

OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE KNIGHTLINE



Summer 2016

Upcoming Events

July

29 *Last Day of Summer Semester Classes*

29 *Last Day to Withdraw from Summer Semester Classes*

August

1 *Fall Semester Textbook Sales Begin*

1-2 *Summer Semester Final Exams*

1-2 *Summer Textbook Buyback, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. & 5-6:30 p.m., Bookstore*

11 *Faculty/Staff Workshop*

18 *Fall Semester Classes Begin*

31 *Last Day for Fall Semester Textbook Refunds*

Fall Registration

Registration is underway for fall semester classes. Schedules are available at www.iecc.edu.

Stop by Student Services or schedule an advisement appointment online at www.iecc.edu/occ/ appointment. Classes start Thursday, Aug. 18.

Cosmetology Special

OCC's School of Cosmetology at the West Richland Center in Noble is offering specials now through July 29. Get a 10-percent discount on all retail. Receive a free eyebrow wax with any chemical service.

Walking path improvements made thanks to students' fund-raising efforts

Improvements have been made to an Olney Central College walking path through the efforts of the Student Senate and the OCC athletes.

Former Student Senate President Derek Sager and Senator Brianna Farris, a member of the Lady Knights Basketball team, spearheaded the project for the walkway, which links the campus, its ball fields and the privately owned housing for OCC athletes.

Student Senate Advisor Allan Alldredge said water was pooling in low-lying areas, creating mud and making it difficult for students to navigate the path as they walked to classes and games.

The Student Senate and OCC athletes sold trash bags to generate the funds needed to purchase rock to both raise the path and improve drainage. The Student Senate also contributed additional monies to cover the \$900 cost.

The Student Senate originally planned to



Student Senate Secretary James Kilduff, left, and former President Derek Sager smooth gravel along the walking path that links the OCC campus, ball fields and athletic housing. Student Senate Treasurer Gideon Raley assisted with the work.

purchase 30 tons of rock, but supplier Doll's Inc. in Olney was able to procure the material at a lower rate enabling the group to acquire an additional 7 tons.

"Doll's wanted to help and they passed the savings on to us," Alldredge said. "We really appreciate their help."

The rock was delivered in late May and the Student Senate members spent about eight hours raking, smoothing and packing the path.

Alldredge said the Student Senate is working on another campus improvement project for next year. The organization hopes to purchase classroom charging stations for student phones and other electronics.

Alldredge noted the Student Senate still has 15-, 39- and 55-gallon trash bags for sale. They may be purchased at the reduced price of \$10 per roll by contacting Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019.

IECC makes Top 50 list of Best Value Community Colleges

Olney Central College continues to receive national recognition for its quality education and affordable cost.

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District, which includes OCC, Frontier Community, Lincoln Trail and Wabash Valley colleges, has been named one of the Top 50 Best Value Community Colleges of 2016. IECC ranked number 16 in the

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WEST RICHLAND CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Stacy Hastings was among the visitors who tested their skills on the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' new truck driving simulator at the West Richland Center in Noble. The training equipment along with the Truck Driving Program's new 2017 Volvo semi-tractor were on display as the WRC hosted the Olney and Richland County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours. The training simulator can be programmed to replicate country, city or interstate travel. Various driving conditions also can be selected including snow, rain and fog. The settings can even be adjusted to give students experience driving different types of trucks and transporting light to heavy loads. During the event, visitors also had an opportunity to learn about other IECC technical programs and to tour the Cosmetology, Nail Technology and Massage Therapy classrooms. Massage Therapy students provided free chair massages to guests.

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nation — the highest of any Illinois institutions to make the list.

Value Colleges selected institutions offering the best return on educational investment while combining "affordability and quality so that graduates can be assured that their hard work and hard-earned money aren't wasted."

Using data from College Measures, a Gates Foundation-supported database, Value Colleges surveyed the nation's 1,717 community colleges that offer two-year associate's degrees. To make the initial cut, institutions had to have graduation rates of more than 45 percent, low-to-average costs of less than \$10,000 per year, enrollments of more than 1,000 and American Association of Community Colleges' memberships. Value Colleges found 614 institutions met

the criteria. The top 50 ranking is derived from the highest scoring schools based on three metrics: graduation/transfer rate (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System database), mid-level salary for graduates (when applicable/from payscale.com), and actual tuition (IPEDS database).

