

OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE KNIGHTLINE



April 2016

Upcoming Events

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13 Graduation, 7 p.m., OCC Gym

College Visits

Tables will be located outside the Student Services Office.

April 19 Franklin University, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OCC ranked No. 1 community college in Illinois

Olney Central College has been named the number one community college in Illinois by USA Today College.

OCC placed near the top in almost every category used to rank the 48 schools in the Illinois Community College System. Colleges were scored on a 10-point scale based on the percentage of students enrolled in distance education, cost of attendance, student-to-faculty ratio, average retention rate for full- and part-time students, graduation rate, transfer rate to a senior institution and a flexibility score derived from National Center for Education Statistics data.

OCC took spots in the top 5 for graduation rate and affordability of tuition and fees, and its overall cost of attendance was low enough to place among the top 3 in that category as well. OCC's student-to-faculty ratio of 14:1 was the second lowest in the state in 2014.

OCC's strong aid package also was cited in the rankings. Not only does OCC offer one of the lowest overall cost totals in the state, but its average net price — total attendance cost minus federal, state and institutional financial



aid — was the third-lowest on the list. OCC students had out-of-pocket costs just over \$1,000 for the year in 2013, according to Department of Education data, despite a pre-aid cost of tuition, fees,

books and supplies closer to \$4,000.

"It is nice to have validated the quality of work of our faculty and staff," said OCC President Rodney Ranes. "I've known OCC was a good school since I was a student here. To get recognized on a state and national level regarding the success of our students at OCC and within the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District is very satisfying. It has been a difficult year given there has been no state budget. However, it is also good for students and staff to celebrate the recognition of the hard work everyone does at OCC."

Earlier this year, OCC was recognized as an Aspen Prize Top 150 U.S. Community College.

Another IECC school, Lincoln Trail College in Robinson, also made USA Today College's top 10 list as the number two community college in Illinois.

Automotive and Collision Repair Car Show April 23

The OCC Automotive Service and Collision Repair Technology Programs are hosting a Car Show on Saturday, April 23.

The show is open to new and old cars, trucks and motorcycles. Registration is \$10 and will be held from 9 a.m. to noon with the awards presentation at 2 p.m. Gift bags and dash plaques will be given to the first 25 registered.

"We are excited about this event," said OCC Automotive Instructor Tyler Boyles. "This is a great opportunity for our alumni to return and we hope they will. The event also will give us the chance to showcase our programs and facilities."

Boyles encourages anyone interested in the programs to attend. Both OCC's Automotive Building and the new Collision Repair Technology

Center will be open for tours.

Food, drinks and music will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A 50/50 drawing also will be held. Proceeds from the car show will be used for Automotive and Collision Repair equipment purchases.

"We hope the community will come out and support the car show so we can make this an annual event," Boyles added.

Marcotte named Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health

Theresa Marcotte is the new Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health at Olney Central College.

Marcotte has been employed full-time with the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District for 14 years and previously served as a part-time instructor.

Marcotte joined Wabash Valley College in 2002 serving as a nursing instructor for five years. She was named WVC Dean of Instruction in 2007 and served in that position until 2010. For the past six years, Marcotte has taught at Frontier Community College, where she was head of the nursing department.

During her career, Marcotte also worked in the Cardiovascular Unit at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville and in the OB/GYN Unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in



Theresa Marcotte

Vincennes, Ind.

Marcotte earned an associate's degree in nursing from WVC and completed a bachelor's degree in nursing from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She earned her master's degree from the University of Southern Indiana and is pursuing her doctorate.

"It's a fantastic group," Marcotte said of IECC's nursing and radiography faculty. "I'm looking forward to meeting the needs of the programs and helping to make great health

care providers for the communities we serve."

Marcotte assumes her new role as the nursing program is preparing for its upcoming accreditation and will be focusing on that in the coming months.

She also hopes to raise visibility and expand opportunities for both nursing and radiography.

"We have two really great programs," Marcotte said. "Health care jobs are on the rise and there are such great opportunities for students in nursing and radiography. Our students are being placed in good jobs with lots of flexibility to advance and do more."

Marcotte added, "I'm really excited about being at OCC. Everyone has been amazing."

Marcotte and her husband reside in Allendale. She has four children and a grandson.

