

KNIGHTLINE

Olney Central College



January 2020

Upcoming Events

January

17 Last Day for 100 Percent Refund of 16-week Spring Semester Classes

17 Last Day for Spring Semester Textbook Refunds

20 College Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

20-21 Auditions for Mamma Mia!, 7 p.m.

February

17 College Closed – Presidents Day

28 Midterm

28 Last Day to Pay Spring Semester Tuition & Fees

College Visits

Tables will be located outside Student Services.

Feb. 3 Eastern Illinois University Representative Brianna Schmidt, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 26 Columbia College Chicago Representative Kenneth Guthrie, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bookstore Hours for Spring Semester

January 13-16

8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

January 17

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Last Day for Refunds for Dropped Classes

January 18-May 1

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sutton Dunn to serve as IECC Student Trustee

Olney Central College student Sutton Dunn, of Olney, has been elected to serve as the new student representative to the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees. He will be seated during the April meeting.

Dunn is a 2019 graduate of Richland County High School where he played basketball, football and track. He was a member of the high school Boys O Club, Science Club and Spanish Club.

“I’m really excited to do this,” Dunn said. “My whole life I have tried to be a part of something bigger than myself like participating in sports, the Richland County High School CEO Program and Student Leadership Council. I’m looking forward to learning more about the IECC District and I think having a voice on the board is a pretty neat thing. This is a great opportunity for me. I will be making connections with important people that can help me in the future.”

Dunn says he chose to attend OCC because it was affordable and close to home.

“OCC offers the opportunity to get a good education without having to pay a lot of money to come here. Because it’s close, I also can live at home and save on room and board. I really like the professors too. I feel like they care about you and you get more one-on-one interaction than you would at a larger university.”

After completing his studies at OCC, Dunn plans to transfer to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville where he will pursue a degree in exercise science as he prepares for a career as a physical therapist.



Spring 2020 scholarship applications available

Applications for Spring 2020 scholarships are now available at www.iecc.edu/occ/scholarships. Scholarships available include:

Current Full-Time Students

- OCC Foundation Spring Scholarships
- Ruth Henry Performing Arts Scholarship
- James F. Kelley Memorial Music Scholarship
- Annual OCC Foundation Scholarship
- Mary Lou Brown Arts Scholarship

OCC Nursing Majors

- Nellie Yelch RN Scholarship
- Sumathi Natarajan Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Mark Brazitis Family Memorial Scholarship
- Katharina & Minnie Weber Memorial Scholarship
- E. Kenton Peak Memorial Scholarship
- Douglas Shehorn Health



Sciences Scholarship

Health Science Majors

- Douglas Shehorn Health Sciences Scholarship
- E. Kenton Peak Memorial Scholarship

Each scholarship will have different application requirements and deadlines, so be sure to read applications carefully.

Return completed applications and required documents to the Financial Aid Office located in Student Services. Please contact the office of Financial Aid with any questions or for assistance with the application process.



KATHY SLICHENMYER RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS

Kathy Slichenmyer retired Dec. 18. She joined IECC as an Office Assistant for the TRIO Upward Bound Grant in October 1989. She had served as Administrative Assistant to the President of OCC since December 2010.



Salesberry serving as Administrative Assistant to the President

Lauren Salesberry has joined Olney Central College as the Administrative Assistant to the President.

A 2016 graduate of Lincoln Trail College with a degree in general studies, Salesberry previously worked at OCC as a part-time office assistant in Financial Aid before accepting a full-time position at the Illinois Eastern Community Col-

leges District Office. She served as an administrative assistant in human resources for a year before returning to OCC in November.

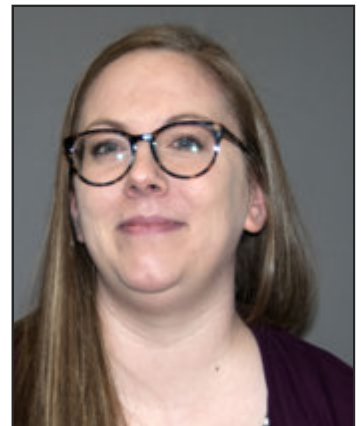
“I really missed working at the college and I am excited to be at OCC again,” Salesberry said. “I like coming back to OCC and working with all my former coworkers.”

