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Collision Repair Technology Center groundbreaking

The Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) and Olney Central College officials broke ground May 21 on the \$1.1 million Collision Repair Technology Center at OCC.

Funded by Governor Pat Quinn's Illinois Jobs Now! construction program, the project is part of his commitment to creating jobs and improving Illinois' economy. The project will be overseen by the CDB, the state's construction management agency.

"Olney Central College is an educational hub for Eastern Illinois, and this new center will help them offer more opportunities for students to train for in-demand careers," CDB Director Jim Underwood said. "The project will also employ a number of construction workers, which will drive the local economy forward."

"The four colleges of the IECC system all benefit from this new construction. Students from throughout the district will use this building," Terry Bruce, chief executive officer of the four-college Illinois Eastern Community Colleges system, said. "Governor Quinn knows the importance of community colleges to a vibrant



A groundbreaking ceremony was held May 21 for OCC's new Collision Repair Technology Center.

Illinois future. Senator Dale Righter and Representative David Reis have consistently supported IECC and all the community colleges in the area. We thank them for their work and thank Governor Quinn for this new building."

"This building will add value to the college's effort to train students for the jobs here in Southeastern Illinois," Olney Central College

President Rodney Raney said. "When added to our existing buildings containing auto repair, welding and industrial maintenance, this new building improves the college's ability to exceed the training needs of our career and technical students and will have a significant impact on the student experience in the classroom."

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OCC Radiography Program receives eight-year accreditation

The Olney Central College Radiography Program has been awarded an eight-year accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

"We are very happy to receive this," said Radiography Director

Carol Kocher. "It is good to receive that acknowledgment and to get that stamp of approval. The idea of accreditation is to make sure the program is always improving and we are continually looking for ways to become better. Everyone benefits from

that."

The Radiography Program originally received a five-year accreditation in 2013 following a site visit. At that time, JRCERT officials noted the accreditation could be extended if a few minor recommendations

were implemented.

Kocher, Clinical Coordinator Lisa Rauch and Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Tammy Fralicker worked together to implement the changes, which included revisions to a few specific

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OCC adds HR and Office Administration programs

Olney Central College has added two new degrees and a certificate to its Office Preparation Programs.

Beginning this fall, students can complete a Human Resource Assistant Degree or an Office Administration Certificate and Degree.

The two-year HR program prepares students for entry-level jobs in the Human Resource field performing tasks such as maintaining employee files and managing worker compensation and benefits, as well as providing employee training and managing staff.

Through their coursework, students will explore how HR professionals develop and attract employees, handle disputes, conduct discipline and interact with a variety of people in various work settings.

Instructor Amie Mayhall noted the program can benefit small business owners and those already working in the field who wish to

develop and enhance their HR skills.

"We see a real need for this type of program in the community," Mayhall said. "With the increasing ethical and legal demands, even entry-level HR employees require training in the field. We have instructors who are passionate in the field of HR. We are very excited that Tara Buerster, the Director of Human Resources for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, will be teaching the legal aspects of HR."

Other instructors include Shasta Bennett, who holds a master's degree in Global Human Resource Management from the University of Illinois, and Mayhall, who has a Master of Business Administration Degree.

During the course of the program, Mayhall said students will utilize HR software programs which provide real-life scenarios.

"We also have established internship opportunities for the students which will

give them the hands-on experience they need," she said.

Through the one- and two-year Office Administration programs, students will attain the skills needed for utilizing office technology, creating presentations, developing databases, designing newsletters, setting up telephone and web conferences and creating spreadsheets.

Students will study Microsoft Office applications including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, desktop publishing and other communication technologies. In addition, they will take Microsoft certification exams in Word, Excel and Access.

"The program qualifies graduates for entry-level office positions and can lead to supervisory positions," Mayhall said.

Office Administration provides a course of study devoted entirely to preparing students to work in a general office setting,

which Mayhall says will fill a need within the community.

Mayhall noted the certificate's curriculum is the same as the first-year coursework for the Human Resource Assistant Degree, giving students the option of earning either the Office Administration or the HR Degree with two additional semesters of study.

A majority of the classes will be available online to meet students' scheduling needs and many courses are transferable if students wish to continue their education at a four-year institution.

Mayhall said the HR Degree and the Office Administration Certificate and Degree will expand OCC's already extensive office-related programs, which include Medical Coding, Microsoft Office Specialist and Medical Office Assistant.

For more information, contact Mayhall at mayhalla@iecc.edu. To register, call 395-7777. Classes start Aug. 21.