Student Senate election this month

OCC students are encouraged to participate in the upcoming election for Student Senate officers.

Voting will take place April 20-21 to select next year's president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and publicist.

Advisor Allan Alldredge is encouraging returning students to join the 2016-2017 Student Senate.

"Student Senate is not a club, but an association that works for OCC, receiving some funding from the college," Alldredge said. "The Student Senate works for the students and is their voice to the administration. Members also attend college functions and represent OCC in a



positive light."

Student Senate sponsors several events including the Haunted Trails, Sophomore Parking Lot Auction, blood drives and Spring Fling. Senators also assist at OCC's musicals, plays and other activities while work-

ing on projects to enhance the campus such as the walking path between Wattleworth Hall and the apartments.

Members will be traveling to Orlando, Fla., this summer for Student Government Training.

If you are interested in joining Student Senate, stop by Student Services and enroll. Students who actively participate can earn two hours of college credit.

Job & Career Fair to be held April 26

Olney Central College will host a Job and Career Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 in the OCC Gymnasium.

OCC Coordinator of Career Services Allan Alldredge said 30 businesses are already confirmed for the event and he expects the final total to exceed 50. Those attending will include Toyota, Hella Electronics, North American Lighting, FRAM Filtration, Escalade Sports and Patterson Technology Center. Representatives with long-term care facilities, metal working and sales also will be on hand.

Alldredge stressed the event is for the public as well as students. He encourages both to take advantage of this opportunity to network and to learn more about area businesses.

"We have averaged around 200 people for the last two job fairs and we're hoping even more people will come out this time," he added.

For additional information about the event, contact Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019. Updates also are available at facebook.com/OCCCareerServices.

Kickball registration underway for Spring Fling

OCC's annual Spring Fling will be held Wednesday, April 27 and this year the Student Senate is adding a new activity, a Kickball Tournament.

Form your team and then sign up for the event in Student Services. Allan Alldredge will be accepting entries through April 20.

Clubs, departments, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate.

Several other activities are being planned for this fun-filled day, which wraps up the Spring Semester.

Watch Facebook and Twitter for additional announcements.

PTK collecting items to assist in disaster relief

Phi Theta Kappa will be collecting items for Helping His Hands Disaster Response through April 21.

The honor society is encouraging faculty, staff and students to join in the cause.

Items needed include: razors, combs, washcloths and hand towels, deodorant, nail files, new bath-sized bar soaps, bandages, toothbrushes and 4- to 7-ounce toothpaste tubes.

Also needed are: feminine sanitary napkins, travel-sized shampoos and conditioners, shaving lotions or creams, travel-sized facial tissues and a Gospel or New Testament.

A collection box is located near the elevator entrance in Wattleworth Hall. Donations also may be dropped off at Amie Mayhall's office in Room 210A.

Helping His Hands is a short-term mission organization specializing in disaster response. It was founded under the leadership of Scott Shipman and is headquartered in Vincennes, Ind.

OCC programs offer Spa Day at WRC

OCC's Cosmetology and Massage Therapy programs will offer a Spa Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 at the West Richland Center in Noble.

Call 392-2430 to schedule a massage or 395-1169 for a pedicure or manicure.

Lost & Found Items

If you have lost an item, please check with the switchboard desk in the Student Services Office.

OCC dedicates Ruth Henry Stage

For 40 years, Ruth Henry was the guiding presence behind the scenes as the Olney Central College Theater director until her death on Nov. 19.

Now as a lasting salute to her dedication to the arts, her name will permanently grace the stage of the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

The naming ceremony took place March 11 prior to the opening performance of the OCC Theater's spring musical, "South Pacific," the last show Henry selected before her death. Henry's family was on hand for the tribute.

Henry helped launch the college's first theatrical production in 1976 and went on to produce 69 shows as OCC Theater director. In the community, Henry was active in the Olney Arts Council and was a longtime Southeastern Illinois Community Concert Association board member.

Henry was OCC's longest-serving employee when she



Olney Central College celebrated the naming of the Ruth Henry Stage during a ceremony prior to the OCC Theater's performance of "South Pacific," on March 11. Pictured, from left, are OCC Theater members Jessica McDonald and Jon Wright, OCC President Rodney Ranes and Henry's daughter and son-in-law, Deb and David Hill.

passed away at age 82. She joined OCC in 1972 as a part-time vocal instructor and organized its first choir.

