

# KNIGHTLINE

Olney Central College



January 2018

## Upcoming Events

### January

**9-12** *Student Senate Recruiting New Members for Spring, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Outside Student Services*

**15** *College Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

**22** *Last Day for 100 Percent Refund of 16-week Classes*

**22** *Last Day for Spring Semester Textbook Refunds*

### February

**19** *College Closed for Presidents Day*

**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.*

### College Visits

A table will be located outside Student Services.

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

**Feb. 5** *Franklin University Representative Nicole Jackson, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.*

**Feb. 6** *McKendree Worldwide Recruiter Bobbie Schweiger, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.*

## OCC graduate building submarine components

After completing his welding certificate at Olney Central College, Andrew Garrison is now building submarine components for a U.S. naval contractor.

The Fairfield native joined BWXT Technologies a little over four months ago at its Mt. Vernon, Ind. facility, which manufactures heavy components for naval nuclear reactors and aircraft carriers.

It is a precise and time-consuming operation as a single naval reactor can take five years to complete.

"There are so many things you have to do on it," Garrison said. "There is a lot of X-ray testing to ensure specifications are met and different materials we have to be trained on. Lives are at stake when we're building these so things have to be 100 percent perfect."

Garrison takes pride in the quality of his work and likes the attention to detail.

"The jobs I have had before I just needed to get things done," he said. "Here things are relaxed because they want you to take your time. They want you to be honest. If you mess something up, they don't want you to be afraid to tell someone. They want you to do the best you can."

But it is a career opportunity Garrison could have missed if it wasn't for a slow day at his former job when he got the chance to try welding.

"I never did welding in high school. I never even touched a rod," Garrison said. "I found I really enjoyed it."

Garrison was eager to learn more, but wasn't sure he was ready to return to school after being out of the classroom for three years.

"The thought of going back to school was a little overwhelming," he said. "I wasn't confident. My girlfriend had been to college and she pushed me to do it. I went to OCC and it was the best experience. I would do it again. It is never too late to go back to school."

Garrison encourages others with an interest in the field to enroll in OCC's Welding Program.

"I would recommend it to anyone," he said. "I liked the atmosphere. It is cheaper than other welding schools, and the program is just as good. There was so much stuff I learned. I almost wish it was a two-year program."

Garrison said students also benefit from the experiences of Instructor Curtis Marshall.

"I think it is nice that we're learning from someone who went through the same program," Garrison said. "Curtis is a great instructor. If you didn't understand something, he would

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## OCC spring scholarship applications available online

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

Scholarship information and applications are available at [www.iecc.edu/occ/scholarships](http://www.iecc.edu/occ/scholarships).

For more information, contact Coordinator of Financial Aid Andrea Puckett at 395-7777, ext. 2017, or [pucketta@iecc.edu](mailto:pucketta@iecc.edu).



# Watch your email for PTK invitation letter

OCC students, watch for your invitation to join Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

In order to qualify for membership, students must have completed at least 12 credit hours, have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, and be seeking a degree.

If you meet PTK eligibility, you will receive an email/letter inviting you to join.

OCC's PTK chapter is active on campus and takes part in various service projects in the community. Members recently helped deliver meals for the Immanuel United Methodist Church's Thanksgiving dinner in Olney.

Each year members have an opportunity to attend the annual PTK convention and connect with students from across the country. Last year students traveled to Nashville, Tenn.

When you join, you also are eligible to apply for more than \$37 million in scholarships, which are available only to PTK members.

For more information about PTK, contact Advisor Amie Mayhall at [mayhalla@iecc.edu](mailto:mayhalla@iecc.edu).



**OCC PTK members won the 2016 NerdNation Scholar Bowl during the annual PTK convention in Washington, D.C.**

## OCC Winter Softball Camp Feb. 3

OCC will host its annual Winter Softball Camp on Saturday, Feb. 3 in the OCC Gymnasium.

The OCC coaching staff and players will lead the camp, which focuses on hitting and defense. Ages 6-12 will meet from 10 a.m. to noon while those ages 13-17 will meet from noon to 2 p.m. Participants

should bring their gloves, bats, helmets and tennis shoes. The cost for the camp is \$20.

To pre-register, contact OCC Softball Coach Nick Short at 395-7777, ext. 2223, or e-mail [shortn@iecc.edu](mailto:shortn@iecc.edu). Register online at [www.olneycentralathletics.com/sports/sball/campregistration](http://www.olneycentralathletics.com/sports/sball/campregistration).

