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Olney Central College



April 2019

Upcoming Events

April

13 *An Evening with Veryl E. Jones, Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 7:00 p.m.*

18 *Last Day to Withdraw from 16-week Spring Semester Classes*

19 *College Closed – Spring Holiday*

26 *Spring Fling*

26 *Music Department Spring Concert, Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.*

27 *OCC Automotive / Collision Repair Car Show, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.*

30 *OCC Music Department Spring Recital, Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.*

College Visits

April 15 *Franklin University, Representative Nicole Jackson, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Table will be located outside Student Services*

April 17 *Grand Canyon University Online Nursing Representative Meg Clark will have a table located outside the Nursing Classroom.*

May 2 *Franklin University, Representative Nicole Jackson, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Table will be located outside Student Services*

Collision Repair utilizing new mixing tints

Students in Olney Central College's Collision Repair Program have access to a new set of mixing tints purchased with funds from the OCC Foundation.

"With the Foundation's assistance, we were able to replace all 24 of the tints on the mixing bank," said Instructor Lonnie Barnes. "Many were older and some had dried out because we don't use the tints as quickly as a regular shop would."

To perfectly match a vehicle's paint, students enter the code from the vehicle into a computer, which then prints out the formula, specifying the exact amount of each tint. Students may need 10 to 12 different tints to create a single color.

"You may only use two or three grams of a single tint, but if it is left out, the paint won't be exact and the color won't match," Barnes said.

Having access to the tints is essential for students as they learn how to fully restore a vehicle to its original condition.

"If we didn't have the new tints, we would have to purchase colors already mixed from a local shop and the students would miss out on the opportunity to learn this important step," Barnes said. "The tints are very expensive to replace. I greatly appreciate the Foundation providing the funds for the new tints. It is something I couldn't have done on my own budget."



OCC makes list of top online colleges

Olney Central College has been named one of the state's top online learning providers.

SR Education Group, a leading education research publisher, ranked OCC 14th on its list of the 2019 Best Online Community Colleges in Illinois.

The state's 48 community colleges were ranked by several important factors, including retention rate, graduation rate, percentage of online enrollment data, and the number of online associate degrees offered.

OCC offers both online transfer and technical degrees including Accounting, Medical Office Assistant and Medical Transcription. A variety of transfer courses are also available.

All four Illinois Eastern Community Colleges — Frontier Community in Fairfield, Lincoln Trail in Robinson, Olney Central in Olney and Wabash Valley in Mt. Carmel — made the list.



Sports Schedule

Baseball

- April 8** — OCC at Lindenwood-Belleville JV, 1 & 3 p.m.
- April 9** — OCC vs. Kaskaskia, 1 & 4 p.m. at home
- April 11** — OCC at John A. Logan, 3 p.m.
- April 13** — OCC vs. John A. Logan, noon & 3 p.m. at home
- April 16** — OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 3 p.m. at home
- April 18** — OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 3 p.m. at home
- April 19** — OCC at Lincoln Trail, noon & 3 p.m.
- April 22** — OCC at Millikin JV, 3 p.m.
- April 23** — OCC at Wabash Valley, noon & 4 p.m.
- April 25** — OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 3 p.m.
- April 27** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, noon & 3 p.m. at home
- April 29** — OCC at Kentucky Wesleyan JV, 1 & 3 p.m.

Women's Softball

- April 9** — OCC at Wabash Valley, 2 & 4 p.m.
- April 10** — OCC at South-eastern Illinois, 2 & 4 p.m.
- April 11** — OCC at Shawnee, 2 & 4 p.m.
- April 13** — OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 1 & 3 p.m. at home
- April 16** — OCC vs. John A. Logan, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- April 19** — OCC at Rend Lake, noon & 2 p.m.
- April 22** — OCC vs. Brescia, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- April 25** — OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 2 & 4 p.m.
- April 27** — OCC vs. Kaskaskia, noon & 2 p.m. at home
- April 30** — OCC at Lake Land, 2 & 4 p.m.

