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Upcoming Events

March

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27 Summer & Fall Registration Begins

30 College Closed, Spring Holiday

April

18 Job Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., OCC Gym

20 Spring Fling, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

College Visits

A table will be located outside Student Services.

March 20 Eastern Illinois University Representative Cecilia Yoakum, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 26 Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Representative Regiere Lovett, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 27 Franklin University Representative Nicole Jackson, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

OCC student performs at international jazz festival

Olney Central College student Marvel Carraway performed in front of an international audience during the Costa Rica Blues Festival in Playa Potrero.

Carraway, a percussionist from Darlington, S.C., spent four days in the Central American nation playing alongside Texas

blues singer Annika Chambers at both the blues festival and in Santa Cruz. The pair had previously worked together and when Chambers was looking for a U.S. band to join her in Costa Rica, requested Carraway.

"The first venue was at a theater and we had a really good crowd," Carraway said. "The sec-



ond was outside at the Costa Rica Sailing Center near the beach. It was an all-day event that started at 10 a.m. There were probably 3,000 to 4,000 people. At one point, Annika said, 'We're going to slow it down' and the crowd shouted, 'No, slow. Everything fast.' We all laughed and played almost every song at a good dancing tempo. We

played for 90 minutes and had two encores. We were tired when it was over."

The trip was Carraway's first outside the United States.

"I was amazed at the culture," he said. "I enjoyed sight-seeing in the city and mountains

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OCC grad selected for summer program at Oxford

OCC graduate Torri Frye, of Sumner, will be heading to the prestigious Oxford University this summer through the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities' Best Semester program.

Frye, a junior at Trevecca University in Nashville, Tenn., was one of just 25 students from around the world selected to participate in the intensive six-week study abroad experience. Participants were chosen following an extensive application process, which in-



cluded the submission of an essay, 25 short answer questions and letters of recommendation.

"I was in shock when I found out," said Frye, who graduated from OCC in May 2017. "The first thing I did was go to the English Building. I ran in and told my

professor, who had first mentioned the program to me. She jumped up and hugged me. It didn't really sink in until I bought my plane ticket last month. I'm a little nervous and excited. I'm counting down the days until I leave."

While at Oxford, Frye, an English and creative writing major, will take two courses, C.S. Lewis and the Classics and British Enlightenment Literature. The classroom experience will be augmented with weekend trips to

the places where the authors lived and worked.

"It will be so exciting to go and see everything we read about," Frye said. "I'm really looking forward to going to the home where Jane Austen wrote and grew up, visiting the pub where C. S. Lewis and the Inklings met and walking the same halls at Oxford where Oscar Wilde walked. I'm really excited about doing all the nerdy stuff."

Frye will leave for England on June 14 and return July 16.

Veterans to benefit from donation

The Olney Central College Oathkeepers Club and the OCC Bookstore partnered to purchase gas gift cards to assist veterans traveling to the Marion Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The organizations presented a total of 15 gas cards valued at \$20 each to Martha Brown, a clinical social worker with the Transition and Care Management Program. The cards were purchased with funds raised through the Oathkeepers' Veterans Day cookout and donations contributed by the Bookstore employees as part of their annual holiday community service project.

"What they are doing is something wonderful for the veterans, especially those who are returning," Brown said. "When veterans come back, they have to re-establish their lives. They have to find a job and sometimes a place to live. While they are reintegrating, there are often financial needs. If they have PTSD, they may even have trouble keeping a job. Some veterans struggle financially while getting back and forth for care. The cards will definitely be a great benefit to them. They will have one less worry."

This is the third year the Oathkeepers Club has provided the gift cards and the second year they have received assistance from the Bookstore.

"The vets can take buses or vans from the various churches and veteran organizations sometimes, but not often enough, especially if they have extensive treatments or therapies," said Oathkeepers Advisor Allan Alldredge. "We thought it would be a good idea to help our local vets get to their appointments or to assist the people who help them get there. We, as a club, just wanted to help any vets who needed that kind of assistance. It makes a big difference in their ability to get there and gives them a sense of paying the people back that help them."

Brown encourages all returning veterans to enroll in the VA health care, even if they don't need it right away. If they wait longer than five years, she said, their income could make them ineligible for the program.



