

# KNIGHTLINE

Olney Central College



## Upcoming Events

April

**18 Job Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., OCC Gym**

**20 Spring Fling, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**20 Last Day to Withdraw from 16-week Spring Semester Classes**

**20 Music Department Spring Concert, OCC Theatre, 7:30 p.m.**

**23 Cozy Corner Spring Program and Graduation, OCC Theatre, 6 p.m.**

**26 OCC Music Department Spring Recital, OCC Theatre, 7:30 p.m.**

**28 Automotive & Collision Repair Car Show, 9 a.m.**

May

**3 OCC Jazz Festival, OCC Theatre, 6 p.m.**

**7 Intersession and Summer Textbook Sales Begin**

**7-10 Final Exams**

**7-9 Spring Textbook Buyback, Bookstore, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. & 5-6:30 p.m.**

**10 OCC Community Band Concert, OCC Theatre, 7:30 p.m.**

**11 Graduation, OCC Gym, 7 p.m.**

## College Visit

**April 25 Franklin University Transfer Day, Representative Nicole Jackson, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**

## Cutright elected to IMACC Board of Directors

Olney Central College Assistant Professor Laurel Cutright has been elected to a second three-year term as a member of the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges' Board of Directors.

"I was excited to learn I had been elected again," Cutright said. "I like having a presence from Southern Illinois on the board. It is nice to have some of the smaller and more rural colleges represented."

Cutright was first elected to the position during the 40th annual IMACC Conference in 2015. She was notified of her re-election March 14 following the closure of electronic voting earlier in the week.

In the position, Cutright will be involved in planning the organization's annual con-



ference and producing the IMACC newsletter. She also will assist with selecting recipients of the IMACC Distinguished Service Award and the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship, which is awarded each year to a community college student who is transferring to a university to study math.

Cutright also will assist

with implementing changes to the IMACC website, which will enhance the page's overall look and enable members to pay their dues online.

Cutright has been a member of the association for 15 years and served on the IMACC Articulation Committee, which updated the state of Illinois' articulation guide for math.

"If you are going to write a new course in mathematics, it is the best place to go," she said of the guide.

The IMACC is a collection of community college mathematics professionals who attend to the ever-changing education needs of students and is a leading voice in forming policy and curriculum in Illinois mathematics education.

## Bookstore to offer eBook option for fall

The Olney Central College Bookstore and OCC faculty want to reduce sticker shock for students by providing a new eBook option this fall.

For just \$119 plus tax, students will be able to purchase the Cengage Unlimited access code, which will allow them to view any textbook published by Cengage Learning.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer this savings to our students," said Bookstore Manager Cristina Siegel. "Textbook costs have continued to rise in recent years and we have had no



choice but to increase our prices as well. We see so many students who are scared when they see the prices of their books. I think both the students and their parents will be excited at the cost savings."

Siegel said some students could see textbook costs drop by hundreds

of dollars.

"Last fall, OCC accounting students had to purchase three books totaling \$600," Siegel said. "Those same textbooks could be accessed through Cengage Unlimited, saving the

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# IECC/OCC Nursing Program graduate shares experience as a flight nurse

Andra Herdes, RN, BSN and CFRN, spoke with Olney Central College's Student Nurses Association about her work as a flight nurse for Air Evac 28 Lifeteam in Effingham.

A graduate of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/OCC Nursing Program, Herdes attended Frontier Community College, earning her Associate's Degree in Nursing in 2011.

"This is the first time I've talked to the students. I really enjoyed it," said Herdes of Dundas. "A lot of people don't realize all of the opportunities that are out there in nursing. We, as a company, enjoy working with the public and talking about what we do."

Herdes first became interested in working as a flight nurse after viewing a video on the subject during an IECC nursing conference at Wabash Valley College.

"I hadn't thought about it before and it really interested me," she added.

After graduating, Herdes worked for a year on the medical/surgical floor at Carle Richland Memorial Hospital in Olney.

