

OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE

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March 2016

Upcoming Events

March

7 No Classes – Pulaski Day

8-11 Spring Break

11-12 OCC Theater's "South Pacific," 7:30 p.m.

13 OCC Theater's "South Pacific," 2:00 p.m.

17-19 OCC Theater's "South Pacific," 7:30 p.m.

20 OCC Theater's "South Pacific," 2:00 p.m.

25 College Closed – Spring Holiday

29 Summer and Fall Registration Begins for Current Students

April

5 Summer and Fall Registration Begins for New Students

College Visits

Tables will be located outside the Student Services Office.

March 15 Franklin University, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 16 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 9 a.m. to noon

March 23 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Criminology & Criminal Justice Program, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 31 Franklin University, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Welding students earn awards at competition

Olney Central College's Welding Program captured team and individual awards during the eighth annual David Nuckols Memorial Invitational Welding Competition in Owensboro, Ky.

Cody Buerster and Will May's combined efforts earned the college a place among the competition's top-ranked schools with OCC finishing third overall. Buerster, of Noble, also placed third on the academic portion of the test and received a plaque.

"Being able to represent our school in the competition was an honor," said May, of Newton. "Neither of us had been in a welding competition before so it was a neat experience."

GrayWolf Industrial sponsors the event, which allows students enrolled in secondary and post-secondary welding programs to demonstrate their skills in SMAW, FCAW and GTAW welding processes. The welds must meet the American Welding Society D1.1 – Structural Steel Welding Code, which is the same standard OCC's Welding Department utilizes to conduct its testing.

Buerster and May were among students from 14 Tri-State area schools who participated in the Feb. 12 contest.

The students had to set up their machines and perform welding tasks within a one-hour time limit. Judges then assessed each contestant's mastery of welding knowledge



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and skills.

"The machines that were used in the competition are Lincoln Electric V-350 Pro Welders and LN-25 Portable Wire Welders," said Instructor Curtis Marshall. "This is the exact equipment the OCC Welding Shop has, which shows that our facility conducts tests on machines that are used in the industry."

The students also completed a 100-question written test, which covered general knowledge of welding processes and procedures.

"It was fun and we enjoyed it," May said of the experience. "If I had the opportunity to do it again in the future, I would."

Marshall said this is the third time OCC students have participated in the event. Buerster and May started practicing before Winter

Break on the plate tests, which were judged in a visual inspection.

"I even practiced every night at home," Buerster added.

Marshall said these are the same tests the company uses to hire people and they give the students an idea of what they can expect when applying for a job.

"I'm very happy and proud of our students," Marshall added. "They practiced hard for the competition and it showed in their skills."

After the competition, representatives from GrayWolf's Human Resources Department spoke with students about employment opportunities with the company.

Several items were given away during the event. May received a \$75 gift card and a welding hood while Buerster received a \$125 gift card.

Phi Theta Kappa receives club award

The OCC Phi Theta Kappa chapter has received a club award from the South Central Illinois Area Health Education Center.

The award is given to clubs for presenting/mentoring to students in Grades 6-12 regarding health careers.

PTK presented at a Feb. 6 workshop held at OCC and plans many more events. PTK can receive awards for speaking to up to 500 students this spring.

"We were happy to accept this opportunity not only as a fund-raiser for the club, but also to help develop PTK students as better speakers, and provide visibility for OCC to many potential students," said Advisor Amie Mayhall.

PTK members James Haddox and Shelby Seitzinger talk to students about health-related careers.



Nursing Program extends deadline for applications

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges: Olney Central College Associate Degree Nursing Program is extending its application deadline for Fall 2016 at Frontier Community, Lincoln Trail, Olney Central and Wabash Valley colleges.

Individuals wishing to apply should schedule an appointment as soon as possible to meet with the college's nursing program advisor:

- Frontier Community College: Julie Crawford at 618-842-3711, ext. 4520;
- Lincoln Trail College: Kyrah Buchanan at 618-544-8657, ext. 1130;
- Olney Central College: Linda Horn at 618-395-7777, ext. 2246;
- Wabash Valley College: Michelle Pynckel at 618-262-8641, ext. 3431.

