



# Ozarka College Connection

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**Save the Date!**  
**Oct. 22**

**Ozarka College will participate in the 2011 Arkansas Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in downtown Little Rock! Visit <http://arkansas.info-komen.org/goto/Ozarka> to register!**

**From the Kitchen**

**Lunch Served Monday—Thursday Closed Fridays 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

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

**Menus are posted in the Cafeteria**

## Darla York appointed to Board of Trustees

Gov. Mike Beebe recently announced the appointment of Darla York, P.D., of Salem to the Ozarka College Board of Trustees. Her term will expire July 2018.

York is a native of Salem and is the owner and pharmacist of Salem Drug Store.

Her appointment will fill the vacancy left by Ms. Barbara Perryman when her term expired in July.

"Although we will certainly miss the leadership and strong support provided by former Trustee Barbara Perryman, we are extremely pleased with the Governor's appointment of Darla York," said Ozarka College President Richard Dawe. "She will provide a strong and supportive voice from Fulton

County and will make an outstanding addition to the Ozarka College team! I look forward to serving the learners of our four county service region with Trustee York."

York earned her Associate's Degree from Arkansas State University-Beebe, a two-year college that is part of the ASU System, and earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

After graduating from high school, York chose the community college route because she recognized the advantage of the affordable education offered by two-year institutions. She said she believes she was better prepared for the challenges of pharmacy school



Trustee Darla York

because of her decision and she wants to help educate residents in the area of the benefits of attending Ozarka College after high school or if they're considering going back to school.

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## Dennis Wiles appointed Chairman of Ozarka College Board of Trustees

Dennis Wiles of Horseshoe Bend was appointed Chairman of the Ozarka College Board of Trustees during the Board's regular meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Ozarka College - Melbourne.

Bob Evins of Cherokee Village was appointed Vice Chairman and Larry Sullivan of Mountain View was appointed Secretary. Trustee Sullivan was currently serving as Secretary and he will hold the position until his term expires July 2012.

Other members of the Board include Ben Cooper of Melbourne, who completed a two year term as Chairman Sept. 13, Paul Weaver of Violet Hill, Jack Yancey of Brockwell, and Darla York of Salem.



Board of Trustees Chair Dennis Wiles

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## Around Campus

- **Foundation Golf Tournament at Cooper's Hawk**—Sept. 24
- **Friends of the Library Booksale** 8 a.m. - Sept. 30 —Oct. 1
- **American Red Cross Platelet Drive at 10 a.m.** —Oct. 7
- **Midterm Grades Due**—Oct. 19
- **Last Day to Withdraw From 8 Week Courses Only**—Oct. 13
- **Race for the Cure**—Oct. 22
- **Lion's Club** every other Monday, at Noon Administration Building Meeting Rm.

**FOR THE MOST CURRENT EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS CHECK THE ONLINE CAMPUS CALENDAR AT [WWW.OZARKA.EDU](http://WWW.OZARKA.EDU) UNDER NEWS & EVENTS**

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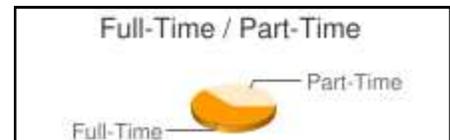
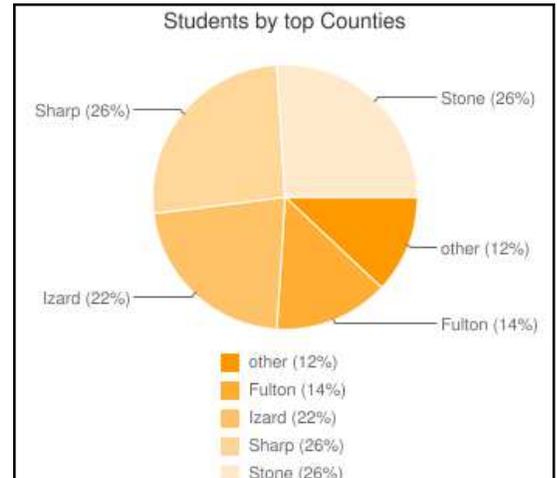
## Ozarka College sees continued growth this fall

Ozarka College, which has locations in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mountain View, and Mammoth Spring, has released official enrollment numbers for the fall 2011 semester showing an increase of 4 percent from last fall. As of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of classes, there are 1,632 students enrolled at the College, with the distribution of students fairly even across three of the campuses. The full-time equivalency (FTE) is also up 5 percent from last fall, indicating Ozarka College students are taking larger course loads.

