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Olney Central College



October 2018

Upcoming Events

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11 *Last Day to Pay Fall Semester Tuition & Fees*

17 *Career/Technical Showcase & Job Fair*

19-20 *OCC Theatre, Noises Off, 7:30 p.m.*

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24 *Transfer College Fair, OCC Gym, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*

26 *OCC Music Department Fall Concert, OCC Theatre, 7:30 p.m.*

30 *Spring Registration Begins*

November

3 *OCC Foundation Dueling Pianos, The Holiday, 6 p.m.*

College Visits

Tables will be located outside Student Services.

Oct. 15 *Eastern Illinois University, Representative Cecilia Yoakum, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*

Oct. 22 *Franklin University, Representative Nicole Jackson, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*

Oct. 29 *Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Representative Regiere Lovett, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*

Donation ensures microbiology courses continue

The purchase of a new autoclave, with funding from the Olney Central College Foundation, ensures OCC can continue offering microbiology courses in the future.

"Autoclaves are required for all Biosafety Level II labs, utilizing organisms which are opportunistic," said Life Science Instructor Sarah Bergbower. "The organisms do not normally cause disease in people, but if mishandled, they could pose a moderate hazard. It is a required safety measure to sterilize and kill cultures when you are finished working with them."

The autoclave uses a combination of high pressure and high heat to sterilize and kill living cultures and other bio-hazardous materials. The new system also provides a built-in safety measure, which records conditions inside the unit at all times to ensure the unwanted cultures are destroyed.

The new equipment replaces an older unit, which had been in place for many years.

"We were having problems with it," Bergbower said. "The indicators were failing, which meant that the cultures were not being sterilized as they should."

The general microbiology course is required for nursing students and is the only class where they have an opportunity to work with the infectious organisms found in a hospital lab. During the class, students employ the same methods utilized in a lab to identify the organisms.

"We are preparing future nurses, doctors, and researchers who need this experience. We simply would not have been able to offer the class at the same magnitude without this necessary equipment," Bergbower said. "The Foundation came to the rescue. I am beyond grateful."



Financial Aid hosting FAFSA Completion Night Oct. 16

OCC will host a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Completion Night from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 in Room 205 of Wattleworth Hall.

OCC Financial Aid staff will be available to answer questions and assist students and parents in completing their 2019-2020 FAFSA application. Those attending should bring their 2017 taxes, W2 forms and bank statements.

OCC Coordinator of Financial Aid Andrea Puckett is encouraging current students and those who will be entering college in Fall 2019 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.

For more information, contact Puckett at 395-7777, ext. 2017, or by email at pucketta@iecc.edu.



Tickets on sale for fall production

Tickets are now on sale for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of "Noises Off," sponsored by TrustBank.

"Noises Off," called "the funniest Broadway play ever written," presents a manic menagerie of touring actors rehearsing a flop called "Nothing's On." Doors slamming, on and offstage, intrigue and ridiculous sardines all figure in the plot of this hilarious and classically comic play.

Names of the characters and cast members are **Dotty Otley/Mrs. Clacket**, Bea Gardner; **Brooke Ashton/Vicki**, Jessica McDonald; **Belinda Blair/Flavia Brent**, Brenna Heidinger; **Poppy Norton-Taylor**, Sydney Pitts; **Lloyd Dallas**, Andrew Flynn; **Garry Lejeune/Roger**, Adam Wyatt; **Frederick Fel-lows/Phillip Brent/Sheikh**, Harrison Walker; **Selsdon Mowbray/Burglar**, Sam Benson; and **Timothy Allgood**, Jason Shryock.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20. An afternoon performance will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21. This show is rated PG due to some action, rude humor, swashbuckling violence, some thematic elements and mild language.

Tickets are \$12 for reserved seating for the production and may be purchased online at www.iecc.edu/occtheater.

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. Tickets also may be reserved by calling 395-7777, ext. 2408, during the designated hours.



Music Dept. Fall Concert Oct. 26

The Olney Central College Music Department will present its fall concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

The Concert Band will perform "Marche Slave, Op. 31," (French: "Slavonic March") by Pyotr Tchaikovsky. First performed in Moscow in November 1876, it is a rousing patriotic work based on Serbian and Russian folk themes.