For information about nursing at any of the IECC colleges, visit www.iecc.edu/page.php?page=NURS.

Chamber event raises funds for scholarships

The Olney Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Ladies Night Gala from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 at The Holiday.

The evening includes a meal, live music and a fashion show. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased from Allan Alldredge in Student Services. Proceeds benefit the chamber's scholarship fund.

LSC offers free tutoring

Need help with a class? See Kara Roberts in the OCC Learning Skills Center. The LSC 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 they can direct you.



WELDING CLUB FUND-RAISER

The OCC Welding Club is making and selling shamrocks as a fund-raiser. The 8-inch shamrocks, pictured above, are \$12 each or two for \$20. The 15-inch shamrocks are \$25 each. All proceeds will be used for field trips, safety and new welding equipment purchases, machine maintenance and welding consumables. To place an order, contact Curtis Marshall at marshallc@iecc.edu, or 395-7777, ext. 2580.

Culinary Club raising funds to attend Food Show

The OCC Culinary Club is hosting a box lunch fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14 in front of the Chamber of Commerce Office, 216 E. Main St.

OCC's culinary students have created three delicious sandwiches you can't buy anywhere else — Cuban Pork, Cool Ranch Chicken and BBQ Pork. Meals are \$8.50 each and include a sandwich, potato salad or coleslaw, a dessert and drink.

The students also made bottled signature sauces and rubs, which will be for sale.

Proceeds from the event will help the club attend the upcoming National Restaurant Association Food Show in Chicago.

The club also is hosting a raffle. First prize is personal chef service and dinner for four prepared in your home. Second prize is a delivered dinner for four.

Tickets are \$6 each or four for \$20. To purchase tickets, contact Advisor Nada Lunsford at lunsfordn@iecc.edu.

Concealed Carry Class

OCC will offer a concealed carry class from 6 to 10 p.m. on April 14-15 at OCC. On Saturday, April 16, the class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Olney Gun Range.

To register, contact the Student Services Office at 395-7777.

TRIO Spotlight Student: Tyler Schmidt

Tyler Schmidt has been named the TRIO Student Support Services Spotlight Student of the Month at OCC.

Schmidt, a first-year nursing student from Newton, enrolled at OCC after the factory where he was working closed.

"I had a lot of friends who were male nurses who encouraged me to go into nursing," he said. "They told me male nurses were in high demand and there were a lot of job opportunities in the field."

Schmidt participated in Educational Talent Search in high school and joined TRIO Student Support Services when he came to OCC.

"TRIO Student Support Services has been a lifesaver," Schmidt said.

"They're a lifeline I call upon often. Whether it be for casual conversation or printing notes, which in nursing is quite a lot, they're always there for me."

Schmidt enjoys participating in the various SSS trips and college visits. During a recent excursion, he spoke with representatives from 15 or 16 schools about their online BSN completion programs.

Schmidt also is a work study student in the TRIO SSS Offices at OCC.

Schmidt says the nursing program is rigorous.

"I like that it is challenging," he added. "I like working in the clinicals and putting the skills I've learned in my classes to use."

After earning his associate's degree, Schmidt hopes



Tyler Schmidt

to work in Effingham or Newton while completing his bachelor's degree in nursing.

In addition to TRIO, Schmidt is a member of the OCC Student Nurses Association, the OCC Science Club and Phi Theta Kappa.

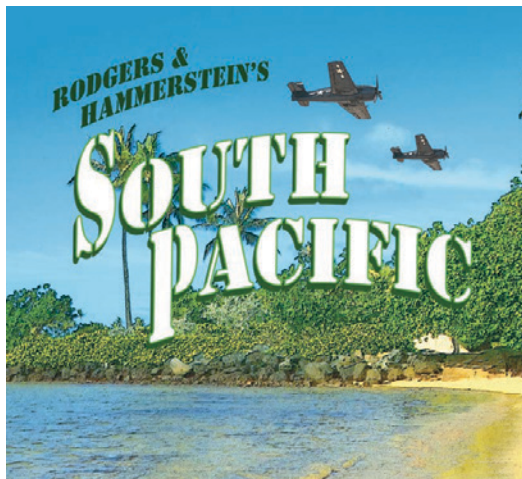
Tickets still available for 'South Pacific'

Tickets are still available for the Olney Central College Theater's production of "South Pacific," sponsored by First National Bank in Olney.