"The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges more than adequately prepare students for transfer," Value Colleges noted. "They have also made a commitment to accessibility, keeping their tuition rates at a low \$83 per credit for in-district students, and not much more for those coming from elsewhere."

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.

Pampe named Assistant Dean for Student Services

Andi Pampe has been named Olney Central College's new Assistant Dean for Student Services.



In her 12 years with the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District, Pampe has held several positions, most recently serving as Coordinator of Financial Aid and Academic Advisor at OCC. She also was employed as Director of the Single Parent Program, academic counselor for TRIO Student Support Services and administrative assistant for the Educational Talent Search Program.

"I've always been interested in advancing in the district," Pampe said. "I have experience in several areas and will be able to use that knowledge in this position to help the college and its students to be successful as I work with administration, faculty and the great staff in Student Services."

Pampe is looking forward to working more closely with faculty and other areas within the college including Cozy Corner and Food Service. She also hopes to establish outreach projects in the community.

Pampe earned her associate's degree from Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel and earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University.

"It will be a challenge, but also fun and satisfying," Pampe said. "I'm excited to get started."



DONATION

The Walmart Foundation announced last month the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) TRIO Upward Bound program had been selected to receive a grant through its Local Community Contribution Program. Upward Bound West (UBW), located at Olney Central College, recently received the \$2,000 grant funds from the Olney Walmart. The funds will be used to provide essential items necessary for college-bound seniors to be successful in post-secondary education.

Holtz to serve as Nail Tech instructor

Sarah Holtz is looking forward to sharing her knowledge and skills with students as Olney Central College launches its Nail Technology Program.

Holtz currently serves as a lab assistant for OCC's School of Cosmetology and will begin teaching classes for the new certificate this fall.

A graduate of OCC's Cosmetology Program, Holtz has been a licensed cosmetologist since 2002 and last year completed her Cosmetology Teacher Certificate. She also earned an associate in science degree from OCC and studied graphic design at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Holtz owned and operated her own business, Sweet and Sassy Hair Salon in Clay City, for seven years.

"In my salon, I did a little bit of every-



Sarah Holtz

thing," she said. "Nail technology is an extension of my passion for cosmetology."

The Nail Technology courses will be offered in the evenings and students who begin the program this fall will be able to complete their certificates in May 2017.

The program consists of four classes with students receiving clinical training in manicures, pedicures, fabric and sculpting procedures, light cured gels and massaging of the extremities. Holtz also will address business and marketing strategies.

"The program will benefit anyone who is working in their own hair salon and wants to expand their services," Holtz said. "It's also ideal for anyone who wants to do nails, but doesn't want to go through the entire cosmetology program."

Classes begin Monday, Aug. 22 at the West Richland Center in Noble. Those interested in the program are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible. To register or for more information, call 395-7777.

Quilting classes begin Aug. 18 at WRC

OCC will offer beginning and advanced quilting classes this fall at the West Richland Center in Noble.

During the 16-week classes, students will learn machine piecing quilt techniques and how to put the blocks together to form their quilts. Topics covered include rotary cutting, binding, borders and seams. The Beginning

Quilting class will meet from 6 to 8:50 p.m. on Tuesdays, starting Aug. 23. Two Advanced Quilting classes also will be offered. Students may choose from either the Tuesday or Thursday class. Both classes will meet from 1 to 3:30 p.m., starting Aug. 18.

To register or for more information, call 395-7777.

Meadows named assistant director for cosmetology

Courtney Meadows has been named the new Assistant Program Director for Olney Central College's School of Cosmetology.

A 2008 graduate of the program, Meadows worked in salons for seven years. She obtained her cosmetology instructor's license in 2012 and has served as an instructor and lab assistant for OCC since March 2015.

Meadows has always enjoyed working with hair and creating different styles so cosmetology was the perfect career choice.

"I love everything about cosmetology," Meadows said. "It's my passion. I love cosmetology because it is changing every day with new styles. It's a career where you're constantly learning and I enjoy that. I also love making people feel good about themselves and cosmetology allows me to do that."

In her new position, Meadows will be instructing students in the classroom and overseeing them in the labs.

"I really enjoy working with the students," she said. "I love their enthusiasm for cosmetology and their willingness to learn. I like to see the excitement they experience when they learn something new."

