

# KNIGHTLINE

Olney Central College



November 2016

## Upcoming Events

### November

**6-12** National Radiologic Technology Week

**9** College Fair, Wattleworth Hallways, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**10** Oath Keepers Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**11** College Closed, Veterans Day

**23** Last Day to Drop Fall Semester Classes

**24-25** College Closed, Thanksgiving Break

### December

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

**9** Last Day of Fall Semester Classes

**12-15** Final Exams

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

**15** OCC Community Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., OCC Theater

### College Visits

Tables will be located outside Student Services.  
**Nov. 17** Eastern Illinois University, 12:30-3 p.m.  
**Nov. 29** Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Dec. 7** Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## OCC awards first Ruth Henry Scholarship

Olney Central College is awarding a new scholarship in honor of longtime theater director and music instructor Ruth Henry.

"The scholarship was created by Ruth's family, friends and others in the community to honor her four decades of service to the college," said OCC President Rodney Raney. "Ruth was a part of the theater for so long and her absence has left a hole at the college. We want to continue to remember her service to OCC and the community."

Jordan Morris, of Olney, is the inaugural scholarship recipient. While attending OCC, Morris has been active in Phi Theta Kappa, the OCC Concert Choir and was a cast member in the OCC Theater's 2016 production of "South Pacific."

Morris plans to attend McKendree University next semester and has been accepted into its Show Choir.

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Jordan Morris is the first recipient of the Ruth Henry Performing Arts Scholarship. Pictured, from left, are OCC Coordinator of Financial Aid Andrea Puckett, Director of Choral Activities Andrew Pittman, Director of Bands Suzanne Fassett and OCC President Rodney Raney.

## Toyota donates car to Automotive Program

A recent donation is enabling students at Olney Central College to gain hands-on experience working with the latest advancements in motor-vehicle technologies.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Princeton, Ind., provided the Automotive Service Technology Program with a new 2016 Toyota Highlander for lab use.

"This is an amazing donation and huge for our program," said Instructor Tyler Boyles.



"This is such a useful item because it will allow our students to see new technology in the vehicle and to learn from it."

This is the second donation the Princeton plant has made to OCC. Last year, the

program received six engines and seven transmissions.

"The donations have been a great asset to our program and we are thankful to Toyota for providing them," Boyles added.

# OCC President Rodney Raney serves as panelist at IAGS meeting

Olney Central College President Rodney Raney was a featured panelist during the Illinois Association of Graduate Schools annual meeting at Eastern Illinois University.

The Oct. 28 event brought together leaders in graduate education from across the state and included a keynote address by Dr. Suzanne Ortega, president of the Council of Graduate Schools.

Raney participated in a round table discussion exploring issues related to graduate education in Illinois. Fellow panelists included Dr. Randy Dunn, president of Southern Illinois University; and Dr. David Glassman, president of Eastern Illinois University. Dr. Amy Hurd, director of Graduate Studies at Illinois State University and professor in the School of Kinesiology and Recreation, served as the moderator.

Participants discussed how graduate education fits into their schools' missions, how graduate education shapes the institutions' cultures and the opportunities and challenges faced in graduate education in Illinois.

As the only community college representative, Raney was able to offer a good perspective on rural education and the necessity for advanced degrees in nursing and other high-needs areas.

"I enjoyed speaking with my colleagues from the four-year institutions about graduate education and the challenges we have as higher education institutions in Illinois," Raney said. "I hope I brought a different perspective about the needs and challenges of graduate education in our sector of education. I enjoyed the conversation with Dr. Glassman and Dr. Dunn."



**OCC President Rodney Raney participates in a round table discussion with Dr. Randy Dunn and Dr. David Glassman.**

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"The scholarship is definitely a blessing," Morris said. "It has helped to cover my tuition costs and made me more confident as I prepare to transfer in the spring."

Morris has always enjoyed music and was thrilled to have the opportunity to study with Henry prior to her illness last fall.

"I feel it is a big blessing I got to work with her," Morris said. "It was the first time I had a vocal instructor and she helped me to become a better performer overall. She helped me so much. Receiving the scholarship, it feels like she is still taking care of me."

