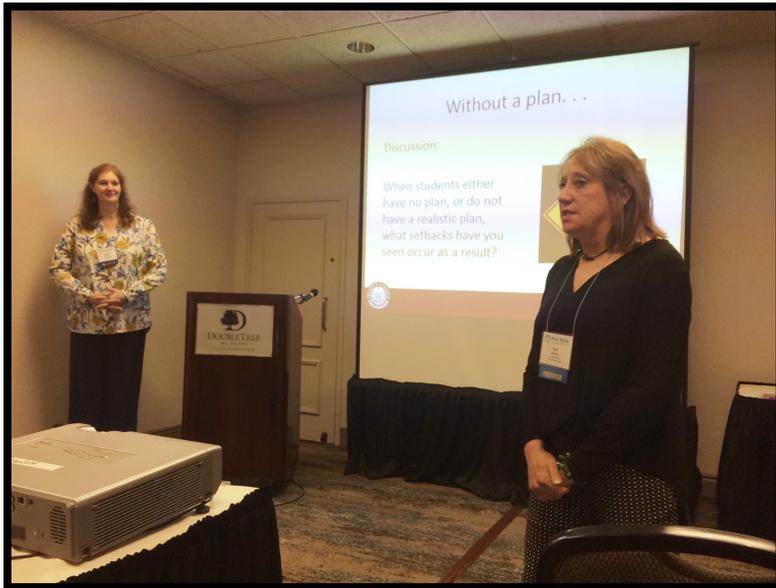


Students at Kids Academy are celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2) all week long! From crazy socks to silly hats and even pajamas, they're having a blast.



NACADA Regional Conference Presenters

Kay Adkins and Kendra Smith presented at the NACADA Regional Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma on February 28.



Congratulations to Ashley Hensley for winning items in the Ozarka College goodie bag. Thank you to all of the students at Mammoth Spring who participated in our recent marketing promotion!



Nursing Students at ICC

Mrs. Susan Thielemier's LPN students assisted with Farm to You (University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service program) at ICC Elementary School on February 28. Grades K-6 walked through exhibits and learned where their food comes from, how the foods they eat are processed, how nutrients benefit different parts of the body, and how to thoroughly clean their hands.



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