The newest Ozarka College location in Mammoth Spring, which opened a year ago, saw an increase of almost 40 percent in FTE students. Though the Mammoth Spring location is the newest site, the College will move forward with facilities plans as continued growth justifies.

There was also over a 23 percent increase in FTE students taking online courses offered by Ozarka College. Enrollment in online education has seen steady growth over the past several semesters because the College has continued to expand the course sections available, making higher education even more accessible.

Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College President, attributes the growth in enrollment to continuing to add new programs of study, new capital projects to sustain the enrollment and support student learning, and most importantly, a College-wide culture of going above and beyond to support every student in helping them achieve their educational goals.



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## New Director of Admissions hired



Director of Admissions Amanda Dobbs

Amanda Dobbs recently joined the Ozarka College administration as the Director of Admissions.

Dobbs, a native of Strawberry, earned her Bachelor's Degree from Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge and her Master's Degree in Education from Arkansas State University – Jonesboro. She is currently working on a specialist degree in community college teaching with a focus on administration at ASU-J.

Dobbs' will be responsible for recruiting students, attending college fairs at other two-year institutions where she will represent Ozarka College, making visits to local high schools in the four-county service area, and will help students transition into Ozarka College. She will also council students on the right degree program for them and career opportunities.

"I love the aspect of getting to meet all of our new students coming into Ozarka," she said. "I'm excited to help our students achieve their goals."

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- Amanda Dobbs*

## Computer Labs available for student success

Technology is one of the most important school supplies students need to succeed in the classroom. Whether it is to write and print a paper, complete research or submit an assignment through myOzarka, students need access to computers, printers and Internet to stay ahead.

Many of Ozarka College students don't have this kind of access at home, but what many students don't realize is that the four campuses offer computer labs to meet their educational needs. Any Ozarka College student can utilize what the computer labs have to offer during their hours of operation.

At the Melbourne campus, a Student Work Center located near the cafeteria is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily for students to study or work on homework. The Paul Weaver Library also has computers available and is an ideal location if students are writing a paper because of the resources available for reference. The Library closes at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. The computer lab located in the John E. Miller Building is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and it also available to students from 6 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. This is the only computer lab currently available at Ozarka College on Saturdays, so students in Melbourne are urged to use this great resource.

Students at the Mountain View campus are able to access their computer lab in the new Student Center Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. There are also computers available in the Cyber Café that students can work from during operational hours of the campus.

The Ash Flat computer lab is also used as a



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classroom, but students still have ample access. The lab, located in AF104, is available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 – 9 p.m., Thursdays from 3:30 to 9 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These times are, on occasion, further limited due to seminars, workshops or testing sessions that may be scheduled in the lab, but the campus also features a Cyber Café with nine computers and a Student Success Center with six computers that are available during the campus's operational hours of Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Students at the Mammoth Spring site also have a student work area with access to six computers and a printer. They are able to use this area during the operational hours of the site, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We advise all students to save all of their work on their personal jump drive to prevent losing documents.

## Hope Runs on Heroes—Race for the Cure 2011

It's time again to kick-off Ozarka College's efforts for Race for the Cure 2011 - Arkansas! This year's race will be Saturday, Oct. 22 at 8 a.m. in downtown Little Rock.

Our goal is to have 100 participants this year and you do not have to be a student or employee to join Ozarka College's team. Simply visit <http://arkansas.info-komen.org/goto/Ozarka> to join.

We are trying to raise \$1,500, email, Facebook and myOzarka for which is \$500 more than our goal updates.

