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Olney Central College



November 2019

Upcoming Events

November

20 Last Day to Withdraw from Fall Semester Classes

22-23 OCC Theatre, "The Foreigner," Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.

24 OCC Theatre, "The Foreigner," Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m.

28-29 College Closed – Thanksgiving Break

December

6 Last Day of Fall Semester Classes

8 OCC Community Choir Christmas Concert, Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.

9 Spring Semester Textbook Sales Begin

9-12 Fall Semester Final Exams

9-11 Fall Textbook Buyback, OCC Bookstore, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. & 5-6:30 p.m.

12 Fall Textbook Buyback, OCC Bookstore, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

College Visits

Tables will be located outside Student Services.

Nov. 20 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Representative Sean Cooney, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Aspen Institute Names OCC Top 150 U.S. Community College



The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program has named Olney Central College as one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. Based on strong and improving student outcomes — including learning, completion rates, employment rates and earnings, and equity — 15 percent of community colleges nationwide have been invited to apply for the Aspen Prize.

"Once again the dedication of the faculty and staff has landed Olney Central College as one of the Top 150 eligible institutions for the Aspen Institute Prize," said OCC President Rodney Raney. "I would like to thank everyone for their diligent work

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Family establishes scholarship in Brown's memory

The family of area artist and long-time educator Mary Lou Brown presented the OCC Foundation with a donation to establish a new scholarship in her memory.

The funds raised through an auction of Brown's artwork will be used to assist OCC students planning to pursue a career in art.

Brown was a lifelong resident of Olney. She graduated from Olney Township High School and went on to Eastern Illinois University where she received a Lifetime Elementary Teaching Certificate in 1940. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1970.

Brown taught many years in the Olney public schools. After retiring in 1975, she taught art for the continuing education classes at OCC.

It is the hope of Brown's family that her legacy and passion for art will continue through the recipients of this scholarship fund.



Thomas and Pam Friese presented the OCC Foundation with the proceeds from an auction of Mary Lou Brown's artwork. The funds will be used to establish a scholarship in Brown's memory. Pictured are front row, from left, Tara Lemke, Thomas Friese, Pam Friese and Brenda Glover. Back row, Bart Zuber, Chris Doll, Amanda Schlick, Sherry Brauer, Lysie Weiler and Rick Runyon.

Art students participate in SIUE Sculpture on Campus Walk

Olney Central College art students traveled to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on Oct. 4 to tour the campus and art building, as well as participate in the annual Sculpture on Campus Walk.

During the visit, OCC students were able to view some of the classrooms and artwork produced in Edwardsville's facilities including ceramics, metal-

smithing, printmaking, sculpture, drawing, painting, art education, fiber arts, etc. Students also interacted with SIUE faculty, including an introduction of the building by Painting Professor Jane Barrow.

The SIUE sculpture walk is an annual event that showcases artwork produced by select undergraduate and graduate students. Professor Thad Duhigg leads the program, which takes place over the summer.

OCC students got to see large-scale sculptures made of many different materials, including steel, mortar, and mosaic tiles. Each artist spoke about the construction and ideas behind their artworks, as well as answered any questions the audience had.

Per the SIUE Sculpture on Campus website, "The annual Sculpture on Campus event gives 12 students the opportunity to design and install outdoor sculpture throughout the SIUE campus. Students receive a stipend and the benefits of proposing, designing, and installing major sculptural works that are on view for a full year. Each year, guest jurors award student prizes at the Sculpture on Campus reception after the Sculpture Walk."



Students invited to apply for new Honors Program

Olney Central College will launch a new Honors Program this spring and is inviting interested students to apply.

"We are really excited about this new opportunity for our students to offer an academic program that goes above and beyond," said OCC Dean of Instruction Michael Conn. "We are seeking the best and the brightest."

The Honors Program is open to both transfer and technical students who demonstrate consistent academic excellence, motivation and leadership. Participants will engage in studies that are more intellectually challenging than traditional sections.

