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## White serving as first OCC Student Ambassador

Barbara White is looking forward to serving as Olney Central College's new Student Ambassador. With the semester just underway, the sophomore accounting major has already assisted with two big events, freshman orientation and the annual Welcome Back Cookout.

"I am really excited about being selected as OCC's first Student Ambassador and representing OCC," said White, of Olney. "I really want to help other students. I know how I felt as a freshman, kind of lost, and I want to give back. I'm really looking forward to meeting students and helping them."

OCC Student Ambassadors serve as liaisons between the stu-



**Barbara White**

dents, faculty and staff and provide a valuable source of information for the students. During the year, White will be working closely with OCC Retention Coordinator Vicki Thompson, who is excited about the program.

"I think she will be great in this position," Thompson said of White.

"She has already been wandering the halls looking for students who may need help finding their classes or asking if they have their books and parking tags. I think having her available has been a big benefit to the students."

In the coming weeks, White will be working with various departments to gain additional information about the college so she can provide even greater assistance to OCC students. She also will aid faculty and staff in recruiting prospective students, promoting campus-wide events, providing tours to campus visitors and assisting with retention activities and programs.

White encourages students to come to her if

they have questions about the college.

"If students need help with anything, I want them to know I'm available. I'm open to talking with anyone," she said. "I want them to feel free to walk up to me and ask me wherever I am. I will be in the halls in between classes and in the Student Union."

In addition to serving as student ambassador, White is the OCC Student Senate Vice President. She also is employed as a work-study student at the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District Office and as a dietary aide at Richland Memorial Hospital.

After completing her associate's degree in **See White, Page 2**

## OCC to host Career/Job Fair and Exposition

Olney Central College will host a Career/Job Fair and Exposition from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16 in the OCC Gymnasium.

OCC Coordinator of Career Services Allan Alldredge stressed the event is for the public as well as students. He encourages both to take advantage of this opportunity to network and to learn more about area businesses.

"Whether you need work or information about services available in the community, you should come," Alldredge said. "Sometimes people just don't know what is out there

that can help make their lives easier."

Around 40 businesses, service providers and educational institutions will have booths at the event. Among those attending will be Hella, Toyota Boshoku America, Pacific Cycle, the Illinois Department of Transportation, TrustBank, Pepsi MidAmerica and Clay County Hospital. Other participants will include Purdue University College of Technology, McKendree University, Franklin University, Eastern Illinois University, the Division of

Rehabilitation Services, ARC and the Social Security Administration.

Allredge said the college may host a similar event in the spring.

"This is an opportunity for the college to give back to the community," he said. "The community supports the college and we need to support the community."

For additional information about the Career/Job Fair and Exposition, contact Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019, or stop by his office in Student Services.

Updates also are available at [facebook.com/OCCCareerServices](http://facebook.com/OCCCareerServices).

# Tickets for Neil Simon's 'Plaza Suite' on sale Sept. 29

Tickets for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 29 in the lobby of the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 25. An afternoon show will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26. Dinners will be held before the Friday and Saturday shows at 6 p.m. The menu includes: apricot chicken breast, potatoes au gratin, glazed carrots, seven-layer salad, apple crisp, hot roll with butter and beverage.

Hilarity abounds in this portrait of three couples successively occupying Suite 719 of New York City's Plaza Hotel. The first act, introduces the audience to the not-so-blissfully wedded couple Sam and Karen Nash, who take the suite while their house is being painted, and it turns out to be the same room in which they honeymooned 23 (or was it 24?) years before.

This wry tale of marriage

## OCC Theatre selects cast for upcoming production

Cast members have been selected for the Olney Central College Theatre's upcoming production of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite."

Names of the characters and cast members are Act I: **Bellhop**, Sam Benson; **Karen Nash**, Emily Ferguson; **Sam Nash**, Mike Conn; **Waiter**, Sam Benson; **Jean McCormack**, Kathleen Corcoran; Act II: **Jesse Kiplinger**, Derek Mason; **Muriel Tate**, Jessica McDonald; and Act III: **Norma Hubley**, Kathy Neeley; **Roy Hubley**, Bill Padgett; and **Bordon Eisler**, Nicholas Ayres.



in tatters is followed by the exploits of thrice-married Hollywood producer, Jesse Kiplinger, who is meeting his childhood sweetheart now a suburban housewife, Muriel Tate. Over the years, Muriel has idolized Jesse from afar, but aware of his reputation as a smooth-talking ladies' man she has come for nothing more than a chat between

old friends, promising herself she will not stay too long. Jesse, however, has other plans in mind and repeatedly attempts to seduce her.

The last couple is Roy and Norma Hubley, whose daughter, Mimsey, has locked herself in the bathroom on her wedding day. The Hubleys fight about the best way to get the

nervous bride out of the suite and down to the ballroom where the wedding guests await their arrival.

Tickets are \$12 for reserved seats for children and adults for the production and \$24 for reserved seating and the dinner. A special price of \$11 each for the production and \$23 for the dinner and reserved seating will be available for groups of 20 or more.

