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Lamb receives IACEA Student of the Year Award

Olney Central College GED graduate Bill Lamb is the recipient of the Illinois Adult and Continuing Educators Association's Student of the Year Award.

"I'm really surprised and excited about it," said Lamb. "I just want to thank the teachers and staff for all of their help. It's a really good program and more people need to take advantage of it. I especially want to thank instructor Maranda Tate. She really pushed me to do more and better."

Lamb, of Noble, was honored during the annual IACEA banquet, where he received both a plaque and a monetary award.

"This is a huge honor and I am so proud of Bill," said OCC Learning Skills Center Director Donita Kaare. "He is a wonderful success story because of



Bill Lamb is the recipient of the Illinois Adult and Continuing Educators Association's Student of the Year Award. Pictured, from left, are Coordinator of Human Services Jessica Parrent, LSC Director Donita Kaare, Bill Lamb, and GED/Transition Instructor Maranda Tate.

his own efforts, but also because of the excellent instruction and support he received at OCC."

Lamb enrolled in the free GED test preparation classes offered through Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center in Spring 2013 after losing

his job.

"For years, my wife, Linda, encouraged me to go back to school and get my degree," he said. "I want to thank God and I really want to thank my wife because she got me there in the first place."

While working toward

his GED, Lamb provided both support and encouragement to his classmates.

"Bill is a wonderful mentor to younger students who are struggling," said Jessica Parrent, who worked with Lamb while serving as Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Adult Education Transition/Data Technician. "He succeeded in the classroom and helped a number of other students."

While preparing for his GED, Lamb also participated in the Learning Skills Center's Transition Skills Class. The course assists students as they transition from GED classes to college courses or the job market. The class covers a variety of topics from applying for financial aid and taking the COMPASS Test to resume writing and

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OCC and IDES host Hiring Exposition April 16

Olney Central College and the Illinois Department of Employment Security will host a Hiring Exposition from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 16 in the OCC Gymnasium.

OCC Coordinator of Career Services Allan Alldredge said 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.

"Attendees should have their

resumes ready and be prepared for a job interview," he added.

More than 50 businesses, service providers and educational institutions will have booths at the event. Among those attending will be North American Lighting, Bridgeance Laboratories, TrustBank, the Division of Rehabilitation Services, Clay County Hospital, Sherwin Williams, Schneider Trucking, Farbest Foods, Pepsi MidAmerica, Charter Communications, Brookestone

Estates of Olney, Illinois State Police, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, Pacific Cycle, Escalade Sports, Indiana Wesleyan University, Walmart Distribution Center, Eastern Illinois University, McKendree University, Franklin University and Purdue University-College of Technology.

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

Vicki Stuckey retires from OCC
OCC Financial Aid Coordinator Vicki Stuckey was honored during a reception at Olney Central College on March 19. She is retiring after 25 years of service to the college. Presenting Stuckey with a gift is **OCC President Rodney Ranes**.



Student Recital April 30

The Olney Central College Music Department will host its Spring Recital featuring solo student performances at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

The Spring Recital provides students the opportunity to showcase their talents and hard work on repertoire ranging from Broadway hits to the classics of art music literature.

This semester's recital will feature Schubert and Mozart, music from *Brigadoon*, and include a jazz combo as well as a multi-percussion duet.

Admission to the event is free. For more information, please contact Andrew Pittman, Director of Choral Activities, at pittmana@iecc.edu, or by phone at 395-7777, ext. 2252.

OCC Jazz Ensemble to perform at U of E Jazz Band Invitational

The Olney Central College Jazz Ensemble will be performing as part of the University of Evansville Jazz Band Invitational at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 at the Wheeler Concert Hall, on the campus of the University of Evansville in Evansville, Ind. Also featured on this concert will be the Signature School Jazz Band from Evansville, and

the University of Evansville Jazz Ensemble I.

"We're very excited about this opportunity," said OCC Jazz Ensemble Director Suzanne Downes. "This will allow our students to share their talents regionally, hear other quality jazz ensembles and visit the campus of a highly-ranked regional university."

The University of

Evansville is currently ranked No. 9 on the U.S. News & World Report "Best Regional Universities: Midwest" listing.

