

Olney Central College KNIGHTLINE



NOVEMBER 2022

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

6-12 - National Radiologic
Technology Week

11 - College Closed - Veterans'
Day

19 - Music Department Fall
Band Concert, OCC Theater,
5 p.m.

23 - Last Day to Withdraw
from 16-week Fall Semester
Classes

24-25 - Thanksgiving Break,
College Closed

DECEMBER

5 - Ticket Sales Begin for OCC
Theater's *It's A Wonderful Life*:
Live Radio Play, 10 a.m.

9 - Last Day of Fall Semester
Classes

9 - OCC Music Department
Many Moods of Christmas
Holiday Concert, OCC
Theater, 7 p.m.

12 - Spring Semester Textbook
Sales Begin

12 - Fall Textbook Buyback,
OCC Bookstore, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
& 5-6:30 p.m.

12-15 - Fall Final Exams

13-15 - Fall Textbook Buyback,
OCC Bookstore, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

16-17 - OCC Theater's *It's A
Wonderful Life*: Live Radio
Play, 7 p.m.

OCC Professor to appear on 'History's Greatest Mysteries'

Olney Central College Professor David Denton will appear in two upcoming episodes of *History's Greatest Mysteries* on The History Channel.

Hosted and narrated by Laurence Fishburne, the show delves into a wide range of historically compelling topics and the mysteries surrounding them. Recent episodes featured the Lindbergh Baby kidnapping, the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa and the Chicago Tylenol murders.

"They like to have historians and professors participate in the discussions," Denton said. "They saw my background, the presentations and conferences I have been involved with and contacted me. After speaking on the phone, they decided to have me come out to the studio in L.A. for the taping."

On Oct. 24, Denton traveled to California where the show's producers interviewed him for an episode exploring the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. While in the studio, they also asked him to read dialogue and provide historical context regarding the 1930 disappearance of New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Crater.

"I did four and a half hours of interviews for the two shows," Denton said. "The first half was devoted to the JFK assassination and the second was related to Judge Crater."

Denton has spent 30 years researching Kennedy's assassination. He has interviewed several people associated with the case and has reviewed hundreds of documents relating to both Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald. He has written numerous articles on the subject and in 2020 published a collection of his works, *Essays on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*.

Denton also has hosted and participated in several conferences exploring the events surrounding Kennedy's death. Later this month, he will be a presenter at the annual JFK assassination conference in Dallas, Texas.

In his interview for *History's Greatest Mysteries*, Denton shared insights and discoveries made during his extensive research.

"I had a chance to look at the show's transcript and they presented different theories on the assassination including some I don't agree with," he said. "They gave me the chance to share my ideas on the assassination. I also had an opportunity to comment on the theories and their validity or lack thereof."

Among the theories Denton refutes is speculation that foreign governments actively participated in JFK's killing.

"They asked me to comment on the theory that Fidel Castro participated in the assassination plot in revenge for the potential plots made against him by Kennedy. I pushed back strongly on that. Documents show that Kennedy wasn't aware of plans to kill Castro and didn't order them. They also asked about Russian involvement, which I disagree with in

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David Denton

OCC hosts first Blue Preview Day

Olney Central College welcomed 72 high school seniors to campus for the first Blue Preview Day on Oct. 14.

Students from Clay City, Newton Community and Red Hill high schools had an opportunity to interact with faculty, while learning more about OCC's academic programs and student life. The event concluded with lunch on the back patio.

"Students were able to visit campus and tour all of the programs OCC has to offer," said College Admission Representative Curtis Miller. "A big thank you goes to all of the faculty and staff who helped. I look forward to doing it again next year."



Kailyn Perry and Katelyn Hayes, both of Red Hill High School, were the winners of two \$500 scholarships awarded during OCC's Blue Preview. Presenting the scholarships are College Admission Representative Curtis Miller and OCC Coordinator of Financial Aid Taryn Bunting.



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light of the overtures that were being made toward peace in 1963, and the signing of a nuclear test ban treaty. A 1967 declassified document from an informant in the Kremlin reported that the Russians actually mourned Kennedy because they felt he was someone they could work with."

Denton also sent the show's producers two declassified documents which dispute Russian involvement in Kennedy's death.

During the taping, Denton also discussed Oswald's involvement. Research has led Denton and others to questions the Warren Commission's findings that Oswald acted alone in Kennedy's death.

"Everything I have looked at suggests Oswald thought he was a low-level intelligence officer infiltrating a plot to

assassinate Kennedy," Denton said. "He certainly didn't know he was going to be a patsy."