Logan Marshall joins OCC as new IMT instructor

Logan Marshall has joined Olney Central College as an Industrial Maintenance Technology instructor.

Marshall, who served two years as an adjunct instructor for the program, is looking forward to working with the IMT students on a full-time basis beginning this fall.

"I have wanted to be a teacher for awhile," he said. "I run my own business and have to train the people I hire. I found joy in watching them learn as they became familiar with the skills I was sharing with them. One of the reasons I enjoy teaching is that I can watch students as they learn and grasp the concepts. I feel like this job is a good fit for me because I know a lot of the

mechanics being taught."

Marshall said he has always enjoyed working on and repairing equipment.

"I was one of those kids that takes things apart to see how they work," he said. "As I got older, I found I had a natural knack for understanding how to put things together to make them work. The more I got into this, the more I enjoyed it. I like fixing things and the sense of accomplishment you get from taking some-



Logan Marshall

thing that was broken and seeing it work when you're done."

Marshall completed OCC's Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Program in 2006 and opened MSC Mechanical two years later. The Olney-based business specializes in heating and air, refrigeration appliances and electrical work.

In addition to his HVAC training, Marshall studied architecture and design at Vincennes University.

OCC launched the new Industrial Maintenance Technology Program in August 2012 with a single certificate. Since then, the program has expanded to include three levels of certificates that can lead to an

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Olney Central College Honors Retirees

Several longtime Olney Central College employees were honored during a retirement reception on May 7. At right, OCC Dean of Instruction Dr. Jeffery Cutchin congratulates Tammy Harmon. She was employed at OCC for 31 years and served as administrative assistant to the Dean of Instruction. Below right, Cutchin presents Joyce Nix with a retirement gift. Nix has been employed at OCC for 23 years and served as a Career Advisor. Below left, Cutchin congratulates Sharen Wolke on her retirement. Wolke was employed at the college for nine years as a nursing instructor.



OCC President Rodney Ranes, left, presents Larry Gangloff with a retirement gift. Gangloff had been employed at the college for 27 years and served as the O & M Team Leader.

OCC summer baseball camps

Olney Central College will host two baseball skills camps this summer for youth ages 6 to 12.

Camps will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon on June 23-25 and June 30-July 1 at OCC's Dennis Conley Field. This is an all skills camp and participants need to bring a

glove, bat and cleats. Catchers may bring their gear.

The cost is \$50 for a single camp or \$75 for both.

To pre-register, call Coach Dennis Conley at 395-7777, ext. 2131, or 843-0333. You also may contact him by email at conleyd@iecc.edu.

Upcoming campus visits

Nicole Jackson with Franklin University will have a table set up outside

Student Services from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 8 and July 30.



Illinois Eastern Community Colleges TRIO Upward Bound is celebrating 25 years of service. Pictured are the TRIO Upward Bound staff and students.

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The TRIO Upward Bound program through Illinois Eastern Community Colleges is a federally funded college preparatory program designed to provide academic support, personal/career counseling and cultural enrichment to participants who have the academic ability for

completion of a post-secondary degree. The ultimate goal of the TRIO Upward Bound program is to generate the pre-collegiate academic skills and motivation necessary to succeed in post-secondary education.

Currently, Upward Bound serves approximately 140 students from eight high schools within the IECC district. Those high schools include

East Richland, Edwards County, Fairfield Community, Lawrenceville, Newton Community, Oblong, Robinson and West Richland.

Each fall, Upward Bound staff present to high school freshmen. Applications for the program are available at that time. Please visit www.iecc.edu/upwardbound for more information.

Groundbreaking

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The 8,000-square-foot Collision Repair Technology Center will include 4,400 square feet of classroom and laboratory space for the college's Collision Repair Technology program as well as expanded laboratory opportunities for the Automotive Service Technology and Welding programs.

Work is expected to begin this summer with a tentative completion date of December.

The construction project involves four contracts. Shores Builders, Inc.

of Centralia was the lowest of four bidders for the general construction work with a quote of \$711,156. B & S Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Terre Haute was the lower of two bidders for the plumbing work at \$166,846. The electrical contract was awarded to Skill Electric, LLC of Vincennes for \$148,250. The ventilation work will be done by Heartland Mechanical Contractors, Inc. of Murphysboro, the lowest of four bidders at \$84,500.

"It is important to support new opportunities for education and job

training, which will not only benefit the students who will benefit from these expanded career options and opportunities, but the school as a whole," State Senator Righter (R-Mattoon) said.