The OCC Jazz Ensemble will be performing the music of George Gershwin and Gordon Goodwin's *Big Phat Band*, among others.

Admission for this performance is free and open to the public.

OCC Music Department to present Spring Concert April 17

The Olney Central College Music Department will present its Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. This concert will feature the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble.

The Concert Band will be theming their portion of the concert "Love and Determination" with selections themed around rising above the struggles that one encounters through life. *The Phoenix*, by Gary P. Gilroy begins the concert "rising from the ashes." Eric Whitacre's *The Seal Lullaby* pays tribute to the devotion

of a parent's love; and *A Spirit Unconquered* by Dallas Burke celebrates the spirit of those who face challenges to not only endure, but thrive.

The Concert Choir will perform Carissimi's *Historia di Jephte*, an early Lenten Oratorio taken from Judges 11. Carissimi's setting pioneers many devices that would become the hallmarks of the Oratorio form, inspiring future composers such as Handel and Bach. The work features full chorus, a trio, duets and solos. Additionally, the Concert Choir will perform an African American

Spiritual, a touch of Broadway and a Beatles song.

The Jazz Ensemble will break into four separate jazz combos for this concert, letting each student develop their improvisational skills through hits of yesterday and new music of today.

Two combos will play the music of Horace Silver, one will pay homage to Herbie Hancock and a fourth will play a new piece by Nicholas Fernandez called *Transcendental Tango*.

Admission is \$5 and available at the door.



Pathways Project

Students in Amie Mayhall's Monday morning Pathways class are doing their part to help beautify campus. On March 30, students descended on the OCC campus picking up trash. The students collected more than five bags of trash which were discarded properly. From us to you, please choose to follow the advice of Woodsy Owl: Give a hoot. Don't pollute!



Preview Day April 23

Olney Central College will host a Preview Day from 9 to 11 a.m. on April 23 for individuals interested in learning more about OCC and its programs.

Representatives from academic advising, financial aid, the Learning Skills Center and Student Senate will provide brief information sessions and answer questions. Visitors also will have the opportunity to tour campus and meet with an advisor individually.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by calling OCC Student Services at 395-7777.

SIU-C free application

The SIU Service Center at OCC is hosting a Free Application Day for students on April 22 outside Student Services.

Students can apply to SIU at Carbondale for free and save \$40.

Wristbands for OCC Jamfest go on sale April 13

Wristbands for Olney Central College's Jamfest will go on sale Monday, April 13.

The wristbands are just \$5 and provide entry to all five shows during the April 18 music festival. Wristbands may be purchased from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 13 through April 15 outside the Student Services Office; from 9 a.m. to noon during the OCC and IDES Hiring Exposition in the Gym; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Spring Fling.

Wristbands also will be available at the gate the day of Jamfest. The event will be held in the parking lot closest to the Student Services Office. Parking will be available in the freshman lot, which may be entered from Ill. 130.

Attendees should wait until entering the venue before applying the

wristbands. In the event Jamfest is canceled due to rain, refunds will be given only to those who present wristbands in pristine condition.

Jamfest kicks off at noon as The Thinga-Ma Jug Band brings its brand of mountain music to the stage followed by the classic country sounds of MotherLode at 2 p.m.

Bad Daddies will offer a mix of classic rock and pop at 4 p.m. and the evening will conclude with alternative and rock performers Sideline at 6 p.m. and Flight Fifty at 8 p.m.

Allredge said each band will play about a 90-minute set with a 15-minute intermission between the shows.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase with a percentage of the profits going to OCC organiza-

tions. Free games will be set up and the college also will hold prize giveaways.

Those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. No alcohol or outside food or drinks will be allowed on college grounds.

Several area businesses are sponsoring the event through cash and in-kind donations including Escalade Sports, Hurn's Lumber, MSC Industrial Supply Co., Rural King, Illinois National Guard, Hog N Dog BBQ, Woods' Autobody, Hovey's Diner, Miller Office Equipment, Allan's Welding, Rural King, Pepsi MidAmerica, TrustBank, REPCON, Bridgeance Corp. Laboratory Services, First National Bank, WSEI Freedom 92.9, WIKK 103.5, CBS Sports Radio WVLN, and the Haskett Family.

