



# The Knightline

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## Upgrades made to OCC Piano Lab

The OCC Piano Lab located in Room 215 of Wattleworth Hall has undergone a significant upgrade since December.

The original Piano Lab, which was made possible by the support of the Olney Central College Foundation, included 12 student pianos and one teacher piano, to be used in the Class Piano courses. The upgrades to the Piano Lab include the addition of nine computers, music notation software, a new music whiteboard, network accessibility and a restructuring of the placement of equipment in the room. The enhancements were made possible by funding from OCC, as well as Music Department funds raised from

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OCC Choral Director/Instructor Mark Doerries and Director of Bands/Music Instructor Suzanne Downes work in the newly upgraded OCC Piano Lab.



Carla Gardner was honored during a retirement reception on Dec. 8. She is pictured with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges CEO Terry Bruce, left, and OCC Interim President Rodney Raney.

## Carla Gardner retires after 25 years at OCC

Longtime administrative assistant Carla Gardner has retired after 25 years at Olney Central College.

Gardner joined OCC in May 1985 as the administrative assistant to the Dean of Instruction. Two years later she was named administrative assistant to the President and served in that capacity until December.

"I always liked the fact that my job wasn't routine,"

she said. "Each day was different and it certainly wasn't dull. It was a surprise every time I walked in the door."

Gardner has witnessed numerous changes at OCC including the switch from the quarter system to semesters and upgrades in technology. Over the years, she worked with three different deans and nine presidents.

"I've seen so many people  
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# OCC 2011 Service Awards



Service Recognition Awards for OCC employees were presented Jan. 5 during the Faculty/Staff Spring Workshop. Above, longtime employees receiving awards include, from left, Russ Jausel, 35 years; Chris Webber, 25 years; David Denton, 20 years; Carla Burgener, 15 years and Carol Kocher, 20 years. Not pictured is Cheryl Knight, 25 years.



Ten-year service award recipients are, from left, Tammy Fralicker, Mark Fitch and Laurel Cutright. Not pictured are Janet Kinkade and Vavette Sexton.



OCC Interim President Rodney Ranes, right, presents a three-year service award to Jerry Booker.

## Godeke Scholarship available

Applications are now being accepted for the Frank and Mary Alice Godeke Scholarship.

To qualify, students must be graduates of East Richland High School and be interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree or

higher in the field of humanities.

Please contact the Olney Central College Financial Aid Office for applications.

The deadline to apply for the Godeke Scholarship is 10 a.m. on March 1.

## Like OCC on Facebook

Check out Olney Central College on Facebook at ([www.facebook.com/olneycentralcollege](http://www.facebook.com/olneycentralcollege)). This is a great way to connect with friends, check out photos from OCC events and keep up to date on activities around campus. You also can access the Knightline from OCC on Facebook.





Above, those receiving five-year service awards at OCC are, from left, Nick Wright, Nick Short, Ashley Charleston, Holly Farley, Lisa Rauch and Shirley Smithenry. Not pictured is Angela Williams. At left, those receiving three-year awards are, from left, Tressie Facculyn-Gous, Michael Conn, Penny Campbell and Tyler Boyles. Not pictured are Julie Crawford, Mary Doerner and Judith Hudson.

## OCC Student Teacher Club

Olney Central College students planning to pursue a career in education are invited to join the Future Teacher Club.

The organization offers students a chance to socialize with other education majors, gain classroom experiences and create learning activities for elementary or secondary students. Guest speakers and other activities will offer insight into the education field.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to participate in educational conferences, learn about the Praxis I test and receive resume and cover letter tips. The club also addresses transfer options.

Students interested in joining the club should register for EDU 2198 Special Topics in Education. The deadline to register is Feb. 1.

There is a \$30 fee for the class, but students will earn two hours of credit and the fee is covered if students are receiving Financial Aid.

Students wishing to learn more about the club should e-mail advisor Annie Galindo at galindom@iecc.edu.

The first meeting will be in February. Students will receive information about the meeting date once they have registered.

Don't miss this great opportunity. Stop by Student Services and register today.



OCC Interim President Rodney Ranes, right, presents a three-year service award to Bob Tice.

## College to be closed Jan. 17

OCC will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Classes will resume on Jan. 18.

# Massage Therapy clinicals to start Feb. 4

**O**lney Central College's Massage Therapy Program is now accepting appointments for its spring clinicals.

The clinics, which are open to the public, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 4, 5, 18 and 19; March 4, 18 and 19; and April 1, 2, 15 and 16. The cost for a relaxing, Swedish-style massage is just \$25 for a one-hour session. The massage treatments are for the sole purpose of stress reduction, relief from muscle tension or spasm and to increase circulation and energy flow. A massage therapy instructor will be present at the clinics.

Gift certificates are available for Valentine's Day. Couple massages also are offered. To schedule an appointment or purchase a gift certificate, call 392-2430.

If you are unable to reach someone, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

OCC's Massage Therapy and Phlebotomy Building is located at 108 E. Main St., in Olney.



