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Olney Central College



Upcoming Events

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10 Health Fair Hiring Event, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., OCC Gym

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21 Last Day to Withdraw from 16-week Spring Semester Classes

21 Music Department Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., OCC Theater

24 Cozy Corner Spring Program & Graduation, 6 p.m., OCC Theater

25 Music Department Spring Recital, 7:30 p.m., OCC Theater

26 OCC Job & Career Fair, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., OCC Gym

29 OCC Automotive / Collision Repair Car Show, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

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5 Last Day of Spring Classes

8-11 Final Exams

12 Graduation, 7 p.m., OCC Gym

College Visits

A table will be located outside Student Services

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

May 3 Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Medical Office Assistant ranks among top online programs

Olney Central College's Medical Office Assistant Program has been recognized as one of the country's top online associate's degrees.

BestColleges.com included OCC's Medical Office Assistant

Program in its List of Best Online Medical Assisting Programs, ranking it No. 2 in the nation.

"It is an honor to be recognized as No. 2 for the BestColleges.com Medical Assisting category, which also includes Medical Office Assisting programs," said Instructor Amie Mayhall, who teaches courses along with Shasta Bennett. "We work hard to provide a quality education for students in a format that works for them. Many of our classes are available online which allows added flexibility for the student."



OCC's Medical Office Assistant Degree is designed to prepare medical office assistants, medical transcriptionists, medical receptionists, and other related personnel to meet the needs of area and national medical offices.

The program is offered both online and in a traditional classroom format. Graduates are employed in hospitals, clinics, doctors' offices, insurance companies, health foundations, local industries, and Illinois state and U.S. governmental agencies.

According to BestColleges.com, "Schools featured in the rankings demonstrate a commitment to high-quality education for their students."

To be considered for inclusion, the schools must be accredited public or private

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Torri Frye receives national honor

Olney Central College student Torri Frye, of Sumner, has been named a 2017 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars, and providing nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually.

Each Gold Scholar receives a \$1,500 scholarship and a special medallion. Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society administers the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Program. Student scholars receive local, state and national recognition at Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, April 6-8, in Nashville, Tenn.

"I feel really honored to represent OCC," Frye said of receiving the honor. "I couldn't have done it without the help and support of my teachers, especially Laurel Cutright and Amie Mayhall, and my family. I'm thankful for everyone who has supported me in everything I've done."

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BestColleges.com recognizes OCC among top Illinois community colleges

Olney Central College ranks among the Best Community Colleges in Illinois according to a new list released by BestColleges.com.

Out of 25 institutions ranked, OCC placed No. 5 in the state. All four Illinois Eastern Community Colleges — Frontier Community, Lincoln Trail, Olney Central and Wabash Valley — made the list's Top 10.

According to BestColleges.com, "Schools featured in the rankings demonstrate a commitment to high-quality education for their students."

Selections are based on statistical data available from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and College Navigator as well as consistently applied guiding principles, including academic quality, affordability and online competency.

"Thanks to the dedication of faculty and staff at OCC we are once again being given credit for being one of the best community colleges in Illinois," said OCC President Rodney Ranes. "We are glad we can continue to serve the needs of the residents in our district and we look forward to improving our services in the years to come."

BestColleges.com partners with HigherEducation.com to provide students with direct connections to schools and programs suiting their educational goals.

BestColleges.com also assists prospective students in finding the school that best meets their needs through proprietary research, user-friendly guides and hundreds of unique college rankings.

OCC continues to receive national recognition for its outstanding educational quality and affordability. OCC was named a 2017 Aspen Prize Top 150 U.S. Community College. USA Today and Schools.com ranked OCC the No. 1 community college in Illinois while WalletHub.com included OCC in its list of best community colleges.

Automotive/Collision Repair Car Show April 29

The Olney Central College Automotive Service and Collision Repair Technology Programs will host their second annual Car Show on Saturday, April 29 at OCC.

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 student choice awards presentation to begin at 2 p.m.

Gift bags will be given to the first 25 registered. All participants will receive dash plaques.

Both OCC's Automotive Building and the Collision Repair Technology Center will be open for tours. Instructor Tyler Boyles encourages anyone interested in the programs to attend the event.

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.

For more information, contact Boyles at 395-7777, ext. 2521.



Music Department Spring Concert set for April 21

The Olney Central College Music Department will present its final department-wide concert of the 2016-2017 season, with the Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21.

This concert will include performances by the Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble. The Concert Band will conclude its season of performances with the theme "Stages," addressing the changes and paths we take on our journey in life. Selections include from the musical "Hamilton," a version of "My Shot" that affirms hope towards a better life; "Such Small Things," about the birth of a child, and "Jumpstart," representing endings leading to new beginnings.