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees approved the stage dedication during its February meeting.

"This is an opportunity to

thank Ruth for her four-plus decades of service," said Jon Wright, who produced this spring's musical. "As a theater, we really appreciate the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees and the administration for their support of Ruth and her efforts."

Music Department to give final concerts of the season

The Olney Central College Music Department is excited to present its final department-wide concerts of the 2015-2016 season, including the Spring Concert on Friday, April 22 and the Spring Recital on Thursday, April 28. Both will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

The Spring Concert will include performances by the Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble.

The Concert Band will conclude their season of themed performances with the theme "The Force of Humanity," which affirms that music is a binding force that has served to connect people throughout time and space to the essence of our humanity. Featured will be Leighanna Miller on flute in the Bizet selection "Open Thy Heart," as well as a loving tribute to the memory of Ruth Henry – a spirit who united so many through music – with a performance of Holsinger's "On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss."

The Concert Choir, in addition to standard

choral literature, will offer a taste of other styles including: Operetta, Musical Theater, Jazz and the Spiritual. Notable titles include "Get Happy," "Three Little Maids" and "Seasons of Love."

The Jazz Ensemble will present student led combo performances that will include standards such as "All of Me" and "Jive Samba."

Admission to the Spring Concert is \$5 at the door.

The Spring Recital will feature several musicians in their final solo performances at Olney Central College. The soloists featured have earned, in total, upwards of \$30,000 of music scholarship money at the institutions to which they have been accepted – clearly an indication of the hard work and quality musicianship they have developed during their study at OCC. They, as well as many up-and-coming musicians, will present solo works from classical literature to the Broadway stage.

Admission to this event is free and open to the public.

Sports Schedule

Men's Baseball

- April 9** — OCC vs. Lincoln Trail College, noon & 2:30 p.m. at home
- April 12** — OCC vs. Wabash Valley College, 1 & 4:30 p.m. at home
- April 14** — OCC vs. Kaskaskia College, 3 p.m. at home
- April 16** — OCC at Kaskaskia College, noon & 3 p.m.
- April 20** — OCC vs. Vincennes University, 5 p.m. at home
- April 21** — OCC vs. Rend Lake College, 3 p.m. at home
- April 23** — OCC at Rend Lake College, noon & 3 p.m.
- April 26** — OCC at Danville Area Community College, 2 p.m.
- April 28** — OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 3 p.m. at home
- April 30** — OCC at John A. Logan College, noon & 3 p.m.

Softball

- April 9** — OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois College, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- April 12** — OCC vs. Lincoln Trail College, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- April 14** — OCC at John A. Logan College, 2 & 4 p.m.
- April 16** — OCC at Shawnee Community College, noon & 2 p.m.
- April 17** — OCC at Wabash Valley College, 1 & 3 p.m.
- April 19** — OCC at Lake Land College, 2 & 4 p.m.
- April 21** — OCC vs. Kaskaskia College, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- April 23** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois College, noon & 2 p.m. at home



At left, OCC's Collision Repair students gave new life to a former school bus, which will be used to promote summer reading in Richland County. Students began working on the project last fall removing some of the vehicle's lights and completing some needed body work. They finished painting the traveling book bus over spring break. Below, students prepare the bus for painting.

Collision Repair gives book bus a new look

Students in Olney Central College's Collision Repair Technology Program spent their spring break painting a traveling book bus designed to promote summer reading.

Instructor Mark Fitch said work began during the fall semester to repurpose the former school bus for the project, which is sponsored by the Richland County Elementary School and the Rotary Club of Richland County.

Tasks undertaken by the students included removing some of the vehicle's lights and repairing the body. They also painted the bus blue and the bumpers black.

"It was a good project for the students," Fitch said.



"They got to learn some different things and had the challenge of painting something that big. They enjoyed it and did a good job."

The book bus, staffed by volunteers, makes stops

throughout the community. It carries a selection of reading materials students can check out and return during the summer months. This will be its second year in operation.

Organic Chemistry course available this fall

Olney Central College will offer an organic chemistry course during the fall semester.