Meadows is excited about expanding her role with the School of Cosmetology and preparing students for their careers.

"I'm looking forward to growing the program and getting more students," she added. "I'd like to get more technology into the program."



Courtney Meadows



SENATE OFFICER INSTALLATION

Olney Central College's Student Senate recently held an installation ceremony for its 2016-2017 officers. Pictured are, from left, Advisor Allan Alldredge, President Nicole McKim of Lawrenceville, Publicist Brooke Bayles of Flora, and Secretary James Kilduff of Olney. Not pictured are Vice President Stacy Hastings of Olney, and Treasurer Gideon Raley of Flora.

Baseball team earns postseason awards

The Olney Central College baseball team finished 39-19, marking its 34th consecutive winning season under Coach Dennis Conley.

The Blue Knights earned several postseason honors. Freshman catcher Trey Fulton of Floyds Knobs, Ind., was named to the All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference baseball team.

Players named to the All-GRAC Academic Team, with a minimum of three semesters completed and a 3.25 GPA or higher, were freshmen Ryan Hinkley of Glasgow, Ky., Camdon Mercier of DuQuoin, and Andy Meadows of Greensburg, Ind. Sophomore honorees were Will Ray, Lukas Scarlett and Corey Mason, all of Evansville, Ind., Zack Gray of Hamilton, Ohio, Bram Wood of Mooresville, Ind., Zack Whitehead of Indianapolis, and Lucas Lantrip of Owensville, Ind.

Hinkley, Lantrip and Wood also

Artistic welding class being offered at WRC

OCC is offering an artistic welding course this fall at the West Richland Center in Noble.

WEL 1206 Special Projects in

earned National Junior College Athletic Association Academic Exemplary Awards for GPAs of 3.6-3.79. The distinction also went to freshmen Grant Geppert of Highland, Brian Johnston and Austin Shaw both of Paducah Ky., and Matt Phipps of Harrisburg.

NJCAA Academic Superior Awards, for those with 3.8-3.99 GPAs, went to Scarlett and freshmen Kyle Bourgeois of Effingham, and Bryce Pearce of Flora.

The Blue Knights earned a combined 3.12 GPA and received the NJCAA Baseball Academic Team Award.

Players who have signed with four-year institutions include Gray, High Point University; Ray, Marshall University; Lantrip, University of Southern Indiana; Wood, Taylor University; Mason, Brescia University; and Mercier, Maryville University.

Welding (Metal Art & Sculpture) will meet from 6 to 9:10 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning Aug. 18.

Call 395-7777 to register.

Softball captures record-setting 41 season wins

The Olney Central College softball team ended its season with a school record-setting 41 wins under the guidance of Coach Nick Short.

The Lady Knights also set new records for hits (659), doubles (108), triples (24), RBI (353), and runs (418).

The team finished 41-24-1 overall, the program's seventh consecutive season of 30 or more victories.

The Lady Knights earned several post-season honors. Hollie Jones of Terre Haute, Ind., was voted as the Great Rivers Athletic Conference's Freshman Player of the Year.

She led the nation with 113 hits, which broke the previous team record of 76. She hit .483, which was 20th in the nation and scored 76 runs, which was 17th nationally.

Jones and sophomore Kayala Hoppenjans, of Ferdinand, Ind., were selected first-team All-GRAC Conference. Jones also earned Region 24 first-team status.

Hoppenjans, freshman Baylee Waters of West Terre Haute, Ind., and sophomore Christian Chambers of Shelburn, Ind., were named to the Region 24 All-Tournament Team in softball.

GRAC All-Academic Team honors, which require a minimum 3.25 GPA, went to Chambers, Hoppenjans and sophomores Mindy Garrelts of Milford, Tori Stamper of Sullivan, Ind., and Brittany Voils of Terre Haute, Ind.

National Junior College Athletic Association Academic Exemplary Awards, for GPAs of 3.60-3.79, went to Waters and freshman Bailey Bruce of Indianapolis. Hoppenjans received the Superior Award for GPAs of 3.80-3.99.

The Lady Knights earned an NJCAA Softball Academic Team Award with a combined 3.22 GPA.

Players who have signed with four-year institutions are Jones, Indiana State University; Chambers and Waters, both St. Mary-of-the-Woods College; Hoppenjans, Cumberland University; Stamper, Blackburn College; and Voils, Franklin College.