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Cosmetology earns third-place award

Olney Central College's School of Cosmetology is celebrating a third-place finish in the Illinois Association of Cosmetology Schools' Student Competition.

The annual event held Nov. 10 in Tinley Park drew cosmetology students from more than 30 colleges around the state to compete in a variety of categories ranging from bridal and color to the extreme to long hair mannequin.

OCC students attending the event included Karlie Switzer and Taylor Greentree, who were accompanied by School of Cosmetology Director Linda Miller.

Switzer, of Olney, captured OCC's third-place finish in the Retro 80s Category, which required participants to create a 1980s hairstyle for their models while completing the look with complementary makeup and clothes. The former Lawrenceville

resident was one of 15 competitors in the division and Greentree served as her model.

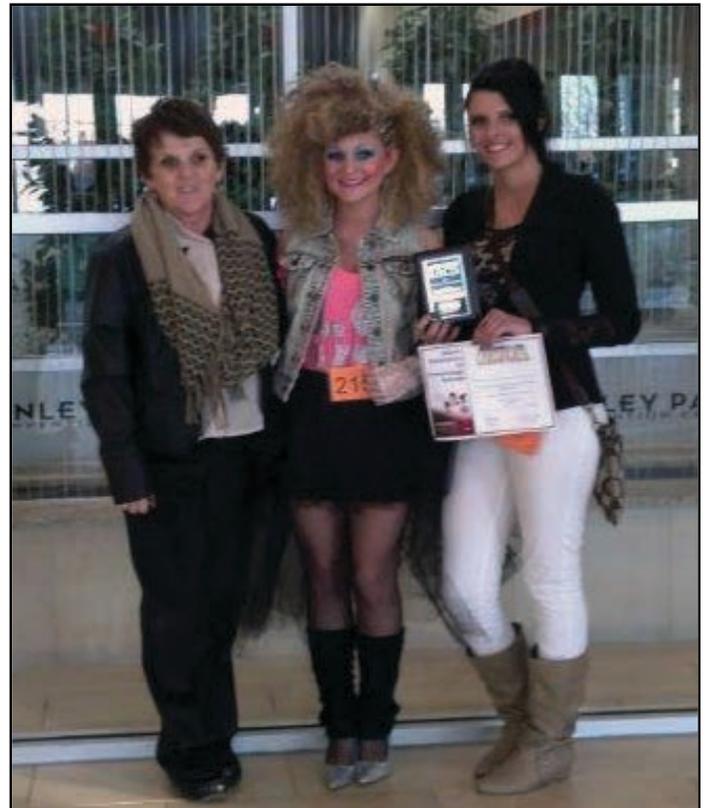
"It was fun and a great experience," Switzer said. "I was competing against students from bigger colleges and I thought it was great that I got a third place. I enjoyed watching the other students to see what they were doing and how good their ideas were. It was a very tough competition."

Miller is proud of Switzer's accomplishment.

"There were a lot of rules the students had to follow and she did a fantastic job," Miller added. "It's nice that OCC can be recognized."

Miller hopes even more students will attend next year's event.

"It's a great opportunity for the students," she said. "It's nice that we are able to provide this learning and growing experience for them."



OCC student Karlie Switzer, far right, displays the third-place award she received at the Illinois Association of Cosmetology Schools' Student Competition. She is pictured with OCC School of Cosmetology Director Linda Miller, left, and fellow cosmetology student Taylor Greentree, who served as Switzer's model.

Learning Skills Center nominated for state honor

The Olney Central College Learning Skills Center is being recognized for its commitment to assisting students with disabilities.

The LSC was one of just three nominees for the Illinois Statewide Transition Conference's Outstanding Post-Secondary Program Award. The honor recognizes a college or vocational program that has done an

outstanding job of providing education and services for students with all disabilities and helps their students achieve their goal of higher education. The LSC provides services to any OCC student with physical, learning or emotional disabilities.

The LSC was nominated for the award by officials with the

Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services in Olney and South Eastern Special Education, which serves Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence and Richland counties.