Tchaikovsky was commissioned to write the piece specifically for a concert to benefit Serb soldiers wounded while fighting — with help from Russian volunteers — against the Ottoman Empire. Hence the title declared it a march for all Slavs rather than simply for Russians. The piece, though relatively brief, includes a number of distinct moods; bright, festive passages contrast with ominous ones.

The OCC Big Band will perform a Bob Lowden adaptation of Maynard Ferguson's recording of "The Theme to Sesame Street" as well as Dave Barduhn's arrangement of "(Meet) The Flintstones" for a fun moment of music for their set.

The OCC Jazz Combo will perform selections from the standard jazz repertoire. The focus of this group is learning music in traditional as well as contemporary jazz styles.

The OCC Commercial Music Ensemble will present selections from the libraries of Childish Gambino, Kehlani, Cee-Lo Green and Amy Winehouse.

The OCC Contemporary Music Ensemble will perform selections from "Flobots," "Chicago" and an original composition written by Parrent Music, our resident student band.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Lost and Found

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



OCC THEATRE FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

The Olney Arts Council presented a \$5,000 donation to the Olney Central College Theatre for its three-year fund-raising campaign. To date, \$20,000 in pledges has been received toward the \$50,000 goal. The funds will be used for improvements to the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. Pictured, from left, are OCC Instructor Jessica McDonald, OAC Board of Directors Members Andrew Flynn and Keegan Tucker, and OCC Theatre Director Jon Wright. If you are interested in donating to the fund-raising campaign, please contact Wright at 395-7777, ext. 2408. Donations also can be made online at www.iecc.edu/occtheater.

Guest artist Chris Parker works with music students

The OCC Music Department welcomed guest artist Chris Parker who spent a week working with students in the program and sharing his expertise.

Parker, a native of Bloomington, Ind., is currently based in Brooklyn, N.Y. He has performed with many high-profile jazz musicians in the Midwest and NYC including Charlie Ballantine, Rob Dixon, Jim Snidero, Dave Stryker, Frank Glover, Steve Allee, Roger Pemberton, OCC Director of Bands Wade Baker and many others.

While at OCC, Parker worked with the Concert Band, Contemporary Music Ensemble, Commercial Music Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Jazz Big Band and private students individually as well as co-taught various general music classes.

“Having known and worked with Wade for several years, I knew that visiting his program at Olney would be a very special experience,” Parker said. “Some students are in the OCC Music Department with the intent to pursue music as their major at a four-year institution, and others purely enjoy making music and concentrate on nursing, business, etc. I found it remarkable that all students, regardless of their career aspirations, rose to the high level of performance expected by Wade. Much of the music that was being rehearsed, at a high level I might add, was music that I have often been expected to play in professional settings. Not only were aspects of musicality and technical proficiency emphasized and executed — the students also demonstrated their understanding of what it means to give an engaging performance.”

Parker even had the opportunity to interact with OCC students outside the classroom. He joined a group of students at a local music venue where they performed an impromptu jam session led by OCC recording and engineering instructor Guy Ash II.

“I was thrilled to get to listen to these students perform the music that they had rehearsed at school and they generously allowed me to perform with them,” Parker added. “Working with individual students, I found that all of what I shared with them was graciously accepted and embraced. They made sure to ask detailed questions to ensure they understood the concepts I was conveying. As a teacher, that is always the best outcome to yield and I was thrilled, student after student.”

Baker said the Music Department was incredibly fortunate to bring someone of Parker’s caliber to OCC.

“Chris is an exceptionally talented young man in many areas,” Baker said. “He was able to help all of our woodwind players with specific issues they were all facing in generating a better tone on their instruments. His expertise in trombone really paid dividends to our young trombone students as well as his extreme knowledge of rhythm sections techniques (drums, bass, guitar and piano) that helped our Big Band, Jazz Combo, Commercial Music Ensemble and Contemporary Music Ensemble rhythm sections tremendously.”

Baker hopes to make Parker a regular visitor to the program and is seeking donations to assist with related expenses. If you would like to help, please contact Baker at 395-7777, ext. 2251, or email bakerw@iecc.edu.

“I anticipate each visit will bring even more light to these young students’ eyes and help propel the music program to new heights,” Baker said. “These are exciting times at OCC and I cannot wait for the community to reap the benefits of the students’ hard work they are putting in.”

Parker is excited about the prospect of returning to OCC.

“The OCC Music Program is a force to be reckoned with,” he said. “I fully expect to see the continued growth and success of its students.”