There will also be a Wall of Honor placed at each of our four campuses. Anyone at the College or



in the community is invited to place a name in celebration of or in memory of someone who has been affected by breast cancer. These names will be who we will be racing for in Little Rock – so, please encourage everyone to stop by and place a name on the wall!

We will be ordering team shirts for an additional \$10. You do not have to be a participant to order this shirt. Our order will be placed on Tuesday, Sept. 27, so make sure you contact Molly Carpenter ([mcarpenter@ozarka.edu](mailto:mcarpenter@ozarka.edu), 368-2045) to get your name on the list.

## Successful Alumni Spotlight

# Career Pathways Counselor starts her own journey at Ozarka College



One of Career Pathways' newest members is helping students make the most out of their education by helping them find jobs after graduation. Lindsay Wilson-Galloway is a 2003 graduate of Ozarka College, and she's dedicated to making sure other graduates reach their full potential by helping them prepare professional resumes, conducting mock interviews or helping them search for the right job.

The drive to help others succeed comes from first-hand experience with Ozarka College faculty and staff.

"It's just the general idea that the faculty and staff genuinely take an interest in each of their students [at Ozarka College]," she said. "We aren't just a number here. And they care about where you go from here."

Lindsay, who is a native of Mountain View, started taking classes right out of high school in 1995, took a break after landing a job at the Stone County Clerk's Office, and returned several years later to finish her degree.

She said because her family was so close, leaving the area to go to school wasn't really an option for her, but Ozarka College gave her an opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts in General Education she might not have otherwise had.

"If it had not been for Ozarka, I probably wouldn't have gotten my education," she said.

Ozarka College gave Lindsay

the drive to continue school so she immediately enrolled at Arkansas State University – Mountain Home to begin working on her Bachelor's Degree. She earned her undergraduate degree in business management in 2005 and began working for the Department of Human Services in 2006, where she processed childcare vouchers for working parents and students.

After completing her undergraduate degree, she decided to continue on toward her higher education goals and enrolled in the MBA program at ASU. She was working full-time at DHS, taking classes full-time at Mountain Home and was also pregnant with her second child. Though the work load was challenging, she completed her Master's degree, in 2007.

Making the decision to keep moving forward with her education also gave Lindsay an opportunity to see the world. During one of her spring breaks at ASU, she was chosen to travel with a school program to Costa Rica. She said it was the first time she had really ever travelled further than Missouri and it was the first time she ever flew on an airplane.

"I was terrified, but I loved it," she said. "I love to travel now. People in this area don't always know what's out there and it really opened my eyes to the world."

Since her trip to Costa Rica,



she's been on two trips to Paris. The second time she went, she said it was important to take her oldest son with her so that he could also be exposed to different cultures.

Lindsay was able to get her foot back in the door at Ozarka by working under Gin Brown at the Mountain View campus in January. In that position, she said she did virtually everything; administrative work, financial aid, enrollment, even planning a golf tournament.

"It isn't convenient for those students [at Mountain View] to come to Melbourne, so we just did everything there," she said.

Lindsay remains dedicated to helping Ozarka College students whether it is through Career Pathways or if they just have a question about college.

"If students don't know something, ask," she said. "There's always someone to help answer questions or concerns, so don't be afraid to ask questions."

**ENROLLMENT CONT.**

Ozarka College was one of the only institutions in the state, both two-year and four-year, that was able to avoid an increase in tuition this fall. Due to sound fiscal management by the College, students are paying the same low rate as last year to attend classes.

The College also began a new degree program in Criminal Justice and Corrections this fall, which has generated interest throughout the service area, especially with the North Central Unit located in Calico Rock. The correctional facility has an inmate capacity of 500

and employs over 150. The administration projects that the program will attract more students in the coming semesters.

The Ozarka College – Mountain View campus held a ribbon-cutting ceremony prior to the start of the semester for the new Nursing Education and Student Center and has started work on a new amphitheatre that will seat 150. Ozarka College – Ash Flat completed a parking lot expansion project over the summer that increased parking and lighting by 50 percent, which was required to

accommodate the growth of the campus. Currently, Ozarka College – Melbourne is working on a facilities master plan that would bring additional new buildings to the main campus.