"Students in the Honors Program will take added coursework with greater learning outcomes," Conn said. "It offers greater coursework and experience to

prepare them for the workplace in a more substantial way. Higher order learning strategies will focus on original work they can demonstrate to employers."

Participants will be recognized at graduation and the Honors Program designation will appear on their transcripts and diplomas.

Dr. Aaron Lineberry will serve as the Honors Program advisor and oversee the required capstone course, which explores a topic related to a student's program or area of interest. Students also will participate in the required Transfer and CTE Topics courses taught by Conn and Kathy Swinson, respectively.

"I think this gives students the opportunity to delve deeper into their majors," said Andi Pampe, Assistant Dean

of Student Services. "The Honors Program will look good on a resume and college applications and can possibly help with scholarship applications. I love that the OCC administration and faculty are willing to go above and beyond for our students who want to go above and beyond themselves."

Efforts to establish an Honors Program at OCC have been underway for several years, Conn said. Last year the Deans of Instruction for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges moved to make it a district-wide initiative.

Honors Program applications are available in Student Services or may be obtained from the student's advisor. Questions regarding the program should be directed to the Dean of Instruction's office or the student's advisor.

Kari Nohren serving as full-time athletic trainer

Olney Central College athletes are benefiting from a full-time athletic trainer made possible through a partnership with Carle Richland Memorial Hospital.

Kari Nohren previously served part-time at the college while working the past six years as the full-time athletic trainer at Newton Community High School. She is excited to work with OCC's student athletes on a full-time basis.

"Moving from high school to the collegiate level was the next step in my career," Nohren said. "I have worked with the staff here and I am eager to get to know them better. I'm looking forward to being more involved and available to the athletes and coaches than I have been. There was definitely the need for someone here full-time. It is a higher level of play with more risk for injuries. The athletes need someone to take care of them."

She added, "I like working with this age group. You can treat them as adults. They are having to take care of themselves and you can help guide them as they make decisions. I love educating people in this age group about how to take care of themselves."

President Rodney Raney said the college is thankful to Carle Richland Memorial Hospital for making it possible to have a full-time athletic trainer available at OCC.

"We greatly appreciate Carle Richland Memorial Hospital for helping us to have excellent athletic training services here at the college," Raney said. "Kari has started and is working with our athletes to ensure they have a healthy and safe environment and are able to perform at the highest levels. We greatly appreciate the administration of Carle Richland Memorial Hospital in supporting our local community college to be successful both in the classroom and on the athletic court and field."

In her new position, Nohren will work closely with OCC's basketball, baseball and softball teams on injury prevention and treatment. She also will make referrals to Carle RMH specialists when additional care is needed.

Nohren is already initiating a strength-training and conditioning program for the women's basketball team.

"It allows the coaches to focus more on practices and other tasks," Nohren said. "They do not have to worry about injuries. I can take care of that and they can focus on the basketball season."

Nohren also procured all four teams new water bottles, which were made possible through a sponsorship by Carle RMH.

In the future, Nohren hopes to enhance OCC's athletic training room.

"I want to elevate the sports medicine here," she said. "At this level of play, you get a lot of injuries that require surgery. There are a couple of pieces of equipment that are missing and I would like to get those and add a new taping station. I want athletes to know when they come here they are going to be taken care of and that they have me as a resource."

A native of Oakland, Nohren originally considered pursuing a career in nursing, but changed her mind while taking a high school health occupations class. With an interest in bio-sciences, she participated in job shadowing experiences including physical therapy and cardiac rehab. Eventually, she found the perfect fit in Eastern Illinois University's athletic training program, which combines elements of both disciplines. She completed her Bachelors of Science in Athletic Training from EIU in December 2013.

"Athletes are the people everyone in health care wants to work with," Nohren said. "They want to work and have a good attitude because they want to get better."

