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Olney Central College



February 2018

Upcoming Events

February

12 Student Senate Bake Sale

12-16 Student Senate Food Drive

19 College Closed for Presidents Day

19 Ticket Sales Begin for OCC Theatre's "Sister Act"

22 Duo Baldo, Southeastern Illinois Concert Association, Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

23 Music Department Winter Concert, Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

March

2 Midterm

5 No Classes, Pulaski Day

6-9 Spring Break

College Visits

A table will be located outside Student Services.

Feb. 22 Franklin University Representative Nicole Jackson, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Feb. 26 McKendree Worldwide Recruiter Bobbie Schweiger, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

March 13 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Representative Nathan Caron, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

March 26 Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Representative Regiere Lovett, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Hustad selected as Nurse Educator Fellow

The Illinois Board of Higher Education has selected Olney Central College Instructor Anne Hustad, MSN, RN, CNE, as a Nurse Educator Fellow.

Hustad was one of 19 distinguished educators from across the state chosen to take part in the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program.

"I am honored to have been selected," Hustad said. "I really want to thank Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Theresa Marcotte for nominating me."

Now in its 10th year, the competitive program's purpose is to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing fac-



ulty at institutions of higher education that award nursing degrees.

"With a master's degree in nursing, you can earn more as a nurse practitioner than you can as an educator," Hustad

said. "The program promotes nursing education by providing a salary stipend to participants."

Fellows may use the funds to pay for professional development, conference expenses, continued education and professional dues.

Hustad plans to pursue a doctor of nursing practice degree and will utilize her stipend to assist with related costs.

Hustad and the other recipients will be honored during an awards ceremony in June.

"We will receive our certificates and at that time present reports on how we are

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Student Senate to open Food Pantry

The Olney Central College Student Senate wants to assist classmates in need by establishing a food pantry at OCC.

"It is a good project that will benefit students who may be struggling to afford things outside of school," said Senate President Nicole McKim. "We want to help them and the families they are providing for. We see this as a need that we can help meet."

Members came up with the idea this summer while attending the annual American Student Government Association conference in Orlando, Florida.

"We had an opportunity to meet with ASGA founder W. H. 'Butch' Oxendine Jr. to discuss ways we could increase student involvement and help other students," McKim said. "The food



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Barnes new Collision Repair Instructor

Lonnie Barnes, of Greenup, has joined Olney Central College as its new Collision Repair Technology instructor.

A graduate of the program, he brings more than 28 years of auto body experience to the classroom. Barnes served as an adjunct instructor at OCC during the fall semester and had previously been employed at Probst Auto Body. During his career, Barnes has worked as a body and refinish technician, office manager and production manager at various shops. He also holds a number of industry-related certifications.

"I like the contact with the students and being able to give them the knowledge they need to succeed," Barnes said. "Learning is something ongoing. It doesn't stop when you begin teaching or working in a shop. You have to keep current."

Teaching is a natural fit for Barnes. A longtime member of the Greenup Fire Department, he serves as an explorer advisor training and assisting the department's junior members.

"I always enjoyed passing my knowledge on to them and that has extended to the Collision Repair Program," he added.

Barnes sees an overwhelming need for collision repair and other technical programs which can provide students with the skills needed to enter the workforce without a four-year degree.

"I feel there isn't enough emphasis on technical programs," he said. "Our industry has suffered for a lack of qualified technicians. The last job I was at it took eight or nine months before we were able to hire someone."

Barnes added, "Olney is one of only a few collision repair programs in the area. I chose to become an instructor because I want to see it go forward. Collision repair is a good field to get into and make a good living."

Before attending OCC, Barnes worked in a factory.

"I didn't like it," he said. "I always liked working with cars and one morning while driving to work I decided to go to school for collision repair."

Barnes encourages anyone interested in the Collision Repair Technology Program to contact him.

"I would be glad to talk to them and take them around the facilities anytime," he said.

For more information about the program, contact Barnes at 395-7777, ext. 2510.



Register now for Concealed Carry Class April 12-14

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

The Concealed Carry class provides 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 12 and Friday, April 13 at OCC. On Saturday, April 14, the class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Olney Gun Range.

Tuition and fees for the class are \$175 for residents of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District, and must be paid in advance to reserve a seat in the course. Tuition is waived for residents of the IECC District who are age 60 and older, but course fees must be paid. To register, call 395-7777.

