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Olney Central College



October 2016

Upcoming Events

October

14-15 "The Lone Star Love Potion," 7:30 p.m., OCC Theater

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19 Technical Careers Development Day, 9-11 a.m., OCC Theater

27, 30 & 31 Student Senate Haunted Trail, 6-10 p.m.

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November

1 Spring Registration Begins for New Students

3 FAFSA Completion Night, 5-7 p.m., Rooms 207-208 Wattleworth Hall

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9 College Fair, Wattleworth Hallways, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

23 Last Day to Drop Fall Semester Classes

College Visits

Tables will be located outside Student Services.

Oct. 24 Eastern Illinois University, 12:30-3 p.m.

Oct. 25 Greenville College, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Nov. 29 Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Students encouraged to file FAFSAs now

Apply early and check often. That is the advice from Olney Central College's Financial Aid Office as students begin filing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid this month.

In the past, students had to wait until Jan. 1 to apply for financial aid, but new guidelines enable students to submit their FAFSAs as early as Oct. 1. The changes also allow students to use older tax information. That means students, applying for the 2017-18 school year, will utilize taxes

filed earlier this year.

"The changes should make it easier for students to apply and will align better with college application dates and other deadlines," said OCC Financial Aid Coordinator Andrea Puckett. "There will be less pressure on students. They won't have to worry about having their taxes done early or estimating their information since they will be using their 2015 taxes."

As students fill out their FAFSAs online, they also will be able



to link to the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, which will automatically pull in income information from the previous year.

OCC will offer a FAFSA Completion Night from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3 in Rooms 207 and 208 of Wattleworth Hall. OCC Financial Aid staff will be available to answer questions

and assist students and parents as they work through the process. A representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission also will be on hand. Those attending should bring their 2015 taxes, W2 forms and bank statements.

Puckett and OCC Assistant Dean of **See FAFSA, Page 2**

OCC FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT

Thursday, Nov. 3
5:00-7:00 PM
Wattleworth Hall
Rooms 207 & 208

OCC to unveil new mascot, auditions Oct. 17

Olney Central College fans will have another reason to cheer this fall as OCC introduces its new mascot.

The Student Senate provided funds for the Knight costume, which features body armor, a helmet and a full-length cape.

Members hope the mascot character will energize fans and increase attendance at OCC athletic events.

"The idea came up last year when we were working with the athletes raising funds to improve the OCC path," said Student Senate



Advisor Allan Alldredge. "The Senate felt it was something the college needed and would be a boost to sporting events."

James Kilduff, of Olney, was a driving force behind the efforts. An ardent Knights' fan, Kilduff, who rarely misses a game, encouraged his fellow

senators to support the project.

The Student Senate is now looking for two individuals to share the mascot duties, which will include not only rallying the crowds at men's and women's basketball, baseball and

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'The Lone Star Love Potion' Oct. 14-16

Tickets are on sale for the Olney Central College Theater's production of Michael Parker's "The Lone Star Love Potion," sponsored by First National Bank in Olney.

For the first time, tickets may be purchased online at www.iecc.edu/octtheater. Tickets will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday in the lobby of the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. They also may be reserved by calling 395-7777, ext. 2408, during the hours designated for ticket sales.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15. An afternoon performance will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16. Dinners will be held before the Friday and Saturday performances at 6 p.m., making this the perfect date night show.

When a wealthy Texas rancher dies, his heirs gather for the reading of his will. As expected, his niece and only living relative inherits the vast estate. But to everyone's surprise, Edward Stancliffe has left something else — the formula and a sample of a reputed love potion. When a rainstorm floods the nearby creek and forces the guests to stay overnight in the mansion, they secretly test the love potion, which results in hilarious hijinks. This play includes adult themes and may not be suitable for young children.

Tickets are \$12 for reserved seating for the production and \$24 for reserved seating and the dinner.

Any remaining tickets may be purchased one hour before the performance.

OCC hosting College Fair on Nov. 9

Olney Central College will host a college fair from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Participating institutions include: Murray State University, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Greenville College, Purdue Polytechnic, Millikin



University, University of Illinois at Springfield and Urbana-Champaign and McKendree University. Tables will be located in the hallways of Wattleworth Hall.

For more information, contact Allan Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019.

"There is still a lot of paperwork students have to finish to complete the process," Pampe said. "It is important they stay in contact with Financial Aid to make sure that paperwork gets done."

Students need to be proactive. Puckett urges students to check their OCC Entrata accounts and return phone calls from the college promptly to ensure their financial aid is in place.