Tickets may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Those who wish to reserve tickets may call 395-7777, ext. 2408, during the hours designated for ticket sales. Tickets may be purchased with a Mastercard or Visa.

Reserved tickets will be held for five working days, until picked up in person or a check is received in the mail. Patrons may send a check with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to OCC and the tickets will be sent by return mail.

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

## White

**Continued from Page 1** May, White plans to transfer to the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville.

OCC is still looking for another individual to serve as a Student Ambassador.

Students wishing to apply should demonstrate strong written, oral and telephone skills, reliability, leadership initiative and enthusiasm. They also must be able to participate during both the fall and spring semesters.

To qualify, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 OCC hours in the fall and spring, maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and be a returning student. In addition, they will need to be able to volunteer a total of 225 hours per semester (about 15 hours per week).

Applications are available at [www.iecc.edu/occ](http://www.iecc.edu/occ). The form should be typed and must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation, with no more

than one letter being from an IECC employee.

Completed applications and letters of recommendation should be submitted to Thompson in the Student Services Office. A selection committee will consider academic accomplishments and extra-curricular activities within high school, college and the community.

The ambassador will receive a 15 credit hour tuition waiver each semester. The waiver will apply to OCC hours only.

## Advanced digital photography class

Take your photography to the next level by enrolling in OCC's digital photography course.

Instructor Tim Dunahee will assist students in reviewing basic knowledge of their cameras' preprogrammed functions and mode settings.

The class will meet from 6 to 7:50 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 21.

# Dedication ceremony held for POW/MIA Chair of Honor

At right, Frank Hull, president and founder of Illinois Chapter 3 of Rolling Thunder, Inc., reads the inscription on the plaque he presented to OCC during the Aug. 29 ceremony dedicating a POW/MIA Chair of Honor in the OCC Student Union. The Chair of Honor Program supports Rolling Thunder's mission to publicize the POW/MIA issue and to educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind. The chair remains empty as a reminder that even though the soldiers are not here, "there is still a space for them." The local Rolling Thunder Chapter includes 49 members from Olney, Newton, Effingham, Bridgeport and Mt. Carmel. Below, the POW/MIA Chair of Honor in the Student Union.



## Floral arranging class begins Oct. 2

OCC will offer a floral arranging class next month with instructor Linda Sargent.

ART 2198 Topics/Issues in Art (Floral Arranging) will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on the following Thursdays: Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 in the Cafeteria of the West Richland Center, formerly West Richland High School, in Noble.

## Student veterans encouraged to join OCC Oathkeepers Club

OCC students who served or are serving in the military are invited to join the Oathkeepers Club.

This organization provides an opportunity for student veterans to share their experiences and assist one another as they successfully transition to college.

The club advisor is Allan Alldredge, who is a retired

U.S. Navy Military Police Officer.

For more information, about the Oathkeepers Club, contact Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019, or stop by his office in Student Services.

To learn more, visit Olney Central College Oathkeepers Club on Facebook at [facebook.com/OCCVETCLUB](https://www.facebook.com/OCCVETCLUB).

## OCC Radiography Program to host informational meeting

The Olney Central College Radiography Program will host an informational meeting for prospective students at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17 in Wattleworth Hall Room 115.

All students wishing to apply for acceptance into the Radiography Program for 2015 are encouraged to attend.

Participants will learn more about the program and

how to apply.

Radiologic technologists are in demand. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities are expected to grow by 21 percent between 2012 and 2022.

For more information, contact Radiography Director Carol Kocher at 395-7777, ext. 2139. You can visit the Radiography Program's website at [www.iecc.edu/radtech](http://www.iecc.edu/radtech).



## Welcome Back Cookout

OCC kicked off the first day of the fall semester with a Welcome Back Cookout on Aug. 21. The event was sponsored by the OCC Foundation.

## TEAS-V Test Prep classes available for prospective nursing students

Olney Central College will offer the TEAS-V Test Prep course for students wishing to enter the Associate Degree Nursing Program in 2015.

The first section will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays: Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 2.

The second section will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: Oct. 15, 22 and 29.

A TEAS-V score at the proficient level or higher is required for ranking in the program.

Information about the TEAS-V test and testing dates is available at [www.iecc.edu/nursing](http://www.iecc.edu/nursing).

To register for the course or for more information, contact Olney Central College Nursing Program Advisor Linda Horn at 395-7777, ext. 2246, or stop by Room 226A.

## Upcoming campus visits scheduled

Representatives from the following institutions will be visiting OCC. Tables will be located outside the Student Services Office.

- Franklin University will be at OCC from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 14, Oct. 27, Nov. 10 and Dec. 10.
- Tosha Baker, with Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, will visit OCC from 9 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. on Sept. 18 and Oct. 8.

- University of Illinois at Springfield will be at OCC from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 23.
- Illinois State University will be here from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 15.
- Eastern Illinois University will be at OCC from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 20 and 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 4 and Nov. 20.

## SIU hosting Free Application Days

The Southern Illinois University Service Center at Olney Central College is hosting Free Application Days on Sept. 25 and Oct. 22.

Students who take advantage of this special opportunity can save up to \$40.