Morris plans to major in elementary education and would like to teach second or third grade.

"Ruth always made the point that singing can be involved in my life," Morris said. "She pointed out that as a teacher, I can bring singing into the classroom."

Henry joined OCC in 1972 as a part-

time vocal instructor and organized its first choir. She helped launch the college's initial theatrical production in 1976 and went on to produce 69 shows as the OCC Theater director.

Henry was the college's longest-serving employee when she passed away on Nov. 19, 2015, at the age of 82. Earlier this year, OCC honored Henry's legacy by naming the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center's stage in her honor.

"With high schools having to pull back on band and music because of budget issues, it was important to Ruth we support activities for the youth in our community," Raney said. "With the generous support of the many people she touched at the college and in the community, this scholarship will help students in the performing arts for years to come."

Those wishing to support the scholarship may send donations to the OCC Foundation, 305 N. West St., Olney, IL 62450. Please indicate the funds are for the Ruth Henry Performing Arts Scholarship.

## Student Senate hosting contest to name mascot

The OCC Student Senate is hosting a contest to name OCC's new mascot.

Entries may be submitted in the designated boxes placed near the Bookstore and Food Service registers.

Please include your name and contact information with your submission. Entries are due by Nov. 14 and the winner will receive a \$20 gift card to OCC Food Service.

The mascot will make his debut on Nov. 16 when the Men's and Women's Basketball Teams face Rend Lake.

The mascot will greet fans and be available for photos before the Lady Knights' game at 5:30 p.m. and prior to the opening tip-off of the Blue Knights' game at 7:30 p.m.

## Oath Keepers Club to host luncheon

The OCC Oath Keepers Club will host its annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10 in the Student Union.

The menu will include brats, pork burgers, chips and a drink. The cost for the meal is \$5. All veterans eat free.

All proceeds from the event will benefit veteran charities.

## Buyback dates set for fall semester

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.

Students must bring the original receipt for their books with them to participate in buyback.

## File your FAFSA now

OCC Coordinator of Financial Aid Andrea Puckett is encouraging current students and those who will be entering college in Summer or Fall 2017 to file their FAFSAs as soon as possible.

Puckett said it is important students file early since some financial aid programs, such as the Illinois Monetary Award Program, award funds on a first-come, first-served basis.

Puckett also is reminding students they need to complete a FAFSA each year.

Students can file online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Once students have completed their FAFSAs, they will receive a student aid report within 48 hours.

However, students still will need to finish paperwork and should contact Financial Aid to make sure the process is complete.

Puckett urges students to check their OCC Entrata accounts and return phone calls from the college promptly to ensure their financial aid is in place.

For more information about financial aid, visit [www.iecc.edu/occ](http://www.iecc.edu/occ) or contact Puckett at 395-7777, ext. 2015.

## Spring registration now underway

Spring registration is currently away.

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.

## Students benefit from chemistry lab updates provided with funding from OCC Foundation

Students in Olney Central College's chemistry lab now have access to 12 hand-held LabQuest 2 data-collection devices.

The OCC Foundation provided funding for the equipment, which will benefit transfer students in the college's general chemistry classes. The purchase replaces OCC's older chemistry equipment and puts the lab on par with, and in some instances above, other institutions.

The new devices have a touch screen and probes that can be attached, allowing students to measure temperature, pH, electrical current and even the pressure of gasses and light absorption. The LabQuest 2's

research quality measurements are then automatically graphed and displayed.

"It greatly enhances the labs," said OCC instructor Dr. Aaron Lineberry. "Students need to learn how to use modern equipment and this gives our students access to what they will use at a four-year school."

The equipment also will enable Lineberry to offer more sophisticated labs, giving students in engineering and the pre-professional programs experience working with chemical tools. Students will begin utilizing the devices later this semester.

"We greatly appreciate the support of the Foundation," Lineberry said. "It is an amazing resource to have to build OCC's programs and keep modern, which is very important."



OCC student Brock Brendal works with the LabQuest 2 data-collection device.



