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Olney Central College



January 2019

Upcoming Events

January

7 *Spring Semester Begins*

18 *Last Day of Spring Semester Textbook Refunds*

20 *Auditions for "Wizard of Oz," Grades 3-8, 1-3 p.m.; High School-Adult, 3-5 p.m., OCC Theatre*

21 *Auditions for "Wizard of Oz," Grades 3-8, 3-5 p.m.; High School-Adult, 7-9 p.m., OCC Theatre*

21 *Last Day for 100 Percent Refund for 16-week Spring Semester Classes*

21 *College Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

26 *Disney Frozen Sing-A-Long, 6 p.m., OCC Theatre*

February

18 *Presidents Day, College Closed*

22 *Music Department Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m., OCC Theatre*

Bookstore Hours

January 7-10

7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

January 11

7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

January 14-17

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

January 18

Last day for refunds

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

January 22-May 3

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

Nuttall joins OCC as Title III Project Director

Stephanie Nuttall has joined Olney Central College as Project Director for the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Title III Block Grant.

The U.S. Department of Education grant will provide more than \$2.2 million in funding over five years for initiatives at OCC, which include redesigning two programs, developing a third and streamlining the college's advisement process. Nuttall will oversee all activities related to the process while working with OCC's current staff and those hired to fill four new positions created through the grant.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity at OCC to help strengthen our student services and academic programs," Nuttall said. "The challenge is to better the college as we strive to do more for our students to ensure their overall success. We also have to do everything the right way so we can carry these processes and



programs forward past the grant."

Nuttall brings a diverse background to the position. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Illinois State University and worked 10 years as an accountant for both public and private firms before choosing to enter education.

"I felt like I was missing something," she said. "I had a desire to teach. It was something I was drawn to."

Nuttall completed her master's degree in adult education from the University of Phoenix and served five years as an instructor for Vincennes University's Business Department. While at VU, Nuttall also assisted the college with auditing and grant compliance, an experience she says will serve her well in the new position.

Nuttall, who joined OCC in late November, said the grant initiatives will be implemented in stages and continue through 2023. The first

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Taryn Bunting new Financial Aid Coordinator

Taryn Bunting is Olney Central College's new Coordinator of Financial Aid.

Bunting has been employed as an office assistant in OCC's Records Office since May 2015 and brings 10 years' business experience to her new position. Before joining the college, Bunting served as a grant administrator and administrative assistant with the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission.

"This is a great opportunity to grow within the college. I'm looking forward to being able to assist students in completing their higher education and meeting their goals," Bunting said. "It is such a joy helping students when they first come in, seeing them progress and then watching them walk across the stage at graduation. It is very rewarding knowing you were able to help them."

Students can now complete their 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Bunting urges new and returning students to file their FAFSAs as soon as possible.

"If they have any questions, they can come see Financial Aid or give us a call," Bunting said. "We will be glad to assist them."

Bunting will be posting spring scholarship information in the near future and encourages students to apply. Applications will be available at www.iecc.edu/occ/scholarships.

An Edwards County native, Bunting resides in Olney with her husband, Drew, and son, Mason.



Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

Jan. 9 — OCC at Vincennes, 6 p.m.
Jan. 12 — OCC at Wabash Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 — OCC at Shawnee, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19 — OCC vs. South-eastern Illinois, 3 p.m. at home
Jan. 23 — OCC at John A. Logan, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26 — OCC at Rend Lake 3 p.m.
Jan. 30 — OCC vs. Lake Land, 7:30 p.m. at home
Feb. 2 — OCC at South-western Illinois, 3 p.m.
Feb. 6 — OCC vs. Lewis & Clark, 7:30 p.m. at home

Women's Basketball

Jan. 9 — OCC at Vincennes, 4 p.m.
Jan. 12 — OCC at Wabash Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 — OCC at Shawnee, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 19 — OCC vs. South-western Illinois, 1 p.m. at home
Jan. 23 — OCC at John A. Logan, 5 p.m.
Jan. 26 — OCC at Rend Lake, 1 p.m.
Jan. 30 — OCC vs. Lake Land, 5:30 p.m. at home
Feb. 2 — OCC at South-western Illinois, 1 p.m.
Feb. 9 — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 5:30 p.m.

OCC Food Pantry

The Student Senate operates a Food Pantry in Room 100A. Non-perishable items are available for current, actively enrolled full- and part-time students.

To schedule a visit, contact Advisor Dr. Aaron Lineberry at 395-7777, ext. 2239, or email lineberry@iecc.edu.

SNA supports area Shop with a Cop programs



The OCC Student Nurses Association made donations of \$400 each to local law enforcement agencies for their Shop with a Cop programs. SNA raised the \$1,200 through T-shirt sales. At left, SNA members present a check to the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Pictured are Robert Sakowicz, Daron Harmon, SNA members Miranda Harmon and Chelsea Pitts, Richland County Sheriff's Department Administrative Assistant Felicia Norene and Sheriff Andy Hires.



Above, SNA President Chloe Pearce presents a \$400 check to Clay County Sheriff Andy Myers. At left, SNA members Meredith Matson and Megan Probst present a \$400 donation to Katie Blake, of the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.