Ozarka College offers day, evening, weekend, and online classes to students at each of the four campuses. For more information about degree programs offered by Ozarka College or to enroll in classes, visit [www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu) or call toll free at 800-821-4335.

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“I see growth with Ozarka College,” she said. “I see good things coming from there and I want to improve the perception in this area. I don’t want anyone to think you get a substandard education from Ozarka College. With the economy the way it is, I want people to know you can get an affordable, quality education closer to home.”

After York’s graduation from UAMS, she worked as a troubleshooter for USA Drug, an Arkansas-based drug store, for two years where she traveled and trained pharmacists in newly implemented computer systems. In 1989 she returned to Salem and became the Director of Pharmacy at the Fulton County Hospital, a position she still holds, and opened her own business in 1998.

She has served as the President of the Arkansas Consultant Pharmacists Association and as a board member for the Arkansas Pharmacist Association. She is also a board member for the North Arkansas Development Council, a position she has served in for the past decade.

York and her husband Ted have three children: their daughter Shelby is attending the University of Central Arkansas where she is in the Occupational Therapy program, their son Carson is studying biology at UCA and their son Layton is a sophomore at Salem High School.

**WILES CONT.**

“The Board of Trustees appoints new officers and makes committee assignments every other year on odd years,” said Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe. “Ben Cooper has served as a very strong Board Chair the past two years and through his leadership the College has achieved new levels of performance. Chair Wiles will continue to advance the Board and Ozarka College during his tenure. I am grateful to report to such a dedicated and cohesive Board of Trustees.”

Trustee Wiles has served on the Board for the past four years and completed a two year term as Vice Chair Tuesday. He is the executive director for the White River Regional Housing Authority and is a native of Sharp County. He and his wife, Wanda, have two grown children and two grandchildren.

His term on the Board will expire July 2014.

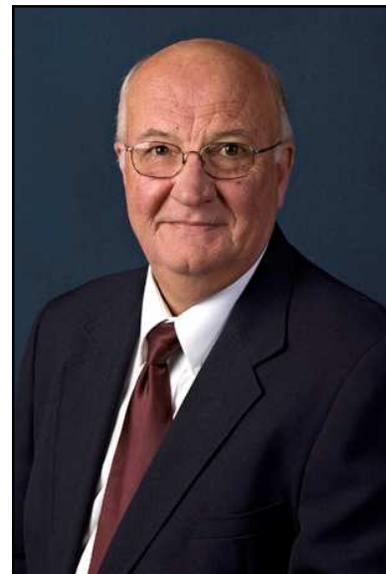
Trustee Evins was also appointed as Chair of the Board’s Finance Committee and will serve with Trustees Cooper and Wiles.

Trustee Weaver was appointed Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee and will serve with Trustees Sullivan and York.

Members of the Ozarka College Board of Trustees are appointed by the Governor and serve seven year terms.



*Board of Trustees Vice Chair Bob Evins*



*Board of Trustees Secretary Larry Sullivan*

## Ozarka College Awarded Military Friendly School Title from G.I. Jobs

Ozarka College was recently named to the 2012 Military Friendly Schools list by G.I. Jobs, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. The list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members and veterans as students.



Ozarka College was one of the 1,518 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list that prioritize the recruitment of students with military experience. The list was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 8,000 schools nationwide. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country.

There are 30 military or veteran students currently enrolled at Ozarka College.

"We are privileged at Ozarka to be able to serve so many of our veterans," said Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe. "Providing quality service to veterans, their families and all students is something we take very seriously. Being identified as a military friendly college is gratifying because it confirms to us that we are honoring their service in an appropriate and effective way."

In its effort to help student veterans find the right school, G.I. Jobs incorporated a survey of student veterans for the first time. This feedback provides prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at a particular institution based on peer reviews from current students. Student veteran survey feedback can be viewed at [www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/2012](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/2012) list.

Michael Dakduk, Executive Director for the Student Veterans of America agrees. "The Military Friendly Schools list is the go-to resource for prospective student veterans searching for schools that provide the right overall experience. Nothing is more compelling than actual feedback from current student veterans."

