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OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE



September 2016

Upcoming Events

September

14-17 Student Senate at Lawrenceville Fall Festival

16 Constitution Observance Day

26 School of Cosmetology Blood Drive, 1-5 p.m., West Richland Center Cafeteria

27-29 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Review Visit

October

4 No Day or Evening Classes, IECC Faculty / Staff Professional Development Day

14-15 "The Lone Star Love Potion," 7:30 p.m., OCC Theater

16 "The Lone Star Love Potion," 1 p.m., OCC Theater

27-31 Student Senate Haunted Trail

College Visits

Tables will be located outside Student Services.

Sept. 26 Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sept. 26 Eastern Illinois University, 12:30-3 p.m.

Oct. 5 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 9 a.m.-noon

IECC receives \$25,000 Scholarship Award Funds will benefit OCC's IMT and Welding students

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association (IMA) Education Foundation awarded Illinois Eastern Community Colleges \$25,000 in scholarship funds for meeting a series of set standards and performing at a high level of active engagement to foster greater educational opportunities within the field of manufacturing. IECC is one of three institutions across the state receiving a scholarship from the IMA Education Foundation this summer.

IECC's manufacturing programs prepare graduates to assume roles as operators and technicians in manufacturing. Aiming to address the skills gap and fill vacancies within the manufacturing sector, the programs at IECC

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The Illinois Manufacturers' Association (IMA) Education Foundation awarded Illinois Eastern Community Colleges \$25,000 in scholarship funds. Pictured, from left, are Mike Sullivan, Patrick Pape, David Reis, Andrew Faville, Gregory Baise, William Hickey, Roger Browning, Terry Bruce, Rodney Ranes, Bonnie Chaplin and Dr. Matt Fowler.



Instructor Logan Marshall talks with Illinois Manufacturers' Association President and CEO Gregory Baise during a tour of OCC's Industrial Maintenance Technology facilities.

OCC makes list of best community colleges

OCC is again being recognized nationally for its outstanding educational quality and affordability, this time making WalletHub's list of best community colleges.

In its findings published last month, the financial website selected OCC 73rd overall in its

comparison of 821 U.S. community colleges. Rankings were based on key factors including cost and financing, educational outcomes and career outcomes.

According to WalletHub, OCC placed 10th in the nation for educational outcomes, which

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HAUNTED TRAIL

Trequan Burton removes debris in preparation for the OCC Student Senate's annual Haunted Trail, which will be Oct. 27-31. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. weekdays and 6 to 11 p.m. on the weekends.



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cover several vocational aspects of the industry.

Mike Sullivan, IECC Director of Manufacturing Project, said the funds will be equally split between Lincoln Trail in Robinson, Olney Central in Olney and Wabash Valley in Mt. Carmel.

Scholarships will then be awarded to students in OCC's Industrial Maintenance Technology and Welding and Cutting, LTC's Process Technology and WVC's Advanced Manufacturing programs. The monies can be used for tuition, fees, books and even transportation.

"This grant from the Illinois Manufacturers' Association Education Foundation will be used to train students for the kind of high tech manufacturing jobs we need to attract to Southeastern Illinois," said Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' CEO Terry Bruce. "This scholarship award provides a great opportunity for both students and employers in our community and is much appreciated."

OCC President Rodney Raney added, "We appreciate the IMA Education Foundation's support of our students through this scholarship. The award will help meet the area industry needs and students' ability to complete school and enter the workforce."

"The skills and certification opportunities being provided through Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' programs provide students a competitive advantage in an industry that has long been the backbone of our economy," said William Hickey, chairman, Illinois Manufacturers' Association and president, Lapham-Hickey Steel. "As a third generation manufacturer, I cannot stress enough the

importance for local employers to be engaged with our community colleges to ensure success for the next generation of skilled workers in our industry."

"Among the objectives of the IMA Education Foundation is a provision for IMA to provide scholarship opportunities for deserving students following a pathway of study leading to a manufacturing career," said Andrew Faville, board member, Illinois Manufacturers' Association and CEO, Falex Corporation. "This scholarship award will assist manufacturing students by alleviating some of their financial concerns while focusing on their education and training."

Community colleges receiving funding must demonstrate active engagement with the manufacturing community by meeting certain set standards demonstrating their commitment to education and training focused on the manufacturing and technology sector.

"The students at the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges have the potential to ensure our state will continue to build a strong pipeline for the workforce and fill the skills gap that is facing our industry," said Greg Baise, president and CEO, Illinois Manufacturers' Association. "We hope to continue broadening participation and working with these institutions to increase success across the board for students pursuing opportunities in the manufacturing sector."

The IMA Education Foundation endowed its second round of annual scholarship to three schools this summer. The first round of endowments were made to six institutions last summer for the 2015-2016 school year. The IMA Education Foundation scholarship investments in these programs will help students for years to come.

