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OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE



February 2016

Upcoming Events

February

15 College Closed
Presidents Day

15 Ticket Sales Begin for
*"South Pacific," 10 a.m.,
Theater Lobby*

16 Application Deadline for
Nursing Program

19 Red Cross Blood Drive,
*8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student
Union*

19-20 Music Department
*Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m.,
OCC Theater*

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Auditions

March

4 Midterm

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7 No Classes Pulaski Day

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College Visits

Tables will be located
outside the Student
Services Office.

Feb. 10-11 Southern Illi-
*nois University at Carbon-
dale, 9 a.m. to noon*

Feb. 23 Franklin Univer-
sity, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Feb. 25 SIU-C Free
*Application Day, 8 a.m. to
4:30 p.m.*

OCC Named Top 150 Community College

Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program has named Olney Central College one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million in prize funds, as well as Siemens Technical Scholars Program student scholarships.

The Aspen Prize, awarded every two years, is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges and recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and access and success for minority and low-income students. This is the fourth time OCC has been selected for this prestigious honor.

Nearly half of America's college students attend community college, with more than 7 million students – youth and adult learners – working toward certificates and degrees in these institutions across the country.

"Community colleges have tremendous power to change lives, and their success will increasingly define our nation's economic strength and the potential for social mobility in our country," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "This competition is designed to spotlight the excellent work being done in the most effective community colleges, those that best help stu-



dents obtain meaningful, high-quality education and training for competitive-wage jobs after college. We hope it will raise the bar and provide a roadmap to better student outcomes for community colleges nationwide."

A full list of the selected colleges and details regarding the selection process are available at www.aspenprize.org.

Olney Central College and 149 other community colleges were selected from a national pool of more than 1,000 public two-year colleges using publicly available data on student outcomes in three areas:

- Performance (retention, graduation rates including transfers, and degrees and certificates per 100 full-time equivalent students);
 - Improvement (awarded for steady improvement in each performance metric over time);
 - Equity (evidence of strong completion outcomes for minority and low-income students).
- OCC has been invited to submit an application to the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence containing detailed data on degree and certificate completion (including progress and transfer rates), labor market outcomes (employment and earnings), and student learning outcomes.

Ten finalists will be named in fall 2016. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data. A distinguished Prize Jury will select a grand-prize winner and a few finalists with distinction in early 2017.

Ticket sales for 'South Pacific' begin Feb. 15

Tickets for the OCC Theatre's production of "South Pacific," sponsored by First National Bank in Olney, will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 15.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 11, 12,

17, 18 and 19. Afternoon shows will begin at 2 p.m. on March 13 and 20.

Dinner theatres will be held before the Friday and Saturday performances at 6 p.m. The menu includes strawberry spinach salad, honey

glazed ham, loaded mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, roll, cherries in the snow and beverage.

Tickets are \$12 for the production and \$24 for the meal and show. Call 618-395-7777, ext. 2408, to reserve tickets.

Raley elected student representative to the IECC Board of Trustees

Olney Central College student Gideon Raley, of Flora, was elected Feb. 2 to serve as the new student representative to the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees. He will be seated during the April meeting.

"I think it will be an interesting learning experience," Raley said. "I'm there to be the voice of the students and I'm hoping to help the student body. I'll get to talk to the people who have an impact on the school and hopefully I will be able to give them a student's perspective."

Raley is a 2014 graduate of Flora High School. He is the OCC Student Senate treasurer and a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Raley chose to attend OCC because it was close to home. He also wanted to improve his study habits before entering a four-year university.

"I had a real easy time in high school and didn't have to study a lot," he said. "I thought it would be a good idea to come to a community college first. I'm glad I did. I really like OCC and it has been a nice transition for me."

Raley plans to transfer to the University of Illinois. He is considering pursuing a double major in computer engineering and business.