"It's a huge honor to be nominated by our partners for this award," said LSC Director Donita Kaare. "They

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LSC approved as Pearson Vue Testing Center

Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center has been approved as a Pearson Vue Authorized Testing Center.

Pearson Vue is the leading provider of global computer-based testing solutions for information technology, academic, government and professional testing programs. The LSC can now proctor numerous certification exams, the new computerized GED test and the Test of Academic Proficiency, which is required for admission to teacher education.

Director Donita Kaare said the LSC staff spent numerous hours working to meet Pearson Vue's stringent standards for approval. This included passing their own certification exams so they can oversee the testing process.

"It has been a big undertaking, but the center will benefit our students and the community," Kaare said. "Individuals who need to complete a certification can come here rather than driving to Charleston or Champaign to take a Pearson Vue test. We have a long list of certification tests we can offer and we will be adding more tests as we go along."



Lauren Ireland, seated, Teresa Acord and LSC Tutor Coordinator Jill Rose are pictured in the new Pearson Vue Authorized Testing Center at OCC. Ireland and Acord recently completed GED testing in the center.

Honor

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know what the department does to help students reach their educational goals. The LSC was nominated not only for its disability services, but its transition services as well. We're being recognized for how we help high school students with disabilities transition to college."

For the past decade, the LSC has organized workshops for students as they transition from eighth grade to high school and from high school to college.

The LSC also is a member of the local Transition Planning Committee and works closely with other participants to assist students. That includes attending staffings held at the high school for students with disabilities. During these meetings, the LSC staff presents college as an option to students and outlines the steps they need to take as

they enroll.

In her letter to the award committee, Anita Race, a rehabilitation counselor with the Division of Rehabilitation Services, praised the LSC for its work with students and community agencies to ensure needs are being met.

"The Learning Skills Center at OCC has been truly a blessing for the students that our agency has sent to the college along with many, many more students with challenges," she said. "Many of the students that our agency works with need some level of support and guidance when they leave high school and attend college. Donita and her staff are here from day one to assist the students. They see that the students have the accommodations that they need to be successful in the college setting and to make that transition from high school to college and beyond."

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

- Dec. 4 – OCC at Vincennes University, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 7 – OCC at Wabash Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13 – OCC at Highland Tournament, OCC vs. Black Hawk, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 14 – OCC at Highland Tournament, OCC vs. TBA

Women's Basketball

- Dec. 4 – OCC at Vincennes University, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 – OCC at Wabash Valley, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13 – OCC Holiday Classic, OCC vs. Millikin, 7 p.m. at home
- Dec. 14 – OCC Holiday Classic, OCC vs. Parkland, 5 p.m. at home
- Dec. 17 – OCC vs. Mineral Area, 2 p.m. at home

OCC fills 22 boxes for Operation Christmas Child



Student Allyson Stoltz prepares one of the 22 boxes OCC filled for Operation Christmas Child.

Instructors Amie Mayhall and Shasta Bennett recently headed a service project called “Operation Christmas Child” which provides items to children all over the world via the Samaritan’s Purse. This allows a child to experience a little of what we experience as Christmas.

Items were collected and packed into shoe boxes to be sent to children. Each shoe box was labeled with a sticker stating which gender and age group the items were for. Age groups were: 2 to 4 boys and girls; 5 to 9 boys and girls; and 10 to 14 boys and girls. Along with a few other age specific items, each box included a toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, tissues, washcloth, pens and pencils, a coloring/activity book and a couple of small toys. The collection was enough to provide 22 shoe box gifts to be sent. There is a cost to ship

each one, so cash donations helped with that cost. Samaritan’s Purse allows each package to be tracked sending email notifications to the sender. The sender can then track that the package was received and what country received it.

Thanks to all those that donated items or money. Special thanks to OCC Phi Theta Kappa, OCC Softball Team, and all OCC faculty, staff and students who donated to this wonderful service project.

More information can be found at www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!