"I had an opportunity to learn the basics of nursing and how to juggle patient load," she said.

Herdes then transferred to the hospital's Intensive Care Unit to gain the three years of critical care experience required for flight nurses. Herdes also applied and was accepted into Air Evac's fellowship program, which gives registered nurses the opportunity to participate in activities designed in preparation for a career as a flight nurse.

"The people at Base 28 were always there to teach me," she said. "They took me under their wings and reassured me that this was something I wanted to do. I got to see them at work and to hear their stories. They get to help people on a daily basis."

When an opening arose for a flight nurse, Herdes applied and was hired for her current position, which she has held for nearly two years.

"I love the fact I get to provide access to care in rural areas," she said. "As a flight nurse, I can use my nursing skills to their highest ability."

Herdes works 24-hour shifts every other day and then has a week off. She also continues to serve as an advanced care nurse at Carle RMH.

As a member of the Evac team, Herdes responds to a variety of emergency calls. She can find herself providing medical assistance to the victims of motor-vehicle accidents and near drownings or assisting patients as they are transported from one hospital to another.

During the flight, she administers cardiac drips and pain medications to keep patients comfortable. She also is watching the cardiac monitors and ventilator support.

"Basically anything they can do in an emergency room, we can do in flight," she added.

For Herdes, the most difficult flights are those involving children.

"It is hard to deal with, but it is the best when you get a positive result," she said. "As a parent myself, I can't imagine what it must be like. When you can help a kid in need, their parents are so appreciative. They can't thank you enough for what you are doing for their child."

Herdes says the IECC Nursing Program prepared her well.

"I really enjoyed the IECC instructors," she said. "They were excellent and easy to get along with. You don't have to go to a big university. You can get the education you need close to home."



**Andra Herdes spoke to the OCC Student Nurses Association about her work as a flight nurse with the Air Evac 28 Lifeteam in Effingham. Pictured, from left, are Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Theresa Marcotte, Andra Herdes, SNA Advisor Anne Hustad and SNA President Tyler Schmidt.**

# OCC hosting Career Fair April 18

OCC will host a Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 in the OCC Gymnasium.

Several area businesses will attend including TrustBank, Pepsi MidAmerica, SSM Health, Olney Fire Department, Southern Illinois Healthcare, United Methodist Village, Terre Haute Electrical, Training-Safety Management Company, Wabash Valley Services, Community Care Systems, UPS, Heritage Health, Community Support Systems, Stevens Industries, Marathon, Custom Staffing Services, Staff Quick, Rides Mass Transit, Champion Labs, SEIAOA, CEFS, U.S. Army, Walmart Distribution Center and Aerotek.

Colleges and universities who will be on hand include Indiana State University, University of Evansville, Indiana Wesleyan University, Eastern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, McKendree University, Vincennes University and Upper Iowa University.

The event is for students and the public. Both are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to network and to learn more about area businesses.

For additional information, contact Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge at [alldredgea@iecc.edu](mailto:alldredgea@iecc.edu).

## Lost and Found

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



## INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/Olney Central College Associate Degree Nursing Program's Nu Chapter of Alpha Delta Nu held its induction ceremony on April 8 at Wabash Valley College. OCC students inducted into the national honor society of nursing are front row, from left, Rachel Shan of Olney, Taylor Hughes of Olney and Advisor Anne Hustad and back row, Baylee Gill of Clay City and Mason Spitzner of Clay City. To be considered for membership, students must have completed their first year of nursing, have attained a 3.0 overall GPA and earned a B or better in the core nursing courses. To be awarded full membership, students must finish their third semester of nursing and complete a group capstone project, which focuses on either recruitment or educational activities.

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students nearly \$500."

Although OCC uses other publishers' textbooks — which wouldn't be included in the offer — Cengage Learning is the college's biggest supplier, Siegel said. Last fall, 15 different instructors were using 33 of the firm's textbooks.