In addition to performing with other artists, Parker teaches privately, both via Skype and in his studio in Brooklyn, and is always accepting new students for recurring or single lessons. His premiere jazz album, “Moving Forward Now,” is available anywhere music is streamed or sold. It features NYC and Midwest musicians performing original and arranged material, including the music of Bob Dylan, romantic composer Sergei Rachmaninov, a jazz arrangement of “Battle Hymn of the Republic” and an original four-movement suite heavily influenced by John Coltrane’s “A Love Supreme.”



Above, OCC Music Department guest artist Chris Parker rehearses with students.



Internship leads to full-time position for HR Assistant Program graduate

Olney Central College graduate Pauline Matthews is launching a new career after landing a full-time job through her internship.

“I love working at Legence Bank,” Matthews said. “Legence is very committed to the community and I enjoy being involved and active with those we serve.”

Matthews had been working construction in the Mt. Carmel area for five or six years when she decided to switch careers. Her desire to move into an office position led her to enroll in OCC’s Human Resource Assistant Program. With a majority of the classes available online, it was an ideal fit for her busy life.

“I have kids and I have to work, it is not an option,” she said. “The online classes made it easy to earn my degree. I could have finished faster, but I took my time completing my degree. I would take two or three classes at a time so I wasn’t overwhelmed. I was scared I wasn’t smart enough to go to college, but it wasn’t as hard as I thought it was going to be and now I’m working in the field. The program was very flexible and all of the instructors were amazing.”

Matthews is especially grateful to Instructor Amie Mayhall, who was instrumental in securing the internship.

“We moved to Eldorado and I needed to start my internship,” Matthews said. “I called Amie and told her I didn’t know a soul here and had no idea where I was going to be able to complete my internship. Amie reached out to colleagues at the local community college and pulled out all her resources to find me an internship. I had never even thought of working in a bank.”

In January, Matthews joined the Talent and Development Department at Legence Bank in Eldorado. A month later, an HR position opened creating the opportunity for Matthews to move into a full-time position.

“I spent the rest of my internship training for the job, but it wasn’t guaranteed,” she said. “If they didn’t feel I was right for



the job, I wasn’t going to get it. Legence doesn’t want someone who just does a job. They want someone who is passionate about what they do.”

Throughout the semester, Matthews continued plugging away at her classwork as she finished her internship. On April 23, she joined the bank as its Talent Development Specialist. One of her initial

duties has been establishing policy and developing a program that will assist future interns.

“When I started my internship, I was just filing and not really learning all of the ins and outs of the department,” she said. “Now, our interns will actually be doing the work right alongside our employees.”

Matthews is continuing her education as well. She attended Legence’s “Boot Camp” in San Diego, Calif., which provides additional training for employees.

“Legence really encourages you to attend any kind of training that will help you in your job,” Matthews said. “They will even pay for books that will help you in your position.”

Matthews is excited about her future and thrilled with her decision to complete OCC’s Human Resource Assistant Degree.

“I wish more people would look into the program,” she said. “HR is changing. It’s not just doing payroll and filing anymore. We are moving toward talent and development. We are helping to train people and coaching them.”

Matthews encourages others to consider enrolling in OCC’s HR Assistant Program.

“I’m so glad that I did,” she said. “Amie went out of her way for me. Not just to find any place for an internship, but somewhere that was a good fit for me. I don’t know that any other colleges would have done that. You can tell she is passionate about what she does. She could have said, ‘Sorry you are going to have to come to Olney for your internship,’ but she didn’t. I am very blessed to have met Amie.”

For more information or to register for OCC’s HR Program, call 395-7777.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

Oct. 13 – OCC at IU-Kokomo, 1 p.m.

Oct. 14 – OCC at University of Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Oct. 20 – OCC at University of Evansville, 1 p.m.

Women’s Basketball

Oct. 19 – OCC at IU-Southeast Scrimmage, TBA

Oct. 21 – OCC at Southwestern Illinois Jamboree, TBA

Oct. 26 – OCC at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Scrimmage, 6 p.m.

Men’s Basketball

Oct. 14 – OCC at Vincennes Jamboree, TBA

Oct. 21 – OCC at John A. Logan Jamboree, TBA

Oct. 27 – OCC at Parkland Scrimmage, TBA

Complete a course in just 8 weeks

If you dropped a class this fall, make up the credit now. Completing an 8-week class will reduce your spring semester course load and move you closer to completing your degree.

