

KNIGHTLINE

Olney Central College



March 2020

Upcoming Events

March

20-21 "Mamma Mia!," Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.

22 "Mamma Mia!," Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m.

26-28 "Mamma Mia!," Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.

29 "Mamma Mia!," Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m.

31 Summer & Fall Registration Begins

April

10 College Closed – Spring Break

15 Job Fair, OCC Gym, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

15 West Richland Center Presentation of Programs, WRC Training Room, 6 p.m.

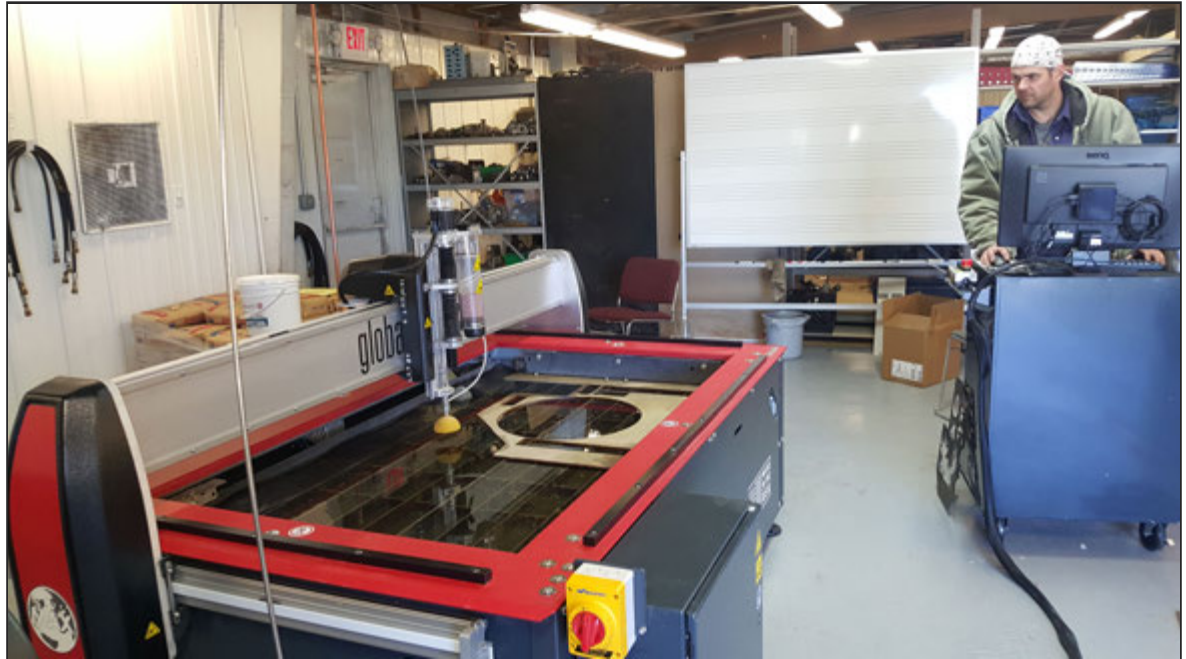
College Visits

Tables will be located outside Student Services.

March 25 McKendree College will have information about its online classes and Nursing Program, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

April 2 Eastern Illinois University Representative Brianna Schmidt, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

April 8 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Above, Instructor Curtis Marshall uses the Welding Program's new OMAX Water Jet machine. Below right, OCC student Ian Snarr works at the Lincoln Electric downdraft table. The equipment was purchased through a U.S. Economic Development Administration Grant.

Welding Program utilizing new equipment

Olney Central College has acquired new equipment for its Welding Program through a U.S. Economic Development Administration Grant.

An OMAX Water Jet machine, two Lincoln Electric downdraft tables and 11 Lincoln Electric welders have been acquired for student use. Instructor Curtis Marshall said the updates will give students experience utilizing the state-of-the-art equipment they will encounter in the workplace.

Numerous Fortune 500 companies utilize the OMAX-manufactured water jets. The most popular water jets on the market, they enable users to create a precision cut with a high-pressure stream of water.

"Before, students would have to mill parts out," Marshall said. "Now we can put metal on the water jet and get a high-quality cut. We can use it to cut glass, stone and wood. It will cut through anything."

Students also will benefit from the addition of the new downdraft tables, which pull air



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Tickets now on sale for 'Mamma Mia!'

