

# KNIGHTLINE

Olney Central College



November 2018

## Upcoming Events

### November

**12** College Closed -  
Veterans Day Observed

**21** Last Day to Withdraw  
from 16-week Fall Semester  
Classes

**22-23** College Closed -  
Thanksgiving Break

### December

**7** Last Day of Fall Semester  
Classes

**10-13** Fall Semester Final  
Exams

**10** Spring Semester  
Textbook Sales Begin

**10-12** Fall Textbook  
Buyback, OCC Bookstore,  
8 a.m.-3 p.m. & 5-6:30 p.m.

**14** Last Day of Fall  
Semester

**19-31** College Closed -  
Winter Break

### January

**2** College Reopens

**7** Spring Classes Begin

### College Visits

Tables will be located out-  
side Student Services.

**Nov. 13** Eastern Illinois  
University, Representative  
Cecilia Yoakum, 9 a.m.-  
1 p.m.

**Dec. 4** Franklin University,  
Representative Nicole  
Jackson, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## IECC District receives Title III Block Grant for initiatives at OCC

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has been awarded a Title III Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Education for a total of \$2,249,968 from October 2018 through September of 2023. The allocation of funds will be approximately \$450,000 for each of the five years. The scope of the Creating Pathways to Opportunities projects are composed of two initiatives, both located at Olney Central College.

Developing high-demand and high-quality programming will result in OCC re-designing two existing

programs: Information Systems Technology (IST) program, adding a state-of-the-art IST Lab at the West Richland Center and hiring an IST Program Specialist; and OCC will expand its one-year Welding certificate to create a new two-year Associate of Applied Science in Welding Degree. This expansion will increase the capacity and ensure industry-standard instruction by updating its Welding Lab at OCC and creating a second Welding Lab at West Richland Center, and hiring a Welding Program Specialist.

OCC will develop a new Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program, creating an Unmanned Aerial Systems Lab at the West Richland Center and hiring a UAS Program Specialist. Additional funds will be allocated for project supplies, equipment, travel and professional development.

"We are extremely excited to have gotten the Title III Block Grant," said OCC President Rodney Raney. "It will help and expand welding while providing new enrollment opportunities for students in Information Systems Technology and Unmanned Aerial Systems. These programs will significantly enhance technology offerings for our district."

Strengthening Advising Services is the second initiative of the Title III Block Grant. OCC will allocate funds to redesign its academic, transfer and career advising services and resources to improve the student experience. This will be accomplished by revising its first-year experience course to incorporate advising services, as well as improving its early alert system, and hiring an Advising Specialist.

In addition, OCC faculty and staff will undergo professional development for training on the new advising system. Additional funds will be allocated for project supplies, equipment, travel and professional development.

"The advising portion of the grant will help us to continue to improve services for students and help us maintain the accolades we have received over the years for our quality academic programs and student services," Raney said.



# OCC students creating original songs as Parrent Music

Olney Central College students Trevor Parrent and Taylor Aldworth are combining their musical talents, writing and performing original songs as Parrent Music.

The pair met in the OCC Music Department on the first day of fall semester classes. Parrent asked if anyone wanted to play with him at an open mic night and Aldworth, who just moved to Olney from his hometown in Rushville, Ind., volunteered.

They performed “Ghost,” an original song penned by Parrent, which received an enthusiastic reception.

“People really responded to it,” Parrent said.

The venue owner, who was equally impressed, suggested they play at his friend’s place in Effingham. Fellow OCC music student, Austin Ferrari, accompanied them.

Since Aug. 22, the duo has given more than 25 performances, including sharing a stage with OCC Director of Bands and critically acclaimed jazz musician Wade Baker.

“Ghost” and other original songs are available for listening and sharing at <https://soundcloud.com/trevor-parrent-1>. Parrent Music also has Facebook and Instagram accounts.

In the short time they have known each other, Parrent and Aldworth have forged a strong friendship while collaborating and rehearsing often at Parrent’s home in Newton.

“We spend a lot of time writing music together and having mock performances,” Parrent said. “I enjoy working with Taylor. I really appreciate his willingness to learn things on the fly. He can just pick up on what I’m doing. He is a great friend.”

“We vibe together,” Aldworth added. “I enjoy the music Trevor writes. We have become good friends. I also enjoy being around his family. They are very loving people. I’m glad I’m making music with Trevor.”

Parrent quipped, “I’ve never had a girlfriend I was this serious about.”



**OCC student Trevor Parrent performs with the OCC Contemporary Music Ensemble during the Fall Concert.**



**OCC music student Taylor Aldworth performs with the OCC Contemporary Music Ensemble during the Fall Concert.**

Both Parrent and Aldworth trace their musical roots back to childhood.

“My dad played in cover bands when I was young,” Parrent said. “I would see my dad on stage and I wanted to be that good and cool.”

Parrent began playing percussion at age 5 when his mother bought him a drum kit as an outlet for his boundless energy. Today he also plays piano and guitar.

