

# KNIGHTLINE

Olney Central College



December 2016

## Upcoming Events

### December

**6** OCC Music Department Fall Recital, 8 p.m., OCC Theater

**9** Last Day of Fall Semester Classes

**11** OCC Theater "The Little Mermaid" Auditions, 2 p.m.

**12** OCC Theater "The Little Mermaid" Auditions, 7 p.m.

**12-15** Final Exams

**12-14** Fall Textbook Buyback, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. & 5-6:30 p.m., OCC Bookstore

**12** Spring Textbook Sales Begin

**15** OCC Music Department Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., OCC Theater

**16** Last Day of Fall Semester

**20-31** OCC Closed for Winter Break

### January

**1-2** OCC Closed for Winter Break

**3** OCC Reopens

**9** Spring Semester Classes Begin

**12** Kubecca, Southeastern Illinois Concert Association, 7:30 p.m., OCC Theater

### College Visits

A table will be located outside Student Services.  
**Dec. 7** Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Foundation uses La Gala funds for mortuary cooler

The Olney Central College Foundation used proceeds it received from last year's La Gala to purchase a mortuary cooler for the Life Science Department.

Instructor Chris Mathews said the \$12,824 self-contained unit replaces an older cooling system that has been in use since the 1980s. He noted temperatures inside the new cooler can be better maintained, reducing mold growth and helping to preserve the cadavers, which are used by students in OCC's anatomy classes.

The new cooler also is smaller and has freed up storage space for both the Life Science and Nursing departments, who share the room.

"We have already noticed a big difference with the new cooler," Mathews said. "We are very grateful and glad to have it. I appreciate OCC President Rodney Ranes' efforts in working with the Foundation to enable us to get this new equipment."

Ranes also thanked OCC's Operations and Maintenance staff and Illini Builders for addressing installation issues and assisting with the project's completion.



The OCC Foundation used funds it received from the 2015 La Gala to purchase a new mortuary cooler for OCC's Life Science Department. Pictured, from left, are OCC President Rodney Ranes, Life Science Instructor Chris Mathews and Foundation President Bartley Zuber.

## Auditions for 'The Little Mermaid' Dec. 11-12

The Olney Central College Theater will host auditions for Disney's "The Little Mermaid" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 and at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Individuals auditioning will be required to give a reading from the script. A character list and audition cuts for prepared readings are available at [www.iecc.edu/occtheater](http://www.iecc.edu/occtheater). Individuals must also sing from memory 16 measures from any Broadway musical song. Please bring



your sheet music with you for the accompanist.

Adults as well as college and high school students are invited to audition.

A part is also available for one boy between the ages of 6 and 10. Finally, there are three parts available for tap dancers. Tap dancers do not need to sing at their audition, but must do a 16 measure tap showing their abilities.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 24, 25, 30, 31 and April 1. Afternoon shows will begin at 2 p.m. on March 26 and April 1 and 2.

## Denton publishes article featuring new witness in President John F. Kennedy's assassination

Olney Central College instructor David Denton has written an article on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, featuring information from a source who only recently decided to go public with his knowledge of the case.

The JFK Historical Group published Denton's in-depth work, "Nexus: The JFK Assassination's Place in History and a New Witness," on its blog last month. The article can be accessed at [www.changehistjfk.blogspot.com](http://www.changehistjfk.blogspot.com).

"The two objectives of the article were to give an overview of the assassination story and where we are at 53 years later and to introduce this new witness," Denton said. "It includes what I have learned from the people I have come into contact with in my travels and it gives an overview to a general audience of what has transpired."

Denton said Kennedy's assassination on Nov. 22, 1963, remains a unique event in American history because of the discrepancy between the established portrayal of the events in Dallas and the skepticism of the public, with a majority not accepting that representation, but instead seeing the probability of conspiracy.

"I, like many who have taken an interest in this case, was initially drawn in by a fascination with the facts of conspiracy which are apparent to anyone who takes more than a cursory look at the assassination, and by a hunger to understand the 'who' and 'why' behind the case," Denton said.

Denton spent about five months compiling his article. His research included more than 25 hours of telephone interviews with new witness Gordon Ferrie, whom Denton met in 2015 at a JFK assassination conference in Dallas.

Through extensive interviews, Ferrie revealed to Denton he had top-secret security clearance dating back to the Eisenhower administration and as a U.S. Marine had been attached to a presidential protection detail under the Secret Service. Ferrie said he continued in that post for the first year and a half of the Kennedy administration.