The Olney Central College project is part of the \$31 billion Illinois Jobs Now! program, which will support more than 439,000 jobs over six years. Illinois Jobs Now! is the largest construction program in Illinois history, and is one of the largest construction programs in the nation.

Host families needed for international students

Olney Central College needs three host families to open their homes and their hearts to an international student arriving this August. Students in need of host families are Clarisse, from Belgium, and Min Sook, from South Korea, who are participating in the Youth for Understanding (YFU) program and Mathias, from Germany, who is participating in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX).

Clarisse, 17, says she can't wait to come to the United States. Although her long-term goal is to become a film director, Clarisse is interested in many subjects. During her stay, she wants to take all of the classes she possibly can, participate in the community and perfect her English.

Clarisse enjoys being active. She loves to go climbing and bike riding and likes to practice boxing. In her spare time, she also likes to read, to draw and to play board games with her family. Clarisse says her friends would describe her as outgoing, lively and witty.

Min Sook, 19, is talkative and optimistic and says her friends would call her the outgoing one. She is interested in seeing how the American educational environment differs from South Korea's and wants to make lasting relationships during her time in the U.S.

During her year abroad, she would love to attend a music festival or big concert as she enjoys listening to music.

Min Sook also likes to keep busy and has a very full schedule with classes, homework, friends and a weekend job. She also enjoys spending time with her family.

Min Sook has traveled out of the



Clarisse



Min Sook



Mathias

Francisco, where he lived with two other students in a host family.

Mathias describes himself as open to new experiences, adaptable and inquisitive. While in the U.S., he wants to learn

about the nation's culture and traditions.

country before on vacation and on a volunteer trip, but would really like to have a travel experience in the U.S. so enjoyable that she can call another place home.

Mathias, 22, chose America as his exchange country because he is very interested in American history, the various landscapes of America, the different people living here and American colleges.

He finished an apprenticeship with a bank in 2012 and worked for another six months before deciding to return to school. He is currently employed in the human resources department at a large insurance company.

Mathias' family is very important to him and they spend a lot of time together.

He enjoys sports and has been playing basketball in a club since he was 14. He is looking forward to watching an NBA game.

During his free time, Mathias enjoys going out with friends, watching movies and reading books. He also is interested in playing guitar and is leading a confirmation group in his parish.

Mathias describes himself as honest and reliable. He loves to travel and in Summer 2012, he participated in a language course in San

about the nation's culture and traditions.

He believes an exchange year abroad is a great chance for him and his host family to learn about different cultures, to gain new experiences and broaden their minds.

During his stay, Mathias hopes to improve his English, meet new people, get to know how an American family lives and become a member of the family.

Upon arrival, the students will live with host families within reasonable commuting distance of the college.

Transportation to and from the college is provided. Students will take part in all aspects of college life, from attending classes to joining sports and club activities, but most importantly, they become a part of your family.

All kinds of families have hosted students in the past: married couples with or without children, single parents, singles without children, as well as families with teenagers.

Your family provides room, board, love, guidance and the experience of what everyday life is like in America.

To learn more about hosting a student attending OCC, contact Tina Pierce at 395-7777, ext. 2024.

OCC Phlebotomy Program accepting new students for fall

OCC's Phlebotomy Program is now accepting new students for fall.

The Phlebotomy Certificate Program teaches skills and techniques to students who are interested in a variety of health

care professions. Students learn techniques for collecting blood from patients or donors for diagnostic testing. In addition, ethical and legal responsibilities, effective communication skills and safe prac-

tices are studied. Before completing the two-semester program, students serve a clinical internship.

Phlebotomists are employed in hospitals, hospital laboratories, physicians' offices, clinics,

blood banks, commercial laboratories, ambulatory health care services and home health care agencies.

To register or for more information, call 395-7777. Fall semester classes start Aug. 21.

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associate's degree.

Marshall said the program continues to evolve as the college strives to better meet the needs of the students and employers who are seeking industrial maintenance technicians.

"Employment opportunities are good," Marshall said. "There are openings out there, but the number of qualified individuals to fill them has been slim. As a business owner, it has been hard to find someone to do the work and to be confident in their abilities. There is a real need right now."

Marshall and his wife, Katrina, reside in Olney with their children, Micah and Elijah.



Register now for fall

Don't wait, register now for fall semester classes at OCC.

Stop by the Student Services Office today or call 395-7777 to schedule an appointment. Schedules are available online at www.iecc.edu/occ.