Gideon Raley



OCC SERVICE AWARDS

Above, OCC full-time employees receiving service recognition awards, are front row, from left, David Denton, 25 years; Linda Miller, five years; Diana Emmons, five years; Anne Hustad, 10 years; Tammie Bohnhoff, three years; and Rodney Ranes, 10 years. Back row, Chris Mathews, 15 years; Deborah Hunley, 10 years; Jacy Ghist, three years; and Cristina Siegel, 10 years. Not pictured are Mike Burris and Brenda Grove, 10 years; and Curtis Marshall, Amy Scamman and Megan Winter, three years. At left, part-time service recognition awards were presented to Jill Ginder-Wilson, 30 years; and Donna Rude, 15 years. Not pictured are Peg Kennedy and Peggy King, 20 years; Karen Hahn, Beverly Mathews, Harold Neeley and Vickie Smith, 10 years; Alberta Brian and Carol Weiler, five years; and Teresa Beehn, Lisa Benson, Tracy Gulovsen, Russ Jausel, Catherine Kocher, Bryce Labhart, Brittany Ochs, Amanda Pantry and Ed Wright, three years.



Music Department Winter Concert Feb. 19-20

The Olney Central College Music Department will be presenting its Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. The concert will feature the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble.

The Concert Band will present a program titled "Forces of Destiny," that will include Carl Orff's "O Fortuna" from Carmina Burana, David Gorham's "...In the Light of the Past," and "Insurrection" by Gary Gilroy. The Concert Choir will present a Gilbert and Sullivan tribute including works from "The Gondoliers," "H.M.S. Pinafore," and "The Mikado."

The Jazz Ensemble will present a Sonny Rollins tribute, including works from his famous album, "Saxophone Colossus," among others.

Admission is \$5, and tickets are available at the door. For more information about this concert, please visit the OCC Music website at www.occmusic.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive Feb. 19 in Student Union

The OCC Student Senate will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 19 in the Student Union. Giveaway items will be available for those who donate.

Those interested in donating can utilize RapidPass to complete their pre-reading and donation questions online. The process can reduce the time donors spend at the blood drive by up to 15 minutes.

Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass, read the information and answer the questions. Then print the pass or email it to yourself.

RapidPass cannot be completed prior to the date of the drive. Donors must finish the steps to redeem their pass on the day they donate.

Cake, cupcake decorating class starts March 1

OCC is offering a beginning cake and cupcake decorating class.

Instructor Debbie Rauch will teach students how to create decorative borders and flowers as well as share techniques for baking cakes, making icing, covering cake boards and using decorating tools. Specialty character cakes and stacking construction for tiered cakes also will be covered. One evening will be devoted to cupcake decorating.

Rauch has more than 20 years' experience in cake decorating and frequently hosts workshops for area 4-H members.

The non-credit class will meet at 6 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: March 1, 8, 15 and 22 at the University of Illinois Extension Office at 306 S. Fair St. in Olney.

The cost is \$30. Students also will be given a supply list and will need to purchase those items on their own.

For more information or to register, contact the OCC Student Services Office at 618-395-7777.

Students encouraged to participate in survey

We want to hear from you!

Students are encouraged to complete the Student Satisfaction Survey online starting Feb. 16.

Just log into your Entrata account and click on the Student Satisfaction Survey link.

The survey will be available through March 18.



Science Club gives demonstrations at RCES

The OCC Science Club participated in Richland County Elementary School's Family Math and Science Night in January.

Club members performed various interactive science demonstrations for children through the fifth grade.

Among the activities performed were making slime, "magic breath" acid indicators, flaming dollar bills, density of ice cubes experiments, and "elephant toothpaste" enzymatic reactions.

This is just one of the events Science Club members look forward to doing every year; it's a "blast!" For more information on this or other Science Club activities, contact Sarah Bergbower, Science Club advisor, at bergbowers@iecc.edu.



Those attending the RCES Family Math and Science Night are, from left, OCC instructor Dr. Aaron Lineberry, special guest and chemistry expert, Science Club Advisor Sarah Bergbower and club members Corinne Kania, Heather Vaupel, Bridget Brian and Anh Bui. Not pictured are Ashley Hinterscher and Tyler Schmidt.

Student Support Services hosts FAFSA Workshop

TRIO Student Support Services offered one of its four workshops last month and the focus was for the students to file their FAFSA (Free Application for Student Financial Aid) early in order for them to be prepared for the following academic year.

Workshops were held at the individual colleges and each had a different community service activity.

Each workshop offered by TRIO SSS has a volunteer activity associated with it. Frontier Community College's students brought in old towels and blankets to donate to the Wayne



County Humane Society. Lincoln Trail College students volunteered at Washington Elementary School. Olney Central College students volunteered at The Master's Hands. Wabash Valley College's TRIO Student

Support Services hosted a blood drive.