“I’ve been writing songs for six or seven years, but I never had the courage to go out and play before,” Parrent said. “I’m not the best, but I just keep writing.”

An uncle, who played with a band in Indianapolis, first piqued Aldworth’s musical interest at age 10. Aldworth played trombone throughout school and it was his high school band director who first introduced him to Baker. Baker later invited Aldworth to audition at OCC. In addition to the trombone, Aldworth plays drums, bass and piano.

Parrent and Aldworth draw inspiration from a

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# Mason attends Computational Physics Workshop

Olney Central College Physics Instructor Rob Mason recently attended the Greater Chicagoland PICUP Computational Physics Workshop at Lewis University in Romeoville.

The event introduced high school and college physics faculty to PICUP resources and guided participants in formulating a plan for incorporating computational educational materials into their courses.

Computational physics incorporates the use of computer software in research and problem solving. PICUP, an informal group of physics faculty from around the country, is committed to building a community of STEM educators dedicated to integrating computations into the physics curriculum.

Over the next decade, Mason said the ability to program areas of physics and engineering will be as important to students as their expertise in the subject. He noted both the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Physical Society are encouraging educators to prepare students for this shift by including more computational activities along with analytic theory and experiment.

During the workshop, faculty participated in several guided computational activities.

“We practiced a few examples, things that are easy to apply numerical problem solving to in the physics problem,” Mason said.

The first guided experiment involved determining how fast three spheres were falling under wind resistance.

“It’s a problem that cannot be solved analytically with the direct use of formulas,” he added.

The workshop also focused on basic software programs faculty can use for computations in the classroom including Microsoft Excel and free software like Python, C++ and Java programming languages as well as commercial programs like Mathematica, Mabel or Mac Lab.

“Students gain skills and experience working with computational tools and learn techniques for approaching more challenging and realistic problems,” Mason added.

Mason will utilize what he learned to build on the computational activities he already uses in the classroom.

“Based on the workshop experience, I plan to introduce my physics, engineering and programming classes to these different methods of problem solving that are more computational in nature,” Mason said. “I gained a lot of ideas and contacts who participated. I also learned about resources, I wasn’t aware of before, that I can utilize in the classroom.”

The additions will benefit students as they prepare to transfer.

“At the University of Illinois, their Physics Department is using a lot of this in their classes. Including it here will allow our students to have a matching experience,” Mason said.

Mason also plans to attend an upcoming weeklong conference on computational physics in Wisconsin, which is being funded through the National Science Foundation.



## Toyota Boshoku hiring event

Toyota Boshoku will host a mini hiring event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 at OCC in Room 114.

Those attending should bring their resumes and be prepared for interviews.

For more information, contact IECC Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge at [alldredgea@iecc.edu](mailto:alldredgea@iecc.edu).

An advertisement for OCC Cosmetology November Specials. The background is purple with a woman's face on the left. The text is white and yellow. The specials listed are: Free Wax with Haircut & Style, Scalp Treatment with Deep Conditioning Treatment \$15, Gel Manicure & Basic Pedicure \$26, Specialty Perms \$30, and Basic Perms \$25. The new hours are: West Richland Center in Noble, Monday-Thursday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, and Friday 9:30 AM-3:00 PM.

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**FRIDAY 9:30 AM-3:00 PM**

## WELDING PROJECT

OCC Welding student Wes Phillips created this uniquely designed fire pit as a class project.



## Spring registration now underway

Spring semester classes will begin on Monday, Jan. 7 at Olney Central College.

Students wishing to enroll are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

For registration information and appointments, call 395-7777, or request an advisement appointment online at [www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment](http://www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment).

Spring schedules are available online at [www.iecc.edu/occ](http://www.iecc.edu/occ).



## Sign up now for IECC 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.

## Knight Kafe Daily Specials

The Knight Kafe offers daily hot bar and soup specials. Weekly menus are posted each Monday on the TVs in Wattleworth Hall.

## Keep vehicles locked

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

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wide range of genres and their own musical influences. Parrent's mother introduced him to the Red Hot Chili Peppers along with Dave Grohl, of Nirvana and the Foo Fighters, and he cites both as early influences. Aldworth points to both Twenty One Pilots and the Beatles.

"With the Beatles there was so much energy and all this screaming when they performed," he said. "Their interaction with the audience was amazing."

Other influences include hip-hop artists Mac Miller and J. Cole, alternative artists The Neighbourhood and Arctic Monkeys, and even the iconic crooner Frank Sinatra.

Parrent and Aldworth hope others

take something away from their music as well.

"I hope that they walk away with a deeper meaning that resonates within their own lives, but the point is to enjoy it," Parrent said. "We really want people to have fun and dance."

While they're interested in creating music together, both Parrent and Aldworth are also focused on working toward their degrees.

"After I leave, I'm going to Ball State University to major in music education and music performance," Aldworth said. "I want to be a band director if I'm not out on the road with Trevor."

Parrent would like to become a social worker.

"I want to help kids who haven't had the best lives," he said. "I got to work for a non-profit in Memphis that rehabs

houses and seeing the faces of those we helped and connecting with those families was pretty cool."

