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OCC offers new coding certificate

Olney Central College is introducing a new Medical Coding Associate Certificate this fall.

The three-semester program will prepare students to work as medical coding professionals. Coders are responsible for translating healthcare providers' diagnostic and procedural phrases into coded form. Coding professionals do this by reviewing and analyzing health records to identify relevant diagnoses and procedures for distinct patient encounters.

Medical coding professionals work in a variety of healthcare settings, including inpatient and outpatient healthcare and for non-providers such as the insurance industry and healthcare software vendors. Medical coding also offers higher wages and more employability than other medical office positions.

"This is a specialized field in the growing healthcare industry," Medical Office Instructor Amie Mayhall said. "Today, employers need fully-trained coders and OCC is excited to be able to meet that need."

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New GED Fast Track class available in May

Olney Central College is offering a new GED Fast Track class designed to help students complete their GEDs in just three weeks.

Learning Skills Center Director Donita Kaare said efforts to implement the class began last fall after Resource Specialist Jessica Parrent attended a

conference that included a session on Fast Track GED.

The 15-day program is designed for students who have passed three or more subjects of the GED test or who have a 10th grade or higher reading level. Students will attend classes from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday

beginning May 16.

"I think we sometimes have students who have taken all the tests and have fallen a few points short in one or two areas," Kaare said. "They get discouraged and don't finish or they have issues that come up in their personal lives that prevent them from finishing. This is an

opportunity for them to come back and take care of those remaining tests so they can get jobs or go on to college."

Kaare noted the GED Fast Track class also is ideal for those individuals who can't commit to an entire semester. Students who complete the class

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Mason selected as 2011 Bear McClay Graduate Scholar

OCC instructor Rob Mason has been selected as the 2011 Bear McClay Graduate Scholar at Eastern Illinois University.

The Bear McClay Assistantship is named in honor of Ms. Mary Bear McClay, who earned a degree in mathematics from Eastern Illinois University in 1937 and was a distinguished professor of mathematics at the University of Maryland College Park. The assistantship includes a stipend for one month and a tuition waiver for the Summer 2011 term.

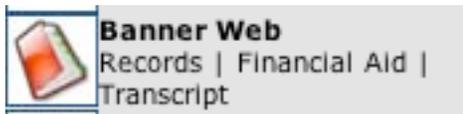
Recipients will be honored during the Distinguished Graduate Student Award Ceremony on April 14.



OCC Learning Skills Center Director Donita Kaare (center) accepts the Community Asset Builder Award from Bea Gardner and Ashley Charleston of the PALS Task Force Coalition. The award is sponsored by the PALS Task Force and the Olney Daily Mail.

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Donita Kaare honored

OCC Learning Skills Center Director Donita Kaare has received the Community Asset Builder Award. Kaare was nominated for the positive internal trait school engagement found in the 40 Developmental Assets.

As LSC director, Kaare reaches out to those who want to begin or finish their GED, have

learning or literacy issues or need Adult Basic Education help.

A co-worker noted, “Donita is passionate about, and loves, her work. She helps her students discover their talents and get excited about learning.”

The award is sponsored by the PALS Task Force Coalition, Inc. and the Olney Daily Mail.

Programs can ‘green up’ your life

OCC will host three upcoming presentations designed to help residents “green up” their lives.

The college received funding for the programs through an Illinois Green Economy Network grant, which is designed to foster green initiatives.

Presentations and topics will include the Farmers Market by Steve Patterson and Citizens for a Greener Olney by Kate Patterson and Brandy McKinney on Wednesday, April 20; Secure Processors by Cheri James and Chris Dickey on Thursday, April 21 and ERBA Weatherization by Dennis Stevens on Thursday, May 19. All programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the OCC Banquet Room.

Steve Patterson is spearheading efforts to bring the New Farmers Market to Olney and will discuss the program during his upcoming presentation. The farmers market will feature locally grown foods available for purchase in the downtown area on Saturdays, when people have time to browse the produce. The opening Saturday is scheduled for May 7. The presentation also will examine organic and pesticide-free foods.

Patterson’s wife, Kate, along with Brandy McKinney, will discuss Citizens for a Greener Olney, and projects the group has undertaken to make the community “greener.” The organization,

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Leadership Class helps Humane Society

The Student Advantage Network Leadership Class at Olney Central College is collecting funds and pet supplies for the Humane Society of Olney.

"They don't receive much financial help and we thought it would be nice if we could do something," said OCC student Rusty Foerster.

Members will be placing collection boxes around campus where donations can be dropped off. Items being collected include leashes, paper towels, pet food and even envelopes, which will help offset mailing costs for the agency.

The Leadership Class will have a booth during OCC's Spring Fling on April 21. Students are invited to stop by so they can learn more about pet

adoption and see some of the pets that are available. Donations may be dropped off at that time.