Tickets are now on sale for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of "Mamma Mia!," sponsored by TrustBank.

Performances are at 7 p.m. on March 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28. Afternoon shows will begin at 2 p.m. on March 22 and 29.

Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased online at www.iecc.edu/occtheater or by calling 618-395-7777, ext. 2408. Tickets also will be available at the box office.

This show is rated PG-13 due to adult themes and situations. For detailed information on the rating, please visit www.iecc.edu/occtheater.

Any remaining tickets may be purchased one hour before the performance.



West Richland Center Presentation of Programs April 15

Learn more about the educational opportunities at the West Richland Center during its Presentation of Programs at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 in the WRC Training Room.

The WRC is home to several Olney Central College programs including Cosmetology, Massage Therapy and Information Systems Technology. The facility also will house the new Unmanned Aerial Technology and Welding and Fabrication programs, which are pending approval by the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission.

Advisor Vicki Thompson is excited about the opportunity to introduce prospective students to these career and technical programs.

"This is the first time we are holding a single informational night at the West Richland Center," she said. "It's a great opportunity for high school or non-traditional students. We invite everyone interested to show up and learn more about each of the programs. This will be a very informal program and no registration is needed."

Program instructors will be available to meet with attendees and provide tours of their classroom and lab facilities. The evening will even include a drone demonstration by Title III Unmanned Aerial Technology Specialist Morgan Henton. Light refreshments also will be served.

For more information, contact Advisors Vicki Thompson or Jodi Schneider at 618-395-7777.



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away and downward, preventing welders from breathing dust, fumes and smoke produced in the cutting and grinding process. The shop also stays cleaner as the dust is trapped in the table's bin.

"It's much healthier for the students and we are really happy to get these," Marshall added.

The new welders feature a digital display and can be used for MIG, TIG, Stick and Flux Core welding.

"They are a lot more effective and will provide the students with a better learning experience because they won't be swapping hoses when they get ready to perform a different process."

They also include a USB port and can operate software. Marshall noted employers can track worker productivity with the equipment.

"I feel we have one of the best welding schools in the country," Marshall said. "What we do here is equivalent to or a lot better than the bigger welding schools. It's also more affordable."

The U.S. Economic Development Administration promotes innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

Its investment policy is designed to establish a foundation for sustainable job growth and the building of durable regional economies throughout the United States. The EDA encourages its partners around the country to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions.



SNA Participates in Fundraiser

Members of the OCC Student Nurses' Association and their families participated in the Mentor Richland County Bowling for the Kids Fundraiser. Mentor Richland County provides one-to-one youth mentoring services to youth who are facing adversity and are in need of individual attention.



Make sure you're signed up for IECC Alerts

The IECC Alerts System notifies students and employees of campus emergencies and closures by email and text message.

You can sign up to receive IECC alerts through your Entrada (My IECC) account.

If you have already signed up, please check to make sure your contact information is current to ensure you receive important notifications.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

- March 14** — OCC at Shawnee, noon & 3 p.m.
- March 16** — OCC at Kentucky Wesleyan, noon
- March 18** — OCC vs. Vincennes, 2 p.m. at home
- March 20** — OCC at Ivy Tech, noon & 3 p.m.
- March 21** — OCC at Ivy Tech, noon & 3 p.m.
- March 23** — OCC at Brescia, 5 p.m.
- March 24** — OCC at Rend Lake, 3 p.m.
- March 26** — OCC vs. South-eastern Illinois, 3 p.m. at home
- March 28** — OCC at South-eastern Illinois, noon & 3 p.m.
- March 30** — OCC at Lindenwood, 1 p.m.
- March 31** — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 1 & 4 p.m. at home
- April 2** — OCC vs. John A. Logan, 3 p.m. at home
- April 4** — OCC at John A. Logan, noon & 3 p.m.
- April 6** — OCC at Kentucky Wesleyan, noon
- April 8** — OCC vs. Danville, 3 p.m. at home

Softball

- March 19** — OCC at Frontier, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
- March 21** — OCC vs. Kaskaskia, noon & 2 p.m. at home
- March 24** — OCC at Wabash Valley, 2 & 4 p.m.
- March 26** — OCC vs. South-western Illinois, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- March 28** — OCC vs. Lake Land, noon & 2 p.m. at home
- March 31** — OCC at South-eastern Illinois, 2 & 4 p.m.
- April 2** — OCC vs. Shawnee, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- April 4** — OCC vs. John A. Logan, noon & 2 p.m. at home
- April 9** — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 2 & 4 p.m. at home

"Tell us what you think!"

