

Ozarka College Connection

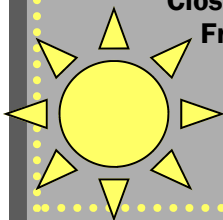
VOLUME VIII, ISSUE 8

JUNE, 2009

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Nursing Grads Honored	2
Stone County Youth Leadership	2
Graduation 2009	3
Skills USA Competition	3
AAT Grads Complete Tech Program	4

Ozarka is currently operating its summer hours. Monday - Thursday 7AM-5:30PM Closed on Fridays



Ozarka Kitchen

Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM Daily. (12:15 on Fridays)

For a daily menu go to my.Ozarka and click on "MY TOOLS" Sign up for SMS alerts to receive a daily text message* of the menu.

*Charges by provider for receiving text messages apply.

Ozarka Names New President



Ozarka College officials announced this week the appointment of Dr. Richard Dawe as President of Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas. Dawe, a native of the north-Arkansas – southern-Missouri region, will assume the Presidency on July 1, 2009.

For the past year Dawe has served as Vice Chancellor of Planning and Organizational Development at Ventura County Community College District, a three college district of 36,000 students in the State of California. Prior to his current position, Dawe spent three years as Dean of Work Education at the College of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri. He served in the U.S. Navy as a naval aviator from 1981 to 2004, and retired as a captain. His other experiences include Chief Financial Officer for the United States Transportation Command of the Department of Defense, and faculty member of the Naval Postgraduate School in the State of California.

Dr. Dawe received his Ph.D. from Saint Louis University; an M.S. degree in Financial Management from Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey; and a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. His education began at a community college, having received an Associate of Arts from Georgia Military College in Blytheville, Arkansas.

Dawe states, "There are few, if any more important callings in life than participating in a role that positively impacts those seeking to advance their learning. Having begun my higher education journey in a community college setting, I am strongly driven by the diverse and important mission of Ozarka College and I am ready to contribute to that mission of providing life-changing experiences to an area that I call 'home.'"

He and his wife, Chris have two grown children, Richard, Jr. and Stephanie.

2009 Commencement Ceremony



Story on Page Three



Around Campus

- ◆ **LPN Capping & Pinning Ceremony for Ash Flat Class**
June 26th @ 6P Ash Flat Lecture Hall.
- ◆ **LPN Capping & Pinning Ceremony for Mt. View Class**
June 29th @ 6P Ozark Folk Ctr.
- ◆ **Summer II & Fall Registration**
June 22: MV 9AM - 4PM
June 23: AF 9AM - 4PM
June 24: Mel 9AM - 4PM
Compass Testing available on those dates. Call for more info. 368-7371.

FOR THE MOST CURRENT EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS CHECK THE ONLINE CAMPUS CALENDAR AT WWW.OZARKA.EDU UNDER NEWS & EVENTS

Nursing Graduates Honored

Practical Nursing graduates at Ozarka College were honored at a Recognition Ceremony in the John E. Miller Education Complex on May 5, 2009.



Spring 2009
Melbourne LPN
Class

Students completing their studies in practical nursing were Charlotte Billingsley of Melbourne; Kristina Coleman of Brockwell; Logan Coles of Strawberry; Bridgett Farris of Melbourne; Kayla Foster of Norfolk; Waid Holowell of Mount Pleasant; Jack Huffmaster of Hardy; Casey Inman of

Ash Flat; Jean Ann Jackson of Franklin; Leilani Jackson of Melbourne; Misty Jackson of Calico Rock; Amanda Lester of Cherokee Village; Corey Masson of Melbourne; Barbara Nieland of Mammoth Spring; Felissa Ranew of Violet Hill; Robyn Sanders of Salem; Adrienne Taylor of Violet Hill; Chelsea Tyson of Mammoth Spring; Hailey Williams of Pineville; and Stacy Woody of Glencoe.

After Ozarka College interim President, Tina Wheelis welcomed

guests attending the ceremony; and class member, Jack Huffmaster offered the Invocation; Allied Health Division Chair and instructor, Ruby Johnson opened the ceremony.

Awards and honors were presented by Waid Holowell, Jack Huffmaster, Leilani Jackson, and nursing faculty. This semester's Florence Nightingale Award went to Bridgett Farris. This award is given to a student each year who exemplifies the true meaning of nursing with hard work and a true dedication to the profession.