Welding Fund-raiser

Olney Central College Welding and Cutting Instructor Curtis Marshall draws the winning ticket in the program's raffle for a smoker built by the students. The winner was Rob Flanagan. Second-place winner was Winnie Foerster and third-place winner was Mr. Hawes. Each received smoked pork loins. Welding student Aaron Foerster sold the most raffle tickets, 96.

Radiography

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policies to reflect the intent of the revised JRCERT Standards.

"It is not unusual after a site visit to be asked to send in additional documentation to have the accreditation extended," Kocher said. "We submitted additional documentation as evidence the program is in total compliance with JRCERT Standards; we did what they asked and they extended our accreditation to eight years, which is the maximum awarded."

Kocher noted maintaining JRCERT accreditation is essential for the program and its

students.

"To sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) primary certification exam, students have to graduate from an accredited program," Kocher said.

Most states require radiologic technologists to be ARRT credentialed.

"It says that person meets and demonstrates the required skills," Kocher said. "Having an ARRT credentialed Radiologic Technologist should put the patient's mind at ease. It demonstrates that a person knows what they are doing and can take care of you."

Radiography informational meeting July 31

The Olney Central College Radiography Program will host an informational meeting for prospective students at 6 p.m. on July 31 in Wattleworth Hall Room 115.

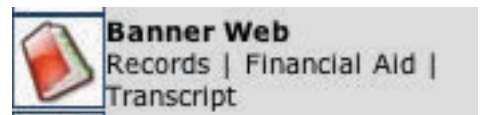
Students wishing to apply for

acceptance into the Radiography Program for 2015 must attend the meeting. Those attending will receive the radiography application and admission requirements.

For more information, call 395-7777.

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Athletes receive NJCAA, GRAC academic honors

OCC athletes are being recognized for their outstanding performance in the classroom receiving 2013-2014 National Junior College Athletic Association and Great Rivers Athletic Conference academic honors.

Baseball players recognized include:

Blaine Alvey, of Waverly, Ky., Pinnacle Award, 4.0 GPA

Tyler Ward, of Nicholasville, Ky., Superior Academic Achievement Award, 3.80-3.99 GPA

Nick Scheller of Poseyville, Ind., Alex Martin of Newburgh, Ind., and Logan Marshall of Evansville, Ind., Exemplary Academic Achievement Award, 3.60-3.79 GPA

Blaine Alvey of Waverly, Ky., Brock Dowell of Jasonville, Ind., Alex Holder of Princeton, Ind., Adam Jenkins of Heath, Ohio, Logan Marshall of Evansville, Ind., Troy Paris of Mt. Vernon, Ind., Nick Scheller of Poseyville, Ind., Tyler Ward of Nicholasville, Ky., and Alex Martin and Kyle Pitlick, both of Newburgh, Ind., named to the GRAC All-Academic Team with a minimum 3.25 GPA

Softball players honored include: Shana Marti of Greenup and Tyler Allen of Boonville, Ind., Exemplary Academic Achievement Award, 3.60-3.79 GPA

Alexis Chapman and Tyler Allen,

both of Boonville, Ind., Shana Marti of Greenup, and Kendra Jansen of Montrose, named to the GRAC All-Academic Team with a minimum 3.25 GPA

Women's basketball players recognized include:

Brooke Callaway of Palestine, Superior Academic Achievement Award, 3.80-3.99 GPA

Samantha Shoulders of Boonville, Ind., Samantha Scott of Monroe City, Ind., Leah Meyers of Bedford, Ind., Brooke Callaway of Palestine, and Erin Barton of West Terre Haute, Ind., named to the GRAC All-Academic Team with a minimum 3.25 GPA



Graduation

OCC held its 50th commencement ceremony on May 9. Above, OCC President Rodney Raney presents the 2014 Alumnus Award to Deborah Mitchell. At right, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges CEO Terry Bruce presents Paul Kermicle, right, with a plaque honoring him as a founding Board Member for OCC.



Happy Birthday To:

June

- 1 Joyce Nix
- 12 Carla Burgener
- 20 Donita Kaare
- 21 Kathy Fehrenbacher
- 21 Linda Miller

July

- 3 Tyler Boyles
- 4 Kathleen Hudson (WVC)
- 10 David Denton
- 12 Kim Wilson
- 13 Bobbi Hart-Walka
- 15 Bill Tucker
- 18 Curtis Marshall
- 18 Vicki Stuckey
- 21 Diana Emmons
- 23 Pam Madden
- 28 Amanda Pantry
- 28 Laurel Cutright
- 29 Brittany Bass
- 28 Chad Schuetz

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the August Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 4.

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