

# KNIGHTLINE

Olney Central College



September 2017

## Upcoming Events

September

**18** Constitution Observance Day, Classes in Session

**30** OCC Foundation Scholarship Applications Due

October

**3** No Day or Evening Classes, IECC Faculty / Staff Professional Development Day

**7** OCC / Carle RMH Health Fest, OCC Gym

**9** Columbus Day, College Closed

**12** Midterm

**12** Last Day to Pay Fall Semester Tuition and Fees

**18** College Fair, Wattleworth Hallway, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**20-21** OCC Theater Presents "Subject to Change," Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

**22** OCC Theater Presents "Subject to Change," Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m.

**27** Music Department Fall Concert, OCC Theater, 7:30 p.m.

## College Visit

A table will be located outside Student Services.

**25** Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Toyota donates paint suits to Collision Repair

Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Princeton, Ind., has donated six boxes of paint suits, in various sizes, to Olney Central College's Collision Repair Technology Program.

Students will utilize the suits while spraying parts and vehicles in the Collision Repair Technology Center's down-draft paint booth.

"The donation couldn't have come at a better time given the lack of funding we have received from the state," said OCC President Rodney Raney. "They will serve the program well for several years and allow us to buy additional equipment and supplies to be used in the lab."

Toyota has made several generous donations to OCC including two Highlanders, six engines and 10 transmissions for the Automotive Service Technology Program.

"I would like to thank Barry Roberts and the Toyota Plant in Princeton for their continued support of our programs," Raney added.



OCC Dean of Instruction Michael Conn, left, and President Rodney Raney are pictured with some of the paint suits Toyota Motor Manufacturing donated to the Collision Repair Technology Program.

## OCC makes list of Best Community Colleges in Illinois

Olney Central College made WalletHub's list of the Best Community Colleges in Illinois.

The personal finance site ranked OCC fourth in the state. Two other Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, Lincoln Trail in Robinson and Frontier in Fairfield, also made the Top 20 list at No. 11 and No. 20, respectively.

Rankings were based on key factors including cost and financing, educational outcomes and career outcomes. According to WalletHub, OCC placed 26th in the nation for educational outcomes, which measures an institution's first-year retention rate, graduation rate, transfer-out rate, student-faculty ratio and degrees and certificates awarded.

OCC continues to receive national recognition for its outstanding educational quality and affordability. OCC was named a 2017 Aspen



Prize Top 150 U.S. Community College. In 2016, USA Today and Schools.com ranked OCC the No. 1 community college in Illinois. OCC also made the list of Best Community Colleges in Illinois released by BestColleges.com.

Individual programs also have been singled out for recognition. BestColleges.com included OCC's Medical Office Assistant Program in its list of Best Online Medical As-

sisting Programs, ranking it No. 2 in the nation. OCC's School of Cosmetology made the Top 50 U.S. Beauty and Cosmetology Schools list released by TheBestColleges.org. The program was one of only three cosmetology schools in Illinois to be included and at No. 27 was the highest-ranked program in the state.

Visit <https://rebootillinois.com/lists/top-20-community-colleges-in-illinois-2017/> to view WalletHub's 2017 list of Best Community Colleges in Illinois.

# Wade Baker OCC's New Director of Bands

Olney Central College is excited to welcome Wade Baker as its new Director of Bands.

The critically acclaimed Baker is an internationally touring jazz and blues musician who has collaborated with some of the genre's greatest masters. He will lead the OCC Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and Pep Band along with teaching transfer-level music courses and private lessons.

"I am so incredibly excited to be at OCC," Baker said. "The students and faculty are first-rate and such a pleasure to be around. I cannot wait to hopefully add to the already stellar environment we have in the halls of OCC and the community of Olney."

Baker earned a bachelor's of science degree with a concentration in jazz studies from the University of Indianapolis and holds a master's of music degree in jazz studies from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.



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Baker frequently performs on bass, drums, guitar, trumpet and flugelhorn alongside such notable ensembles as the Big Joe Duskin Jazz Orchestra, Bokeh Big Band, On the One, Desperado Country Band and the River Brass. During his career, he has performed and

recorded with a wide variety of artists including Snoop Dogg, Bootsy Collins, Jeremy Pelt, Pinetop Perkins, Marvin Stamm, Winard Harper, Leroy Parnell, Liz Mandeville, Gary Clark Jr. and Marshall Jones.