The class is recommended for pre-dentistry, pre-med, pre-pharmacy and pre-veterinary medicine students as well as those preparing to enter the chiropractic field.

The class, CHM 2120 Organic Chemistry, will meet from 8-8:50 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, begin-

ning Aug. 18. The lab will be held from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. on Tuesdays.

The course is being taught by OCC chemistry instructor Aaron Lineberry, who received a doctorate degree in organic chemistry from the University of Akron in Ohio.

To register, contact the Student Services Office at 395-7777.

Music Department Jazz Festival May 5

The Olney Central College Music Department is proud to present its annual Jazz Festival on Thursday, May 5, with performances beginning at 6 p.m. in the Dr. John D.



provisation and song writing. They will perform these works on the evening concert.

Also performing on the concert will be the

Stull Performing Arts Center on the Ruth Henry Stage. The guest artists this year will be the band "Dynamo" from Nashville, Tenn., featuring OCC alumnus Ross McReynolds.

Performances will include the jazz bands from Hamilton County High School, Lawrenceville High School, Marshall High School, Robinson High School and Teutopolis High School. Select students from those schools, as well as Newton Community High School and others, will form two Honors Jazz Combos. These students will be working all day with the members of Dynamo to present two songs in the style of Dynamo, learning about groove, im-

OCC Jazz Ensemble, presenting an original composition written collaboratively by the band.

The concert will conclude with a performance by Dynamo featuring songs from their latest CD "Find Your Way," which peaked at Number 7 on the iTunes jazz album sales chart. Dynamo has been on several national tours, including performances in New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia and several other venues across the Northeast and Midwest.

Admission is \$5 at the door. There will also be festival T-shirts available for purchase to support the ongoing jazz education efforts at Olney Central College.

PTK members attending conference in D.C.

Members of Olney Central College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter will be in Washington, D.C. April 7-9 for the Nerd Nation Conference.

Those attending are Nellie Schalasky, Bridget Brian and Heather Vaupel.

"We are excited to be able to take students to the annual PTK conference," said Advisor Amie Mayhall. "This is a time for students to stand out, stretch their skills, and network. Students will also learn about the process of professional development, and the importance it plays in future careers."

Featured speakers for the event include: Dr. Paul G. Stoltz, who is considered the world's leading authority on the integration and application of grit and resilience; PTK International President Yanik Etan, who immigrated to the United States from Saint Lucia in October 2012 to pursue higher education; Economist Lord John Eatwell, President of Queens' College Cambridge one of the constituent colleges of Cambridge University, and BBC World News Anchor Katty Kay.

PTK held a number of fund-raisers and received SCAT funds to help cover the costs of attending the event.



PLANT SALE

Science Club member Bridget Brian prepares seedlings in the OCC Greenhouse for an upcoming plant sale. Student Senate provided start-up funds for the project and the Science Club is growing the plants, which will be sold as a fund-raiser for both organizations during the TrustBank Lawn and Garden Show on May 7. The clubs also plan to sell plants at OCC during the last week of April.

TRIO Spotlight: Heather Vaupel

Heather Vaupel, of Olney, has been named the TRIO Student Support Services Spotlight Student of the Month at Olney Central College.



"TRIO is a crucial aspect to my college

career," Vaupel said. "TRIO has supported me in ways that I know would have been difficult on my own. I love TRIO because I am able to go to my counselors with anything whether academic of personal and it makes my life really easy. If I had to describe TRIO in one word, it would be supportive. TRIO Student Support Services does what the name implies and then some."

Vaupel also enjoys participating in the many TRIO SSS activities.

"It's one of the best things I've been in," she said. "I get to travel and I feel privileged I got to be in it."

Vaupel chose to attend OCC because it was close to home and she wasn't sure she was ready for a big university.

"I thought I would get a feel for college before I transferred," she said. "I like the atmosphere at OCC. The people are very friendly and it's easy to make friends here."

After completing her associate's degree, Vaupel plans to major in Spanish and International Studies at either the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville or Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville or Carbondale. She hopes to someday work at an American embassy and serve as a translator.

In addition to TRIO, Vaupel is a member of the OCC Student Senate, Phi Theta Kappa, Fusion Club and Science Club.