## Student Government Association nominations being accepted

The Office of the Vice President for Student Services has announced that students may begin submitting nomination forms to be considered for officer positions in the Student Government Association.

The nomination forms and By-Laws may be printed by going to myOzarka, and on the right-hand side of the page clicking on the Student Government link. Students meeting the required criteria as designated in the Student Government By-laws and the nomination form may nominate themselves, and turn forms into Zeda Wilkerson, Gin Brown, James Spurlock, or Anthem Eder. The Registrar will verify the nominee's eligibility to run for office and notify the student of his or her ability to campaign for office.

In order to run for office,

candidates must be in good academic standing with no record of disciplinary actions, have at least two consecutive semesters remaining before graduation, and must be able to regularly attend meetings as required. For information regarding the responsibilities of each office please consult the Student Government By-laws.

Students may campaign for office from Sept. 19 up to 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2011. At that time nominations will close and electronic voting will be available through myOzarka until Oct. 7 at 12 p.m.

Students may only vote once for each office, voting for one President who will serve as the President for all four campuses, and for a Vice-

Liaison at the campus or site that he or she is most connected to. Each location will have an SGA advisor who will attend meetings and offer support to the organization.

Campaigning students may distribute campaign materials; however, it must be approved by Ron Helm, Gin Brown, James Spurlock, or Anthem Eder before it may be posted on campus.

Students are encouraged to participate in this leadership opportunity representing the student body as they play a role to support constructive change in programs, facilities and student services. If you have questions please contact Ron Helm at 870-368-2027 or by email at [rhelm@ozarka.edu](mailto:rhelm@ozarka.edu).

# “You Are Great”

## Students honored at Scholarship Reception

More than 100 guests filled the Lobby of the John E. Miller Building on Thursday, Sept. 8 to honor the individuals who earned both institutional and Foundation scholarships for the Fall 2011 semester.

Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe addressed those in attendance and praised the students who had made commitments to higher education.

Cheyenne Diaz, an Ozarka College student, was invited to speak at the event, as well. Diaz is finishing up his Associate’s degree this year and plans to pursue his Bachelor’s degree at a four-year institution.

Suellen Davidson, Director of Advancement, congratulated all of the honorees for their hard work and encouraged them to reach their full potential. She referenced a popular segment of ABC’s “Good Morning America,” where people from around the world display three words that best represent them. She said the three words that she thought best represented the students who had earned scholarships were “You Are Great.”

The reception ended with refreshments prepared and served by Ozarka College’s own Culinary Arts Department.



Student speaker Cheyenne Diaz welcomed the crowd to the reception.



Guests enjoyed refreshments prepared by Culinary Arts students.



Guests were served punch at the event.



The table decorations were created by the Advancement Department.



Scholarship recipients, their families, donors, faculty, and staff filled the Lobby of the John E. Miller Building for the reception.



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Provide Life-Changing  
Experiences Through  
Education.**

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**Financial Aid Info**

Financial aid payments will be made according to the following schedule:

Loans	1st time students:	Sept. 29
Loans	(2nd disbursement):	Oct. 20

**Note: Dates are contingent upon students having all necessary financial aid paperwork completed and aid awarded.**

**GED Testing in October**

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, AR on Oct. 3 & 18 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 516 of the Wyth Duke Adult Education Building. The Test will also be given at the following locations in October:

Calico Rock, AR	City Hall	9 a.m.	Oct. 18
Ash Flat, AR	Annex Courtoom	9 a.m.	Oct. 13 & 21
Mountain View, AR	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	Oct. 13 & 20
Mammoth Spring, AR	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	Oct. 17 & 24
Salem, AR	Courthouse	9 a.m.	Oct. 11

You must present an Arkansas photo ID, a Social Security card, and proof of passing Practice Test scores dated within the last year. There is no cost to take the GED Test. However, if you plan on taking the test at any of these locations, you **MUST** register by calling Ozarka College at 870-368-7371 or 1-800-821-4335 before the day of the test. Because of increased demographic information needed, it may be necessary to allow two days for the testing.