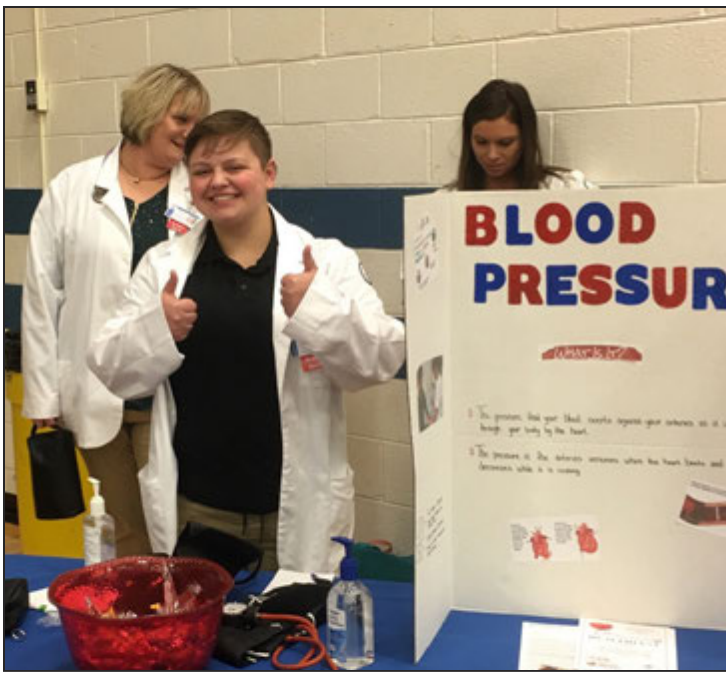
Nohren is looking forward to assisting OCC's athletes during their upcoming seasons.

"I want to wish good luck to the teams," she added. "I hope they get to achieve their goals and I can help them do that."



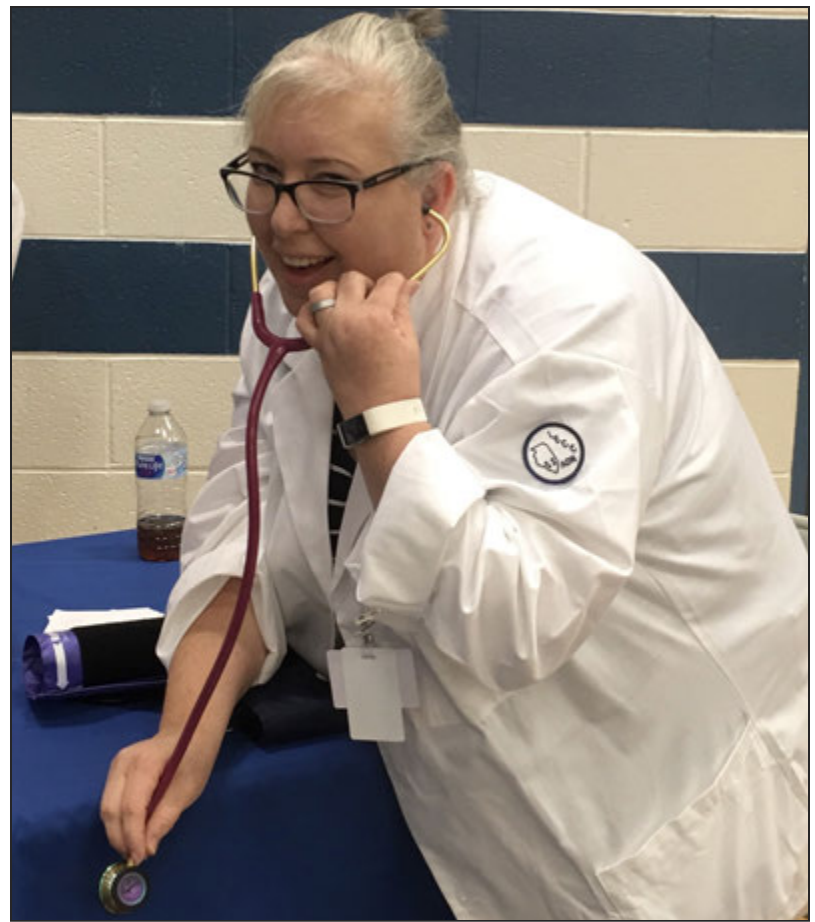
Above, Kari Nohren works on strength-training and conditioning with the women's basketball team. At right, Nohren tapes an ankle before practice.