Each college (apart from TRIO SSS) has its own FAFSA night held at the college to aid parents and students in filing their FAFSA for the next year.

If you have questions about filing your FAFSA, please stop by the OCC Financial Aid Office.

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

- Feb. 13** — OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 7:30 p.m. at home
Feb. 17 — OCC at Lake Land College, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20 — OCC vs. Shawnee Community College, 3 p.m. at home
Feb. 24 — OCC at Southeastern Illinois College, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 26 — OCC at Kaskaskia College, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- Feb. 13** — OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 5:30 p.m. at home
Feb. 17 — OCC at Lake Land College, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 20 — OCC vs. Shawnee Community College, 1 p.m. at home
Feb. 23 — OCC at Southeastern Illinois College, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 26 — OCC at Kaskaskia College, 5:30 p.m.

Baseball

- Feb. 15** — OCC at Union College, 1 & 3 p.m.
Feb. 22 — OCC vs. Lindenwood-Belleville, 1 & 3 p.m. at home
Feb. 23 — OCC at Vincennes University, 2 p.m.
Feb. 24 — OCC at Lindenwood-Belleville, 1 & 3 p.m.
Feb. 27 — OCC at Morthland College, 1 & 3 p.m.
March 1 — OCC at Roane State Community College, noon & 2 p.m.
March 2 — OCC at Southeastern Community College-Whiteville, noon & 2 p.m.

Softball

- March 1** — OCC at Roane State Community College, noon & 2 p.m.
March 2 — OCC at Southeastern Community College-Whiteville, 1 & 3 p.m.



The OCC Foundation purchased a Bluetooth laser keyboard and an Apple TV in honor of longtime member and former President Deborah Mitchell, who left the board in July. Pictured, from left are Michael Hill, Instructor Amie Mayhall, Deborah Mitchell, Kate Patterson, Morgan Fehrenbacher, Brenda Glover, Tara Lemke, Carrie Hallam, Chelsea Rude, Bartley Zuber and Lynsie Weiler.

OCC Foundation purchases equipment in honor of longtime board member

Olney Central College instructor Amie Mayhall has access to a Bluetooth laser keyboard and Apple TV in her classroom thanks to the OCC Foundation.

The Foundation donated funding for the equipment in honor of Deborah Mitchell, who was a member of its Executive Board for 12 years before leaving in July 2015.

"The Foundation is very appreciative of her service," said OCC Foundation President Bartley Zuber. "I would like to thank Deborah Mitchell for her many years of service to the board. Deb served as president of the board from 2007 to 2013 and also stayed on to help me transition into the role. Deb always either knew the answer or knew where to find the answer to any question any board member had."

Mayhall said the laser keyboard can be paired with the classroom iPad for demonstrations and other activities while apps from the iPad can be displayed on the Apple TV. With their ability to communicate, the iPad and Apple TV also can be used to stream channels and view YouTube videos.

Mayhall said the equipment has been extremely helpful for the medical coding and medical terminology classes. Using a visible body app, students can see different internal systems and even view the 3D images from various angles.

"We are so grateful to the Foundation for making such cool tools available to demonstrate to our students," Mayhall said. "They put us on the cutting edge."

Concealed Carry classes to be offered in April and July

Individuals interested in obtaining their Illinois Concealed Carry permit are encouraged to enroll in upcoming courses at OCC.

The Concealed Carry classes provide 16 hours of required firearms training, including classroom and range instruction.

During the course, participants will receive instruction on how to safely handle a handgun while honing their marksman skills. They also will learn how to survive a

real-world encounter and to maintain the proper mindset, skills and abilities that come with "bearing arms" for the purpose of self-defense. The course is designed for both the beginner and experienced shooter.

The class will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 and Friday, April 15 at OCC. On Saturday, April 16, the class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Olney Gun Range. Summer classes are scheduled for

Thursday, July 7, Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9.

Tuition and fees for the classes are \$173 for residents of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District, and must be paid in advance to reserve a seat in the course. Discounts apply to those age 60 and older. To register, call 618-395-7777.

For questions regarding the program, email Concealed Carry Coordinator Bryan Hart at hartb@iecc.edu, or call 618-879-9420.