"We're also reminding students that they need to file every year they will be attending college," Pampe said. "It's not just for new students."

For more information about financial aid, visit www.iecc.edu/occ or contact Puckett at 395-7777, ext. 2015.

Andrea Puckett new Coordinator of Financial Aid

Andrea Puckett is serving as Olney Central College's new Coordinator of Financial Aid.



Before joining OCC, Puckett worked in the Accounting Department at Heartland Dental in Effingham and had previously been employed in the banking industry.

A Noble native, Puckett took summer classes at OCC and earned her bachelor's degree in accounting and business from Greenville College.

"I like getting to work with the students," Puckett said of coming to OCC. "I'm excited about all of the opportunities the position offers and being able to get involved in the communities."

Changes to financial aid application dates mean Puckett will be busy this fall assisting students as they complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students who will be attending college in 2017-18 can submit their FAFSAs now instead of waiting until Jan. 1.

Puckett encourages students to file early. She will be available to assist students and their parents during OCC's FAFSA Completion Night from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3 in Rooms 207 and 208 of Wattleworth Hall. Puckett reminds current students they need to reapply and should check with Financial Aid to ensure all paperwork is complete.

Puckett currently resides in Newton with her husband and 14-month-old son, Aiken. The family plans to relocate to the Olney area in the near future.

In her spare time, Puckett enjoys quilting, a skill she learned from her mother-in-law.

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Student Services Andi Pampe are encouraging current students and those who will be entering college in Summer or Fall 2017 to file their FAFSAs as soon as possible since some financial aid programs, such as the Illinois Monetary Award Program, award funds on a first-come, first-served basis.

"MAP money will run out quickly," Pampe said. "If students don't file early, they will be left out."

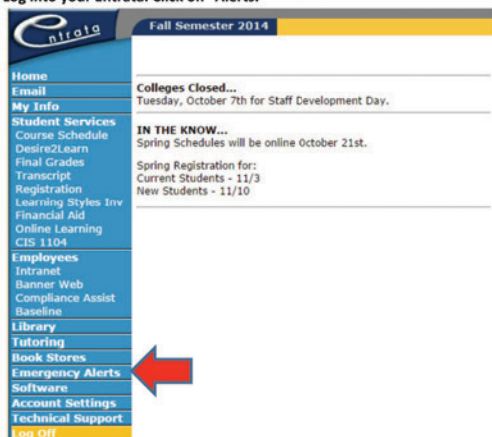
Once students have completed their FAFSAs, they will receive a student aid report within 48 hours. But, Pampe stressed the process doesn't stop there.

Sign up for OCC Announcements

Sign up now for IECC Alerts and OCC Announcements to receive closing notifications and other important information. Just log into your Entrata account, click on Alerts and follow the directions.

How to Sign Up for Alerts

1. Log into your Entrata. Click on "Alerts."



2. Verify your contact information is correct. Click "save" if you make any changes/updates.



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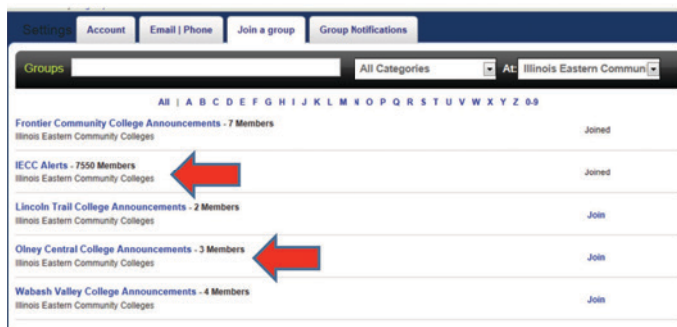
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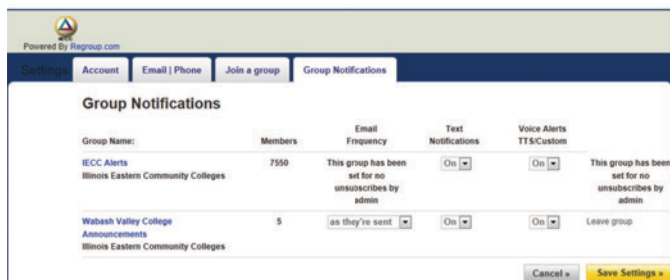
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4. Click on "Group Notifications" tab. This is where you can manage how you receive the alerts. Select "as they're sent" under email frequency. Be sure to click "Save Settings" before leaving the screen.



OCC Student Senate Haunted Trail to feature free concert Oct. 29

Looking for a good scare this Halloween?