OCC Theater announces cast for fall production

Cast members have been selected for the Olney Central College Theater's upcoming production of "The Lone Star Love Potion."

Names of the characters and cast members are Jarvis, Sam Benson; Melody, Jessica McDonald; Patrice, Emily Ferguson; Michael, Derek Mason; Tammy Jo, Brenna Heindinger; Mary Lou, Sydney Pitts; and Mr. Oakfield, Adam Wyatt.

When a wealthy Texas rancher dies, his heirs gather for the reading of his will. As expected, his niece and only living relative inherits the vast estate. But to everyone's surprise, Edward Stancliffe has left something else — the formula and a sample of a reputed love potion. When a rain-storm floods the nearby creek and forces the guests to stay overnight in the mansion, they secretly test the love potion, which results in hilarious hijinks.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15. An afternoon performance will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16.

OCC Cosmetology to host blood drive

OCC's School of Cosmetology will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 26 in the cafeteria of the West Richland Center in Noble.

To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org. Please bring a photo ID with you.

Free tutoring available for OCC students

Need help with a class?

Stop by the OCC Learning Skills Center. The LSC offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library. If you have trouble locating it, just stop by the library desk and the staff can direct you.



IECC TRIO SSS starting off the school year

Each fall, prior to classes starting the IECC TRIO Student Support Services program offers a two-day workshop entitled Learning To Succeed or L2S.

The first day was held at Wabash Valley College and is for all TRIO SSS first-year students and the second-year mentors. TRIO SSS has a mentor program which offers second-year students, who have excelled academically and also displayed leadership qualities, the opportunity to mentor first-year students.

Day 1 featured sessions on a variety of topics including Cultural Diversity, Life Hacks (simple things to make life a little more convenient) and Healthy Relationships. TRIO Student Support Services believes that in order for a student to be successful, all areas of the students' lives must be addressed. A free lunch was provided at the Red Café. In fact, everything the program offers its students is free.

Day 2, held at OCC, offered information on Financial Literacy and Student Services such as Financial Aid, Reten-

tion, Career Services and Single Parent Program. There was a human rock, paper, scissors ice breaker in the morning and a photo scavenger hunt in the afternoon. The TRIO program finds that students, through these various activities, have the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships that may never have happened without the program.

Some of the other services the TRIO program offers are academic advising, assistance in filing for financial aid and scholarships, transfer assistance, formal coursework in study skills and career exploration, and cultural experiences.

In order for a student to qualify to be in the TRIO SSS program, at least one of the following conditions must be met. The student must be first-generation college (neither parent received a four-year college degree), income eligible, or have a disability which affects learning.

Applications for the 2016-17 academic year are still being accepted. Please contact the college and ask to speak to the TRIO representative.

Ginder serving as International Student Liaison

Bobbi Ginder enjoyed opening her home to international students attending Olney Central College. Now as the International Student Liaison at OCC,



Bobbi Ginder

Ginder is helping other host families connect with students studying abroad.

"I felt like this was something I would like to do and the timing was perfect," Ginder said of the position. "I love meeting all of the students and learning about the cultures and customs from their home countries."

In the past eight years, Ginder and has hosted six international students. She is excited about the opportunity to work with OCC's international students as they continue their education and learn more about the United States firsthand.

Past international students have been involved in community activities such as helping coach youth soccer. Ginder hopes to foster that participation, which enhances the students' experiences.

During the summer, Ginder has been busy placing students and enrolling them in classes. As the semester progresses, she will be preparing them for cultural enrichment trips as they visit Chicago and during Spring Break, Florida.

Prior to joining OCC, Ginder served as head cook at St. Joseph School in Olney. Ginder is a 1999 graduate of Red Hill High School and attended OCC.

Her husband, Kurt, is the IT manager at TrustBank. They reside in Olney with their 11-year-old daughter, Amelia, and 3-year-old, son, Dane.



WELCOME COOKOUT

OCC hosted a Welcome Cookout for students on Aug. 22 to kickoff the fall semester.





Students use vinegar and milk to create plastic during an experiment in Kara Roberts' ABE/GED science class.

LSC celebrating Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

OCC's Learning Skills Center will be celebrating Adult Education and Family Literacy Week Sept. 26-Oct. 1.

The LSC assists students in obtaining their GEDs and enhancing their classroom skills. OCC is proud of its adult learners and their many accomplishments.

If you know someone who needs to earn their GED, encourage them to enroll in the eight-week day, evening and online courses that start Oct. 17. For more information, contact Lindsey Buck at 395-7777, ext. 2265.



ABE/GED instructor Deb Weiler works with James Caldwell during class.

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measures an institution's first-year retention rate, graduation rate, transfer-out rate, student-faculty ratio and degrees and certificates awarded. OCC also ranked 34th overall in career outcomes. This category examines both the student-loan default rate and the return on educational investment, which compares the ratio of starting salaries for graduates to the cost of their education.

OCC was one of only three Illinois schools to make the Top 100 and the only state institution to place in the Top 10 for educational outcomes.