According to Denton, "A Secret Service agent, Abraham Bolden, is on record as saying there was another assassination plot against Kennedy in Chicago which failed due to information provided by an informant named Lee."

In his interview, Denton also shared research which connects Oswald to Clay Shaw and Jack Ruby, who was arrested for Oswald's murder.

"According to an agent, Ruby is reported to have said on the day of Kennedy's death he was going to 'watch the fireworks,' which indicates he had foreknowledge of the assassination," Denton added.

The History Channel plans to air the JFK episode in January or February 2023 with the Judge Crater segment to follow in March.

OCC celebrates High 5 Friday

On Oct. 21, OCC faculty and staff celebrated High 5 Friday, greeting students as they arrived at Richland County Elementary, St. Joe and Full Armor schools.



Coloring Station

Feeling stressed? Need a study break? Stop by the Anderson Library's coloring station and pick up a Knight coloring sheet created by OCC student HL Hager. The coloring sheets were distributed to local elementary school students on High 5 Friday.

Register now for TEAS Exam

Students interested in ranking for Fall 2023 entry into the nursing program must take and pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) exam with the required scores before the ranking deadline of March 1.

You must register and pay for the TEAS test at atitesting.com. The test may be taken two times per application year.

The following are the scheduled testing dates at OCC:

Monday, Nov. 21 at 1 p.m. in Room 207

Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. in Room 207

Friday, Dec. 16 at 9 a.m. in Room 207

Thursday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. in Room 207

Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. in Room 207

Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. in Room 207

Thursday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. in Room 207

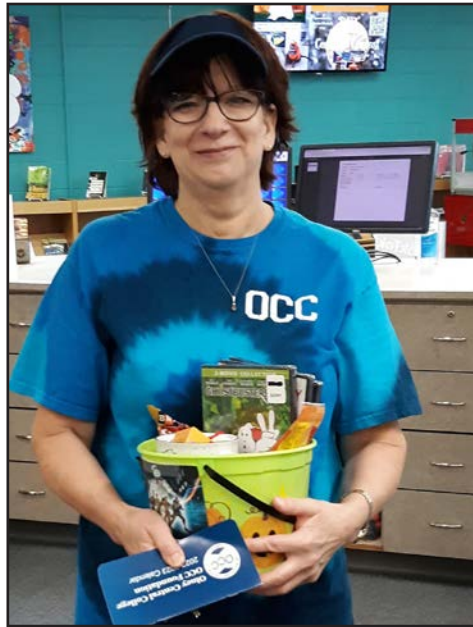
For more information about the application process or TEAS Testing, contact Nursing Advisor Linda Horn at 618-395-7777, ext. 2246, or email hornl@iecc.edu.

Visit the nursing website at www.iecc.edu/nursing.

PTK assists families for the holidays

OCC Phi Theta Kappa will be participating in the Adopt-A-Family program in Richland County to assist families in need during the holidays.

Individuals and OCC clubs interested in partnering with PTK in this effort can contact Advisor Kaitlyn Weger at 618-395-7777, ext. 2262, or email wegerk@iecc.edu.



Costume Contest

Phi Theta Kappa and Active Minds sponsored a costume contest for Halloween. The employee winner was Michele Clodfelter (left) who selected the “I Ain’t Afraid of No Ghosts” prize bucket. The student winner was Jessie Martin, who was unable to pick up her prize in person. Her friend, Raegan Henson, collected the “The Monster Mash” prize bucket on Jessie’s behalf to deliver to her.



Pet Costume Contest

Robert Wray and his dog, Midas, were the winners of the Pet Costume Contest sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and Active Minds. Judges were Heather Sandy, Mike Conn, Roger Eddy and Wain Davis.

Student Senate food drive

The OCC Student Senate is hosting a canned food drive in competition with our friends at Lincoln Trail College.

A table will be set up outside Student Services until Nov. 23.

Please consider donating. Give thanks, give back to those in need.

International Education Week

OCC will celebrate International Education Week Nov. 14-18.

Four international students are currently studying at OCC. They are from Canada, Croatia, Germany, and South Korea.