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.

Set in an island paradise during World War II, two parallel love stories are threatened by the dangers of prejudice and war. Nellie, a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with a mature French planter, Emile. Nellie learns that the mother of his children was an island native and, unable to turn her back on



the prejudices with which she was raised, refuses Emile's proposal of marriage.

Meanwhile, the strapping Lt. Joe Cable denies himself the fulfillment of a future with an innocent Tonkinese girl with whom he's fallen in love out of the same fears that haunt Nellie. When Emile is recruited to accompany

Joe on a dangerous mission that claims Joe's life, Nellie realizes that life is too short not to seize her own chance for happiness, thus confronting and conquering her prejudices.

Tickets may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets for the production are \$12 for reserved seating for children and adults. Tickets for the meal and show are \$24.

Those who wish to reserve tickets may call 395-7777, ext. 2408, during the hours designated for ticket sales.

Sports Schedule

Men's Baseball

- March 7** — OCC vs. Danville, 2:30 p.m.
- March 10** — OCC at Lake Land, 3 p.m.
- March 12** — OCC vs. Lake Land, noon and 2 p.m. at home
- March 15** — OCC vs. Vincennes, 2 p.m. at home
- March 17** — OCC at Southeastern Illinois, 3 p.m.
- March 19** — OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois, noon & 3 p.m. at home
- March 21** — OCC at Rose Hulman, 5 p.m.
- March 22** — OCC at McKendree, 1 & 3 p.m.
- March 23** — OCC vs. Vincennes, 2 p.m. at home
- March 24** — OCC at Shawnee, 3 p.m.
- March 25** — OCC vs. Shawnee, noon & 3 p.m. at home
- March 29** — OCC at Wabash Valley, 3 p.m.
- March 31** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, 3 p.m. at home

Softball

- March 7** — OCC vs. Spartanburg Methodist, 8:30 a.m. & Danville Area, 1:30 p.m.
- March 10** — OCC at Southeastern Illinois, 2 & 4 p.m.
- March 12** — OCC vs. Morthland, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- March 15** — OCC at Wabash Valley, 2 & 4 p.m.
- March 17** — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- March 20** — OCC at Lindenwood-Belleville, 3 & 5 p.m. at home
- March 21** — OCC at Frontier, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
- March 22** — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 2 & 4 p.m.
- March 23** — OCC vs. Parkland, 3 & 5 p.m. at home
- March 24** — OCC vs. John A. Logan, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- March 25** — OCC vs. Shawnee, noon & 2 p.m. at home
- March 28** — OCC vs. Frontier, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- March 29** — OCC vs. Lake Land, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- March 31** — OCC at Kaskaskia, 2 & 4 p.m.



TRIO Student Support Services students participated in several activities during February including visiting Eastern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

February a busy month for TRIO students

February was a busy month for IECC's TRIO Student Support Services students.

On Feb. 5, students from all four colleges were given the opportunity to visit Eastern Illinois University where they received a campus tour, a meeting with an admissions counselor, and a meeting with an advisor from EIU's TRIO SSS program.

The following day, TRIO SSS, along with TRIO Upward Bound and Talent Search had a workshop with guest speaker, Dave Caperton, the "award-winning educator, performance consultant, stand-up comedian, and comedy writer" who "uses appropriate clean humor as a teaching tool."

Upon receipt of our thank you email, he responded, "What a wonderful group of young people. It was a genuine privilege to spend time with them."

The students also took part in creating Valentines' cards for those confined to nursing homes and had a panel discussion with members of TRIO students who were further along in their educational pursuits.

At the end of the month, students visited Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

It would seem to some that TRIO SSS keeps its students too busy to be successful, which would be contrary to its mission; however, on the latest Executive Summary listing IECC TRIO Student Support Services 2014-2015 accomplishments, 96 percent of students served remained in Good Academic Standing, 80 percent of students served persisted from one academic year to the next or graduated and 65 percent of students served graduated within four years and transferred to a four-year institution.