Bridgett Farris won first place, and Jean Ann Jackson won second place in theory. Waid Holowell won first place in clinical; and there was a tie for second place between Corey Masson and Kristina Coleman. Students awarded Blair Atchison as nurse of the year, and Fulton County Hospital as the facility of the year.

A slide presentation was given courtesy of Nursing Secretary, Stacy Dale and the Information

Systems Department, and then family honors were offered by the entire class of students to their family members. Nursing faculty, Ruby Johnson, Valerie West, Katie Wilson, and Susan Thielemier presented graduates with caps, pins and lamps. Johnson then offered closing remarks and Darren Ranew offered the Benediction.

This group of students, along with the all of Ozarka's faculty, staff, and administration was saddened by the tragic loss of one of their classmates on April 26, 2009. Corey Masson had completed his coursework and was set to graduate this semester. His lamp, nursing bible, and pin were accepted by his wife, Rhiannon Masson, LPN, and his mother, Ruthie Sheffield, RN.

For further information regarding Ozarka's 18-month LPN program, or the 11-month programs in Ash Flat or Mountain View, please contact the admissions department at 870-368-7371 or via email, admissions@ozarka.edu.

Stone County Youth Leadership Ceremony

Stone County Youth Leadership participants recently completed the program and a ceremony was held at Ozarka College – Mountain View on May 19, 2009, to recognize the 12 students

receiving graduation certificates.

The mission of the Stone County Youth Leadership Program is to identify, motivate and train potential young leaders, enabling them to take an active role in their community. This will result in

strong leaders who have hope

for the future and the tools to influence a positive and progressive community. The program is open to any ninth and tenth grade student attending a Stone County school.

Sponsors for the Leadership Program are Centennial Bank, First Baptist Church of Mountain View, First Service Bank, Nana's Place, State Farm Insurance, Stone County Community Resource Council, and Ozarka College.

Students completing include (holding certificates left to right standing): Ashley Van Dyke, Samaya Strutton, Marissa Richardson, Kaidee Cruce; and (holding certificates seated):

Karissa Harris, Lance Ward, Carrie Henriksen, and Molly Hanlin. Not pictured: Trey Berry, Harrison Henley, Nicole Stewart, and Dylan Stewart. Also pictured are Stone County Youth Leadership program board members: left to right standing: Don Jordon, Michelle Coon, Peggy Tupper, Gin Brown; and seated: Lorraine Jordan.

Molly Hanlin, a ninth grade student at Mountain View and daughter of Cindy Rice-Hanlin, was awarded scholarships for her achievements by Peggy Tupper of Centennial Bank, and Gin Brown of Ozarka College.



Graduation 2009

Ozarka College graduates and their guests filled the John E. Miller Auditorium for 2009 Graduation ceremonies held Thursday, May 7, 2009.

The ceremony began with an invocation given by Dr. Wright Pillow, M.A., M.Div, D.Min of Mountain View. Ozarka College interim President, Tina Wheelis, welcomed everyone to the event and introduced members of the Ozarka Board of Trustees, Foundation Board members, Ozarka's Administrative team, and other dignitaries who were present for the ceremony.

The Commencement address was delivered this year by IZard County native, Kevin Johnson, Director of Public Relations for Bad Boy Mowers and double heart transplant survivor. His moving address admonished the graduates to not let life pass them by, live in the moment, and use their education to seize the day.

Ron Helm, Vice President for Student Services, and Dr. T. Wayne Wilson, Adult Education Director presented the class with diplomas awarded by Wheelis, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Mike DeLong, and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Barbara Perryman of Viola.

Mathematics Instructor, Rex Whitfield and Automotive Instructor, Larry Wilkes were Grand Marshalls. Phi Theta Kappa and student services staff assisted as ushers, while Sandra Miller played the processional and recessional, *Pomp & Circumstance*. Ozarka Science instructor, Bruce Dietsche delivered the Benediction.

Approximately 159 students received General Educational Development (GED) diplomas.

For a complete listing of Ozarka College graduates go to http://www.ozarka.edu/campusnews_view.cfm?uid=6007F134-FA27-3CBE-5252376DA541FD78. For the listing of GED graduates go to: http://www.ozarka.edu/campusnews_view.cfm?uid=A2A9CB4D-97F7-F7E8-AD3E4F26B8CC86FE

Culinary Student to Attend National SkillsUSA Competition

Nine students from the Culinary Arts Program at Ozarka College competed recently against students from other state vocational-technical institutes and colleges in the 43rd annual Arkansas Association of SkillsUSA 2009 Championship Conference, held at the Hot Springs Convention Center on April 13-15.