For the present, Parrent and Aldworth are happy collaborating and following a dream, something they encourage others to do as well.

"If there is something you want to do, just try it," Parrent said. "All you have to do is grab it. That is what we are doing now. Just surround yourself with others that want to see you succeed. It doesn't happen overnight. You are going to hit bumps in the road. If you have a dream, all it takes is going after it. All that holds you back is yourself. Every time I play music, I play like I'm going to die afterward. That is the intensity I have."

Aldworth added, "We are grabbing the thing we want and we're reaching it."

## Sports Schedule

### Men's Basketball

**Nov. 9** — OCC vs. Clark State, 7:30 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 10** — OCC vs. Malcolm X, 3 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 14** — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 7:30 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 20** — OCC at Lake Land, 7:30 p.m.  
**Nov. 28** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, 7:30 p.m. at home  
**Dec. 1** — OCC at Lewis & Clark, 3 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

**Nov. 10** — OCC at Parkland, 5:30 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 14** — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 5:30 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 20** — OCC at Lake Land, 5:30 p.m.  
**Nov. 24** — OCC at Danville, 2 p.m.  
**Nov. 28** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, 5:30 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 30** — OCC vs. Greenville JV, 6:30 p.m. at home  
**Dec. 5** — OCC vs. Danville, 6 p.m. at home

## Student Senate Food Pantry

The Student Senate operates a food pantry to assist fellow OCC students.

Canned goods, pasta and other non-perishable items are available for current, actively enrolled full- and part-time students. The pantry is housed in Room 100A.

For more information or to schedule a visit, contact Advisor Dr. Aaron Lineberry at 395-7777, ext. 2239, or by email a lineberry@iecc.edu.



## NURSING STUDENTS ORIENTATION

First-year OCC nursing students Kyle Muska and Camelia Hurd practice conducting blood sugar readings with Teresa Zehner, RN, Staff Development, during orientation at Carle Richland Memorial Hospital.

## Baker new Food Service Manager

Teresa Baker is bringing her love for cooking to Olney Central College as the new Food Service Manager.

"I'm looking forward to getting to interact with the students once I get settled in," said Baker, who joined OCC on Oct. 22. "I really want to get to know them so they feel comfortable asking for things. I'm also going to be looking for ideas from them."

Baker is already changing the menu lineup, incorporating a new daily salad bar, which features fresh lettuce and spinach along with bacon, eggs, cheese and other favorites. The new lunch option is just \$5 or \$6.50 with the daily soup special.

"I'm really excited about the salad bar," Baker said. "I know we have vegans on campus and I want to make more items available to them."

Baker also plans to enhance OCC's daily hot bar.

"I want to add some more home-style items



like the beef stroganoff and fried chicken," she said. "I also want to add more homemade desserts to our menu."

Baker entered the food service industry in 2014. She worked at The Holiday in Olney and managed a local coffee house for three years.

"I like creating and food service allows me to do that," she said. "Everyone at OCC has been super nice and very friendly. The job is ideal for me. The hours work well with my family. I also like to cater and have lots of experience and I am looking forward to doing that here."

Baker also is happy to rejoin former co-worker Sarah Kocher, who encouraged Baker to apply for the manager's position.

"We always worked so well together," Baker said. "I'm really excited about the position. It gives me the opportunity to have a career and not just a job."

## OCC NURSING EVENTS

At right, OCC Student Nurses Association members Meredith Matson, left, and Lauren Probst participate in the Health Fest on Oct. 6 at OCC. Below, Nursing Program Advisor Linda Horn represents the OCC Nursing Program during the Red Hill High School College Fair on Oct. 17.



## OCC Baseball to host Winter Camp Dec. 1

Olney Central College Baseball will host a Winter Camp for Little League and high school players on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The Little League Session for ages 6-12 will meet from 10 a.m. to noon while the High School Session for ages 13-18 will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Both camps

will meet in the OCC Gymnasium and Britton's Bullpen.

Participants will enjoy working with and learning baseball skills from the OCC coaching staff and players along with Phil Britton.

The cost is \$50 and those attending will need to bring a bat, glove, helmet

and shoes.

To pre-register or for more information, call Coach Dennis Conley at 395-7777, ext. 2131, or 843-0333. You also may contact him by email at [conleyd@iecc.edu](mailto:conleyd@iecc.edu).

Registration forms are available at [www.iecc.edu/occ](http://www.iecc.edu/occ) and are due Nov. 30.

## Music Dept. Winter Concert

The OCC Music Department will present its Winter Concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

This special evening of music will feature the OCC Big Band Ensemble, Commercial Music Ensemble, Jazz Combo and the Contemporary Music Ensemble.

Also performing will be the OCC Concert Choir.



## FOUNDATION FUND-RAISER

The OCC Foundation held its Dueling Pianos fund-raiser on Nov. 3 at The Holiday. More than 300 people were in attendance. The event featured music by Fun Pianos and included audience participation with attendees invited to dance on stage and play air guitar.