Ferrie later earned a master's degree in business and by his own account developed into one of the world's leading experts in trade and banking and international finance, becoming a consultant to the White House, Department of Defense, Department of State, and the Aerospace Industries Association.

Denton said Ferrie's overall knowledge of inside affairs of the U.S. government, intelligence, security, and international finance is impressive. His perspective on the assassination is important due to his overall understanding of the inner workings of various institutions in this country and his close association with Eliot Janeway, a political and economic advisor to President Lyndon B. Johnson.

In the article, Denton reveals how Janeway confided in Ferrie about two meetings that would ultimately prepare the way for the death of JFK and Johnson's realization of his ambition to be president. He also describes Janeway's role in the ensuing events.

"Ferrie has 50-plus years of security clearance to sensitive information and contacts within government agencies," Denton said. "He adds to the growing chorus of witnesses to a Texas connection to the assassination of JFK."

Denton has studied the Kennedy assassination for more than two decades and has taught the course, Political Assassinations of the 1960s, since 2001. Over the years, he has interviewed several people associated with the case and has researched hundreds of documents related to both Kennedy and suspected assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

In 2013, he helped organize a two-day event at OCC marking the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's death. The conference brought together nationally-known academics, scholars and authors to lend their perspectives on the events leading up to and following the assassination. In 2014, Denton organized and participated in a national conference in Washington, D.C. focusing on the Warren Commission Report.



David Denton

## Music Department Christmas Concert set for Dec. 15

The Olney Central College Music Department will host its annual Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Celebrate the joy of the season with the OCC Community Choir and Concert Choir. They will be joined by soloists and accompanied by a chamber orchestra, antique pipe organ and harp in presenting Saint-Saëns' *Christmas Oratorio* and Haydn's *Te Deum*. There also will be traditional carols and a sing-along.

Admission is free. For more information, contact Andrew Pittman, Director of Choral Activities, at [pittmana@iecc.edu](mailto:pittmana@iecc.edu), or call 395-7777, ext. 2252.

## Nursing Program accepting applications

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges: Olney Central College Associate Degree Nursing Program is currently accepting students for Fall 2017.

Individuals wishing to apply should schedule an appointment as soon as possible to meet with Nursing Program Advisor Linda Horn to discuss program requirements.

Horn may be reached at 395-7777, ext. 2246, or by email at [hornl@iecc.edu](mailto:hornl@iecc.edu). The application process must be completed by Feb. 15, 2017.

For further information about nursing at any of the IECC colleges, please visit [www.iecc.edu/nursing](http://www.iecc.edu/nursing).

## Book Buyback

Follett Higher Education Group will hold fall semester textbook buybacks Dec. 12-14.

Students will be able to bring their textbooks to the OCC Bookstore for possible purchase from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m.

## OCC offering new biology class for spring

Olney Central College will offer a new Introduction to Biology course for the spring semester.

Instructor Sarah Bergbower said the transfer-level class is specifically designed to help non-science majors understand the principles of biology, through lecture concepts and lab experience.

"This is a great choice for anyone not majoring in biology or the sciences as it is a more broad, simplified and less detailed version of General Biology I," Bergbower said. "The class fulfills the credit requirement for both the life science course and laboratory course necessary to graduate with an associate's degree."

The class will meet from 1 to 1:50 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with the lab being held from 1 to 2:50 p.m. on Tuesdays.

For more information or to register, contact OCC Student Services at 395-7777. Spring classes start Jan. 9.

## Spring registration now underway

Spring registration is currently underway.

Stop by Student Services to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor.

Request an appointment online at [www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment](http://www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment).

Classes start Jan. 9.

## Lost & Found Items

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



### THE BLUE KNIGHT MAKES HIS DEBUT

OCC's new mascot, The Blue Knight, was unveiled during the Men's and Women's Basketball games on Nov. 16. He is pictured with Student Senate President Nicole McKim and Senator Paige Anderson.

## OCC Baseball Winter Camp Jan. 14

Olney Central College Baseball will host a Winter Camp on Saturday, Jan. 14 at the OCC Gymnasium and Britton's Bullpen in Olney.

Little League and Youth League, ages 6-14, will meet from 9 a.m. to noon. High school students, ages 15-18, will meet from 1 to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$75 and those attending will need to bring a bat, glove, helmet and shoes.