"We already have another instructor who is planning to switch to Cengage textbooks this fall," Siegel added. "I think as the instructors find out how beneficial this is to our students we will see even more change over."

Students who choose Cengage Unlimited also have the option to purchase an inex-

pensive loose-leaf copy of their textbooks, for an additional fee.

"I know some people like to have a hard copy of the material," Siegel said. "We will have to order those. If a student wants one, all they have to do is come into the Bookstore and request it."

The publisher also is offering "free" rental for students direct from them. Students only pay shipping costs of approximately \$7 to \$12 each way.

Students will even have access to free tutoring through Cengage Unlimited.

"Assisting the students is what we are here for," Siegel said. "We are thrilled to be able to offer these savings and services to the students."

Fall textbook sales start July 30.



## CTE SHOWCASE

OCC welcomed more than 30 students from Robinson, Lawrenceville, Palestine, Hutsonville, Oblong and Newton Community high schools last month for the annual Career and Technical Education Showcase. The juniors and seniors had an opportunity to learn more about OCC's Automotive Service, Collision Repair, Industrial Maintenance and Welding programs while meeting the instructors and touring the facilities.

## OCC offering new biology class

Oleyn Central College will offer a new hybrid botany course this fall with Instructor Sarah Bergbower.

The class, LSC 1103 General Botany, will meet from 11 to 11:50 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning Aug. 17.

Meeting times will largely consist of labs, as well as some discussion and material review.

The course covers a wide variety of top-

ics in plant biology, including the relationship between plants and humans.

Botany is a pre-requisite for biology majors as well as some other biology-related programs, including pharmacy. Requirements vary depending on the institution being transferred to.

To register for the course, call 395-7777 or stop by Student Services. For more information about the class, contact Bergbower at [bergbowers@iecc.edu](mailto:bergbowers@iecc.edu).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**



**Pancake Breakfast  
Cookout**

**Trivia Competition**

**Student/Faculty/Staff Softball Tournament**

## Sports Schedule

### Baseball

**April 16** — OCC vs. Shawnee, 3 p.m. at home

**April 17** — OCC at Wabash Valley, 3 p.m.

**April 19** — OCC vs. John A. Logan, 3 p.m. at home

**April 21** — OCC at John A. Logan, noon & 3 p.m.

**April 23** — OCC at Shawnee, 1 & 4 p.m.

**April 24** — OCC vs. Wabash Valley, noon & 3 p.m. at home

**April 25** — OCC vs. Vincennes, 3 p.m. at home

**April 26** — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 3 p.m.

**April 28** — OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, noon & 3 p.m. at home

**April 30** — OCC at Millikin, 3 & 6 p.m.

**May 3** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, 3 p.m. at home

**May 5** — OCC at Southwestern Illinois, noon & 3 p.m.

### Softball

**April 16** — OCC vs. Lake Land, 2 & 4 p.m. at home

**April 17** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, 2 & 4 p.m. at home

**April 18** — OCC vs. Parkland, 3 & 5 p.m. at home

**April 19** — OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois 2 & 4 p.m. at home

**April 21** — OCC vs. Shawnee, noon & 2 p.m. at home

**April 22** — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 1 & 3 p.m.

**April 23** — OCC at Lake Land, 2 & 4 p.m.

**April 25** — OCC at Rend Lake 3 & 5 p.m.

## PTK fund-raiser

OCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter is hosting a chocolate bar fund-raiser.

Flavors include peanut butter, caramel, milk chocolate and almond. See Amie Mayhall or any PTK member.

## Foundation provides funds for Physics Department equipment

Students in Olney Central College's Physics Department are utilizing a new data-collection device purchased with funds from the OCC Foundation.

Assistant Professor Rob Mason said the LabQuest 2 gives the program a valuable tool for students to utilize in the lab.

"It is a great addition," Mason said. "We can use it to collect and analyze data and save the results for future use."

Because the hand-held device can stand alone, it is reducing the need for tablets, laptops or personal computers in the lab.