The OCC Oathkeepers Club and Bookstore employees purchased gas gift cards to aid veterans in traveling to the Marion Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Pictured are Bookstore employees Rebecca Brown and Donna Rude, OCC Dean of Instruction Michael Conn, Bookstore Manager Cristina Siegel, Oathkeepers Advisor Allan Alldredge, Martha Brown, Clinical Social Worker with the Transition and Care Management Program, and Oathkeepers members Jacob Kuhl and Joshua Fischer.

Massage Therapy offers spring clinics

Olney Central College's Massage Therapy Program is accepting appointments for clinics.

The clinics are open to the public and will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 24 and April 21 at the West Richland Center in Noble.

The cost for a relaxing, Swedish-style massage is \$30 for an hour and \$15 for half

an hour. A 20-minute chair massage is \$10. Reflexology with hand massage is \$30 and a 30-minute back massage with hot stones is \$25.

To make an appointment, call 392-2430. Callers should leave a message with their name and contact information. Calls will be returned on Wednesday evenings and appointments scheduled at that time.

Students can use Pell for summer classes

Olney Central College students may be eligible to use their Federal Pell Grant to help pay for Summer 2018 classes, even if they attended full-time during the fall and spring semesters.

"We are excited year-round Pell is now available to our students," said OCC Coordinator of Financial Aid Andrea Puckett. "In the past, students only had two semesters of eligibility for Pell even though the school year is actually comprised of three semesters — Fall, Spring and Summer. We encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to earn additional credit during the summer and complete their degrees faster."

For more information about summer Pell eligibility, contact OCC Financial Aid at 395-7777 or email pucketta@iecc.edu. OCC is currently accepting appointments for summer registration.

Students can call the college or request an appointment online at www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment.

Lost and Found

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

OCC hosting Career Fair April 18

Olney Central College will host a Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 in the OCC Gymnasium.

Several area businesses will attend including TrustBank, Pepsi MidAmerica, SSM Health, Southern Illinois Healthcare, United Methodist Village, Terre Haute Electrical, Training-Safety Management Company, Wabash Valley Services, Community Support Systems, UPS, Heritage Health and Aerotek.

Colleges and universities who will be on hand include, Indiana State University, University of Evansville, Indiana Wesleyan University, Eastern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, McKendree University and Upper Iowa University.

The event is for students and the public. Both are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to network and to learn more about area businesses.

For additional information about the event, contact Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge at alldredgea@iecc.edu.

Graduation Information

Students who are graduating in Fall 2017, Spring 2018 or Summer 2018 must complete a graduation application. If you have not done so, please contact your advisor.

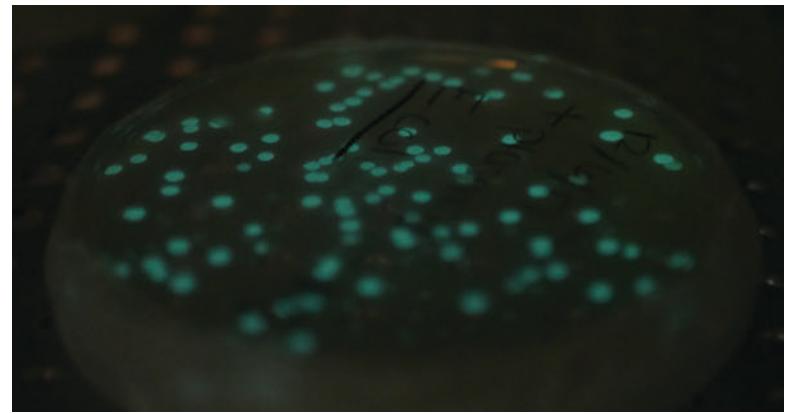
Science Club performs genetic engineering

The OCC Science Club recently performed genetic engineering on campus. Club members performed a transformation on E. coli, making it resistant to the antibiotic ampicillin and glow in the dark.

The gene transfer procedure involved the bacteria taking up the pVIB plasmid which features a beta-lactamase selectable marker and the lux genes which serve as color markers. The glowing genes originally come from a luminescent bacterium, *Vibrio fischeri*, which live in the light organ of a deep sea fish. The luciferase enzyme from this bacterium, which is incorporated into the pVIB plasmid in addition to ampicillin resistance, was transferred to E. coli by Science Club members using the heat shock method. Glowing colonies were apparent in 48 hours.