The OCC Concert Choir proudly presents a tribute to George Gershwin on the 80th anniversary of the composer's death. The choir will feature such hits as: "Fascinating Rhythm," "I've Got a Crush on You," and "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off."

The Jazz Ensemble will present combo performances that will encourage our musicians to take many fearless leaps of improvisation. Music featured includes selections by Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock.

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

Summer & Fall Registration

OCC is currently registering students for summer and fall semester classes.

Eight-week summer semester classes start June 6. Fall semester classes begin Aug. 17.

Summer and fall schedules may be downloaded from the website at www.iecc.edu/occ.

To schedule a registration appointment, call 395-7777 or visit www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment.



Sports Schedule

Baseball

- April 11** – OCC at Shawnee, 1 & 4 p.m.
April 12 – OCC vs. Vincennes, 3 p.m. at home
April 13 – OCC vs. Rend Lake, 3 p.m. at home
April 14 – OCC at Rend Lake, noon & 3 p.m.
April 18 – OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 3 p.m. at home
April 19 – OCC at Danville, 2 p.m.
April 20 – OCC at Southeastern Illinois, 3 p.m.
April 22 – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois, noon & 3 p.m. at home
April 25 – OCC at Wabash Valley, noon & 3 p.m.
April 27 – OCC at John A. Logan, 3 p.m.
April 28 – OCC at Vincennes, 4 p.m.
April 29 – OCC vs. John A. Logan, noon & 3 p.m. at home

Softball

- April 11** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
April 13 – OCC at John A. Logan, 2 & 4 p.m.
April 14 – OCC vs. Shawnee, noon & 2 p.m. at home
April 17 – OCC at Kaskaskia, 2 & 4 p.m.
April 18 – OCC at Lake Land, 2 & 4 p.m.
April 19 – OCC at Danville, 3 & 5 p.m.
April 20 – OCC vs. Kaskaskia, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
April 21 – OCC at Rend Lake, 2 & 4 p.m.
April 22 – OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, noon & 2 p.m. at home
April 25 – OCC vs. Parkland, 3 & 5 p.m. at home
April 26 – OCC at Lindenwood-Belleville, 3 & 5 p.m.

Mayhall receives EIBEA Teacher of the Year Award

Olney Central College Instructor Amie Mayhall is the recipient of the 2016-2017 Eastern Illinois Business Education Association's Teacher of the Year Award.

Mayhall received the honor during the organization's semi-annual meeting March 23 at Eastern Illinois University.

"EIBEA is a wonderful organization with teachers that I respect greatly, so to be recognized by them is quite an honor," said Mayhall, who serves as the lead instructor and internship coordinator for the Office Career Programs. "Special thanks to my colleague and friend, Shasta Bennett, who presented the nomination for the award."

EIBEA is comprised of business teachers from the Eastern region of the state and is affiliated with the Illinois Business Education Association. The organization works to promote business education and to share instructional resources and teaching techniques with other business educators.

In her nomination letter, Bennett praised Mayhall's outstanding leadership skills and diligent work for the programs and her students.

"She is continuously evaluating programs to see if changes are necessary to stay current with today's market," Bennett wrote. "She has established new programs and even completed necessary schooling and certification exams to be able to properly teach courses in new CTE programs."

Bennett added, "She is an outstanding individual who started out as my coworker and is now also my friend. It is people like her that present the feeling of family among the employees of Olney Central College and all Illinois Eastern Community Colleges."

While attending the EIBEA meeting, Mayhall also enjoyed a one-hour interactive presentation by Dr. Gabriel J. Grant, Instructor of Digital Media in the School of Technology at EIU. Grant's presentation was entitled, "Augment Your Classroom with Augmented Reality," which explored the fundamentals of how augmented reality is created and how the Aurasma tool can be used to create applications.



OCC Instructor Amie Mayhall, right, is the recipient of the 2016-2017 Eastern Illinois Business Education Association's Teacher of the Year Award. She is pictured with Shasta Bennett who nominated Mayhall for the honor.

OCC Health Fair Hiring Event April 10

OCC will host its first Health Fair Hiring Event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, April 10 in the OCC Gymnasium.

Designed to meet the needs of students studying nursing and other health-related careers, the event will be open to the public.

"We wanted to host an event specifically for these students that wouldn't conflict with their clinicals," said Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge, who worked closely with the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Nursing and Allied Health faculty to bring potential employers to the college. "The hiring event is being held in conjunction with a nursing workshop, which will be attended by 200 plus nursing students from across the IECC District."

