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Welcome to all new and returning Ozarka College students, as we experience another record enrollment. To date we have exceeded 1,500 students and full-time equivalent (FTE) is up 25% from Fall 2009!

From the Kitchen

Sign up for Text alerts each morning for the daily menu in my.Ozarka

Now serving an entrée or choice of Salad Bar, Chicken Strips, or deli sandwich.

The menu is online so check it out!
Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM

Breakfast available 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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Governor Beebe Appoints Jack Yancey to Ozarka College Board of Trustees



Jack Yancey

On August 9, Governor Mike Beebe announced his appointment of Izard County native, Jack Yancey, to the Ozarka College Board of Trustees. His appointed term will run through July 1, 2017. Yancey is co-owner of Freedom Ford in Melbourne. He and his wife, Margaret, reside in Brockwell.

Yancey, who is an advocate for education, obtained his degree in Business Administration from Arkansas State University and graduated from the FBI National Academy. He states, "I am

pleased with the appointment and look forward to assisting such a fine institution as Ozarka College in our community. Ozarka makes an impact on many people's lives and our local economy and I am ready to work alongside the Administration and other board members to further that impact."

See the insert for new faculty and staff members at Ozarka College.

Ozarka to Present Iron Man 2

Ozarka College will begin a new community offering each month in the John E. Miller Auditorium, utilizing the new 30 foot screen which was installed over the summer.

On Saturday, August 28, the college will host two showings of the movie, *Iron Man 2*, starring Robert Downey, Jr. There will be a matinee show at 3:00 p.m. and an evening show at 7:00 p.m. General admission ticket price will be \$4.00, with a discounted ticket price of \$3.00 for children aged 12 and under, senior citizens, and Ozarka students with student ID. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to show times and concessions will be available.

This movie is an action adventure with Downey, Jr. starring as Tony Stark, who after confessing his identity as Iron Man to the world, comes under fire from the U.S. Government who demands he hand over the powerful weapon that is the Iron Man suit. Meanwhile, a mysterious and dangerous foe emerges in Ivan Vanko, who creates a powerful persona known as Whiplash in order to exact revenge on the Stark family once and for all... and destroy Iron Man.

For more information contact Drexene Winey at 870-368-2021.

Around Campus

- **Special Board of Trustees Meeting** August 24, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room.
- **myOzarka Online Orientation** Wednesday, August 25th
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** Thursday August 26 in the Lobby of the Miller Building from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Ash Flat Blood Drive on August 31 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Movie: IRON MAN 2 Saturday August 28, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**
- **Scholarship Reception** Thursday, September 2; Lobby of the Miller Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.
- **Labor Day Holiday** No Classes and offices closed Monday, September 6, 2010

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

Ozarka Named as Military Friendly



Vice President for Student Services, Ron Helm (left) and President, Dr. Richard Dawe (right) were presented a recognition plaque on behalf of Ozarka College for being Military Friendly.

G.I. Jobs announced the release of its 2011 list of Military Friendly Schools on August 16, 2010. Ozarka College was named among the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools which are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students.

Schools on the list range from state universities and private colleges to community colleges and trade schools. The common bond is their shared priority of recruiting students with military experience. A complete list can be found online at

www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/2011list

Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe, who is himself a retired Navy Captain and

aviator is pleased with Ozarka being named to the Military Friendly list. "It is an honor to be recognized in this way as Ozarka strives to look for avenues to make our institution even more student friendly and accessible. Military students are a great resource to the classroom, bringing their perspectives and life experiences to share with fellow students."

He adds, "The Post-9/11 GI Bill offers endless significant opportunities to veterans to obtain a post-secondary education. Being named to this list will assure our veterans that Ozarka College is anxious to go above and beyond to assist them with their educational endeavors. We're very proud of our veterans and we

thank them and their families for their dedication to our nation."

The list was compiled through exhaustive research starting last April during which G.I. Jobs polled more than 7,000 schools nationwide. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from several colleges and universities around the US.