Ozarka had three students winning medals this year in the competition. Shane Lively of Calico Rock won the Gold Medal in Culinary Arts; Karen Brown of Batesville won Bronze in Commercial Baking; and Jacob Conley of Cherokee Village won Bronze in Dining Room Service.

Culinary Arts is a rigorous division of competition where students execute technical cuts on poultry, make a broth then use it for an entrée; prepare a Caesar salad, rice pilaf, sautéed chicken, and julienne strips of zucchini and yellow squash, among other preparations. Along with Shane Lively; Glen Lunsford of Sidney, and Mario Romero of Batesville competed in this division.

In the Commercial Baking division, competitors had to prepare several baked goods including: apple pie, yeast bread, dinner rolls, cinnamon rolls, fruit filled coffee ring, French horns, sugar cookies, puff pastries and cake decorating. Along with Karen Brown; Virginia Ferguson of Batesville, and Cheryl Weaver of Evening Shade competed in the baking division.

The Dining Room Service competition tests students on their ability of hosting, table setup and serving guests in a full course dining situation. Conley's classmates: Telisa Van Winkle of Cave City, and LaDawna Brewer of Draso also competed in this category.

Accompanying the students to the competition was Ozarka College's SkillsUSA Advisor and Culinary Arts instructors, Linda Taylor and Mimi Newsome. Taylor commended the students for their hard work throughout the year. "They put in long days and nights and this event is a culmination for their efforts." She adds, "This group of students represented

Ozarka College and their communities very well."

All the state level gold medalists are eligible for the National SkillsUSA competition which will take place in Kansas City, Missouri June 22-26. Shane Lively will be attending and competing in that competition.

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students enrolled in technical, skilled, and service occupations. For information about applying to Ozarka College's Culinary Arts program, contact Ozarka College Admissions at 870-368-7371,



Ozarka College

P.O. Box 10
218 College Drive
Melbourne, AR 72556

*Our Mission is to
Provide Life Changing
Experiences Through
Education.*



AAT Graduates Complete Arkansas Tech Program

Ten graduates of Ozarka College's Associate of Arts in Teaching program successfully completed their student teaching experience during the Spring 2009 semester as part of their curriculum to graduate from Arkansas Tech University with their bachelor degrees in education.

Ozarka College began an Associate of Arts in Teaching Degree program in 2002. Arkansas Tech agreed to deliver the upper level courses via Internet, allowing students to stay in this area to obtain a four year degree.

Ozarka College's AAT Coordinator, Michelle Cooper states, "I am pleased to report that all ten of these students have successfully completed their bachelor's degree this semester and will graduate on May 16 from Arkansas Tech University."

Spring 2009 graduates and the teachers they have been student teaching under left to right (front row): Gaila Holowell of Melbourne, teaching at Melbourne Elementary under Sheila Caraway; Andrea Sinclair of Cherokee Village, teaching at Salem Elementary under Andrea Walling; Heather Pruitt of Mountain View, teaching at Mountain View Elementary under Trudy Fraser; Kimberly Linville of Fox, teaching at Rural Special Elementary under Ramona Rorie; Carla Barnett of Fox, teaching at Mountain View Elementary under Tonya Gower; and AAT coordinator and instructor, Michelle Cooper.

Pictured left to right (back row): Rae Galbraith of Ash Flat, teaching at Cave City Elementary under Shana Fleetwood; Matthew Kelley of Hardy, teaching at Mount Pleasant Elementary under Jodi Moody; Jamela Hinesley of Mountain View, teaching at Mountain View Preschool under Daphne Goodwin; Kristen Hyslip of Ash Flat, teaching at Salem Elementary under Annette Henley; and Lea Turner of Higden, teaching at Cowser Elementary in Clinton under Barbara Trapp.

Cooper adds, "This program would not be possible without the help of the local schools and teachers who allow our students into their classrooms to learn first hand from their real experiences. Ozarka College, Arkansas Tech and our students appreciate their support for this program and look forward to continuing to build the relationships with them."

For more information on the Associate of Arts in Teaching program at Ozarka College, please contact Admissions at 870-368-7371 or toll free 800-821-4335.