Participating employers include Clay County Hospital, Richland Memorial Hospital, Daviess Community Hospital, Brookstone Estates of Olney, United Methodist Village, Way-Fair Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Advantage Nursing Services, Wexford Health, Maxim Healthcare Services and Priority Professional Group.

Several colleges and universities offering advanced healthcare degrees also will attend including Franklin University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Vincennes University, University of Evansville, Greenville College, Eastern Illinois University and McKendree University.

For additional information about the event, contact Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019.

Phi Beta Lambda community service project

On March 16, Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) volunteered time to Second Blessings, which is the thrift store of Master's Hands, Inc. located in Olney.

Master's Hands is a charity organization that runs strictly on volunteers and donations. They give away food, coffee, hygiene products, and other items at least twice a week. Master's Hands even has Bible studies and fellowship worship services. It is their mission to reach out to others to share the Word of God and feed the hungry, and their volunteers adopt this ideal in their work.

The students in PBL were excited to give their time to this wonderful organization and highly recommend this experience to everyone. Volunteering at Master's Hands is a wonderful way to have fun while giving back to the community and all are welcome to be a part of it.

PBL members who volunteered were Ben Baker, Emma Roark, Matthew Runyon and Jaelyn Shan along with PBL Advisors Amie Mayhall and Shasta Bennett.

For more information regarding OCC's PBL, please contact Mayhall or Bennett.



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not-for-profit institutions and must submit an annual report to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Selections are based on statistical data available from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and College Navigator. Other ranking factors are academic quality, including retention rate, graduation and transfer rates and number of graduates; affordability; and online programming, which examines the number of online programs offered and percentage of enrolled students taking online courses.

"It is not surprising we are ranked so high as our program has two of the most dedicated and excited faculty members I have worked with in higher education," said OCC President Rodney Raney. "They continually go above and beyond to help students succeed and provide quality education to their students."

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Medical Office Assistant is just one of several programs OCC offers that prepare students to work in a variety of office settings from schools and manufacturers to hospitals, doctors' offices and even veterinary clinics. Programs include Medical Coding, Office Administration, Human Resource Assistant and Medical Transcription, which are all accepting new students for fall.

To learn more about the Office Career Programs at OCC, contact Mayhall at 395-7777, ext. 2229, or by email at mayhalla@iecc.edu.

OCC hosting Career Fair April 26

Olney Central College will host its annual Spring Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 in the OCC Gymnasium.

Those attending will include: Toyota Boshoku, Illinois Department of Transportation, Trust-Bank, UPS, Rides Mass Transit, Terre Haute Electric, Plumbers and Steamfitters UA Local 157, CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation, Community Support Systems and Seiaoa.

Educational institutions participating include: Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, OCC's GED and Adult Education Program and Greenville College.

OCC Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge is continuing to accept participants and expects additional businesses to attend.

Allredge 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 three 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.

Free tutoring available

The Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

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.



IECC TRIO Student Support Services held an Essential Skills Workshops for students on March 25.

TRIO SSS hosts Essential Skills Workshop

The IECC TRIO Student Support Services program met March 25 at Wabash Valley College for the last workshop of the year, the Essential Skills Workshop.

Topics included in the day's events were: "Life Skills for Scholars" presented by Director of TRIO SSS Wain Davis, speed interviewing, a formal business luncheon, "Elevator Speech" presented by Tayna Smith, and a presentation about the importance of thank you cards.

Present at the business luncheon were dignitaries from IECC; Mt. Carmel Mayor William Hudson; Toni Brines, Edward Jones Investments and WVC Foundation member; Brenda Glover, OCC Foundation member; WVC Dean Robert Conn; OCC Assistant Dean of Student Services Andi Pampe and WVC faculty members Dave Wilderman and Jill Winter. During this period, each guest sat at a table with students, giving the SSS participants an opportunity to network and enabling at least one

student to gain an internship.

The mission of TRIO Student Support Services is to "provide educational services and cultural experiences to under-represented students, empowering them to achieve lifelong success."

"I was extremely pleased with the 'Essentials Skills' workshop," Davis said. "We had positive feedback from our honored guests and from the students. I firmly believe that these are skills that will help set our students up for success throughout their lives."

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High-achieving students like Frye are nominated for the award by campus administrators. An independent panel of judges considers academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service in the selection process.

"The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges," said J. Mark Davis, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. "We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa and make it possible for deserving students to achieve their educational goals."

After graduating in May, Frye will transfer to Trevecca

Nazarene University in Nashville to complete her bachelor's degree. She plans to pursue a doctorate degree in English literature and eventually serve as an English professor.