In her new post, Salesberry

also will work closely with the OCC Foundation, serving as its recording secretary.

“I like that the new job encompasses so much, including working with the OCC Foundation and getting scholarships finalized,” she said.

Salesberry resides in Olney and enjoys spending time with her 3- and 5-year-old daughters.



Auditions for OCC Theatre’s ‘Mamma Mia!’ Jan. 20-21

The Olney Central College Theatre will hold auditions for “Mamma Mia,” at 7 p.m. on Jan. 20-21 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. Callbacks, if necessary, will be Jan. 22.

Roles are available for high school freshmen through adults. Dialogue cuts, better known as sides, are available at www.iecc.edu/occtheater for the prepared readings. Adult and high school actors should also be prepared to sing 16 bars from a Broadway song or a 70s/80s pop song with sheet music for the accompanist.

There will also be an extremely basic dance routine that will be taught at the auditions. Dance auditions will be conducted in groups of six.

Rehearsals begin on Jan. 27. “Mamma Mia!” performances will be March 20-22 and March 26-29. The show is rated PG-13.



LSC offers free tutoring

Free tutoring is available to OCC students through the Learning Skills Center.

If you are having difficulties in a class, first talk with your instructor and then contact the LSC. A Math Lab is available from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library. If you have trouble locating it, just stop by the library desk and the staff can direct you.

Lock Vehicles

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

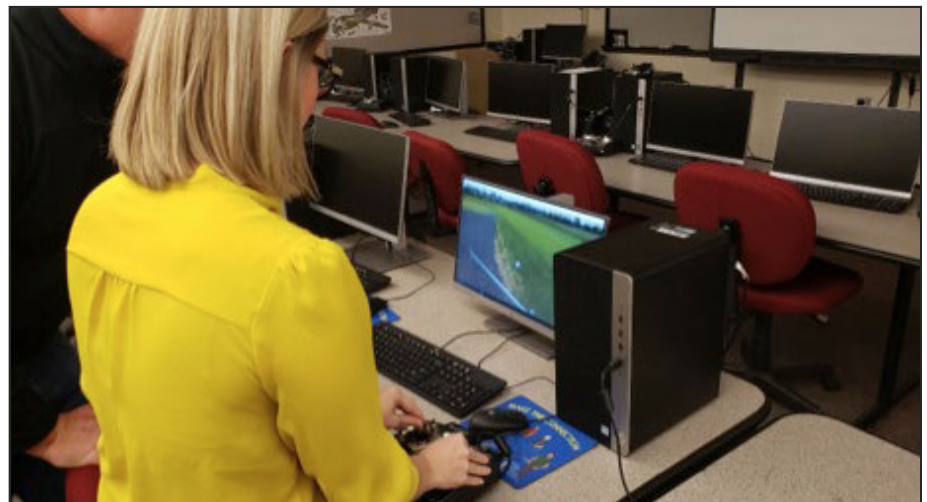
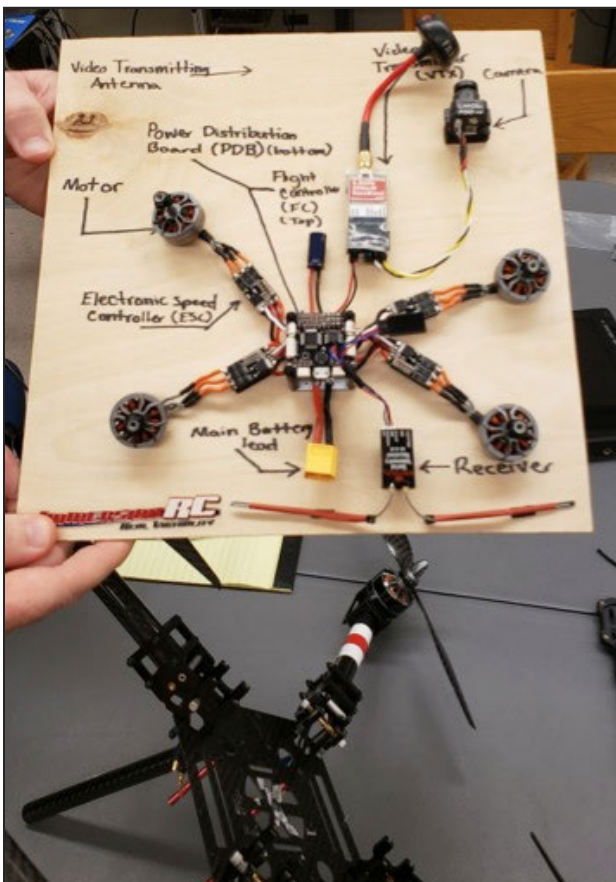
Lost and Found