Criteria for making the Military Friendly Schools list included efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students and academic accreditations.

Federal TRiO Grant Funded Another Five Years

On August 6, Ozarka College received notification that the current TRiO Student Support Services federal grant was funded for an additional five years. Through this federally funded grant program, Ozarka College offers services for many of its students. TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) provides academic, financial and personal support to eligible students at Ozarka College to assist them with their educational endeavors.

The services offered by Ozarka's SSS program include: academic advising; financial or supportive counseling referrals; information on chosen educational major and career choices; aptitude and interest inventories; transfer scholarship information; tours of four-year colleges and universities; help with admissions, financial aid and faculty advisors at other institutions; individual

and group peer tutoring; technology training; informational workshops; and cultural events and trips.

Eligibility for SSS is established through the U.S. Department of Education. Students applying for the program must meet one of the following qualifications: meet low income guidelines, be a first generation college student, or be an individual with a documented disability. Program participants must also be pursuing an associate's degree or working toward eventual four-year degree and be a U.S. citizen or meet residency requirements.

Ozarka College currently has five staff members in the SSS Department. Deltha Shell is the Program Director, Karin Brown is the Academic Services Coordinator, Ronda McLelland is Tutoring Coordinator, and Shelia Titus is the

Administrative Assistant. Paige Holloway has been serving as the Transfer Specialist, but recently took another position at the College.

The SSS department has several activities planned for this semester including new student seminar, financial literacy programming, several transfer trips, and an upcoming cultural event.

Currently, SSS is processing new applicants. Any Ozarka College student who meets the eligibility requirements is encouraged to apply. For more information call TRiO SSS at 870-368-2036 or 870-368-2034.

Ozarka College's TRiO Student Support Services program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Federal TRiO Programs. The 2010-2011 funded award is \$287,328. All activities and services offered to the students in SSS are made possible through these grant funds. Announcement made in accordance with Public Law 105-78 Sec. 508.



Left to Right: Brown, Titus, Shell, and McLelland.

Ozarka College - Mountain View Breaks Ground on Student and Nursing Education Center



Ozarka College held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Student and Nursing Education Center on Ozarka College Drive in Mountain View, on Tuesday, August 10. Approximately 150 people gathered at the building site for the ceremony and reception, which followed in the current facility.

After local musicians, the Cobb Brothers, Joe Jewell, and Pam Setser entertained the crowd; Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe welcomed those attending and introduced Ozarka's Board of Trustees, Foundation Board members, and other dignitaries in attendance. He spoke about the increasing need for overall space as

enrollment continues to grow in Stone County and expressed his appreciation to the community for their past, present and future support of the College.

Guest speakers for the ceremony included: State Senator Paul Miller; Stone County Judge, Stacy Avey; Mountain View Mayor Jim Cash; Stone County Trustee, Larry Sullivan; Stone County Foundation Board Member, Susan Kemp; and Ozarka College - Mountain View Site Coordinator, Gin Brown.

Other elected officials in attendance were: State Representative Eddie Cooper (District 71); State Representative Curren Everett (District 82); Joe Dillard, on behalf of US Representative, Marion Berry; and Marietta McClure, Field Representative for US Senator Mark Pryor. The event concluded with the ceremonial groundbreaking and reception.

The permanent home of Ozarka College - Mountain View opened in August of 2005 after ten acres of land was purchased by the College in May of 2003. Enrollment has grown each year since the facility opened and the Ozarka College Board of Trustees recognized the need for additional space and unanimously approved a resolution to provide construction funding through institutional bond restructure at the quarterly meeting in Fall of 2010. Bond sales were finalized in early December and the architectural firm of Polk, Stanley and Wilcox was selected, and planning the facility began immediately.