Welding Club attends FABTECH in Chicago

Members of Olney Central College’s Welding Club recently attended the FABTECH Expo, North America’s largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing trade show.

“This was a great experience for the students,” said OCC Welding and Cutting instructor Curtis Marshall, who accompanied club members to the Nov. 19-20 event. “They got to see all of the latest innovations associated with metal work and had the chance to watch demonstrations. They even had booths set up where the students could use the different machines.”

More than 1,500 exhibiting companies participated in the expo, which was held at McCormick Place in Chicago. A total of 26 students from OCC and Lincoln Trail College attended FABTECH.

During the event, students also had an opportunity to network with employers and one left with a potential job lead.

The trip even afforded the students a chance to go sightseeing in downtown Chicago and to visit Navy Pier.

“Everyone had a great time,” Marshall said. “It was very informative and I’m glad we got to do this. I hope we can attend again in 2016 when FABTECH returns to Chicago.”

The Welding Club funded its trip with proceeds from a recent pork loin sale.

“We would like to thank everyone who supported the club’s fund-raiser and made this possible,” Marshall added.



Members of the OCC Welding Club attended the FABTECH Expo on Nov. 19-20 in Chicago. The students had the opportunity to see the latest innovations in the field and to watch demonstrations.



OCC Parade Entry

The Olney Central College 50th Anniversary Committee prepared a float and passed out candy during the annual Olney Christmas Parade on Nov. 30. The Welding and Cutting Program made the metal letters, which adorned the back of the float, and the Collision Repair Technology Program painted them.

OCC Community Choir to present concert Dec. 12

The OCC Community Choir will present its annual Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center at OCC.

This year's concert features the enchanting "Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Saint-Saens.

The "Christmas Oratorio" will include four guest vocal soloists from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, along with the Community Choir, and accompanied by a small chamber orchestra.

The Community Choir will also

perform the spiritual "Soon-Ah Will Be Done" by William Dawson, the folk melody "Welsh Lullaby" arranged by K. Lee Scott, and an Advent chorale from the cantata: "Wachet Auf" by J. S. Bach. The women of the Community Choir will present Benjamin Britten's "This Little Babe" from Ceremony of Carols, honoring what would have been the composer's 100th birthday. The evening will conclude with a Christmas carol sing-along.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Students must complete TEAS-V for ADN ranking

Students wishing to apply to the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Associate Degree Nursing Program for entry in Fall 2014 must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills Version 5 (TEAS-V®).

The deadline to apply for ADN ranking is Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 and testing must be completed by that date. In order to be ranked, students must have an adjusted individual test score at the proficient level or higher.

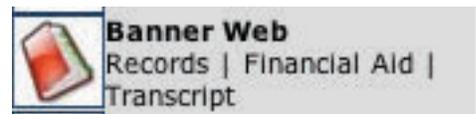
The test will be offered at OCC on Dec. 17, Jan. 3, Jan. 21 and Feb. 5. Students may take the test at any of the four Illinois Eastern Community Colleges — Frontier Community, Lincoln Trail, Olney Central and Wabash Valley — regardless of which college site they plan to attend.

Visit www.iecc.edu/nursing/teas.html for additional information about the TEAS-V® test and testing dates.

To learn more about the program, contact OCC Nursing Program Advisor Linda Horn at 395-7777, ext. 2246, or visit www.iecc.edu/nursing.

ONLINE PAYMENT

Step 1: Log into your Entrata account with your username and password. Click on the Banner Web icon at the right-hand side of your screen.



Step 2: Click on Pay Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges Online — Credit Card to make your online Payment.

Student Records

- Account by Term
- Account Summary
- Account Summary by Term
- Degree Evaluation
- Final Grades by Term
- Holds on Your Account
- Payments - Pay Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges Online - Credit Card
- Payment History and Statement
- Select Tax Year
- Student Information
- Tax Notification
- Transcript Unofficial

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If you encounter problems with making your online payment, please contact the IECC HelpDesk at 618-395-5299 or toll-free 1-866-529-4322, ext. 4357.