The OCC Student Senate is hosting its annual Haunted Trail in the woods located on the north side of campus.

Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27, Sunday, Oct. 30 and Monday, Oct. 31 and from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 29.

Admission is \$5, and free for ages 5 and younger.



Grant Kaestner and the band, Edge or Reality from Allendale, will give a free concert outside the trails from 4 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 29.

OCC hosting Technical Careers Development Day on Oct. 19

Olney Central College is hosting a Technical Careers Development Day from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

The event will give OCC and area high school students the chance to learn more about employment opportunities and to hear from professionals working in these fields.

Participants include Brandi Floyd of Aerotek, Jason Doris of AM Transport, Rod Michels and Aaron Ackman of JABAT, Roy Blair of Marathon, Mark Herman of Sherwin Williams and Timothy Musser of Walmart DC.

Presentors will discuss various business-related topics including respect for people and teamwork; resumes, interviewing and softer skills; time management and multitasking; dedication to company procedures and rules; attitude, problem solving, customer service and relations; and representing the company in a positive manner.

A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

For more information, contact Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019.

Buyback changes start this fall

Follett Higher Education Group is reducing Buyback at OCC from four to three days, beginning this fall.

Students will be able to bring their textbooks to the OCC Bookstore for possible purchase from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dec 12-14.



Phi Theta Kappa welcomes new members

Olney Central College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter is welcoming several new members this fall.

Those inducted include Paige Anderson, Tanner Hout, Kyle Ochs, Sydney Brooks, Jacob Kowa, Kinoshita Shio, Robin Volk, Whitley Brandenburg,

Erica Clifton, Natalie Summers, Emma Roark, Shelby Jones, Zixuan Liu, Rachel Frohning, Adrian Jackson, Braxton Biehl and Shanglin Zou.

This year's PTK officers are President Jaclyn Shan, Vice President Garrett Rubsam, Secretary/Trea-

surer Torri Frye and Reporter/Student Senate Rep. Heather Vaupel.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for students attending two-year colleges. To be eligible for membership, a student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher.

OCC Music Department Fall Concert Nov. 5

The OCC Music Department will present its first department-wide concert of the 2016-2017 season with the Fall Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center on the Ruth Henry Memorial Stage.

This concert will feature the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble.

The Concert Band will perform works based around the season theme

of "Stages."

Each work this season will represent a stage of life encountered as one journeys on life's path.

This concert will address the stages of self-discovery, healing and facing fears to embrace growth, featuring the works of Randall Stan- dridge, Richard Saucedo and Michael Markowski.

The Concert Choir is proud to present a well-rounded variety of music from Vivaldi and Pergolesi to The Beatles, as well as

spirituals and music from World War II.

The Jazz Ensemble will feature all of its members as soloists in a combo setting, performing works of Red Garland, Eddie Harris and John Coltrane, among others.

The selections will bridge time and distance, playing styles that are uniquely American as well as inspired by cultures all around the world.

Admission is \$5 at the door.

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softball games, but also representing the college at community events.

Auditions will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17 in the OCC Gym. Those wishing to participate can sign up by visiting Alldredge in Student Services or sending an email to alldredgea@iecc.edu. Individuals should come prepared to present their best two-

to four-minute routines, in the Knight costume. The public is invited to watch.

Performances will be recorded and videos posted on Facebook at www.facebook.com/olneycentralcollege and on Twitter @OlneyCentral. Fans will then be asked to vote for their favorite by liking the post or tweet. Balloting will end on Oct. 23.

The mascot will be introduced on Nov. 16 when the men's and women's basketball teams face Rend Lake College.

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

Oct. 16 — OCC at Vincennes Jamboree, 10 a.m.

Oct. 23 — OCC at John A. Logan Jamboree, 10 a.m.

Oct. 26 — OCC at Danville Area Community College, 7 p.m.

Nov. 4 — OCC Rotary Classic, OCC vs. Quakerdale Prep, 7 p.m.

Nov. 5 — OCC Rotary Classic, OCC vs. Elizabethtown College, 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Nov. 5 — OCC at Mineral Area College Fall Classic, 3 p.m.

Nov. 6 — Mineral Area College Fall Classic, OCC vs. Moberly Area Community College, 1 p.m.

Nov. 8 — OCC vs. Lindenwood Belleville JV, 6:30 p.m. at home

Concealed carry class being offered Oct. 27-29

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

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

The class will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27 and Friday, Oct. 28 at OCC. On Saturday, Oct. 29, 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 \$183 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.