The building contract was officially awarded to Noacon, Inc. from Fairfield Bay and they have already begun to prepare for constructing phase one of the new 10,500 square foot facility will include classrooms, nursing classroom/lab, lecture hall, student center, and a conference room. The parking lot construction, which is already underway, was awarded to Tri-Co, Inc. out of Horseshoe Bend.

A grand opening is tentatively set for Fall 2011 and naming opportunities are available for this project. Phase two of the expansion is an outdoor amphitheater which will be available to the community. Ozarka is seeking a combination of grant funding and community support for the amphitheatre at this time.

For more information about the opportunity to support Ozarka College through this building campaign in Stone County, contact Gin Brown at 870-269-5200 or Suellen Davidson, Director of Development at 870-368-7371.



Cobb Brothers, Pam Setser and Joe Jewell



Mountain View Director, Gin Brown



Photos from the Groundbreaking event.



President Dr. Richard Dawe

New Faces at Ozarka College for Fall 2010

Ozarka College welcomes new faculty and staff members to begin the new Fall 2010 semester on August 23. David Carpenter, Debra Kirtley, Chris Layne, and Jason Self have joined the faculty ranks. Mickey Freeze was recently hired as Advising Coordinator, and two current Ozarka employees have taken new positions as Advising Specialists: Candace Jeffrey for Ash Flat, and Paige Holloway for Mountain View.



David Carpenter



Debra Kirtley



Chris Layne



Dr. Jason Self



Mickey Freeze

David Carpenter was hired as Developmental Instructor over the summer. After a long career of self-employment in the surveying industry, David accepted a fulltime position utilizing his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English from Arkansas State University. David was a non-traditional community college student, having begun his post-secondary education at UACCB. He has two grown sons and enjoys reading, golf, and travelling. In fact he has been to the country of Russia ten times.

Debra Kirtley is a new face in the Allied Health Department as an LPN Instructor. Debra and her husband Johnny moved to Izard County from Texas after finding what she refers to as "their little piece of Heaven" on the Internet. She has been in the nursing field for several years and has worked in everything from patient care to administration. She looks forward to this new and exciting experience of training students in the nursing profession.

Chris Layne from Salem is Ozarka's new Automotive Service Technology (AST) instructor. His knowledge and experience began in Ozarka's program under recently retired AST instructor, Larry Wilkes. Chris has been in the industry since he graduated from Ozarka in 1993, working his way up as a technician to Service Manager. His wife, Stacy is a recent Ozarka LPN graduate. They have four boys and enjoy family trips to the sand dunes and camping.

Dr. Jason Self is a new full-time faculty member of the Science Department. However, he is not new to Ozarka, having been an adjunct instructor for the college. Self attended Lyon College for his under-graduate work and Arkansas State University for his Master's and Doctoral degrees. He says he appreciates the eagerness of Ozarka's students and has a respect and appreciation for the non-traditional students who decide to pursue their education.

Mickey brings his advising experience to Ozarka in a new role of Advising Coordinator. Originally from Mountain View, Mickey completed his Associate of Arts degree at Ozarka College, and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Education in Social Science and Master of Arts in History from Arkansas State University. He has been an adjunct instructor for several institutions and most recently worked as an Academic Advisor at Pulaski Technical College. He is enthusiastic about working at Ozarka College to provide quality advising, assistance, and services to students through the Student Success Center. He will work directly with two new Academic Specialists, Candace Jeffery in Ash Flat, and Paige Holloway in Mountain View.

Candace and Paige are familiar at Ozarka, as Candace has worked as Administrative Assistant and in the Business Office as an Accounting Technician for the past eight years. Paige worked in Mountain View a few years ago as an Administrative Assistant and most recently as Transfer Specialist for the TRiO Student Support Services program.



Candace Jeffrey



Paige Holloway

The next edition of the Ozarka College Connection, will feature other new faces at Ozarka College, including Bookstore Staff member, Robin Coggins and Courier, Bryan Jeffery.