SAN Academic Counselor Andi Pampe said the class instills leadership skills and teaches students teamwork. Each year students select and carry out a community service project.

Students participating in the project include Danielle Spitzner of Rinard, Patricia Parkhurst of Louisville, Kaleb McKnelly of Clay City and Jordyn Eckel, Heather Henson, Jordan Leneer, Rusty Foerster and Amber Dorney all of Olney.

For more information about the project or to donate, contact Pampe at 395-7777, ext. 2014.



Danielle Spitzner and Rusty Foerster create donation boxes for items the SAN Leadership Class is collecting for the Humane Society of Olney.

Have your SIU-C application approved April 21

The Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Service Center at IECC is making it easy to submit your application to SIU-C.

Instead of completing an application, mailing it and waiting patiently for an acceptance letter, SIU-C Transfer Coordinator Amanda Sutton will be at OCC on April 21 to vali-

date your acceptance on the spot. However, she will not be able to conduct on-the-spot acceptance for international or high school students.

Students will need to schedule a 15-minute appointment between 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. The earlier you sign up, the more time

slots you may choose from.

Students will be completing the application during the meeting and will need to have their official transcript with them. There is a \$30 application fee, which may be waived for eligible students.

For more information,

contact Emily Newcomb in the OCC Student Services Office. Her office hours are 9 to 11 a.m. and 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

You can also e-mail her at newcombe@myiecc.edu or call 395-7777, ext. 2037.

Foundation Golf Outing May 6

The Olney Central College Foundation will host its 10th annual golf outing on Friday, May 6 at the Richland Country Club in Olney.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and tee-off is set for 1 p.m. The event includes 18 holes of golf in a scramble format and the

chance to win prizes on the course.

Entry fee is \$60 per person or \$240 for a team of four.

For more information, contact Kathy Slichenmyer at 395-7777, ext. 2003, or toll-free at 1-866-622-4322. The deadline to register is Friday, April 29.

OCC Spring Fling April 21

The OCC Student Senate will host its annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 21.

Events kickoff with a free pancake breakfast in the Student Union from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Games with prizes and giveaways will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hypnotist Rich Aimes will perform in the Student Union from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Additional games and giveaways including a team scavenger hunt are scheduled from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. Music by local bands will follow from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Union.

Musical sets attendance record

For the first time in its history, the OCC Theatre sold out every performance during a production run.

Attendance figures for "Beauty and the Beast" topped 2,600 and chairs were brought in to accommodate the large crowd. The musical was presented March 25-27 and April 1-3.

"It was the most enthusiastic crowd we've ever had and they are so supportive," said OCC Theatre Director Ruth Henry. "This was a long run and the cast absolutely sparkled on stage."



The OCC Theatre's production of "Beauty and the Beast" set attendance records with every performance being sold out.

Future teachers invited to forum

What does it take to be a teacher? Future teachers are invited to attend an upcoming program.

The OCC Future Teacher Club will host an Administrators' Forum from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 in Room 110.

This is an opportunity to meet with local administrators who will discuss what it takes to be a great teacher and answer your questions about becoming a teacher.

Topics covered include:

- What do you look

for when interviewing teacher candidates?

- What kind of preparation and education do today's teachers need?
- What qualities will be expected of teachers in the future?
- Current and proposed laws and changes ahead for teachers.

Fast Track

Continued from Page 1 will be eligible to take their remaining GED tests in June.

"We want them to be able to get through in time to enroll in college this fall," Kaare said.

The instructor will be Ashley Grove, who has taught GED classes at OCC for two years.

"She is really good in all subjects of the GED.

There will be an emphasis on math and writing, which are usually the hardest tests to finish," Kaare said. "Ashley's classes are very structured. She is very patient with the students and builds a good rapport with them."

Applications are currently being accepted for the GED Fast Track

class. For more information, call 395-7777, ext. 2267, or toll-free 1-866-622-4322 as soon as possible.

"Hopefully this will be successful and we will make it an annual event," Kaare said.

Those who don't qualify for Fast Track can enroll in regular summer GED classes, which start June 7.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

- **April 9** – OCC vs. Wabash Valley, noon at home
- **April 12** – OCC at Lincoln Trail, 1 p.m.
- **April 14** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 1 p.m. at home
- **April 16** – OCC vs. Rend Lake, noon at home
- **April 18** – OCC at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 4 p.m.
- **April 19** – OCC at Rend Lake, 1 p.m.
- **April 21** – OCC vs. Kaskaskia, 1 p.m. at home
- **April 22** – OCC at Kaskaskia, 1 p.m.
- **April 26** – OCC at Lindenwood University, 5:30 p.m.
- **April 28** – OCC vs. John A. Logan, 1 p.m. at home
- **April 30** – OCC at John A. Logan, noon

Softball

- **April 9** – OCC vs. Kaskaskia, 2 p.m. at home
- **April 12** – OCC at Southeastern Illinois, 2 p.m.
- **April 14** – OCC at John A. Logan, 2 p.m.
- **April 16** – OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, noon at home
- **April 20** – OCC vs. Millikin, 3 p.m. at home

Music Department upcoming events

The OCC Music Department is gearing up for two big events this month.