SNA PARTICIPATES IN HEALTHFEST

Members of the OCC Student Nurses' Association participated Oct. 5 in the annual HealthFest, which is sponsored by Carle Richland Memorial Hospital and OCC. SNA members provided blood pressure screenings to those attending.



SNA SPEAKER

OCC graduate Rachel Hoke spoke to the Student Nurses' Association about her job as a flight nurse. She is pictured with OCC student Miranda Harmon, right, who arranged for her visit.

OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE THEATRE PRESENTS

The Foreigner

A HILARIOUS PLAY BY AWARD WINNER LARRY SHUE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND & 23RD AT 7:00 P.M.
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CTE SHOWCASE

OCC hosted 70 area high school students during the annual Career & Technical Education Showcase on Nov. 6. Students had an opportunity to learn more about OCC's Automotive, Collision Repair, Industrial Maintenance and Welding programs while touring the facilities. The event also featured a panel discussion with area business professionals and the annual Job & Career Fair. Attendees were from Robinson, Hutsonville, Ob-long, Palestine, Newton Community, Edwards County and Richland County high schools.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Student Nurses' Association members Shelby Padilla, of Parkersburg, and Abra Levitt, of Flora, created a bulletin board highlighting information for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pictured, from left, are SNA Advisor Anne Hustad, Shelby Padilla, Abra Levitt, and Theresa Marcotte, Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health.

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

- Nov. 20** — OCC at Wabash Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 26** — OCC at Rend Lake, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 30** — OCC vs. Rose-Hulman JV, 3 p.m. at home
- Dec. 4** — OCC vs. Lake Land, 7:30 p.m. at home
- Dec. 7** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, 3 p.m. at home
- Dec. 11** — OCC at Lewis & Clark, 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- Nov. 12** — OCC vs. Greenville JV, 7 p.m. at home
- Nov. 13** — OCC vs. Brescia JV, 6:30 p.m. at home
- Nov. 16** — OCC vs. Parkland, 6 p.m. at home
- Nov. 20** — OCC at Wabash Valley, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 26** — OCC at Rend Lake, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 30** — OCC vs. Danville, 1 p.m. at home
- Dec. 4** — OCC vs. Lake Land, 5:30 p.m. at home
- Dec. 7** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, 1 p.m. at home

Spring registration now underway

Spring registration is underway at Olney Central College.

Those wishing to enroll in spring classes should make an appointment to meet with an advisor. During the meeting, students will receive their plan, registration PIN and instructions explaining the new self-registration process.

Students can register for classes using the new kiosks in Student Services.

Lost and Found

If you have lost an item, please check with Student Services.

Title III Grant moving forward, online registration underway

The Title III Grant hosted a Professional Development Workshop with Dr. Amanda Probst Cuevas on Oct. 4 at Olney Central College.

Cuevas is the Director of the Office of Appreciative Education in the Department of Educational Leadership in the College of Education at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla. Cuevas works directly with Dr. Jennifer Bloom, co-founder of Appreciative Advising, to support and expand Appreciative Education initiatives globally.

The seminar introduced academic and faculty advisors as well as other professionals within the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District to the Appreciative Advising Framework while inspiring and empowering them in the important work that they engage in daily with students. Empirical data indicates that the application of this framework to advising and coaching programs has contributed to increased college student retention and persistence, including those on probation.

Appreciative Advising is the intentional collaborative practice of asking positive, open-ended questions that help

students optimize their educational experiences and achieve their dreams, goals, and potentials.