If you have lost an item, please check with Student Services.



Employee Service Awards

Above, OCC presented Service Recognition Awards during the Faculty/Staff Spring Workshop on Jan. 2. Full-time employees honored include front row, from left, Deanna Ratts, 20 years; Kim Wilson, 20 years; Kelly Payne, 15 years; Sarah Bergbower, five years; and Tina Evans, five years. Back row, Doug Shipman, 25 years; Jason Hortin, 10 years; Rob Mason, 20 years; Clay Atkins, five years; Allen Simpson, three years; and Logan Marshall, five years. Not pictured are, Libby McVicker and Kristi Urfer, both 20 years; and Pauletta Gullett, 10 years. At right, Larry Harbaugh, received a 20-year service award.



Title III tours Indiana State Drone Program

OCC Drone Technology Specialist Morgan Henton along with Title III Project Director Stephanie Nuttall and Title III Advising Specialist Ashley Bigard visited Indiana State University in Terre Haute to tour its four-year Drone Program.

“We met with instructors and the program dean to hear about their program and tour their classrooms and labs,” Henton said. “While there, we got advice on what classes to offer at OCC as well as suggested equipment. Ashley and Stephanie got to try their hand flying on their simulator as well.”



SNA DONATION

The OCC Student Nurses' Association presented a \$500 donation to the Richland County Shop with a Hometown Hero Program. Pictured, from left, are Sheriff Andy Hires, SNA President Shelby Padilla, Anson Padilla, Miranda Harmon and Officer Daron Harmon. SNA members raised the funds through recent shirt sales.

Application deadline for Nursing Program Feb. 18

OCC is accepting applications for Fall 2020 entry into the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/OCC Nursing Program.

Applicants must attend one of three informational meetings scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, Thursday, Jan. 30 and Tuesday, Feb. 11. The meetings will be held in Wattleworth Hall Room 217.

Individuals wishing to apply should contact Nursing Advisor Linda Horn at 618-395-7777, ext. 2246, as soon as possi-

ble. The deadline to apply is Feb. 18.

Prospective students, who have already submitted their applications, should have received a letter regarding the mandatory meetings. Applicants who have not should contact Horn.

Applicants also must take and pass the TEAS Test with a Proficient Level of 58.7 percent or higher to be ranked for admission into the program.

For additional information, visit www.iecc.edu/nursing.

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

Jan. 15 — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 18 — OCC vs. John A. Logan, 3 p.m. at home

Jan. 22 — OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 7:30 p.m. at home

Jan. 25 — OCC vs. Shawnee, 3 p.m. at home

Jan. 29 — OCC at Lake Land, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 1 — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 3 p.m. at home

Feb. 5 — OCC at Kaskaskia, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 8 — OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 3 p.m.

Feb. 12 — OCC at Vincennes, 6 p.m.

Women's Basketball

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Feb. 5 — OCC at Kaskaskia, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 8 — OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 1 p.m.

Feb. 12 — OCC at Vincennes, 4 p.m.

Olney Central College Winter Weather Policy

It is Olney Central College's policy to remain open unless the weather makes it too hazardous to do so.

When the safety of students and staff is threatened due to inclement weather or other emergencies, OCC will be closed or classes canceled or delayed.