Tickets on sale now for OCC Theatre's 'An Evening with Veryl E. Jones' April 13

The Olney Central College Theatre is proud to announce that Veryl E. Jones will be performing at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 at the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. The event is sponsored by TrustBank.

Jones is an accomplished actor, singer, dancer and comedian who has a huge list of credits in television and movies including "Bad Boys 2," with Will Smith, "The Punisher," with John Travolta, "Out of Time," with Denzel Washington, "Their Eyes Were Watching God," with Halle Berry, and many more.

"An Evening with Veryl E. Jones" will begin with his hilarious portrayal of Jeniah, an African percussionist who does not speak English. With the use of non-verbal communication and audience participation, Jeniah will have adults and children alike roaring as he attempts to orchestrate a full percussion band.

For the second half of the evening, Jones will use his amazing singing voice to tell the journey of his career through many standard Broadway and Disney songs, as well as a touch of opera.

Jones currently performs at The Walt Disney World Resort in the No. 1 rated show, "Festival of the Lion King," as the MC and Kimue. He has been performing at Disney World for 19 years in many different shows and attractions.

Tickets are on sale now for \$12 and may be purchased online at www.iecc.edu/occtheater. All seats are reserved.



Automotive/Collision Repair Car Show April 27

The Olney Central College Automotive Service and Collision Repair Technology programs will host their fourth annual Car Show on Saturday, April 27 at OCC.

The show is open to new and old cars, trucks and motorcycles. Registration is \$10 and will be held from 9 a.m. to noon with the awards presentation to begin at 2 p.m. All participants will receive dash plaques.

Both OCC's Automotive Building and the Collision Repair Technology Center will be open for tours. Assistant Professor Tyler Boyles encourages anyone interested in the programs to attend the event.

Food, drinks and music will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A 50/50 drawing also will be held. Proceeds from the car show will benefit the Automotive and Collision Repair programs. For more information, contact Boyles at 395-7777, ext. 2521.





The OCC Science Club attended the Maize Genetics Conference on March 15. Pictured, from left, are Life Science Instructor and Club Advisor Sarah Bergbower, Shelby Gragert, Chemistry Instructor Dr. Aaron Lineberry, Colin Waller, Donnie Watson and Tylyn Kirkpatrick.

Science Club attends Maize Genetics Conference

The OCC Science Club sponsored a trip to the 2019 Maize Genetics Conference at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel on March 15.

OCC students listened to invited talks in genetics and plant biology given by internationally renowned scientists, learned the most current scientific and technical advances in maize genetics, and interacted with graduate students and scientists at a poster session.

OCC alumnus Matthew Runyon (2017) was one of several undergraduate students from the University of Illinois presenting a research poster regarding his project.

For more information on the Science Club, contact Sarah Bergbower at 395-7777, ext. 2228, or email bergbowers@iecc.edu.

Register now for Summer & Fall Classes

OCC is currently registering students for summer and fall semester classes.

OCC offers transfer and technical programs in today's top fields. New for Fall 2019 is Information Systems Technology. The program is ideal for those wishing to work as a Network Technician, Help Desk Support Technician, Network Administrator, Cybersecurity Analyst or Data Analyst.

For more information or to register, call 395-7777. Request a registration appointment online at www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment.

Eight-week summer semester classes start June 4 and fall semester classes begin Aug. 15. Schedules are available at www.iecc.edu/occ.

OCC hosts national conference on assassinations

Nationally-known authors, researchers, historians, educators and college professors gathered at Olney Central College April 4-8 for the *Political Assassinations of the 1960s* conference.

The event, sponsored by the JFK Historical Group, included a banquet April 6 with keynote speakers Lisa Pease and Ed Tatro. A crew from American History TV on C-SPAN 3 filmed Pease's presentation focusing on her book *A Lie to Big to Fail: The Real History of the Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy*. The piece will air on the cable channel later this year.

OCC Instructor David Denton, who teaches the course Political Assassinations of the 1960s, organized the event.



At left, Randolph Benson discusses his film *The Searchers*, which opened the conference on April 4. Above, presenter Larry Rivera, right, talks with a conference attendee during the Speakers and Press Luncheon.