"I just want to thank everyone at OCC for making this possible and for helping me to get a great start," Frye added.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of community college students. The society is made up of more than 3.2 million members in nearly 1,300 chapters in nine nations.

"We thank the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation for recognizing these student leaders and for investing in their futures," said Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, President and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa.

Science Club attends Genetic Update Conference

The OCC Science Club attended the Genetic Update Conference hosted by speaker Sam Rhine at the University of Louisville, March 7-8.

Science Club members had the opportunity to learn of advancements being made in areas such as induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cell technology and gene replacement using CRISPR technology.

While in the Louisville area, members also experienced other local attractions such as the famous Louisville Slugger Museum, Evan Williams Distillery and Marengo Caves.

Participating in the trip were Matthew Runyon, Shelby Gragert, Cameron Ballard, Curtis Ballard, OCC Chemistry Instructor Dr. Aaron Lineberry and OCC Life Science Instructor and Science Club Advisor Sarah Bergbower.

The OCC Science Club is open to students of any major who have interest in the sciences. Members participate in laboratory experiments, college/career advisement, field trips and more throughout the semester.

The Science Club is worth 1 tuition-waived credit to OCC students who register.

For more information on OCC's Science Club or its activities, contact Bergbower at bergbowers@iecc.edu or at 395-7777, ext. 2228.

Blood drive April 21

The OCC Student Senate will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 21 in the Student Union.

Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: OlneyCentralCollege to schedule an appointment.



WELDING SAFETY PRESENTATION

OCC instructor Curtis Marshall recently conducted a Welding Safety Seminar for area 4-H members. Marshall's presentation addressed the fundamentals of welding safety and discussed general safety for Stick (SMAW) and Mig (GMAW) welding. He also talked about Oxy-Acetylene safety. During the visit, 4-H members toured OCC's welding facility, learning more about its CNC Plasma Cutter, welding equipment and the different career opportunities in the trade. Before the youths left, Marshall presented each with a 4-H Clover he created using the Plasma cutter.

Register now for fall zoology course

OCC will offer a zoology course this fall.

LSC 1104 General Zoology, is required for biology majors planning to transfer.

The course emphasizes inquiry through selected topics in animal biology.

The class surveys the protist and animal kingdoms based on evolution, ecology, morphology, histology, physiology, taxonomy, parasitology and embryology. Economic, environmental and medical relationships between protists,

animals, and humans are emphasized. The course will include dissection opportunities.

The lecture portion of the class will meet from 11 to 11:50 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays while the lab will be held from 3 to 4:50 p.m. on Thursdays. The instructor will be Sarah Bergbower.

To register, call 395-7777. For more information about the class, contact Bergbower at ext. 2228, or by email at bergbowers@iecc.edu.

Complete Organic Chemistry I & II this summer

OCC will offer both Organic Chemistry I and II this summer.

The classes will be offered in two five-week sessions, which will meet from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, May 15-July 21.

Both classes are transferable, making them ideal for individuals who are home for the summer and want to earn additional credit at OCC's lower tuition rate.

"This is an opportunity to get both challenging courses completed," said Instructor Dr. Aaron Lineberry.

CHM 2120 Organic Chemistry and CHM 2122 Organic Chemistry II are required for biological science and chemistry majors as well as pre-professional programs including pre-medicine and pre-pharmacy.

Students who have completed the general chemistry sequence can take this course.

Call 395-7777 to register. For more information about the classes, contact Lineberry at 395-7777, ext. 2239, or by email at lineberry@iecc.edu.



'THE LITTLE MERMAID'
 The OCC Theater presented Disney's "The Little Mermaid" to sold out crowds March 24-26 and March 30-April 2. At left, Ariel (Paige Anderson) signs a contract with the evil sea witch Ursula (Brenna Heindinger), who is accompanied by her pets Flotsam (Hunter Merritt) and Jetsam (Autumn Scherer). Bottom left, Chef Louis (Bea Gardner) sings about the joys of cooking Les Poisons. Bottom right, An anxious Ariel (Paige Anderson) and curious Flounder (Chase Ackman) watch as Scuttle (Noah Hill) assesses Prince Eric's (Lance Lucas) condition.



Andrew Pittman attends Porsche Sport Driving School

Ever wonder what instructors do over Spring Break? OCC Director of Choral Activities Andrew Pittman attended the Porsche Sport Driving School's two-day high performance driving course at Barber Motorsports Parkway in Birmingham, Ala. "It was one of the absolute best experiences of my life," he said. Pittman is pictured with a Porsche 911 GT3 RS.