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

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pantry idea grew from there."

In recent weeks, the Student Senate has been busy preparing Room 100A to house the food pantry. The former office is located near the main entrance to Wattleworth Hall, making it a convenient stop for students.

Thanks to recent donations several canned goods are already on the shelves. Student Senate Treasurer Amber Sager-Grindle, who is also a member of the Student Nurses Association, encouraged SNA to donate items from its fall food drive to the pantry. Student Services also collected foodstuffs for the project during the week of

final exams.

"Their donations have helped us get a really good start," McKim said. "We have a lot of canned vegetables and now we are looking for donations of soups, boxed noodles and pasta."

The Student Senate will hold a bake sale on Feb. 12 to benefit the food pantry. Proceeds will be used to purchase other needed items including canned meats. Members also will conduct a food drive that week.

A firm date hasn't been set for the pantry's opening, but Student Senate Advisor Dr. Aaron Lineberry hopes to make it available to students in the next couple of weeks.

OCC Baseball Winter Camp set for Feb. 25

The Olney Central College baseball team and coaching staff invite players ages 5 to 12 to participate in the annual Winter Youth League Camp.

The camp will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25 in the OCC Gymnasium and Britton's Bullpen.

Participants will enjoy a fun afternoon of working with and learning baseball skills from the OCC coaching staff and players.

The cost is \$60 and those attending will need to bring a bat, glove, helmet and shoes.

To pre-register or for more information, call Coach Dennis Conley at 395-7777, ext. 2131, or 843-0333. You also may contact him via email at conleyd@iecc.edu.

Deadlines nearing for scholarships

OCC has several spring scholarships available, but deadlines are fast approaching.

Scholarship information and applications are available at www.iecc.edu/occ/scholarships.

For more information, contact Coordinator of Financial Aid Andrea Puckett at 395-7777, ext. 2017, or pucketta@iecc.edu.

Lost and Found

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

Keep vehicles locked

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

Tickets for 'Sister Act' on Sale Feb. 19

Tickets for the Olney Central College Theater's production of "Sister Act," sponsored by TrustBank, will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. Afternoon shows will begin at 2 p.m. on March 18 and 25.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.iecc.edu/occtheater or by calling 395-7777, ext. 2408. Tickets also will be available at the box office. Tickets for the production are \$12 for reserved seating and may be purchased with a Mastercard or Visa.

Reserved tickets will be held for five working days, until picked up in person or a check is received in the mail.

Patrons may send a check with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to OCC and the tickets will be sent by return mail. Any remaining tickets may be purchased one hour before the performance.

"Sister Act" includes some mild adult situations and language.

Cast announced for spring production

Cast members have been announced for the Olney Central College Theatre's upcoming production of "Sister Act" sponsored by TrustBank in Olney.

Names of cast members selected and characters are: **Deloris Van Cartier**, Berlande Millus; **Mother Superior**, Bea Gardner; **Sister Mary Robert**, Delaney Shryock; **Sister Mary Patrick**, Ashlie Zwilling; **Sister Mary Lazarus**, Sherri Snider; **Monsignor O'Hara**, Eric Toliver; **Curtis Jackson**, Derek Mason; **Eddie Souther**, Keegan Tucker; **T.J.**, Dylan Reed; **Joey**, Noah Hill; **Pablo**, Andrew Flynn; **Sister Mary Martin of Tours**, Emily Ferguson; **Sister Mary Teresa**,

Pat Foust; **Michelle**, Leia Meredith; **Tina**, Rachel Khairkir; **Ernie**, Jason Shryock; **Pope**, Bill White; **Cop**, Sam Benson; **Hookers**, Rachel Pampe and Kenzie Stubbe; and **Waitress**, Kristen Brian.

Ensemble Nuns: Sharon Lauderman, Peggy Kern, Tracy Snider, Jessica McDonald, Diana McDonald, Brenna Heidingler, Leia Meredith and Rachel Khairkir.

Ensemble: Becca Zook, Bailey Hacker, Kenzie Stubbe, Taylor Klingler, Harrison Hahn, Sam Benson, Mike Shaw, Bryce Klinger, Chris McDowell, Levi Forys, Rachel Pampe, Kristen Brian, Matty White and Jason Shryock.