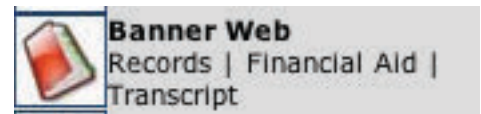
Students can apply two years in advance and get an academic plan made for them. Once a student applies, they are placed into an applicant pool for scholarships.

The SIU table is located in the OCC Student Services Office.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Tosha Baker at 618-713-3828, or send an email to [tcavlin@siu.edu](mailto:tcavlin@siu.edu).

## ONLINE PAYMENT

**Step 1:** Log into your Entrata account with your username and password. Click on the Banner Web icon at the right-hand side of your screen.



**Step 2:** Click on Pay Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges Online — Credit Card to make your online Payment.

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If you encounter problems with making your online payment, please contact the IECC Helpless at 618-395-5299 or toll-free 1-866-529-4322, ext. 4357.

# OCC adds new Zumba class

Have fun while you're exercising with Olney Central College's new Zumba class.

PEI 1136 Physical Education Aerobics (Zumba®), will meet from 6 to 7:40 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the West Richland Center, formerly West Richland High School, in Noble. The eight-week class begins Oct. 20 and will be taught by licensed Zumba® instructor Casey Stallard.

"For me, Zumba is pretty much the most awesome workout ever," Stallard said. "You dance to great music, with great people and burn a ton of calories. Zumba fitness is for the young and the young at heart — for the one that is looking for friends, laughter or a change in scenery or someone who wants to just up or change their workout or start an awesome workout regimen."

Zumba is a Latin dance-inspired fitness class, with music from

around the world including Salsa, Raggaeton, Cumbia, Hip-hop, Merengue and many more. Zumba routines incorporate interval training — alternating fast and slow rhythms — and resistance training.

Stallard said this aerobic exercise reduces health risks, keeps excess pounds at bay, strengthens your heart and boosts your mood.

"If you enjoy Zumba, you're also more likely to do it regularly and experience its benefits as an aerobic exercise," Stallard said. "People who try or come to a few classes end up loving Zumba."

Stallard, who has been teaching Zumba since May 2013, says it is a rewarding experience.

"I was a student once, fell in love with how Zumba offered me a way out, to express myself, be with friends, or just be alone and feel that beat," she said. "I quickly found out Zumba left me feeling invigorated. It had become a new world."

Stallard strives to make her class unique and tries to create a family atmosphere where students focus more on fun than their ability to dance.

"I want people to know they are loved, they are valued, cared about and they are not alone or judged. When I see the smiles, sweat and all, leaving my classes, I know I did my job. For me, being a Zumba instructor is not about just getting up there to perform, but to show you I care about you. I care about what you're going through. I care that you're happy. I believe we are stronger and can help cheer each other on.

"I don't aspire to be a good dancer. I'm not there to show off. I am there for you. I'm there to be a good teacher and that is what I want for you."

To register or for more information about the class, contact the Student Services Office at 395-7777.

# No classes Oct. 7

There will be no day or evening classes at OCC on Tuesday, Oct. 7 for the IECC Faculty/Staff Professional Development Day.

# OCC Closed Oct. 13

Olney Central College will be closed on Monday, Oct. 13 in observance of Columbus Day.

# Keep vehicles locked

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

# Lost and found items

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

# Happy Birthday To:

## September

- 3 Lloyd Winter
- 4 Adena Rivas
- 8 Catherine Kocher
- 8 Tammie Bohnhoff
- 10 Jessica Parrent
- 11 Jodi Schneider
- 12 Bob Tice
- 17 Jim Burnett
- 20 Cheryl Knight - LTC
- 20 Shirley Smithenry
- 20 Tim Bower
- 25 Mark Fitch
- 29 Kathy Slichenmyer

# Knightline Information

Please submit information for the October Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

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## OCC Sports Schedule

### Men's Baseball

- **Sept. 13** – OCC vs. Indy Eagles/Razorbacks, TBA at home
- **Sept. 14** – OCC vs. Wolfpack, noon at home
- **Sept. 17** – OCC at University of Southern Indiana, 4 p.m.
- **Sept. 21** – OCC vs. Danville Area at Busch Stadium, TBA
- **Sept. 25** – OCC vs. Vincennes University, 3 p.m. at home
- **Sept. 26** – OCC at Austin Peay, TBA
- **Sept. 28** – OCC at Kentucky Wesleyan, 1 p.m.

### Women's Softball

- **Sept. 13** – OCC at Boonville Tournament: OCC vs. IU Southeast, 10:30 a.m.; OCC vs. Kaskaskia, 3 p.m.
- **Sept. 14** – OCC at Boonville Tournament: OCC vs. Rend Lake, 1:30 p.m.; OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois, 4:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 19** – OCC at Eastern Illinois University, 4 p.m.
- **Sept. 21** – OCC vs. Outkast, noon at home
- **Sept. 24** – OCC at Danville Area, 3 p.m.
- **Sept. 26** – OCC vs. Brescia University, 3 p.m. at home
- **Sept. 27** – OCC at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, noon