As a leader, Baker has recorded four albums with his jazz group and two albums with his guitar driven blues and rock band. He was voted a finalist for musician of the year three consecutive years by Cincy Groove Magazine. Baker also has served as an adjunct instructor at Vincennes University.

Born in Robinson and raised in Jasper, Ind., Baker maintains close ties to Southeastern Illinois, and still has family living in the area. His father is a Lincoln Trail College alumnus.

Baker, who resides in Vincennes, Ind., was a guest artist for this year's OCC Jazz Festival. He also will serve this year as LTC's Director of Bands.

## Enroll now for OCC Concealed Carry Classes Oct. 26-28

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, in-

cluding classroom and range instruction.

The class will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 and Friday, Oct. 27 at OCC. On Saturday, Oct. 28, 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 \$175 for residents of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District, and must be paid in advance to reserve a seat in the course.

To register, call 395-7777.



### WELCOME COOKOUT

OCC held its annual Welcome Cookout on Aug. 21. Those attending took the opportunity to catch a glimpse of the nearly total solar eclipse that coincided with the event.



## Sports Schedules

### Baseball

**Sept. 9** — OCC at Grand Park, 2 & 4 p.m.

**Sept. 14** — OCC at Vincennes University, 4:30 p.m.

**Sept. 16** — OCC at Danville, noon

**Sept. 17** — OCC vs. Evansville Spikes, noon at home

**Sept. 23** — OCC at Kentucky Wesleyan, noon

**Sept. 26** — OCC vs. Vincennes University, 3 p.m. at home

### Softball

**Sept. 9** — OCC at Play Date, Musgrove Park

**Sept. 16-17** — OCC at Boonville Tournament, TBA

**Sept. 23** — OCC at University of Evansville, 1 & 3 p.m.

**Sept. 30** — OCC at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, noon & 2 p.m.

## Lost and Found

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



## SCIENCE CLUB

The OCC Science Club served liquid nitrogen-frozen popsicles during OCC's Welcome Cookout and offered students the chance to break nitrogen-frozen flowers.

## Tickets for fall production on sale Oct. 2

Tickets for the Olney Central College Theater's production of Jules Tasca's "Subject to Change," sponsored by Carle RMH, will go on sale Monday, Oct. 2.

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

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. 20 and Saturday, Oct. 21. An afternoon performance will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22.

Tasca's play introduces the audience to the two Bassett sisters. Gertrude is prudish, capable, hardworking, and says only "Oh, fudge," when she is upset. Madeline is completely dependent on her sister. She is sloppy, fat, cunning, and sounds like a plumber who has lost his number four wrench. When

Gertrude decides to marry, leaving Madeline to fend for herself, the situation becomes traumatic.

In an attempt to break up Gertrude's romance, Madeline runs the gamut, making obscene telephone calls to the bridegroom's 80-year-old lush of a mother, outrageously insulting the groom to be, sneaking off to New York to trip on LSD, and finally sneaking back home to live in the attic and sulk. When all efforts fail, she feigns a stroke.

This show is rated PG due to mild adult language.

## Dining Dollars Meal Plans

**SAVE MONEY IN OCC FOOD SERVICE**

**Gold Plan \$720 — \$800 Value**

**Silver Plan \$504 — \$560 Value**

**Bronze Plan \$288 — \$320 Value**

**Purchase Yours in the OCC Business Office**

## Purchasing Meal Plans can save you money

The new Dining Dollars Meal Plans offer a 10 percent discount on all OCC Food Service purchases.

During the 16-week semester, the Gold Package provides an average of \$50 in Dining Dollars per week. The Silver Package provides an average of \$35 in Dining Dollars per week. The Bronze Package provides an average of \$20 in Dining Dollars per week.

Dining Dollars Meal Plans are PELL eligible and can be purchased in the OCC Business Office.

# Heather Sandy serving as art instructor

Heather Sandy is sharing her lifelong love of art with students at Olney Central College.

Sandy was hired in August to serve as a temporary full-time art instructor. A native of Dayton, Ohio, she earned a bachelor's of fine arts degree in painting with a minor in art history from the University of Dayton. She also holds a master's degree in fine arts from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Sandy brings a broad range of experiences to the classroom having worked with kindergarteners to college students.