You can access the survey from your IECC email account

Survey is available now through April 10

Complete the IECC Student Satisfaction Survey!

YOU COULD RECEIVE A \$25 AMAZON GIFT CARD

2 cards will be given away to participating OCC students





PTK Induction Ceremony

Olney Central College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter held its induction ceremony on Feb. 18. PTK is the international honor society for students attending two-year colleges. To be eligible for membership, a student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher. Pictured are front row, Crystal Sandefur, Kacie Crawford, Abigail Roark, Stephanie Blake, Corinne Decker, Clare Workman, Kelsey Lanham, Dylan Seessengood and Stacy Hanson; and back row, Dean of Instruction Michael Conn, Harrison Walker, Lucas Rauch, Erick Gonzalez, Kimberlyn Weaver, Sydnie Littleford, Janae Pollard and PTK Advisor Amie Mayhall.

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 15
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
OCC GYM**

job fair & career

**Connect With Local Employers
Deliver Your Resume**

Free tutoring is available

Free tutoring is available to OCC students through the Learning Skills Center. If you are having difficulties in a class, first talk with your instructor and then contact the LSC. A Math Lab is available from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library. If you have trouble locating it, just stop by the library desk and the staff can direct you.

OCC hosts Academic Challenge

OCC hosted students from 13 area high schools on Feb. 5 during the Academic Challenge for Engineering & Science Students sponsored by Eastern Illinois University. Competing high schools included Robinson, Richland County, Red Hill Palestine, Oblong, North Clay, Mt. Carmel, Lawrenceville, Hutsonville, Flora, Fairfield, Edwards County and Clay City.





Welding students learn about job opportunities

John Seed from the Indiana Pipe Trades Association and UA Local 136 Plumbers and Steamfitters talked to students in Olney Central College's Welding Program about job opportunities after graduation.

Students learned they can make \$17 to \$20 an hour working for the union. Seed also

discussed opportunities to travel or work locally.

"It's great having someone come in and talk to us," said OCC Welding student Myles Vaira, of Mt. Carmel. "It's nice to get someone's perspective of what it will be like in a job and what to expect."



Exhibit features instructor's work

The Anderson Library Gallery's latest exhibit features photos by OCC Instructor Logan Marshall.



College Fair

OCC hosted its annual spring Transfer College Fair on Feb. 19. More than 13 colleges and universities attended.



Summer, fall registration starts March 31

Summer and fall registration begins March 31.

Call or stop by Student Services to schedule your advisement appointment.

Summer and fall schedules are available online at www.iecc.edu.

PTK holding 50/50 Raffle

OCC's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter is hosting a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. They can be purchased from any PTK member or contact Advisor Amie Mayhall.

The drawing will be held at 12:15 p.m. on April 16. The winner will be contacted by phone.

Students invited to join Art Club

Are you interested in art? Would you like to get together with other OCC students to discuss art-related topics, such as artworks, artists and new materials or participate in activities and art excursions?

If so, join the OCC Art Club. Students do not have to be enrolled in an art course to participate.

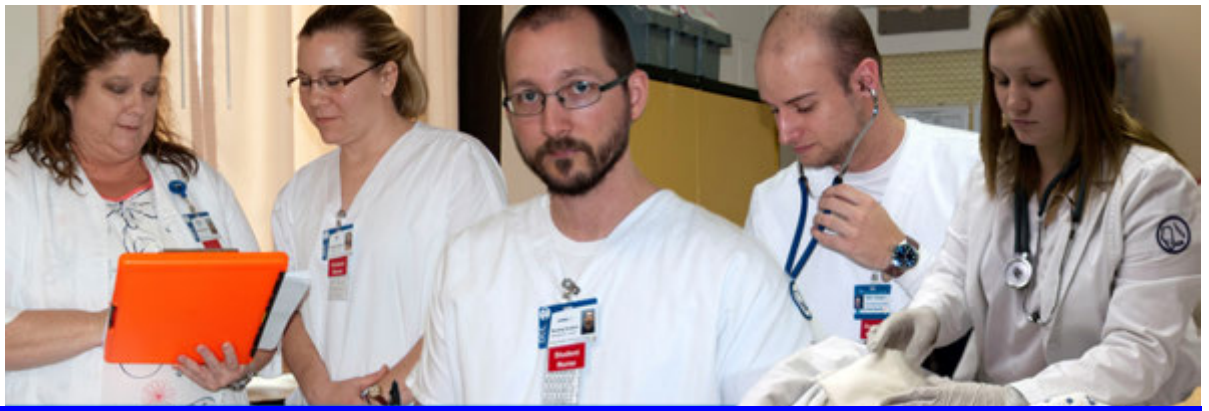
Contact Advisor Heather Sandy at sandyh@iecc.edu or call 395-7777, ext. 2220.