“Institutions are searching for positive ways to increase student retention and success rates,” said Title III Advisor Ashley Bigard. “Appreciative Advising harnesses the power of the organizational development theory of Appreciative Inquiry and the positive psychology literature to provide a framework for increasing advisor and student success. It is perhaps the best example of a fully student-centered approach to student development. The great news is that this works.”

Through interactive activities, reflection exercises, and case studies, participants actively engaged in the various phases of Appreciative Advising through conversation and collaboration with colleagues. Notably, participants learned about new tools and techniques to enhance their advising skills, as well as explored ways to meaningfully apply this transformative framework to their daily practice to promote college student success.

“We are excited for the second year of

the grant,” Bigard said. “Part of my focus will be on assisting the Student Services staff in the transition into the new registration process for students.

“The advising staff at OCC started pre-registration appointments with their students, on Oct. 7,” Bigard said. “As with any new process, one of the biggest parts is in the transition and figuring out what works best for everyone. The staff have been great about sharing their ideas and talking through how to make the students’ time in Student Services as smooth as possible.”

Registration opened on Oct. 29 and students were able to utilize the new self-registration and scheduling tools to register themselves.

“Another big part of the Year 2 objectives involves redesigning the Pathways to Success Course and the Orientations to incorporate Appreciative Advising Strategies and Resources,” Bigard said. “Our team is excited for the possibilities that these Strategies and Resources can offer for both of these areas and how these changes will benefit and enhance the lives of our students even more.”



VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

The OCC Automotive Club held a Vehicle Inspection Day on Nov. 2. Students checked, belts, hoses, fluids, lights, batteries and tire pressure. The event included a fund-raising cookout.



VIDEO GAMING DAY

The Knights of the Net, OCC's Information Systems Technology Club, held a free video gaming day on Nov. 2 at the West Richland Center in Noble. The event was a fund-raiser for the new club.



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over the last several years to ensure that we provide a quality education and an excellent experience for the district residents of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.”

The 150 community colleges named as eligible to compete for the 2021 Aspen Prize were selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges nationwide using publicly available data on student outcomes. Located in 39 states in urban, rural, and suburban areas, serving as few as 500 students and as many as 75,000 students, these colleges represent the diversity and depth of the community college sector.

Data show that over the last two years, student retention, graduation rates, and degree completion have improved at the

top tier of 150 Aspen Prize-eligible colleges.

“Community colleges play a vital role in developing talent and enabling social mobility across the country, and it’s critical for them to get better at what they do,” said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. “We’re pleased to see evidence that these institutions are improving, that more are delivering on their promise. We’re also pleased to play a role in honoring outstanding community colleges and sharing what works to ensure great outcomes for students — through graduation and beyond.”

The top 10 finalists for the 2021 Aspen Prize will be named in May 2020. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data, including

employment and earnings data. A distinguished jury will make award decisions in spring 2021.

Previous winners of the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence are: Miami Dade College (FL) and Indian River State College (FL), 2019; Lake Area Technical College (SD), 2017; Santa Fe College (FL), 2015; Santa Barbara City College (CA) and Walla Walla Community College (WA), 2013; and Valencia College (FL), 2011.

The other three Illinois Eastern Community Colleges — Frontier Community College in Fairfield, Lincoln Trail College in Robinson and Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel — also made the top 150. For a full list of the top 150 eligible institutions and to read more on the selection process, visit www.highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize.



JRCERT CONFERENCE

OCC’s Radiography Program was well represented at the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology Conference Nov. 4-5 in Chicago. Pictured, from left, are Brittany Ochs, BA, RT(R), ARRT, Adjunct Faculty; Lisa Rauch, MAEd, RT(R)(M) ARRT, Radiography Clinical Coordinator; Leslie Winter, CEO, Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology; Carol Kocher, MS RT(R)(M), ARRT, Radiography Program Director; and Theresa Marcotte, DNP, MSN, RN, Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health.