## OCC Baseball Winter Camp 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 Gym-

nasium 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](mailto:conleyd@iecc.edu).

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reword it. He liked to help and he would do anything in his power to help you get through."

Marshall also strives to place program graduates with employers. He suggested Garrison, who serves in the National Guard, look into employment opportunities with BWXT.

"Curtis told us about the place and he knew they liked to hire veterans," Garrison said. "He recommended that I apply before graduation."

Garrison is thrilled the firm hired him.

"It's a really good company and the benefits are good," he added. "Because it is a government job, you can work 25 years and retire. You don't get that at most jobs."

## Sports Schedules

### Men's Basketball

**Jan. 10** — OCC vs. John A.

Logan, 7:30 p.m. at home

**Jan. 13** — OCC at Lewis & Clark, 3 p.m.

**Jan. 17** — OCC at Rend Lake, 3 p.m.

**Jan. 20** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, 3 p.m. at home

**Jan. 24** — OCC vs. Lake Land, 7:30 p.m. at home

**Jan. 27** — OCC vs. Kaskaskia, 3 p.m. at home

**Jan. 31** — OCC at Wabash Valley, 7:30 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

**Jan. 10** — OCC vs. John A.

Logan, 5:30 p.m. at home

**Jan. 15** — OCC vs. Greenville JV, 6:30 p.m. at home

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## Nursing application deadline Feb. 15

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges: Olney Central College Associate Degree Nursing Program is currently accepting students for Fall 2018.

Individuals wishing to apply should schedule an appointment as soon as possible to meet with Nursing Program Advisor Linda Horn to discuss program requirements. Horn may be reached at 395-7777, ext. 2246.

The application process must be completed by Feb. 15, 2018.

## Lost and Found

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

## OCC SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

## Free tutoring available

The OCC Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring for all subjects. Professional tutors are available for math and English courses.

The Math Lab is available from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. English tutoring and tutoring in other subjects is available, typically in the afternoon but also by appointment.

For more information, visit the LSC in the back of the Anderson Library.

## Cosmetology accepting new students

OCC's Cosmetology Program is continuing to accept new students for the spring semester.

Students enrolled in Cosmetology participate in both classroom and clinical experiences. The program covers all facets of the industry.

For more information, contact OCC Student Services at 395-7777.

## Closing policy & IECC Alerts

For information on Olney Central College's Winter Weather Closing Policy, visit [www.iecc.edu/occ](http://www.iecc.edu/occ) and click on the closing policy link under Student Information.

Make sure you sign up for IECC Alerts to receive closing notices. Log into your Entrata account and click on Emergency Alerts to sign up.



OCC presented Service Recognition Awards during the Faculty/Staff Spring Workshop on Jan. 3. Full-time employees honored include front row, from left, Clint Burris, 10 years, and Clay Atkins, Sarah Bergbower, Alyssa Maglone and Tina Evans, all three years. Second row, Logan Marshall and Andrew Pittman, both three years, and Tammie Bohnhoff and Jacy Ghast, both five years. Back row, Curtis Marshall, five years, John Kendall, 15 years, Vicki Thompson, 10 years, and Dennis Conley, 35 years.



OCC part-time employees receiving Service Recognition Awards are, from left, Sue Dufilho, 20 years, and Amanda Pantry and Catherine Fritschle, both five years.



OCC part-time employee Tami Higgs was honored for three years of service.

## Students receive Illinois Rural Health Association scholarships

OCC students Leah Hinkle, of Flora, and Katy Ericksen, of Lawrenceville, are recipients of the Illinois Rural Health Association's Medical Billing and Coding scholarships.

The pair were among four students selected for the honor, which drew applicants from across the state.

Due to the complex nature of compliance requirements for Rural Health Clinics and Critical Access Hospitals, there is a growing demand for Medical Billing and Coding experts in rural areas. The association offers the scholarships to address the shortage and encourage students to enter the field.

Upon graduation, Hinkle plans to work in Clay or Wayne County while Ericksen hopes to begin her career in Lawrence County.

Founded in 1989, the IRHA is a collaborative association comprised of more than 700 members including hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, public health departments, practitioners, consumers and public officials, whose mission is to strengthen health systems for rural residents and communities through advocacy, education, networking and leadership.



Leah Hinkle



Katy Ericksen