The annual Spring Concert will be April 15 and the OCC Jazz Festival is set for April 21. Watch for more details on the OCC website, www.iecc.edu/occ, and at Olney Central College on Facebook.

College Closed

Olney Central College will be closed on Friday, April 22 for Spring Holiday.

Instructor hosts fund-raising run in son's memory

Kate Scott fed her son his bottle on the morning of June 5, 2008 never imagining it would be the last time she would ever hold him. Just a few hours later she received a call at work telling her 3-month-old Hayden Lloyd Scott had stopped breathing.

A co-worker drove the frantic mother to the baby-sitters and then to the hospital where an ambulance had taken the infant and she met her husband, Josh.

"The doctor and nurses continued CPR, but nothing worked. Finally, the doctor told Josh and me that after 20 minutes of not receiving any oxygen to the brain, there would be brain damage. Since it had been much longer than this, we decided to stop CPR. All I wanted to do was scream, and ask God, 'Why? Why me?' After Hayden was unhooked from all of the machines, I just held my baby in my arms. I didn't want to leave, because I knew I couldn't take him with me when I left. After holding Hayden, lying with him on the hospital bed, talking and singing to him, I decided it was time. It was the hardest thing I had ever done in my life. My greatest fear, losing a child, was now a reality."

Hayden's death was later attrib-

uted to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, which according to SIDS of Illinois is the leading cause of death in infants between ages 28 days and 12 months.

Approximately 60 percent of SIDS deaths occur in infants between the ages of 2 and 4 months.

In the days following Hayden's death, the Scotts knew they wanted to help increase SIDS awareness and raise money for its research. They eventually decided to host a 5K run in his memory.

"Three weeks prior to the first walk we decided that is what we would do," said Scott, who serves as a Radiography instructor at OCC. "The first year we had over 100 people, mostly a lot of friends and family."

The inaugural Hayden's Walk 5K Race for SIDS Research was held in June 2009 and to date, the annual event has raised nearly \$10,000.



Kate Scott



Hayden Lloyd Scott

"One hundred percent of everything raised goes to SIDS of Illinois to fund research," Scott said.

The third annual Hayden's Walk will be June 18 at Red Hills State Park in Sumner. Scott hopes to have more than 200 runners participating this year.

"We have a lot of serious runners who have gotten involved and I've had a lot of people already contact me for information," she said.

Those wishing to register for the event or to donate can do so through the Hayden's Walk website at www.haydens5k.com. The site contains pictures of Hayden and information about the walk, as well as links to SIDS of Illinois.

Green

Continued from Page 2 which has been around for three years, was instrumental in helping to bring curbside recycling to Olney.

Patterson said, "There are many simple things people can do that can make a difference in the environment."

One simple suggestion is for people to bring their own bags to the store when they go shopping.

She said people often don't realize the things they are doing are harmful to the environment.

"They might be flushing unused or expired pharmaceuticals down the toilet. Many people don't know

those medications can then enter the water supply," she added.

During the second presentation, Cheri James, the Quality Manager for Secure Processors LLC, will discuss the non-profit organization's history and traditional recycling efforts as well as curbside recycling. The agency accepts items such as cardboard, newspaper and aluminum.

Chris Dickey, Community Development Director, will provide information about Secure Processors' electronic recycling, which can be beneficial to area businesses since many items are now banned from land-

fills. Electronic equipment and material accepted include computers, monitors, terminals and laptops. Secure Processors provides vocational training and employment to disabled and non-disabled individuals through the recycling of electronic equipment.

Secure Processors also offers a mobile confidential document shredding unit.

During the third program, Dennis Stevens, Weatherization Director for ERBA Weatherization, will offer energy-saving tips.

"There are a lot of simple things people can do," he said. "Most hot water

heaters have the water too hot. If you have to add cold water to the hot, the temperature is set too high and energy is being wasted. Also, people leave phone chargers plugged in when they are not using them. Even if you are not charging the phone, it's still using energy."

In addition, he will discuss the benefits of purchasing Energy Star appliances.

All three programs are free to the public, but those planning to attend are asked to register prior to the event by calling Kathy Slichenmyer at 395-7777, ext. 2003.

Student creating websites as fund-raiser

OCC student Joshua Camden and his wife, Lydia, will be participating in a 10-week mission trip. As a fund-raiser, the Olney couple, who operate Camden Designs, are creating websites.

Businesses can have Camden create them a website for \$475. He will design non-profit websites for \$350. The websites include five custom pages and are completed in seven to

14 days.