"It is eliminating some expenses in the lab without compromising any of the versatility," Mason said. "It even allows us to collect data using sensors we already had."

Mason said the equipment will be utilized most by students in the trigonometry- and calculus-based physics courses.

"It is also being used for demonstrations in the astronomy and meteorology classes," Mason added. "I'm always looking for ways to maximize its use for instruction."

The LabQuest 2's portability also makes it a useful tool outside the classroom. In August, Mason took the equipment with him when he traveled to Saline County to view the solar eclipse.

"I was able to use it to collect data on light intensity, temperature and to test if there were any changes in the magnetic field," he said. "The data collected gave people, who couldn't see the path of totality, an idea of what it does to temperature and how dark it gets."



The OCC Foundation provided funds for the Physics Department to purchase the LabQuest 2 data-collection device. Pictured, from left, are Foundation Members Brenda Glover, Bartley Zuber, Tara Lemke, Assistant Professor Rob Mason and Sherry Brauer.

## Olney Central College

# Automotive/Collision Repair Car Show

## SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Registration \$10

9:00 AM-Noon

Food, Drinks & Music

11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Automotive & Collision Building  
Open Tours



**CARS • TRUCKS • MOTORCYCLES**  
**New & Old**

## IMT purchases items with Foundation's help

Olney Central College's Industrial Maintenance Technology and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning programs have added equipment with funds from the OCC Foundation.

The new items include a two-speed Grizzly mill drill with stand and a Testo residential combustion analyzer kit.

The mill will enable students in the IMT small machine shop class to make

precision cuts on various materials. HVAC students will use the combustion analyzer for trouble-shooting gas furnaces and to determine if proper combustion is taking place during new installations.



**Students in the Industrial Maintenance Technology and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Programs will have access to a new Grizzly mill drill and a Testo residential combustion analyzer kit purchased with funds from the OCC Foundation. Pictured, from left, are Foundation Members Larry Miller, Sherry Brauer, Brenda Glover and Instructor Logan Marshall.**

## Begin Medical Coding classes this summer

Medical coders are in demand and you can prepare for this growing career at OCC.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, jobs for certified medical coding professionals will increase 22 percent through 2022. Wages also are increasing. In 2017, the average salaries among health-care professionals increased 6 percent over the previous year.

Coders are responsible for translating healthcare providers' diagnostic and proce-

dural phrases into coded form. Coding professionals do this by reviewing and analyzing health records to identify relevant diagnoses and procedures for distinct patient encounters.

Through the three-semester Medical Coding Associate Certificate Program, students gain the training needed to enter this specialized field. The classes also prepare individuals for the Certificate Coding Associate Exam/Certification.

## PBL hosting fund-raisers

The OCC Phi Beta Lambda Chapter recently held a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets were sold from Tuesday, Feb. 20 to Friday, March 2. The winner, drawn on March 2, was Kim Wilson from the Student Services Business Department. She received \$87.50.

The chapter would like to thank everyone who bought tickets and supported the fundraiser.

PBL is currently conducting a Rada Cutlery fund-raiser. The link to Rada Cutlery can be found on the PBL Facebook page.

For any questions regarding OCC Phi Beta Lambda, please contact advisors Amie Mayhall and Shasta Bennett.



**PBL President Ben Baker presents Kim Wilson with her prize from the 50/50 raffle on March 2.**

## Music Department Spring Concert set for April 20

The Olney Central College Music Department will present its Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. The concert will include performances from the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble.

## Summer & Fall registration underway

Olney Central College is now registering students for summer and fall semester classes.

For registration information and appointments, call OCC Student Services at 395-7777 or request an appointment online at [www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment](http://www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment).

Summer classes start June 5. Fall semester begins Aug. 16.

## Science Club to host plant sale

The OCC Science Club will hold its annual plant sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 outside Student Services.

## Porkburger Sale

The OCC School of Cosmetology is hosting a porkburger sale from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 at the IGA in Olney.