This was a simple demonstration of how researchers use transformations and reporter gene activity in their methods.

For more information on the Science Club, its benefits of membership, and the activities they do, contact Sarah Bergbower at bergbowers@iecc.edu.



Massage Therapy Program accepting new students for fall

Massage therapy is one of the fastest-growing health care professions in the United States, and you can begin your training this fall.

OCC's Massage Therapy Certificate prepares students to work in the wellness area of professional massage therapy. Employment opportunities exist in hospitals, chiropractors' offices, health care facilities and spas. Massage therapists also can choose to work as independent practitioners.

Upon completion of the two-year program, students will be eligible to sit for the National Certification Exam in Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

The program is currently accepting new students for the fall semester, which begins Aug. 16.

These evening classes will meet at the West Richland Center in Noble.

For more information or to register, call 395-7777.

Olney Central College Theatre Presents

SISTER ACT™

MARCH 16, 17, 22, 23 & 24 | 7:30 PM

MARCH 18 & 25 | 2:00 PM

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SCIENCE CLUB PARTICIPATES IN FAMILY MATH & SCIENCE NIGHT

The Science Club again took part in Richland County Elementary School's Family Math and Science Night held in January. The group led activities such as freezing popsicles on demand using liquid nitrogen, making DNA models from Twizzlers and marshmallows and investigating Oobleck – a non-Newtonian fluid. OCC students participating this year were Jenna Rice, Shelby Gragert, and Curtis Ballard. For more information on the Science Club, contact Advisor Sarah Bergbower at bergbowers@iecc.edu.

Students encouraged to complete survey

OCC students! Make your voice count! Olney Central College wants to hear from you.

Please take a few minutes to complete the FY2018 IECC Student Satisfaction Survey.

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and just walking around. It was one of those experiences where the pictures couldn't do it justice. If you have the opportunity to go, you should do it. It was just a fun experience."

Carraway began playing music at the age of 2, but says he didn't get serious about it until high school.

"That's when I had my first gig I got paid for," he said. "I thought, 'I can play drums and get paid for it.' It made me want to be better. I started playing music at churches, school functions and concerts."

After high school, Carraway moved to Greenville, S.C. He played with the rock project, Second Life, and recorded a gospel album with Second Nazareth. He

The survey was sent via email to students' Entrata accounts on Monday, March 12.

If you have any questions, please contact Student Services. Surveys must be completed by April 13.

was touring two years ago when he met jazz and blues musician Wade Baker.

The two remained in contact and when Baker joined OCC as Director of Bands he encouraged Carraway to enroll and pursue a degree.

"I wanted to make sure this was where I wanted to be," he said. "I had been out of school since I was 19 and I'm 27 now. It took some thought, because school really wasn't on my mind. The big tipping point for me was that a degree would allow me to earn more money. It made me look at it a little more."

Carraway began classes in January and is enjoying the experience.

"Everyone has welcomed me with opened arms," he said. "A couple of the faculty even said if there was anything I needed to let them know. Everyone has been so friendly and it's been enjoyable."

Sports Schedule

Baseball

- March 15** — OCC vs. Kaskaskia, noon at home
March 17 — OCC at Kaskaskia, noon & 3 p.m.
March 19 — OCC at Lindenwood-Belleville, 1 & 3 p.m.
March 22 — OCC at Lake Land, 3 p.m.
March 24 — OCC vs. Lake Land, noon & 3 p.m. at home
March 28 — OCC at McKeendree, 1 & 3 p.m.
March 29 — OCC vs. Shawnee, 3 p.m. at home
March 30 — OCC at Shawnee, noon & 3 p.m.
April 2 — OCC vs. Lindenwood-Belleville, 1 & 3 p.m. at home
April 3 — OCC vs. Vincennes, 3 p.m. at home
April 5 — OCC at Rend Lake, 3 p.m.