Winter weather closing policy

It is Olney Central College's policy to remain open unless the weather makes it too hazardous to do so.

When the safety of students and staff is threatened due to inclement weather or other emergencies, OCC will be closed or classes canceled or delayed. Administration will attempt to notify media outlets prior to the 6 a.m. news on the day of the closing.

Don't assume that if the elementary and high schools close, OCC will be closed as well. If no announcement is made, classes will meet as usual.

Closure of day classes does not necessarily mean that evening classes will be canceled. Announcements regarding evening classes will be made prior to 4 p.m., if at all possible.

The following radio and television stations will be notified of any cancellations or delays:

- WVLN-AM and WSEI-FM in Olney
 - WIKK in Newton
 - WAKO in Lawrenceville
 - WFIW-AM and -FM in Fairfield
 - WNOI-FM in Flora
 - WSJD in Mt. Carmel
 - WCRC in Effingham
 - WTWO and WTHI in Terre Haute, Ind.
 - WEHT, WFIE and WTVW in Evansville, Ind.
- Closings also will be announced on the following websites:
- www.iecc.edu
 - www.weatherclosings.com

OCC team raises funds for Heart Walk

The OCC Heart Walk team raised \$531.07 for the American Heart Association during the Heart Walk on Oct. 5.

Team members were Shasta

Closings also are announced through IECC Alerts. When you create an Entrata account you will be automatically registered for an alerts account.

Account creation for alerts will take approximately 24 hours. IECC Alerts will automatically go to your Entrata email account, but you can opt-in for text messages or receive messages at another email account.

To do so, login to Entrata (entrata.iecc.edu) and select Emergency Alerts. Enter your cellular information under the Text and Voice Preferences section. A phone number is required. The cellular provider is optional. You also may enter another email address in the Email Preferences area. Once changes are completed, click save.

While there is no direct cost for signing up for this text message service, you may be charged a text message fee by your cell phone provider.

Please check your cell phone plan to understand the costs you may incur using this service.

The system will be used to send text messages related to campus emergencies, weather-related closures and test messages.

Students previously signed up with IECC Emergency Alerts should verify contact information and preferences are current.

If you do not have an Entrata account, please contact the Records Office at 395-7777.

Bennett, Amie Mayhall, Jessica Parrent, Kathy Slichenmyer and student nurses Ashlee Goss, Mindy Corneilus, Maci Ralston and Terra Flowers.

OCC Automotive Club hosting raffle

The Olney Central College Automotive Club is holding a raffle fund-raiser.

First-prize is a 2013 Honda Metropolitan Scooter. Second- and third-place winners will receive \$250 and \$150, respectively.

Tickets are \$5 each and will go on sale Jan. 7.

Tickets may be purchased from club members or contact Mark Fitch at 395-7777, ext. 2510.

The drawing will be held on March 31.

Spring registration

OCC is currently registering students for spring semester classes.

Students are encouraged to enroll early to ensure they get the classes they want.

Stop by the Student Services Office to schedule your registration appointment or call 395-7777.

College closed

OCC will be closed Dec. 19-Jan. 1 for Winter Break. The college will reopen on Jan. 2. Classes begin Jan. 6.

Keep vehicles locked

Students utilizing the OCC parking lots are advised to keep their vehicles locked when unattended.

Lost and found items

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

Happy Birthday To:

December

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|----|-------------------|
| 2 | David Casstevens |
| 13 | Peggy King |
| 16 | Kristi Urfer |
| 17 | Donna Rude |
| 20 | Vicky Lemon - FCC |
| 21 | Clint Burris |
| 23 | Deborah Hunley |
| 24 | Jessica Lenear |

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the January Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

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OCC FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FALL SEMESTER, 2013

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
DEC 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
DEC 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
DEC 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
DEC 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 Dean of Instruction.

EVENING CLASSES

Classes after 3 p.m. will have their final exam on the last night of the regularly scheduled session (Monday, December 9 through Thursday, December 12, 2013).

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