Face-to-face courses beginning Oct. 15 include:

- ENG 1101 Introduction to Composition, 1 to 2:50 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday

- MTH 1103 Liberal Arts Math (Hybrid) 8 to 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Online classes include:

- HEA 1225 Intro. to Medical Terminology

- ENG 1101 Intro. to Composition

- PLS 2101 Government of the U.S.

- PSY 2109 Human Growth and Development

- SOC 2102 Social Problems and Trends.

For more information or to register, stop by Student Services or call 395-7777.

OCC accepting appointments for spring registration

OCC is now accepting appointments for spring semester registration, which starts Oct. 30.

For more information, stop by Student Services or request an appointment online at www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment.

Spring semester classes start Jan. 7.

Transfer college fair set for Oct. 24

Olney Central College will host a Transfer College Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 with tables located throughout Wattleworth Hall.

Information about OCC's transfer and technical degrees will be available. Representatives from the following institutions also will attend: Vincennes University, Nursing; University of Evansville; Eastern Illinois University; Southern Illinois University at Carbondale & SIU-C Administration of Justice; Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; University of Illinois at Springfield; Illinois State University; Greenville University and the U.S. Army.

For more information, contact Allan Alldredge at alldredgea@iecc.edu or call 393-3566, ext. 5806.



PTK MEMBERS

Olney Central College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter recently welcomed new members. PTK is the international honor society of two-year colleges, which promotes leadership and service. Members must maintain a 3.5 or higher GPA. PTK members are front row, from left, Margaret Casper, Ruth Simmons, Kelsea Jellison, Sydney Zumbahlen and Abigail Etchison. Back row, Advisor Shasta Bennett, Abigail Roark, Kacie Crawford, Tyler Hughes, Kevin Davis, Dallas Atwood, Hannah Morgan and Advisor Amie Mayhall.

Area businesses to attend Oct. 17 Hiring Event

Olney Central College will host its annual Hiring Event from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the OCC Gymnasium.

The event is for the public as well as students. Both are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to network and to learn more about area businesses.

Those attending include manufacturing fa-

cilities, healthcare and medical providers, along with state agencies. Other employers in attendance will be Aerotek, FRAM/Champion Laboratories, Toyota-Boshoku and the Illinois Department of Corrections.

For additional information about the event, contact Allan Alldredge at 393-3566, ext. 5806.



GED PROGRAM HOSTS BINGO NIGHT

OCC's Learning Skills Center celebrated Adult Education & Family Literacy Week by hosting a Bingo Night for residents of Fox River Apartments in Olney. LSC Developmental Support Specialist Lindsey Buck said the event provided an opportunity for GED students to give back to the community. More than 15 residents participated in the Bingo Night, which was well received. GED Instructors Chad Groves and Cody Skees assisted Buck in organizing the event.

Concealed Carry Class Oct. 25-27

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.

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, Oct. 25 and Friday, Oct. 26 at OCC. On Saturday, Oct. 27, 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 \$180 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 harthb@iecc.edu, or call 618-879-9420.

Career & Technical Showcase Oct. 17

The OCC Career and Technical Showcase will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Students are encouraged to participate in the program, which will feature guest speakers and a hiring event.

Gain valuable knowledge as speakers discuss specific industry and soft skills.

Featured speakers are

- Ryan Hawkins, Chief Financial Officer, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges
- Jeffery Drake, Regional Public Relations and Marketing, Rides Mass Transit District
- Jason Doris, Manager, AM Transport
- Trisha Hinderliter, Human Resources Specialist, Toyota Boshoku
- Britini Ott, Recruiting Manager, Illinois Department of Corrections
- Phil Reynolds, Maintenance Manager, Hershey

Sign up to receive IECC Campus Alerts

The IECC Alerts System notifies students and employees of campus emergencies and closures by email and text message.

You can sign up to receive IECC alerts through your Entrata account. If you have already signed up, please check to make sure your contact information is current to ensure you receive important notifications.



STUDENT SENATE HAUNTED TRAIL

October 26, 27, 30 & 31

5:00-6:30 PM — Kid Friendly Tours

6:30-11:00 PM — Terrifying Tours
Not recommended for young children

ADMISSION

\$10 General Public — \$8 Student with ID
\$5 for 12 and younger