Lock Vehicles

Students utilizing the OCC parking lots are advised to keep their vehicles locked when unattended.

Lost and Found

If you have lost an item, please check with Student Services.



Celebrating the Year of the Nurse with Alumnus Ryan Millsap

As the Night Nurse Coordinator at Carle Richland Memorial Hospital in Olney, Ryan Millsap never knows what his shift will bring.

“Sometimes it’s laid back and other times it’s high intensity,” Millsap said. “I look after all of the functions of the hospital when the department supervisors aren’t there. You are the resource for any questions. I’m there to help with the difficult IV sticks at night and for emergencies that might arise. I also help if there is a procedure one of the nurses hasn’t performed before. I also observe all the nurses doing rounds and patient care. I watch the flow and make sure every nurse can do their best. I also ensure the rooms are clean and everyone is happy. In this job, you’re a jack of all trades.”

Millsap had already completed an associate’s degree in general studies at Olney Central College when he decided to switch careers. He enrolled in the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/Olney Central College Associate Degree in Nursing Program in 2013.

“I had watched my sister who was two years ahead of me in the program and she had just finished,” he said. “Because of her, I knew what to expect. I was working as an EMT so it was an easy transition into nursing.”

After receiving his Associate Degree in Nursing in 2015, Millsap transferred to Eastern Illinois University where he earned a bachelor’s degree.

“I always wanted to further my education,” Millsap said. “My family was going to breakfast at St. Mary-of-the-Woods and as we were driving down the tree-lined road I just had this feeling ‘I need to go to school here.’”

That experience prompted him to enroll in St. Mary’s Master of Leadership Development Program, which he completed in August 2019. The innovative, interdisciplinary program assists business, non-profit and public sector professionals to develop the leadership and technical skills necessary to advance in their careers while successfully guiding an organization into the future.

“It’s a very broad, long-term degree,” Millsap said. “What-



Ryan Millsap serves as the Night Nurse Coordinator at Carle Richland Memorial Hospital. He is pictured with his wife, Kelsey.

ever I decide to do in the future, I will be able to use it.”

Millsap joined Carle Richland Memorial Hospital in 2015. He started as a floor nurse and served as a medical/surgery nurse for a year. He then worked in the Intensive Care Unit before taking his current position, which he has held for two years.

“I think the different perspectives of the floor really helped me as nurse coordinator,” he said. “I got an understanding of each department and what they go through. Each is as different as they are similar.”

One of his favorite aspects of the job is interacting with others.

“I enjoy meeting new people and learning their stories,” he said. “Everyone has a unique story. Nursing gets you more involved in the community and makes you think more about the world around you. We see poverty first hand, people without insurance

and the impact of the opioid crisis. Everything you see in the headlines, you see first hand as a nurse.”

Millsap said the IECC/OCC Nursing Program prepared him well and laid the groundwork for his success.

“What I liked most about the program is the group atmosphere it fosters,” he said. “You get to know your classmates and it feels like a family. In grad school, I felt more alone. I also loved the instructors. I still keep in contact with Anne Hustad. I absolutely would recommend the program to other people. Most of the people I work with also went through the program and they are all doing well.”

Millsap encourages others to consider entering the nursing profession.

“If people are thinking about going into nursing, they should jump in and explore it,” he added. “Everyone will help you get through the process, you just need to do it. There is a shortage of nurses and we need passionate people. There are people ready to help you. If you are a good-hearted person who wants to help others, they will teach you the rest.”