**OCC's Massage Therapy Program is accepting appointments for its spring clinics. Students enrolled in the program include, from left, Tammy Renfrow, Danielle Patterson, Brooke Buffington, Sayeh Naddaf and instructor Penny Campbell. Back row, Kayla Workman, Michelle Monroe, Analisa Thompson, Arielle Ritchie, Katie Gher, Michelle Wilson, Tracy Winters and Brenda Johnson.**

## Tickets now on sale for Valentine Benefit

Enjoy a special evening with your sweetheart and support the Olney Central College Foundation by attending its Valentine Benefit on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Holiday in Olney.

A cocktail hour will kickoff the event at 6 p.m. A meal will follow at 6:45 p.m.

Entertainment begins at 9 p.m., compliments of DJ Scott Charleston of Five Star Productions.

Tickets are just \$30 each and may be purchased by contacting Deb Keller at 395-8676 or 393-7541,



Carrie Hallam at 838-6492 or OCC at 395-7777, ext. 2003.

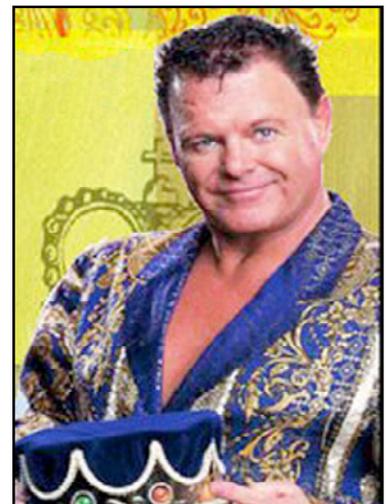
Tickets also are available at local banking institutions or may be obtained from any OCC Foundation Board member. Tickets must be purchased by Jan. 25.

Proceeds will benefit the Single Parent Program and be used to purchase classroom Mimio Boards and projectors.

## Student Senate sponsors IWA pro wrestling event

The OCC Student Senate is sponsoring an IWA Productions Pro Wrestling event on Saturday, Feb. 5 in the OCC Gymnasium. The evening will feature a meet and greet with WWE Hall of Famer Jerry "The King" Lawler at 5 p.m.

Belltime is at 7 p.m. Title matches include IWA Heavyweight Champ Shane Rich vs. Kanoa and IWA Tag Team Champs Psychotic Rage vs. the Mississippi Madman and KC Jackson. Other highlights include an IWA cruiserweight title match, ladies match and a strap match between Vulcan and Sean Chambers. Tickets are \$25 for front row seats and the meet and greet. Main floor seats are \$20 and bleacher seats are \$15 for adults and \$5 for



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children. Tickets are available in the Student Services Office. Proceeds will fund OCC Student Senate events.

## Phi Theta Kappa

At right, Olney Central College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter elected new officers before Winter Break. Pictured, from left, are Kelly Toy of Olney, Publicist; Faith Edgington of Calhoun, Publicist; and Cody Mitchell of Johnsonville, Vice President. Below, members inducted into PTK for the fall semester include front row, from left, Amanda Yardley of Lawrenceville and Laura Wildbur of Flora and back row, Jordan Lenear of Olney, Becky Wiley of Louisville and Rachel Bratsch of Newton.



## Nursing program accepting applications until Feb. 15

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges: Olney Central College Associate Degree Nursing Program is currently accepting students for Fall 2011.

Individuals wishing to apply should schedule an appointment as soon as possible to meet with

Nursing Program Advisor Jaye Fehrenbacher to discuss program requirements.

Fehrenbacher may be reached at 395-7777, ext. 2246, or call toll-free 1-866-622-4322.

The application process must be completed by Feb. 15.

## Gardner

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come and go," she said of her time at the college. "There are very few people left that were here when I came. There are three here at OCC and seven people left in the IECC District. The people I started working with – I've seen their children grow up, get married and have children of their own."

While at OCC, Gardner also worked closely with the Olney Central College Foundation. She had served as its recording secretary since July 1988.

"It's been a lot of fun working with them," she added.

Gardner also enjoyed participating in the Illinois Community College Trustees Association's Professional Administrative Assistants

Conferences.

"Those were nice," she said. "We had an opportunity to tour other colleges. The neatest thing was when we started talking about electronic board packets with the other colleges. The Chicago colleges, that have everything, were astounded that we had them. They even asked Renee Smith to present the following year. It was one of the times that little old Southern Illinois came out ahead. They were in awe that we could do this and it was kind of fun."

One of the most memorable events Gardner recalls from her time at OCC is when a deer shattered glass in a doorway and entered Wattleworth Hall.

Gardner's future plans include traveling. She would like to visit

both Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon.

"It will be nice to be able to take time to do that and not have to hurry back to work," she said. "I'm also looking forward to spending more time with my grandkids and catching up on all the stuff I didn't get to over the years."

Gardner said she will miss the people she worked with at OCC.