OCC Music Department Winter Concert Feb. 23

The OCC Music Department will present its Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

The OCC Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble will perform selections conducted by Di-

rector of Bands Wade Baker.

Also performing that evening will be the OCC Concert Choir under the Direction of Andrew Pittman, OCC Director of Choral Activities.

The concert is free and open to the public.



At top, is Corben Roth's "Industrial Starry Night," which he created using grease on cardboard. At right, is Barbara Pritchard's "Indigo," a pencil and charcoal drawing.



Student Art Exhibit

The OCC Art Department presented its Fall 2017 Student Art Exhibit Dec. 14-Feb. 2 in the Anderson Library Gallery.

The display featured works by students enrolled in Heather Sandy and Mari Yamato's fall semester art classes, which included Art Introduction, Design I, Drawing I and Understanding Art. During the semester, students explored a variety of materials and themes, presenting unique solutions to different project prompts.

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utilizing the funds," she added.

Hustad joined OCC as a nursing instructor in 2005. She became the program's department head that same year and continues to serve in that capacity.

"Education is something I have always been interested in and teaching is something I truly enjoy," Hustad said. "As a nurse, you are teaching all the time. That is something we try to instill in our students."

Hustad is a graduate of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges: OCC Associate Degree Nursing Program, having attended Frontier Community College in

Fairfield.

"I believe in the system," she said. "The IECC District, which includes OCC, Frontier, Lincoln Trail and Wabash Valley colleges, is a good starting point for entry-level practitioners. The program is cost effective for the students and a great benefit to the region as many of our nurses stay in the area, providing care to patients in local hospitals and other facilities."

The IECC:OCC Nursing Program is currently accepting applications at all four colleges from individuals wishing to enter this fall. For more information, contact 395-7777. The deadline to apply is Feb. 15.

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

- Feb. 7** — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10** — OCC vs. Vincennes, 3 p.m. at home
- Feb. 14** — OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois, 7:30 p.m. at home
- Feb. 17** — OCC at John A. Logan, 3 p.m.
- Feb. 21** — OCC vs. Lewis & Clark, 7:30 p.m. at home
- Feb. 24** — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 3 p.m. at home
- Feb. 27** — OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- Feb. 7** — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10** — OCC vs. Vincennes, 1 p.m. at home
- Feb. 14** — OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois, 5:30 p.m. at home
- Feb. 17** — OCC at John A. Logan, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 20** — OCC at Lincoln College, 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 24** — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 1 p.m. at home
- Feb. 27** — OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 5:30 p.m.

Baseball

- Feb. 10** — OCC vs. Dyersburg, Flag City Classic, 10 a.m. & vs. Volunteer State, Millington, 12:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11** — OCC vs. Johnson County, Millington, 10 a.m. & vs. Three Rivers, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 17** — OCC at Roane State, 9:30 a.m.
- Feb. 19** — OCC at Union College, 1 & 3 p.m.