Carmen Jones attends NACCTEP annual conference in Boston

Olney Central College instructor Carmen Jones attended the 13th annual conference of the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACCTEP) held March 6-8 in Boston, Mass.

NACCTEP is an organization of community colleges, administrators, staff, faculty and students. Its mission is leading community college early childhood and teacher education programs for the 21st century.

The annual conference brings together leaders in teacher education programs from community colleges across the nation to share programs, lessons and models to revolutionize teacher education programs and to develop pathways and partnerships with senior institutions, communities and industries in education.

The theme of this year's conference was "Revolutionizing Community College Teacher Education Programs."

"This is the first time that I

have attended the conference. I really enjoyed the experience," Jones said. "Most of the break out sessions that I attended centered on early childhood education. During the past year, I have been working on revising and enhancing the education curriculum at Olney Central College, primarily developing new courses in early childhood education. I gained greater insight on what other community colleges across the country, and especially at other community colleges in Illinois, are doing in early childhood education."

NACCTEP serves as a voice for community colleges in national discussions about teacher education; supports institutions and individual members by enhancing current community college teacher education programs and is a resource for those looking to develop new programs; and facilitates connections between community college teacher education programs and faculty.

Shimkus praises international intern exchange program

OCC international student among the participants

In a recent speech to the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. John Shimkus (Ill.-15) praised the various international internship programs he has experienced this year.

"These programs represent a brilliant method of cultural and educational exchange not only for the bright young leaders of some of our closest partners, but also for myself and many of my colleagues," he said.

The interns included two Australian students and a German student, Mathias Weber. Weber attended OCC last fall through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals program. He served

in Shimkus' office in January and February.

"During this time, Mathias has applied himself with German efficiency becoming well known for his diligence and precision," Shimkus said. "Mathias has shown why the German economy prides itself on its efficiency as our office could not have asked for more dedication in whatever task he was assigned."

Shimkus noted the exchange programs, strengthen and preserve the relationships shared between countries.

"As these future leaders grow and move on through their lives, I hope they look fondly back upon their time here and are able to take back some knowledge and American values with them, throughout their lives," he added.

OCC basketball players recognized

Olney Central College basketball players Shelbi Samsil, Kelsey Pilant, Kaitlin Sheppard and Tyler Brough have been recognized for their efforts.

Samsil and Pilant were named to the NJCAA All-Region 24 team. Samsil also was named to the GRAC All-Conference team.

Both Sheppard and Brough were recipients of the GRAC Sportsmanship Award.

Foundation Golf Outing

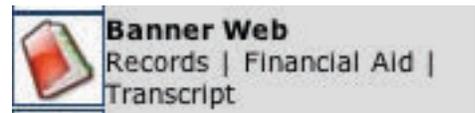
The OCC Foundation will host its 14th annual golf outing on Friday, May 1 at the Richland Country Club in Olney.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and tee-off is set for 1 p.m. The event includes 18 holes of golf in a scramble format. Entry fee is \$65 per person or \$260 for a team of four.

For more information, contact Kathy Slichenmyer at 395-7777, ext. 2003. The deadline to register is Monday, April 27.

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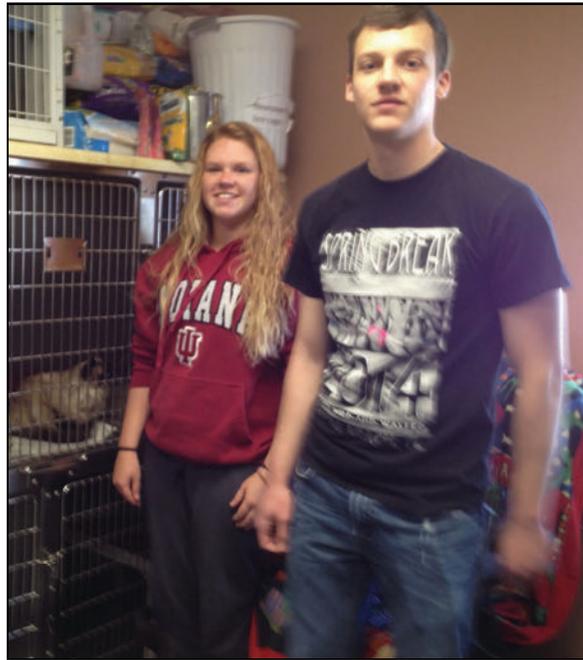
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If you encounter problems with making your online payment, please contact the IECC HelpDesk at 618-395-5299 or toll-free 1-855-519-4357.