"They are a second family," she said. "I can't think of a better place to work or a better group of people to work with for the last 25 1/2 years than here at OCC. I regret I didn't have more time to work with Interim President Rodney Ranes and Dean of Instruction Kristi Urfer. They're doing a great job and I'll miss being a part of that."

## OCC Sports Schedule

### Men's Basketball

- **Jan. 15** – OCC vs. John A. Logan, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Jan. 17** – OCC at Rend Lake, 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 19** – OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 22** – OCC at Kaskaskia, 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 26** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Jan. 29** – OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 7:30 p.m. at home

### Women's Basketball

- **Jan. 15** – OCC at Rend Lake, 1 p.m.
- **Jan. 17** – OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 5:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 19** – OCC at Kaskaskia, 5:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 22** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 5:30 p.m. at home
- **Jan. 26** – OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 5:30 p.m. at home
- **Jan. 29** – OCC at Southeastern Illinois, 5:30 p.m.

# Winter Weather Policy

It is OCC'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 and WFIE in Evansville, Ind.

Closings also will be announced on the following websites:

- [www.iecc.edu](http://www.iecc.edu)
- [www.weatherclosings.com](http://www.weatherclosings.com)

Closings also are announced through IECC Alerts.

## 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.



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

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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.

## OCC emergency alerts

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has contracted with e2Campus to provide alert notification services.

The system will notify students and employees of campus emergencies and closures by e-mail and/or cell phone text message. Log onto Entrata and click on the alerts link to activate an account.

IECC Alerts is an opt-in service. While there is no direct cost for signing up for the 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 the service.



The system will be used to send text messages related to campus emergencies, weather-related closures, test messages and notifications when accounts are about to expire.

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

## LSC offers free tutoring

The Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

Biology I and II, Human Growth and Development, Sociology, Anatomy, Chemistry, Psychology and Introduction to Business study guides are available. Videos are available for

Basic Math, Beginning Algebra and Intermediate Algebra.

If you have any special learning needs, come and see the LSC staff. They will be glad to provide suggestions, help and/or accommodations. The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4.

# SAN visits University of Illinois

Members of OCC's Student Advantage Network participated in a fall trip on Nov. 11.

Students toured the University of Illinois and attended Financial Aid and admissions presentations. Students had lunch on the U of I campus before shopping and eating dinner at the mall.

The students also visited the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and attended a performance of the Italian opera, "Rigoletto."

"The students had a great time and really enjoyed the opera which was performed completely in Italian with supertitles," said SAN Academic Counselor Andi Pampe. "The SAN program gives students an opportunity to see and do things that they would otherwise not do either because they don't have the resources or because they just never thought they would enjoy such events."

The spring semester trip will be in April. Students will tour the Toyota



**Student Advantage Network member and future University of Illinois student Hailey Winka is pictured with her friend, a current U of I student, who served as a tour guide.**

Plant in Princeton and attend a production of "Legally Blonde" at The Centre in Evansville.

## OCC Little League Camp registration

OCC Baseball will host its 2011 Little League Camp from 9 a.m. to noon on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 in the OCC Gym.

This is a total skills camp and participants should bring a glove, bat and tennis shoes. The cost is \$50 for one session and \$75 for both

sessions.

Pre-registration is required and can be made by contacting Coach Dennis Conley at 395-7545 or 843-0333.

## Lab

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ticket sales at department concerts.

"The lab can now be used as a Music Technology lab," said Suzanne Downes, Director of Bands/Music Instructor at OCC. "Students will be able to use the software in conjunction with the MIDI piano units to compose, as well as use many resources on the Internet that support the music theory skills they are learning in class."

The Piano Lab is accessible to students enrolled in Class Piano, Music Theory, Music Fundamentals, Recording Technology and the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble.

"Students in the ensembles can use

this facility to research music we are studying in class, to listen to new music to broaden their musical horizons, and find examples of quality performances on their instrument by expert musicians," Downes added.

Enrollment in Music Fundamentals, which will be offered in Fall 2011, is open to any OCC student who is interested in learning the building blocks of music. Ensemble participation is open to any student, pending audition.

For more information about the Olney Central College Music Department, please contact Suzanne Downes at ext. 2251, or Mark Doerries at ext. 2252.

## Thank you

Thank you to those who supported the Student Advantage Network's recent Butter Braid and That's My Pan fund-raisers. The events raised about \$1,200.

Andi Pampe,  
SAN Academic Counselor

## Keep vehicles locked

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

## Lost and Found

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

## Happy Birthday To: January

- 6 Bev Ziegler
- 7 Doug Shipman
- 9 Linda Horn
- 11 Carol Kocher
- 17 Sue Dufilho
- 19 Jill Ginder-Wilson
- 20 Candice Jones
- 23 Deanna Ratts
- 23 Ashley Bussard-UB
- 23 Valerie Weidner
- 25 Andi Pampe
- 26 Mary Corry
- 28 Brenda Grove-LTC

## Knightline Information

Please submit information for the February Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24.

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