As a graduate student, she taught design, drawing and art introduction classes at SIU-E. She also worked as a substitute teacher for a year and was employed as a teacher's aide and substitute teacher at Fresh Start Treatment and Learning Center in Effingham.

"I'm really excited to get back to teaching and talking about art," she said. "I enjoy working with college students. You never know what the students are going to do or say that will impact a lesson. You come in with a lesson plan, but it becomes fluid as you adapt to the students. The students have been



**Heather Sandy**

great to work with and everyone here has been very supportive."

Art has always been an integral force in Sandy's life.

"I was the child whose mother was always telling her not to color on the walls," she said. "I've always had an interest in art and I've always been trying to express myself through art. Growing up, I was always fortunate enough to attend schools that had art programs. I went to a very large high school and I had opportunities to be in art club and participate in art programs."

Sandy's artwork has evolved over the years from oil paintings of flowers to abstract collages she now creates with her favorite medium, acrylic paint. Her work has been featured at the SoHa Studio & Gallery in

St. Louis and in Chicago. She recently served as an instructor for a summer art program in Dayton, where her artwork also was displayed.

While living in Dayton, Sandy collaborated with a team of artists to paint a 50-foot pedestrian bridge spanning a local highway.

"It was a fun opportunity," she said. "I had never worked on a piece on that large of a scale before."

Through SIU-E's Sculpture on Campus program, Sandy also built a giant 6-foot-tall cupcake using fiberglass, resin and foam.

Sandy relishes the process of taking an idea and watching it evolve into the final product.

"A big part of art is the problem solving," she said. "It really challenges the way you think and that is important for everything you do in life."

Those are skills students can apply in all their studies.

"The students are very fortunate to have an art program here at the college level," she added.

Sandy is currently in the process of relocating to Olney. In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors and participating in activities like hiking. Other hobbies include reading and traveling.

## *LSC offers free tutoring for students*

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.

Tutoring is also available to those students taking online courses and is assigned on a case by case basis.

For more information, visit the LSC in the back of the Anderson Library. The library staff at the front desk can direct you.

## **Tickets on sale for Foundation's Dueling Pianos and Dinner**

Tickets are now on sale for the OCC Foundation's Dueling Pianos and Dinner FUNdraiser on Nov. 4 at the Holiday.

The doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner to begin at 6:30 p.m. Dueling Pianos start at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by contacting Kathy Slichenmyer at 395-7777, ext. 2003. All proceeds will directly benefit OCC.

## **Keep vehicles locked**

Students utilizing the OCC parking lots are advised to keep their vehicles locked when unattended.

# Scholarships available for Fall 2017

Several OCC Foundation scholarships are available for Fall 2017.

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

The deadline to apply is Sept. 30. For more information, contact Financial Aid in Student Services.





# 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit

## Coming to Olney, IL October 11-14, 2017

### Public parking lot across from the Court House on Main Street Free admission

#### About the Exhibit:

Sixteen years ago 9/11 changed the world as we know it forever.... Stephen Siller, a New York City Firefighter, was there on 9/11. He gave his life helping others. His family established the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation – in his honor and in his memory. In September 2013 the Foundation dedicated the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit. Welcomed around the country, from communities in Phoenix, Arizona to Tampa, Florida, the mobile exhibit—a high-tech, 53-foot tractor-trailer, which unfolds into a 1,000 square foot exhibit—serves as a poignant reminder of that infamous day.

The exhibit is intended to serve as an educational tool. Through the presentation of artifacts, including actual steel beams from the towers, documentary video, recordings of first-responder radio transmissions, as well as guided tours by FDNY firefighters, people will learn what took place and the ultimate sacrifice so many made on that day.

Entrance into the exhibit is free of charge. The goal is to provide an enlightening experience that will help communities to “Never Forget”.

**Exhibit Hours:**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 11**  
Arrival with Procession | No Tours  
**Thursday, Oct. 12**  
Richland County School Tours  
Grades 8-12  
**Friday, Oct. 13**  
Open to Public | 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 14**  
Open to Public | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**This exhibit is brought to the community by Olney Public Library and Rotary Club of Olney.**  
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