Softball

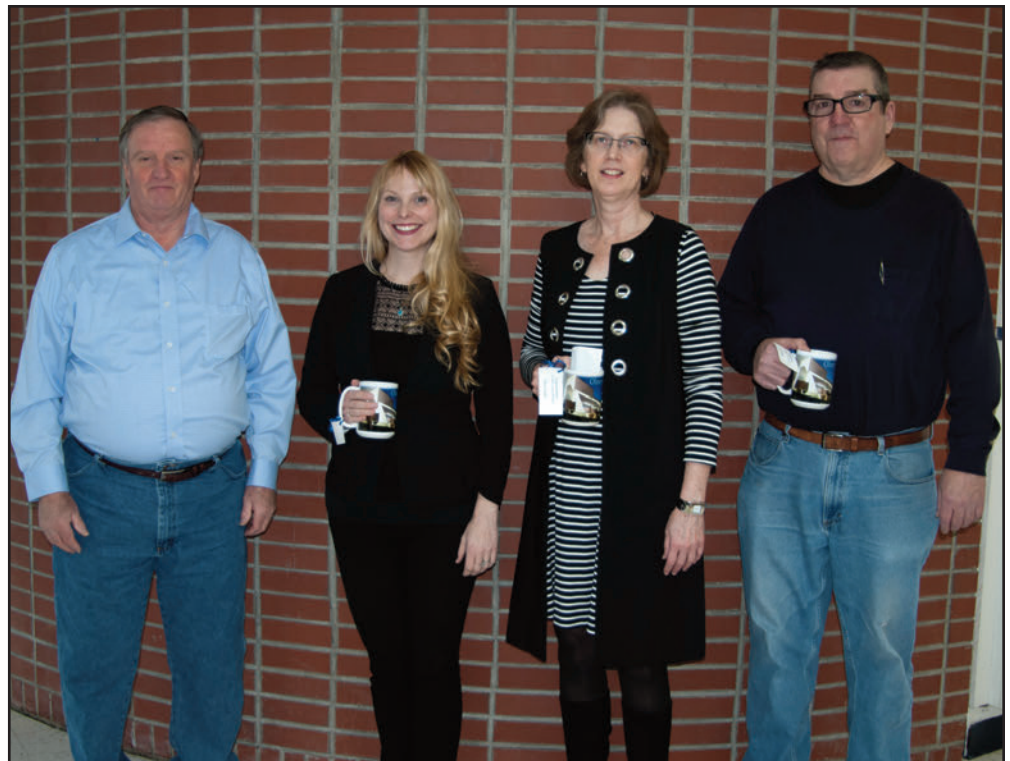
- Feb. 17** — OCC at Roane State, 1 & 3 p.m.
- Feb. 18** — OCC at Roane State, noon & 2 p.m.
- Feb. 19** — OCC at Union College, noon & 2 p.m.
- Feb. 24** — OCC vs. Indian Hills, noon & 2 p.m. at home

OCC SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

At right, OCC full-time employees receiving Service Recognition Awards are Bill Tucker, 25 years; and Lisa Rauch, 10 years. Below left, part-time employees honored are Heather Lowery, three years; Bryce Labhart, five years; Russ Jausel, five years; and Jon Lafikes, three years. Below right, part-time employees honored are Chad Pusey, 10 years; and Teresa Behn, five years.



Above, part-time employees receiving service awards are Pam Mulvey, 15 years; and Lisa Benson, five years. At right, part-time employees receiving service recognition awards are Ed Wright, five years; Krista Wilhelmsen, three years; Sherri Snider, 10 years; and Frank Hatten, 10 years.



Students practice etiquette and interviewing skills

The TRIO Student Support Services Program hopes to make future interviews and business luncheons less intimidating for its participants by providing them with the opportunity to practice their skills at a recent workshop.

“A lot of students today are not as prepared as they could be for an interview,” said Wain Davis, Director of TRIO Student Support Services. “It’s a very valuable skill for our students that they need to have before they graduate so they can compete in a competitive job market.”

Hosted at OCC, the workshop brought together 29 students from Frontier, Lincoln Trail, Olney Central and Wabash Valley colleges, which are served by TRIO SSS at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

The program included a presentation on interviewing and basic formal etiquette. Students then attended a business-style luncheon with 10 community guests.

“It gave them a chance to go through the interview process while making use of the information we gave them on table etiquette,” Davis added.

After lunch, students participated in speed interviews.

“The students had 30 to 35 seconds to introduce themselves to another student, who then asked them a question,” Davis said. “The student had to formulate an answer quickly. It teaches them how to think on their feet.”

Afterward, students had an opportunity to debrief and discuss the questions they found problematic.

Participants finished the day learning to compose thank you notes.

“Each student wrote a note to a guest they sat with at the luncheon. Writing thank you notes is becoming a lost art,” Davis said. “Sending a thank you note when no one else is doing it, can help you stand out in the pack. It might be the catalyst that gets you called back for another interview.”

Richard Marrero said the workshop provided valuable insights he will continue to utilize long after graduating from OCC.

“I thought I personally learned a lot sitting at the dinner table,” he said. “It was great being able to take what we learned in the presentation and put it to use. I knew table etiquette, but I didn’t know it in depth. It is something I will be able to use in the future. It was a great experience.”

The event is the third in a series of four workshops TRIO will present for participants during the academic year. Other programs have included a mini college fair and a financial aid completion day. The final workshop will focus on stress relief.

Davis is thrilled with the response from the most recent program.

“It was a good day and we had a lot of positive feedback,” Davis said. “We are already looking for ways to improve it next year.”

TRIO SSS is a 100 percent federally funded program, with a current funding level at \$308,638. The program offers tutoring, academic and career advisement, study skills enhancement and special enrichment programs.