The OCC Winter Camp is excited to bring back many former OCC players and coaches to be instructors at the camp including:

Phil Britton, an Olney native and two-time NJCAA All American who played minor league baseball for seven years and is the owner of Britton's Bullpen;

Jerad Eickhoff, who made his MLB debut in August 2015 pitching for the Philadelphia Phillies and has given pitching lessons at

Britton's Bullpen for many years;

Andy Haines, current minor league hitting coordinator for the Chicago Cubs and former manager of the New Orleans Zephyrs (AAA Marlins);

Kyle Haines, manager this past year of the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes (Short Season A San Francisco Giants);

Brady Shoemaker, a two-time NJCAA All American who currently plays AAA with the Miami Marlins and holds many hitting records at OCC; and

Shawn Garret, a six-time Minor League all star, who played with nine different professional organizations.

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).



### RADIOGRAPHY BANNER

OCC Radiography students display the banner they carried in front of their entry in the Olney Christmas Parade. Alvie Jess of Custom Screen Printing in Arthur created the banner and donated it to the program.

## OCC Baseball players to continue their careers

Several Olney Central College baseball players will continue their careers at four-year universities.

Renton Poole, Donnie Ames and Dillon Whitten have all signed with Indiana State University, while Blue Knights Matt Phipps and Ryan Moore will play for the McKendree University Bearcats.

Other early signers are Trey Fulton, who will join the University of Dayton, Jayden Beshears, who is headed to the University of Southern Indiana, and Drew Campbell, who is inked to the University of Louisville.

Poole, a right-handed pitcher from Bloomington, Ind., attended Bloomington South High School, and compiled a 6-2 record with a 3.03 earned run average and 75 strikeouts in 62.3 innings for the Blue Knights this past season. He led the OCC pitching staff in wins, innings, strikeouts and complete games.

Ames, a right-handed pitcher from West Terre Haute, Ind., was a closer for OCC last year and had 6 saves and 12 strikeouts in 13.1 innings. The West Vigo High School graduate pitched for the Terre Haute Rex in the summer and had a 5-2 record, throwing 39 innings and recording 41 strikeouts with a 3.46 ERA.

Whitten, a right-handed pitcher and first baseman from Haubstadt, Ind., redshirted last season due to an elbow injury, but in 2015, the Gibson Southern High School alumnus led the Blue Knights with 5 home runs and 30 runs batted in as the designated hitter and first baseman. He also saw time on the mound and had 30 strikeouts in 33 innings with a 3.55 ERA.

Phipps, a right-handed pitcher and third baseman from Harrisburg, hit .333 last season, with a .477 on-base percentage, and was second on the team with 11 hit by pitches. The Harrisburg High School graduate went 5-1 on the mound and threw 37.2 innings.

Moore, a right-handed pitcher from Evansville, Ind., threw 45.2 innings, which was good for second most on the team. The Evansville Central High School graduate also posted a 3.35 ERA.

Fulton, a catcher from Memphis, Ind., was an all-conference and all-region player last year. The Floyd Central High School alumnus also made all-defensive team. He hit .377 with 5 home runs and 40 runs batted in last season. He posted a .990 fielding percentage.

Beshears, a catcher and first baseman from Evansville, Ind., hit .378 last season with 4 home runs and 37 runs batted in, serving as the designated hitter. The Evansville North High School alumnus also saw time behind the plate and at first base for the Blue Knights.

Campbell, a centerfielder from Jeffersonville, Ind., and a graduate of Jeffersonville High School, is only a freshman and will earn his stats with the Blue Knights later this year.



**Eight Olney Central College baseball players have signed to continue their careers at four-year universities. Pictured are front row, from left, Donnie Ames, Renton Poole and Trey Fulton, and back row, Dillon Whitten, Ryan Moore, Drew Campbell, Matt Phipps and Jayden Beshears.**

## OCC HVAC program is accepting students for spring

Gain the skills needed to enter the growing and lucrative HVAC field by enrolling in OCC's certificate program.

OCC's heating, ventilation and air conditioning courses cover the installation of new systems and repair to existing HVAC sys-

tems for residential and small business purposes. Students study everything from control circuits and refrigerant cycles to furnaces, boilers and heat pumps.

Both day and evening classes are available. Call 395-7777 to register.