Nuttall

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year will target strengthening the academic advising process as well as implementing a revised Information Systems Technology Program.

"We want to give the advisors more resources and allow them to focus more on planning and guidance rather than just registering students for classes," Nuttall said.

An Advisement Specialist will also help the college fine-tune its early alert system to identify and assist students who may be facing issues in the classroom.

Nuttall also will be overseeing the creation of an Information Systems Technology lab at the West Richland Center in Noble in preparation for a pilot of the program in Fall 2019.

Over the course of the grant, Nuttall will aid in changes to OCC's existing Welding

Program by creating a two-year degree program.

"The programs will be redesigned and redeveloped to be more current and ensure they address industry standards," Nuttall said. "We want to prepare students to get a job or continue their education with a bachelor's degree."

The grant also allocates funding for the development of a new Unmanned Aerial Systems Program.

"This program will fulfill the high demand for UAS operators within multiple industries," Nuttall added.

Both the UAS and revamped welding programs will be offered in Year 3 of the grant.

A native of Bloomington, Nuttall resides in Olney with her husband and children ages 11 and 13. In her free time, she enjoys reading and outdoor activities including canoeing and hiking.



EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Olney Central College presented service recognition awards to employees on Jan. 2. Pictured are front row, from left, Dr. Aaron Lineberry, three years, Courtney Meadows, three years, Linda Horn, 20 years, Kathy Swinson, 15 years, Amie Mayhall, 15 years and Shasta Bennett, 15 years. Back row, Andrew Pittman, five years, Taryn Bunting, three years, Michael Conn, 10 years, Tyler Boyles, 10 years, and Jerry Booker, 10 years. Full-time employees not pictured are Dr. Linda Shidler, three years, and Vicki Thompson, five years.

OCC Baseball to host Winter Camp Feb. 2

OCC Baseball will host a Winter Camp on Feb. 2 at the OCC Gymnasium and Britton's Bullpen in Olney.

The camp, for ages 6 through 15, will meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Instructors will

include the OCC coaching staff and players, along with Phil Britton, a two-time NJCAA All-American who played minor league baseball for seven years.

The cost is \$60 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.

Nursing Program applications due Feb. 15

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges: Olney Central College Associate Degree Nursing Program is currently accepting students for Fall 2019.

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 call toll-free 1-866-622-4322.

The application process must be completed by Feb. 15, 2019.

Lock Vehicles

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

OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE THEATRE PRESENTS

Disney FROZEN

SING - A - LONG!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019 AT 6:00

COME MEET ELSA ANNA AND OLAF

TICKETS-IN-ADVANCE: \$10.00
WWW.IECC.EDU/OCCTHEATER
TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$13.00

Not just a movie...it's an EVENT!

ARTS AND CRAFTS

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COOKIES

BOTTLED WATER

HOT CHOCOLATE

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GAS CARD DONATION

The Olney Central College Oathkeepers Club and the Bookstore employees purchased 10 \$20 gas gift cards to aid area veterans in traveling to the Marion Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The cards will be given to Case Manager Roxanne Carson, who will distribute them to veterans. Pictured, from left, are Becca Brown, Allan Alldredge, Anna Gill, Izzy Wells, Kortney Vincent, Dylan Myers, Donna Rude and Cristina Siegel.

‘Wizard of Oz’ auditions Jan. 20-21

The Olney Central College Theatre will hold auditions for “Wizard of Oz,” on Jan. 20-21 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Roles are available for third-graders through adults. Dialogue cuts are available at www.iecc.edu/occtheater for those who want to audition. Adult and high school actors should also be prepared to sing 16 bars from a Broadway song with sheet music for the accompanist. A video with music for Grades 3-8 is available on the theatre website. Students will only need to sing the first 48 seconds of the track.

To be a munchkin, students must be 4’10” or shorter. Students in grade school and junior high, who are taller than 4’10”, may audition for a role in the ensemble.

Auditions for Grades 3-8 will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 20 and 5 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 21. Auditions for high school students and adults will be from 3 to 5 p.m. on Jan. 20 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 21.

Rehearsals will begin on Jan. 28. The rehearsal schedule for Grades 3-8 will work around the Richland County Middle School production of “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” and will be limited compared to the adult schedule.

OCC WELCOMES BACK RETIREES

Several OCC retirees attended the annual Holiday Party on Dec. 5.



Olney Arts Council seeking applicants for scholarships

Applications are now available for the Olney Arts Council’s 2019 scholarships.

OCC students are encouraged to apply for the \$1,500 Junior College Graduate/Transfer Student Visual and/or Performing Arts Scholarship. Applicants must participate in visual or performing arts that support growth in the student’s medium such as applied lessons, sculpting class, photography class and group organizations.

OCC graduates can apply for the \$2,500 OAC Student Teaching/Internship Semester Evolving Artist Award, which is given to a student who is continuing his or her education in the visual or performing arts and anticipates placement in a student teaching or internship program.

Scholarship criteria and application forms are available on the OAC’s website at www.olneyartscouncil.com. Deadline to apply is March 31.

Questions may be directed to Alice Dawkins at edd@wabash.net.

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.