Students volunteer at Animal Shelter

On April 1, students in Amie Mayhall's Wednesday morning Pathways class volunteered their time at the Animal Shelter in Olney. The students met the workers and were given basic information about the shelter and numbers. Last year, the facility housed more than 500 dogs and cats. The students helped with walking dogs, cleaning cat cages, feeding cats and replacing litter. Choose something you enjoy, are passionate about, or think needs your help and choose to volunteer.



OCC Spring Fling April 17

OCC's annual Spring Fling will be Friday, April 17 with a variety of activities planned throughout the day in the Student Union and Courtyard.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. with a Ping Pong tourney that includes a \$5 entry fee.

A free lunch will be offered starting at 11 a.m. The menu includes hamburger, chips and a drink. A vegetarian option also will be available.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., students

can enjoy inflatables, a slip and slide and participate in pie throwing. The OCC Cosmetology students also will provide nail treatments.

Open mic and karaoke will start at noon. The Fear Factor game will begin at 12:30 followed by a scavenger hunt at 1:30 p.m.

Five free tickets to Jamfest will be given away during the event, which is sponsored by the OCC Student Senate.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

- **April 14** – OCC at Wabash Valley College, 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.
- **April 16** – OCC at Kaskaskia College, 3 p.m.
- **April 18** – OCC vs. Kaskaskia College, noon & 3 p.m. at home
- **April 21** – OCC at Vincennes University, 5 p.m.
- **April 23** – OCC at Rend Lake College, 3 p.m.
- **April 25** – OCC vs. Rend Lake College, noon & 3 p.m. at home
- **April 26** – OCC vs. Lake Land College, noon at home
- **April 27** – OCC at Lindenwood University – Belleville, 1 & 4 p.m.
- **April 28** – OCC at Danville Area Community College, 3 p.m.

Softball

- **April 12** – OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. at home
- **April 14** – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois College, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- **April 15** – OCC vs. Danville Area Community College, 3 & 5 p.m. at home
- **April 16** – OCC at John A. Logan College 2 & 4 p.m.
- **April 17** – OCC vs. Wabash Valley College, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- **April 18** – OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois College, noon & 2 p.m. at home
- **April 19** – OCC at Lincoln Trail College, 1 & 3 p.m.
- **April 20** – OCC vs. St. Louis Community College, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- **April 21** – OCC at Parkland College, 3 & 5 p.m.

Registration underway

Don't wait! Registration is currently underway for summer and fall semester classes at OCC.

Stop by the Student Services Office today and schedule your registration appointment or call 395-7777.

OCC Theatre's 'Mary Poppins'

The OCC Theatre presented seven performances of its spring musical "Mary Poppins."



Campus visit

Nicole Jackson from Franklin University will be at OCC from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 in front of Student Services.

Lost and found items

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

Keep vehicles locked

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

Happy Birthday To:

April

- 1 Dennis Conley
- 1 Jennifer Bourland
- 1 Larry Harbaugh
- 5 Carmen Jones
- 5 Jacy Ghast
- 6 Lindsey Buck
- 11 Brenna Heidinger
- 15 Bev Mathews
- 18 Jim Tucker
- 21 Tammy Fralicker
- 21 Vicki Thompson
- 25 Brittney Hazel
- 27 Theresa Marcotte — FCC



OCC Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring

Need help with a class? Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

The LSC also can provide tape recorders, large screen monitors, read-

ers and note takers.

If you have any special learning needs, come and see the LSC staff.

The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4. Stop by to learn more.

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career planning. The class also assists students with setting goals.

After completing his GED, Lamb enrolled in truck-driving classes offered at OCC through Wabash Valley College. With financial assistance from the Embarras River Basin Agency, Inc., he was able to finish his

studies and earn his CDL.

He is currently working as a driver for Tri County Ag Center in Ingraham. Lamb hopes to eventually work full-time with the Illinois Department of Transportation. During the winter, he was hired for a temporary position assisting with snow removal.

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the May Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 27.

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