## Sports Schedule

### *Men's Basketball*

**Dec. 7** — OCC vs. St. Gabriel Prep, 7:30 p.m. at home

**Dec. 10** — OCC vs. Lewis & Clark Community College, 3 p.m. at home

**Dec. 13** — OCC vs. Rose-Hulman JV, 7:30 p.m. at home

**Dec. 17** — OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 3 p.m. at home.

### *Women's Basketball*

**Dec. 7** — OCC vs. Parkland College, 5:30 p.m. at home

**Dec. 13** — OCC vs. Danville Area Community College, 5:30 p.m. at home

**Dec. 17** — OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 1 p.m. at home

## IAA Foundation scholarships available

The IAA Foundation offers several scholarship opportunities to qualifying students. Applications will be accepted Dec. 1-Feb. 1.

Scholarships include:

- IAA Foundation General Scholarship, which is available to agriculture majors
- Dorothy and Wilhemine Ratermann Scholarship, 30 scholarships are awarded to students in any major, but the recipients must be sons or daughters of Illinois Farm Bureau members
- Fletcher A. Gourley, Leonard Southwell, & Roger Capps Memorial Scholarships, awarded to patrons and children of employees of Prairie Farms
- Dr. E. Ray and Jeanie Searby Scholarship, awarded to any student attending an Illinois community college and majoring in ag.

You can apply and find more information at

[www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org).

## OCC Cosmetology accepting students for spring semester

Olney Central College's Cosmetology Program is currently accepting new students for the spring semester.

Students enrolled in Cosmetology participate in both classroom and clinical experiences. The program covers all facets of the industry, including hair shaping, skin care, makeup, permanent waving, shampooing, scalp treatments, hair styling and chemical hair relaxing. Pedicures, manicures, massage and shop management also are covered.

Instructor Linda Miller said the latest hair color trends are taught, with representatives from manufacturers such as Matrix coming to work with the students. Last month students had an opportunity to learn makeup techniques from a Mirabella Cosmetics makeup artist.

Completion of the program qualifies students to take a state examination for registration as a licensed cosmetologist in the state of Illinois.

Qualified students, who begin the program in January, will be able to complete their certificates by December 2017.

For more information, contact OCC Student Services at 395-7777. Classes start Jan. 9.

## OCC Winter Closing Policy and IECC Alerts notices

Winter weather will soon be here. For information on OCC's Winter Weather Closing Policy visit [www.iecc.edu/occ](http://www.iecc.edu/occ) and click on the closing policy link under Student Information.

Make sure you sign up for IECC Alerts to receive closing notices. Log into your Entrata account and click on Emergency Alerts to sign up.

## Welding students utilize skills to build gazebo



Students in OCC's Welding Program recently constructed a gazebo for an Olney residence.

Instructor Curtis Marshall said students spent a little more than a month working on the structure, which enabled them to practice the skills they will utilize in the workplace.

The project required students to use geometry to cut the different angles for the roof trusses as well as general fabrication skills for aligning them.

"The students also gained experience in electrical wiring because we installed over 120 feet of wiring, so we could install ceiling fans, lights and a mini fridge," Marshall added.



## TRIO Student Support Services has been busy

October was a busy month for the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges TRIO Student Support Services program. Because of the new FAFSA rules enabling students to apply for federal student aid starting Oct. 1 for the following academic year, each college in the IECC District held a campus-specific workshop designed solely for the purpose of its students applying early for FAFSA for the 2017-18 academic year. At this time, more than 50 percent of the program's students have applied for federal aid for next year.

The week of Oct. 28, TRIO SSS sponsored two university visits. Wabash Valley College TRIO SSS first went to Oakland City University where students were given the opportunity to speak with an advisor in the Education Department, visit with OCU's TRIO director, and get a walking tour of campus. That same week students from all four IECC colleges visited and toured Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Since transfer to a four-year university is one of the program's objectives, visits like these occur frequently during the year.

TRIO SSS also held its November workshop. This second workshop (the program offers four a year) is designed to facilitate the transfer process. A presentation was given on how to complete a successful transfer and the students attended the college fair given on OCC's campus that day.

The program is also busy with community service. For Halloween, Lincoln Trail College TRIO SSS helped with Trick or Treat at the Trail and the Frontier Community College TRIO SSS club assisted with FCC's Trunk or Treat.

Every year the program's Leadership Development class at each college creates and implements its own community service activity.



**OCC students in the TRIO Student Support Services Program visited Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.**