The OCC Music Department presented its Fall Concert on Nov. 5 with performances by the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble. Upcoming Music Department events include the OCC Fall Recital at 8 p.m. on Dec. 6 and the Community Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

## Fassett serves as clinician for ILMEA District 5 Jazz Festival

Suzanne Fassett, Olney Central College Director of Bands/Music Instructor, served as the guest clinician for the ILMEA Senior High Jazz Band II at the District 5 ILMEA Jazz Festival. This event was held at Eastern Illinois University on Nov. 7.

The Illinois Music Educators' Association (ILMEA) annually produces honor band opportunities at the district and state level for music students across the state. Each district holds audi-

tions and selects the top high school and junior high students to be members of these honor bands. Of these, the highest ranking musicians are selected to go on to the state honor band festival held in Peoria as part of the ILMEA State Convention in January.

Fassett conducted one of the two Senior High Honors Jazz Bands at this festival. Rehearsals were all day on Nov. 7, with the concert that evening in Doudna Dvorak Hall.

"As much as I loved working with the Junior High concert band students in 2012, I'm really looking forward to having the opportunity to work with high school jazz musicians," said Fassett, who conducted the ILMEA District 5 Junior High Concert Band in 2012. "Jazz is America's art form, and learning about jazz and improvisation allows young musicians to grow and explore their own potential in such an individual and significant way."

## Student participates in strongman competition

Olney Central College welding student Derek Keller was among the participants in last month's Samson Strong 3 Competition in Robinson.

Keller has been lifting weights for eight years and has competed in powerlifting events, but this was his first strongman competition.

"It was a good experience," Keller said. "There were three guys in my division and they had been training for the strongman a lot longer. Even though I finished third, I enjoyed the accomplishment."

Unlike powerlifting events, which use traditional weights, the strongman competition utilizes a variety of implements to gauge strength and endurance. Keller carried 300-pound atlas stones, completed 60 log presses and engaged in a keg toss. He also carried a Mack Truck.

OCC's Welding Program constructed items used in previous events.

Keller plans to join future strongman competitions and will be training with one of the event organizers. On Nov. 12, he will participate in a powerlifting meet.



**Derek Keller participates in one of the events at the Samson Strong 3 Competition in Robinson.**

## OCC graduate receives 2016 IACRAO Scholarship

Olney Central College graduate Carolina Escobedo has been recognized for her outstanding achievement by the Illinois Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers.

Escobedo, of Robinson,



**Carolina Escobedo**

is the recipient of IACRAO's 2016 Leadership and Service Transfer Scholarship for Underrepresented Students.

Escobedo earned her associate's degree in May and transferred to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale where she is majoring in radiologic sciences with a specialization in magnetic resonance imaging and computed tomography.

## Sports Schedule

### *Men's Basketball*

- Nov. 11** — OCC vs. Western Kentucky Tech at WVC Classic, 5:30 p.m.  
**Nov. 12** — OCC vs. Elizabethtown College at WVC Classic, 2 p.m.  
**Nov. 16** — OCC vs. Rend Lake College, 7:30 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 19** — OCC vs. Indiana Elite Prep, 3 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 22** — OCC vs. Kaskaskia College, 7:30 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 30** — OCC at Southwestern Illinois College, 7:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 3** — OCC vs. Wabash Valley College, 3 p.m. at home  
**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

### *Women's Basketball*

- Nov. 16** — OCC vs. Rend Lake College, 5:30 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 19** — OCC vs. Indiana Tech at VU Sodexo Classic, noon  
**Nov. 20** — OCC vs. Olive-Harvey College at VU Sodexo Classic, noon  
**Nov. 22** — OCC vs. Kaskaskia College, 5:30 p.m. at home  
**Nov. 26** — OCC at Danville Area Community College, 1 p.m.  
**Nov. 30** — OCC at Southwestern Illinois College, 5:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 3** — OCC vs. Wabash Valley College, 1 p.m. at home  
**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

## Radiography Program Information Night Nov. 14

The OCC Radiography Program will host an Application Information Night at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14 in Wattleworth Hall Room 115.

During the presentation, participants will learn more about the program and how to apply.