Administration will attempt to notify media prior to the 6 a.m. news on the day of the closing.

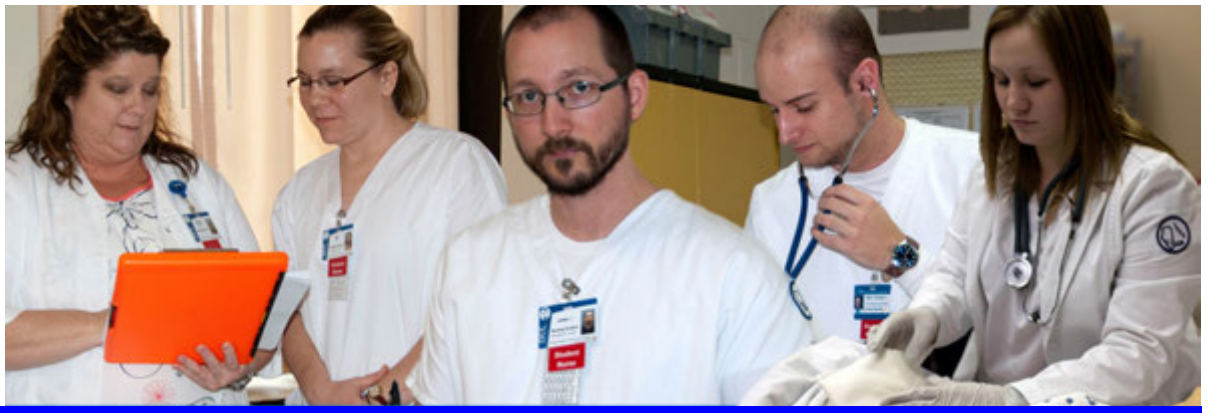
Don't assume that if the elementary and high schools close, OCC will be closed as well. If no announcement is made, classes will meet as usual.

Closure of day classes does not necessarily mean that evening classes will be canceled. Announcements regarding evening classes will be made prior to 4 p.m., if at all possible.

Closings will be posted on the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges website at

www.iecc.edu. Closings also are announced through IECC Alerts. To sign up for IECC Alerts, log into your Entrata account and click on the IECC Alerts link.

See the Winter Weather Closing Policy at www.iecc.edu/occ for additional information.



IECC/OCC Nursing Program Celebrating 'Year of the Nurse'

The World Health Organization has designated 2020 the International Year of the Nurse in honor of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/Olney Central College Nursing Program is pleased to join the American Nurses Association in celebrating this designation.

To mark the occasion, the Knightline will spotlight IECC/OCC Nursing Program faculty, staff, students and alumni throughout the year.

We are kicking off the yearlong celebration with a Question & Answer session featuring Theresa Marcotte and Carla Burgener.

Theresa Marcotte has served as the Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health since 2016. A full-time employee of the IECC District for 17 years, she joined Wabash Valley College in 2002. She was a nursing instructor for five years and served as WVC's Dean of Instruction from 2007 to 2010. Prior to coming to OCC, Marcotte taught six years at Frontier Community College, where she was head of the nursing department.

During her career, Marcotte has worked in the Cardiovascular Unit at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville and in the OB/GYN Unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Ind.

Marcotte earned an associate's degree in nursing from WVC and completed a bachelor's degree in nursing from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She received her master's



Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Theresa Marcotte and Administrative Assistant Carla Burgener (right).

degree from the University of Southern Indiana and earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 2018.

Why did you choose nursing as a career?

Marcotte: I always wanted to help people and I wanted to be in the medical field.

What have you enjoyed most about your career?

Marcotte: As a nurse, making a difference in the lives of the patients and helping them achieve a positive outcome when I can. As an educator, it's being able to give back to my profession and as an administrator my hope is to

give back to my peers as well as helping the students.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your current position?

Marcotte: I think working to move us into the technology age, but also working to incorporate updated practices into nursing education. Things have changed so much in nursing and education. The challenge is to blend these two needs. Students don't learn the same way we did.