OCC welding students attend several events

Students in OCC's Welding and Cutting Program have gained experiences beyond the classroom by participating in several career-related events.

Last semester, students traveled to Chicago for FABTECH, North America's largest metal forming, fabricat-

ing, welding and finishing event.

Instructor Curtis Marshall said this is the second time OCC students have attended the event, which is held at McCormick Place. FABTECH drew more than 27,000 people and featured 1,200 exhibiting companies.

"This was a great opportunity for students to see the latest innovations and processes," Marshall said. "Students got to talk with different vendors and try new equipment and processes. We spent seven hours there and only saw about 40

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Student Senators attend rally in Springfield

Members of Olney Central College's Student Senate joined hundreds of students from across Illinois as they converged on the State Capital March 17 calling for higher education funding.

During rallies preceding and following Gov. Bruce Rauner's budget address, students voiced their concerns over the adverse impact the state's budget impasse has had on Illinois' colleges and universities, which have been operating without state funding since July 1.

"We wanted to send a message that schools in Illinois need their budgets funded," said OCC Student Senate President Derek Sager, of Olney. "Our Student Senate was glad to do its part and to be able to help. I'm a big believer of supporting those things you believe in."

Students gathered at the Lincoln Memorial and then lined the Capital's hallways during the governor's speech.

"It was very noisy with the chanting and shouting," Sager said. "We definitely wanted to make our presence known there."



Accompanying Sager to Springfield were OCC students Travis Aaron, of Albion, and Heather Vaupel and James Kilduff, both of Olney.

"It was a good thing for us as Student Senate officers to be a part of and to support the other schools," Aaron said. "We were definitely one of the smaller schools represented."

Other institutions represented included Western Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University and Chicago State University.

"We went there not just for OCC, but to support all of the students in Illinois' colleges," Sager said. "A lot of jobs are being lost and students deprived of an education because schools aren't receiving the funding they need."

After the budget address, OCC students joined a "study in" at the Capital.

"Everyone sat along the walls and we pulled out our books to show that whatever the governor and lawmakers do — if there is a budget or not — we will fight for our education," Sager said.

across the country to compete in one of 15 competitions, representing 13 crafts.

Marshall, who is a Certified Welding Inspector, served as a judge for the competition.

ABC is a leader in developing the merit shop construction industry workforce by offering programs, such as the NCC, that promote lifelong learning experience and national recognition based on achievement at every career level.

STARCON, which sponsors the event, is a privately held company founded in 1983 with its corporate of-

ice in La Porte, Texas and regional offices in Illinois, Louisiana, California and Aruba.

Students also learned about potential, high-paying employment opportunities during the Career Day sponsored by Marathon Refinery and Lincoln Trail College in Robinson.

Marshall said students had the chance to talk to subcontractors that work through the refinery and to learn about jobs in the area.

Eight welding students also helped raise funds for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Richland County participating in its annual Bowl for Kids' Sake on Feb. 21.

PTK Club raises funds to attend conference

Phi Theta Kappa has been keeping busy this semester.

Recently several new members were welcomed into the club for the spring semester.

The club has been raising money to send members to Washington, D.C. for Nerd Nation, a national Phi Theta Kappa conference. This included a Monical's Pizza fundraiser.

Members also informed middle and high school students about the health care field in order to generate funds.

Along with previous fundraisers, students will be serving cookies and punch at the spring musical, "South Pacific," March 11-13 to earn money.

PTK's spring service project is benefiting Helping His Hands, a disaster response and relief organization. The club is collecting various items to make care packages for the organization.

Student Services taking appointments for registration

OCC Student Services is now scheduling appointments for summer and fall registration.

Advisors will meet with current students beginning Tuesday, March 29.

Stop by Student Services to schedule your appointment or request an advisement appointment online at http://www.iecc.edu/rqst_occ.php.

Lost & Found Items

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

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percent of the exhibits."

Marshall participated in a cutting competition at FABTECH and received an award.

Marshall and the welding students also traveled to Joliet for the STARCON Associated Builders and Contractors' annual National Craft Championships. The competition celebrates ABC's and its member firms' training and education efforts.

The two-day event brings together craft trainees from chapter and member firm training programs from