"Once again, OCC is being celebrated as a quality institution that is affordable and a place where students are successful," said OCC President Rodney Raney. "We've known for many years students can get an excellent academic experience

here and it is good the faculty and staff are getting the accolades they deserve. Now, we need everyone's help to spread the word, you can get a quality education in your own backyard."

Earlier this year, USA Today and Schools.com ranked OCC the No. 1 Community College in Illinois. OCC also was named an Aspen Prize Top 150 U.S. Community College.

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District, which includes OCC, Frontier Community, Lincoln Trail and Wabash Valley colleges, was named one of the Top 50 Best Value Community Colleges of 2016. IECC ranked 16th in the nation — the highest of any Illinois institutions to make the list.

Visit www.wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-community-colleges/15076/ for a complete listing of WalletHub's 2016 Best & Worst Community Colleges.

IECC-OCC Nursing accreditation review visit by ACEN

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, District #529 – Olney Central College wishes to announce that it will host a site review for continuing accreditation of its Associate Degree Nursing Program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

You are invited to meet the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at Olney Central College's Banquet Room. Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Marsal Stoll,
Chief Executive Officer
Accreditation Commission
for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Road NE,
Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326

Emails may be sent to:
mstoll@acenursing.org

All written comments should be received by the ACEN by Sept. 22.

Technical Careers Development Day

Olney Central College is hosting a Technical Careers Development Day from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

The event will give OCC and area high school students the chance to learn more about employment opportunities and to hear from professionals in these fields.

For more information, contact Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

- Sept. 15** — OCC at Vincennes, 4 p.m.
Sept. 18 — OCC at University of Indianapolis, noon
Sept. 23 — OCC at Austin Peay Showcase, TBA
Sept. 24 — OCC at Kentucky Wesleyan, noon
Sept. 27 — OCC vs. Vincennes, 3 p.m. at home
Sept. 28 — OCC at Southern Indiana, 4 p.m.

Softball

- Sept. 23** — OCC at Eastern Illinois, 3:45 p.m.
Sept. 24 — OCC vs. Lincoln Trail at Boonville Fall Tournament, 9 a.m.
Sept. 24 — OCC vs. Lindenwood-Belleville at Boonville Fall Tournament, 12:30 p.m.
Sept. 25 — OCC vs. Wabash Valley at Boonville Fall Tournament, 9 a.m.
Sept. 25 — OCC vs. Oakland City at Boonville Fall Tournament, 11 a.m.

OCC Cozy Corner has openings

OCC's Cozy Corner has openings for children ages 2-12.

Childcare is available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, stop by Room 100 or contact Director Bev Mathews at 395-7777, ext. 2100.

SIU-C Free Application Day

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale will host a Free Application Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Students can apply for Fall or Spring 2016, 2017 and 2018. To schedule an appointment, contact Tosha Baker at 618-713-3828 or email tcalvin@siu.edu.

IECC and DCEO officials discuss proposed Southern Illinois Auto Tech Workforce Initiative

State Rep. David Reis brought together officials from Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to discuss efforts to coordinate regional workforce training to meet industry needs.



Pictured, from left, are Terry Bruce, Dr. Matt Fowler, Victor Narusis, Kim Watson, Dr. Ryan Gower, Rodney Ranes, Dr. Jay Edgren, State Rep. David Reis and Patrick Pape.

On Aug. 30, DCEO officials were in Olney to talk about the proposed Southern Illinois Auto Tech Workforce Initiative (SIATWI) with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges CEO Terry Bruce, and college presidents, Dr. Jay Edgren, Frontier; Dr. Ryan Gower, Lincoln Trail; Rodney Ranes, Olney Central; and Dr. Matt Fowler, Wabash Valley.

SIATWI is designed to encourage auto industry growth in the state and to meet the expanding workforce training needs of Southern Illinois' existing automotive-related businesses. Training would be driven by participating company needs and provided through a public-private training partnership.

Under the initial plan, training would occur at existing educational institutions, other agreed locations and at a new facility on the Continental Tire campus in Mt. Vernon.

The DCEO has been meeting with Southern Illinois automotive-related manufacturers and educational institutions to share the proposal. Reis and legislative assistant J. C. Kowa facilitated the conversation with the DCEO's Victor Narusis, Deputy Director for Business Development; Kim Watson, Southern Region Senior Account Manager; and Patrick Pape, Southeast Region Manager.

The DCEO's visit to the area also included tours of North American Lighting in Flora and Champion Laboratories in Albion.



GIFT CARD WINNER

Bailey Burdine is the recipient of a \$100 gift card from Elsevier. Burdine was among the 31 OCC nursing students who purchased the Elsevier textbook bundle last month and were entered into the drawing. Pictured, from left, are Bookstore Manager Cristina Siegel, Bailey Burdine, Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Theresa Marcotte and Nursing Instructor Anne Hustad.