I think having faculty be on board with these changes, even though change is not easy, has been great. We don't have a choice. We just have to adapt. We have done that and our

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Nursing ranked No. 1 most ethical and honest profession

For the 18th straight year, Americans have rated nurses as the No. 1 most ethical and honest profession.

According to the 2019 Gallup poll, 85 percent of Americans rated nurses' honesty and ethical standards as "high" or "very high."

To learn more, visit www.nurse.org.

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students have appreciated it.

What do you want the community to know about the IECC/OCC Nursing Program?

Marcotte: Our program is such a wonderful opportunity for students to do more not just for themselves, but the community and those around them. It's satisfying going through the program, knowing you can get a job right away while you are surrounded by a group of peers that are going to be a part of your profession.

The purpose is to serve and elevate people to a new place where they can do a lot of things to help their families.

What else would you like to add?

Marcotte: I really want to acknowledge Carla's contributions. She is such a grounding force in our program and is so knowledgeable about its history. She is so organized and is always working with and supporting me. I lean on her a lot. She has just been a blessing for me. She is the biggest fan of this program. She is always ready to fight for our students and she sticks up for the program every chance she gets.

OCC nursing student Nicole Zumbahlen also had questions for Marcotte.

How do you continue to deal with or cope with the ongoing stress of being a nurse when situations become very, very intense?

Marcotte: Preparation matters, continuing education matters and life balance matters. Having a good foundation in your nursing knowledge, skills and attitudes makes a big difference. This foundation is what you build on. Build that foundation and you move right into continuing education where you constantly learn and apply information to help you do the things you need to do. It becomes second nature and helps allevi-

ate a lot of stress.

It's like taking CPR every year – you do it and think why do I need this training, then someone goes down and you don't even think, you start initiating CPR and doing what you've been trained to do. I also think you need balance in your life – mind, body, spirit balance. You have to take a break and find things that revitalize you when you are in an intense environment. It might be reading, running, or a hobby that takes you away from everything; where you just can regroup. I find this helps keep things in a positive perspective.

As a seasoned nurse, what advice would I give my younger self when I was in the program?

Marcotte: To really dig in and make the content my own; find a way to make the content interesting and relevant to me and my clinical rotation. I would also tell myself to have my 3- and 5-year goals set and be working on how to accomplish those goals. If it is a BSN, then I would have a school picked out and an application made for fall or spring, but get the paperwork done and keep moving.

Carla Burgener's affiliation with the Nursing Program began as a work study student for the department while attending OCC. She joined the program as a part-time employee in August 1996 after completing her associate's degree that same year. Her job was made a full-time position in November 1996.

Burgener has now served as the Administrative Assistant to the Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health for 23 years.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your current position?

Burgener: Working with the faculty and students. I really enjoy getting to know the students. I see them when they start as CNAs and watch as they progress. My health care provider has

hired a lot of our radiography and nursing graduates, not just from OCC, but the whole district. I am impressed with their knowledge and professionalism each time I see them.

What are some of the things you do in your position that people might not realize?

Burgener: I'm the secretary for all of the committee meetings. I handle a lot of things for our accreditation. I compile information on our pass rates and job placement. I also have to ensure our faculty meet state licensing requirements to teach. I am also on Carle Richland Memorial Hospital's Health Fest Committee.

What do you want the community to know about the IECC/OCC Nursing Program?

Burgener: It's a good, solid, strong program and we can satisfy the needs of our area employers. It's a program to be proud of.

There is such a benefit to beginning your education at a community college where you're not just a number. A lot of times at a large university, your professor doesn't even know your name. Here everyone knows you from your general education courses through your nursing classes. I think it is a good start for people who want to go on and earn a bachelor's degree. You get an idea of what it takes to be successful at a four-year school. It helps to ensure you are prepared.

How has the program changed in the 23 years you have been affiliated with it?

Burgener: We have moved away from the traditional standing behind a podium and delivering a lecture. We are incorporating new technology into our teaching including simulation devices and mannequins, which give students more hands-on opportunities. We have more resources for students today.