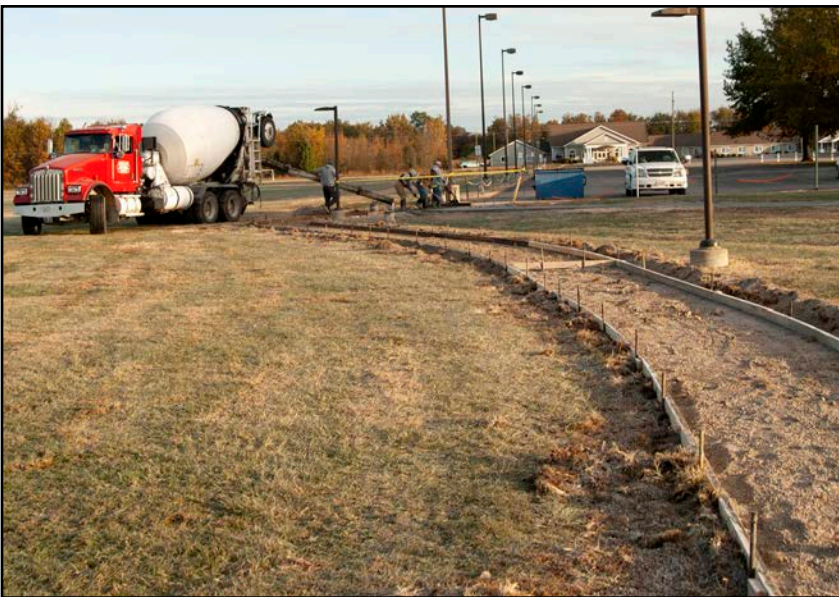
New sidewalk links athlete housing to campus



A new sidewalk now links student-athlete housing to the Olney Central College campus.

The walkway extends from the patio area between the OCC Gymnasium and Wattleworth Hall, past the baseball field, to the off-campus housing units. Access also is available to the South Parking Lot.

The new sidewalk is the latest of several campus improvement projects that are underway at OCC.



Spring 2023 Registration ongoing

Spring semester registration is ongoing at OCC.

To schedule an advisement appointment, call 618-395-7777 or stop by Student Services. New students can apply for free at iecc.edu/apply.

The Spring 2023 schedule is available online at iecc.edu/schedules.



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TO APPLY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 20, 2023



Science Club visits Homestead Vineyards and Winery



The OCC Science Club recently took a field trip to Homestead Vineyards and Winery in West Salem to learn about applications of anaerobic respiration by unicellular eukaryotes (fermentation via yeasts).

Co-owner Jason Hortin, a psychology professor at OCC, spoke to the students about the process of winemaking and the intense chemistry involved.

Students practiced using a refractometer, which measures specific gravity, and felt the texture of bentonite clay in their hands. They saw the blue color of the copper sulfate and smelled stages of fermentation. This was the first of several field trips the club plans to enjoy this year.

For more information on the Science Club, contact Assistant Professor of Life Sciences Sarah Bergbower at bergbowers@iecc.edu.



PTK Donation

OCC Phi Theta Kappa raised \$256 and collected 26 items during its October Donation Drive to benefit the Humane Society of Olney. PTK Advisor Kaitlyn Weger presented Dale Smith, the owner, with the monetary gift, which included a \$100 donation from the OCC PTK Club. Kaitlyn was assisted by her dog, Jack, who was adopted from the humane society two years ago.



Students reminded to complete FAFSA

OCC Financial Aid Coordinator Taryn Bunting is encouraging students to complete their 2023-2024 FAFSA as soon as possible.

Students can fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.gov. Remember, you must complete the FAFSA every year you are attending college.

The FAFSA form is free, so if a website or mobile app asks you to pay to fill it out, you're not interacting with the official FAFSA site or the official myStudentAid app. For more information, stop by the Financial Aid Office.

OCC Knights participate in Court of Dreams Event

The OCC Men's and Women's Basketball Teams partnered with the Beautiful Lives Project for a Court of Dreams event on Oct. 17.

The Beautiful Lives Project gives people with disabilities the opportunity to actively participate in activities and events that may not have been available to them previously due to physical or facility limitations.





Meet the Knights

The OCC Men's and Women's Basketball teams held their annual Meet the Knights event on Oct. 20. Activities included Three-Point Shot and Slam Dunk Contests along with team scrimmages. The evening ended with players signing autographs.



Area schools to be recognized at basketball games

OCC Student Senate and Admissions are hosting School Recognition Nights when the men and women's basketball teams play on the same dates.

Area students are invited to come to the games and support their schools and the OCC Knights.

County schools will be recognized on the following dates:

November 16: Richland County
 November 30: Jasper County
 December 3: Wayne County
 December 10: Lawrence County
 January 14: Wabash/White Counties
 February 1: Clay County
 February 8: Crawford County
 February 11: Richland County
 February 15: Edwards County



OCC Fall Band Concert

The OCC Music Department's Fall Band Concert will be at 5 p.m. on Nov. 19 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. Performing will be the two Contemporary Music Ensembles (Rock Bands), the Jazz Ensemble and the Concert Band.