The Camdens will leave in May to participate in Adventures in Missions projects in Chicago, New York and the Appalachian Mountains.

Camden was recently accepted into the OCC nursing program and he hopes to participate in medical missions in the future.

To learn more, call 217-512-0007 or e-mail joshua_camden@yahoo.com.

Coding

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Mayhall and fellow Medical Office Instructor Shasta Bennett began researching medical coding programs and certificates after meeting with the Medical Office Careers Advisory Council. During the discussion, members, who include district-wide employees in the medical office field, stressed the growing need for highly trained coding professionals in this area.

According to the American Health Information Management Association, there is currently a nationwide shortage of certified medical coders in hospitals, physician practices and other healthcare facilities.

In preparation for the new program, Mayhall has spent more than a year completing a certified coding program through AHIMA.

Bennett said an exciting aspect of OCC's new Medical Coding Associate Certificate is the AHIMA Virtual Lab, an Internet-based, practical, hands-on, health information management and health information technology work environment.

The lab helps bring experiential learning to the health information management academic experience. Lessons and activities designed especially for the lab applications allow students to test their skills and decision-making ability without jeopardizing the privacy, security or integrity of real medical records. The lab offers students their first encounter with standard processes, identity management, identification and correction of medical records and prevention of the creation of duplicate records.

In addition, the virtual lab enables students to access and experience state-of-the-art software like the master patient index, encoders, electronic document management systems, transcription and speech recognition and other applications they will regularly use in the working world.

"We will be tying the virtual lab into many of the courses students are required to take," Bennett added. "They will gain so much experience from it."

Students also will get experience using both the International Classification of

Diseases 9 and be introduced to ICD 10, which will be released in 2013.

Most employers in the coding field require certification to be considered for employment and Mayhall said the new program prepares students to take the Certified Coding Associate exam/certification.

"Students will be employable and ready for a position when they graduate," Bennett said.

Mayhall stressed the Medical Coding Associate Certificate is an intensive program and students are required to take anatomy and science classes. Many of the classes required to complete the program are available online.

Students are admitted in the fall semester and must undergo background and fingerprint checks. Space is limited and students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Students wishing to begin the program this fall will need to complete prerequisites during the summer semester.

Those interested in learning more about the program should contact Advisor Joyce Nix at 395-7777, ext. 2015.

File your FAFSA

The 2011-2012 FAFSAs (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) are available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

You can also find a link to the FAFSA website on the IECC homepage (www.iecc.edu).

To ensure the maximum assistance from federal and state aid, you must apply early. Students who attend Summer 2011 must apply for both the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 FAFSA.

Please be aware that information from your 2010 Federal 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ, is necessary prior to completing your FAFSA.

If you are a dependent student, information from your parents' 2010 tax return will be required as well.

In 2010-2011, approximately 50 percent of students at OCC did not receive full funding of federal and state financial aid because they did not file early. Students who apply early receive the most aid, as funds are limited.

OCC has a priority deadline of April 15, 2011 for FAFSA filing.

Please contact Vicki, Sara, or Jennifer in Financial Aid for more details.

Happy Birthday To:

April

- 1 Larry Harbaugh
- 1 Lori Phillips-WVC
- 2 Dennis Conley
- 2 Jennifer Bourland
- 5 Carmen Jones
- 12 Larry Gangloff
- 15 Bev Mathews
- 18 Jim Tucker
- 19 Jennifer Balding
- 21 Tamara Fralicker
- 25 Grace Wyatt
- 27 Theresa Marcotte-WVC

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OCC FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE SPRING SEMESTER, 2011

For classes that meet MT R, M W F, MTWR, MT RF, or M WR, the final exam will be during the exam period listed for MTWRF classes.

FOR CLASSES THAT MEET

MTWRF 9:00 a.m.
 MTWRF 11:00 a.m.
 MTWRF 1:00 p.m.
 MTWRF 1:45 p.m./2:00 p.m./
 2:15 p.m.

**Monday
MAY 9**

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

T R 8:00 a.m.
 T R 9:30 a.m./10:00 a.m.
 T R 1:00 p.m./1:30 p.m.
 T R 2:00 p.m./2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday
MAY 10**

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

MTWRF 8:00 a.m.
 MTWRF 10:00 a.m.
 MTWRF 12:00 p.m./12:30 p.m.
 Makeups

**Wednesday
MAY 11**

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

T R 9:00 a.m.
 T R 10:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
 T R 12:00 p.m.
 Makeups

**Thursday
MAY 12**

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If any student has four final exams scheduled on the same day, they should see the Interim Dean of Instruction.

EVENING CLASSES

Classes after 4 p.m. will have their final exam on the last night of the regularly scheduled session during the week of May 9.

There will be no exceptions to this schedule unless authorized by the Interim Dean of Instruction.