Ozarka Hosts Poverty Simulation with ADHE



Ozarka College was selected earlier this year as one of three pilot sites to participate in a statewide effort of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) for a project called Sustainable Communities. Also selected were Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas and the Ozark Campus of Arkansas Tech University.

As part of the project, Ozarka College hosted a poverty simulation on August 13. This role-playing event was planned to provide diversity awareness for Ozarka personnel and also brought together local community leaders and volunteers, educators and other key people to Ozarka's main campus in Melbourne to participate in a simulation of living in poverty.

From single parents trying to care for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain their self-sufficiency on Social Security, participants were assigned to simulate different types of family scenarios and challenged with the task of providing food, shelter and other basic necessities during the experience. Other participants served as resources for the low-income families.

The poverty simulation was facilitated by members of the ADHE team who were certified through the Missouri Association for Community Action. More than 90 participants were on hand Friday for Ozarka's simulation. Those included staff, faculty and administration from Ozarka; staff from ASU Mountain Home and Izard County Consolidated School; and employees from Izard and Stone County Department of Human Services and the White River Housing Authority.

After the simulation, there is a debriefing period for participants to share their experiences and talk about what they have learned.

Ozarka's debriefing indicated that the experience was successful in making participants aware of the challenges faced by those with limited resources. Some of the challenges noted by participants in the exercise included transportation issues and underused or unused resources in the community.

Vice President of Planning and Institutional Research, Joan Stirling, who is the point of contact for the Sustainable Communities project at Ozarka, explains the next step in the process of Ozarka's efforts. "During the upcoming year Ozarka plans to host a Poverty Simulation in Fulton, Sharp and Stone Counties. The focus of this project is to generate discussion within the communities to identify resources for helping the impoverished move out of poverty and to build partnerships for creating sustainable communities." Anyone interested in becoming involved in this project may contact Stirling at 870-368-7371 or via email

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-Joan Stirling

View the Ozarka Poverty Simulation slideshow at <https://sites.google.com/site/sustainablecommunitiesinar/home>

Upcoming Development and Foundation Events

The Ozarka College Development Office will host two events in September. The annual Scholarship Reception will be held in conjunction with the Student Services Department on September 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lobby of the John E. Miller Building. All students receiving foundation and institutional scholarships will be recognized during this event. Refreshments will be provided and invitations have been mailed. Ozarka Foundation Board, Trustees, faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Ozarka Foundation Board of Directors announces its annual benefit golf scramble will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010. Cooper's Hawk Golf Club in Melbourne will host the tournament this year.

First National Banking Company serves as the major corporate sponsor again this year. Liberty Bank, North Arkansas Electric Cooperative, and Centurylink are also event sponsors this year.

The 18-hole tournament is scheduled for a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Entry fee for a four-person team is \$200.00. Entry forms are available at Cooper's Hawk or you may call Ozarka College Development Office to enter a team at 870-368-7371, or email sdavidson@ozarka.edu.

The Ozarka College Foundation Board is an approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations made to the Foundation and the golf tournament are tax-deductible.

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Provide Life-Changing
Experiences Through
Education.**

Higher Learning Commission to Visit Ozarka College for Reaccreditation

Ozarka College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on November 15-17, 2010, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Ozarka College has been accredited by HLC as a college since 1996. Its accreditation is at the Associate's degree level.

The Higher Learning Commission is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Institutional accreditation evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs. Accreditation is voluntary. The HLC accredits approximately 1100 institutions of higher education in a nineteen-state region and is recognized by the United States Department of Education.

For the past two years, Ozarka College has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the HLC's requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit Ozarka to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the HLC a continuing status for the College; following a review process, the HLC itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding Ozarka College:

Public Comment on Ozarka College
The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by October 15, 2010. HLC cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

Individuals with a specific dispute or grievance with an institution should request the separate Policy on Complaints document from the HLC office. The Higher Learning Commission cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals. Complaints will not be considered third party comment.