Softball

- March 14** — OCC at Parkland, 2 & 4 p.m.
March 17 — OCC vs. Kaskaskia, noon & 2 p.m. at home
March 19 — OCC at John A. Logan, 2 & 4 p.m.
March 20 — OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
March 22 — OCC at Southeastern Illinois, 2 & 4 p.m.
March 24 — OCC at Shawnee, noon & 2 p.m.
March 25 — OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 1 & 3 p.m. at home
March 27 — OCC vs. Lake Land, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
March 28 — OCC at Frontier, 4 & 6 p.m.
March 29 — OCC vs. John A. Logan, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
March 30 — OCC at Lincoln Trail, noon & 2 p.m.
April 5 — OCC at Wabash Valley, 2 & 4 p.m.
April 7 — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, noon & 2 p.m.

Foundation provides funds for Welding Program equipment

Students in Olney Central College's Welding Program have access to new equipment purchased with funding from the OCC Foundation.

Instructor Curtis Marshall said the new tubing bender is a much-needed addition to the program. It will enable students to bend both tubing and pipe at 180-degree angles.

"This is a fabrication tool students will use for a variety of projects," Marshall said. "It is something we haven't had before. We really appreciate the OCC Foundation helping the Welding Program and furthering the education of students at OCC."

Marshall said fabrication is a vital skill for students and an integral part of the training they receive in the program. Students need to be able to read and follow blueprints as they prepare to enter the workforce.

"It is extremely important students get fabrication experience," Marshall said. "You can be the best welder, but you have to be able to apply those skills. The tubing bender is something they will use on the job. It is great we can give them experience working with it here."



The OCC Foundation provided funds for the Welding Program to purchase a new tubing bender. Pictured, from left, are Foundation President Bartley Zuber, Foundation Members Jill Weiler, Sherry Brauer and Brenda Glover and Welding Instructor Curtis Marshall.

New Biology Classes at OCC!

Introduction to Biology LSC 1106

Spring 2017 ✓ It's here!

Biology II—hybrid LSC 1102

Spring 2017 ✓ It's here!

Zoology LSC 1104

Fall 2017 ✓ It's here!

Botany—hybrid LSC 1103

Fall 2018

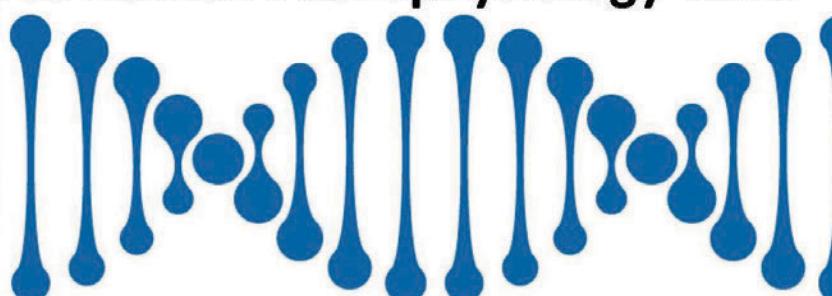
Introduction to Genetics—online

LSC 1107 **Spring 2019** Offering for the first time EVER at IECC!

Zoology—hybrid LSC 1104

Fall 2019

Introduction to Human Pathophysiology LSC 2114 TBA



MUSIC DEPARTMENT WINTER CONCERT

At right, Guest soloist

Berlande Millus performs *He Never Failed Me Yet* with the Olney Central College Concert Choir during the Music Department's Winter Concert on Feb. 23. Millus is starring in the OCC Theatre's upcoming production of *Sister Act*, sponsored by TrustBank.

Lower left, the Concert Band performs under the direction of Wade Baker. Lower right, the Jazz Ensemble performs selections including *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy*, *St. James Infirmary* and *Little Sunflower*.



OCC SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Service Recognition Awards were presented to part-time employees Deb Burnett and Mike Rennier, both three years. Not pictured are Casey Stallard, three years and Cheryl McCarty, three years.



Summer & Fall Registration underway March 27

Olney Central College is accepting appointments for summer and fall registration, which begins March 27.

Stop by Student Services or request an appointment online at www.iecc.edu/occ/appointment.

Summer classes begin June 5 and fall semester starts Aug. 16.

Summer & Fall schedules will be posted soon. Check the IECC website at www.iecc.edu.