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

Nov. 12 — OCC vs. Parkland, 7 p.m. at home
Nov. 16 — OCC vs. Triton, 7 p.m. at home
Nov. 18 — OCC vs. West Kentucky Tech, 7 p.m. at home
Nov. 19 — OCC vs. Brescia JV, 7 p.m. at home
Nov. 23 — OCC vs. South-eastern Illinois, 7 p.m. at home
Nov. 30 — OCC vs. Shawnee, 7 p.m. at home
Dec. 3 — OCC vs. Vincennes, 7 p.m. at home
Dec. 7 — OCC at John A. Logan, 7 p.m.
Dec. 10 — OCC vs. Lake Land, 7 p.m. at home
Dec. 14 — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 7 p.m.
Dec. 17 — OCC at Rend Lake, 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Nov. 12 — OCC vs. Missouri Baptist, 5 p.m. at home
Nov. 16 — OCC vs. Parkland College, 5 p.m. at home
Nov. 18 — OCC at Lake Land, 6 p.m.
Nov. 22 — OCC at Danville, 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 27 — OCC at Lincoln Land, 1 p.m.
Nov. 30 — OCC vs. Shawnee Community, 5 p.m. at home
Dec. 3 — OCC vs. Vincennes, noon at home
Dec. 7 — OCC at John A. Logan, 5 p.m.
Dec. 10 — OCC vs. Lake Land, 1 p.m. at home
Dec. 14 — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 5 p.m.
Dec. 17 — OCC at Rend Lake, 1 p.m.

It has been a very busy and event filled month since my last report. We recently passed the midterm point as well, always an important “marker.” We will be headed into the home stretch of the fall semester very soon. It is amazing how quickly the time has flown by. In fact, the Spring 2023 Schedule has been developed and students are registering for spring classes.

In early October we all traveled to Lincoln Trail College for the IECC district-wide professional development day. There were numerous opportunities for personal and professional development plus a very good keynote regarding the challenges and dynamics of “change.” In addition, IECC faculty and staff were updated regarding the Strategic Plan and Academic Year 2023 projects underway, which are designed to support the strategic pillars that have been adopted to support the plan. It was an excellent day.

Work was completed on the long-awaited sidewalk that now connects the main campus with student housing. The very nice fall weather allowed for the project to be completed in just over a week. A storage shed at the baseball field also was replaced. In addition to this project, we are reviewing proposals to restore the greenhouse located on the third floor near the science classrooms, make improvements to the drive and exterior of the Welding Shop, replace restroom floors in the Automotive Building, finish a siding project for a second storage shed near the baseball field, and start the process of design engineering to renovate a science lab.

The OCC Foundation has historically and generously donated equipment and supplies to assist faculty and staff to enhance various education programs here at OCC. This year, the OCC Foundation implemented a new process for reviewing and awarding grants. A Mini-Grant Committee was established and met to review several grant requests made by faculty and staff. This committee then recommended funding of many of these requests at the October Foundation meeting. A total of almost \$30,000 was awarded to fund various requests, including a vehicle lift for Automotive Repair, a second ping-pong table for the student activities area (students want to start a Ping-Pong Club), telescopes for science class (the possibility of an Astronomy Club has been mentioned), some Theatre equipment and a color printer/copier for the Student Services department. We are very appreciative for the continued support by the OCC Foundation. Soon, the Foundation will begin their annual “Campaign for Excellence” fund drive. We are working with the Foundation to locate alumni to assist in this effort.

Recently both the Nursing Advisory and Radiography Advisory Committees met to review both programs and provide our partners with updates as to what was happening in these important Allied Health programs. The membership on the advisory committees consists of faculty, students, and many of our affiliation partners. The support and input we receive from the committees are remarkable. Our Dean of Allied Health, Alani Frederick, takes the comments and input into serious consideration as plans are made to improve the Allied Health programs. She shared highlights of recent purchases and upgrades to these programs. Highlights included the “Sim Mom” and “Tutor Me” support for our students. The work of these committees will be very important as we embark upon the construction of a new nursing facility.

A very successful on campus recruitment day was held October 14. Faculty and staff set up more than 25 tables displaying information about the programs of study available at OCC. Students from Red Hill, Newton, and Clay City High Schools attended. Congrats to Curtis Miller and the entire OCC faculty and staff for providing our area high schools with information about the many opportunities awaiting them at OCC.



Roger Eddy