

Olney Central College KNIGHTLINE



AUGUST 2021

CALENDAR

AUGUST

10 - Faculty/Staff Workshop,
OCC Theater, 8 a.m.

12 - Last Day to Enroll in
Fall Tuition Payment Plan,
4 Payments

17 - First Day of Fall Classes

30 - Last Day for 100
Percent Refund of 16-Week
Fall Semester Classes

30 - Last Day for 100 Percent
Refund on Fall Textbooks

SEPTEMBER

3 - Last Day to Enroll in
Fall Tuition Payment Plan,
3 Payments

6 - College Closed - Labor Day

OCC BOOKSTORE FALL HOURS

August 9-16

7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

August 17-19

7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

August 20

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

August 23

7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

August 24-December 8

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

December 9

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

& 5-6:30 p.m.

December 10

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

December 13-14

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

& 5-6:30 p.m.

Several improvement projects completed over the summer



Olney Central College's Operations and Maintenance Department has been busy undertaking several campus-wide improvement projects this summer, including two that will increase energy efficiency in Wattleworth Hall.

O&M Team Leader Clay Atkins said OCC received 1,000 free LED lights through an Ameren Illinois sponsored program. Existing fluorescent tube lights in all hallways have been replaced with the new bulbs.

"The LED lights will cut energy consumption, make the hallways a little brighter and last longer. They are also easier to dispose of," Atkins said. "We started with the hallways because those lights are on from 6 in the morning until 10 at night. We still have some LED lights to install in the classrooms as the semester progresses."

Work also is underway in the Student Union to apply new tinting to the windows facing the patio area. It's a labor-intensive job as the existing material must be scraped off the surface. Atkins believes the original tinting was installed shortly after Wattleworth Hall's opening in 1974.



Improvement projects completed this summer include cement work in the parking lot outside the Banquet Room and painting of the former Auto Body Building.

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Knight Kafe serving up homemade pizza

Olney Central College's Knight Kafe is expanding its menu this fall to include homemade pizza.

The medium-sized pizzas contain eight slices each and come with a choice of one to three toppings for \$10. Choose from traditional favorites like pepperoni and mushrooms or try new combinations like chicken and spinach. Specialty pizzas are \$12 and include Hawaiian, Philly Cheese Steak, Taco, Chicken Bacon Ranch, Meat Lovers, BBQ and Italian Beef.

"Response has been phenomenal," said Knight Kafe Manger Teresa Baker, who previewed the items this summer. "The most popular is the Philly Cheese Steak and the Pepperoni Mushroom. We're planning a tasting soon so everyone can see it really is good pizza."

Baker added the new options with OCC athletes and organizations in mind. She noted athletes often order items at lunchtime they can take home and reheat for dinner. For OCC clubs, the pizzas are a convenient and affordable alternative for luncheon meetings and special events.

Same-day orders should be placed at least 20 minutes in advance as the items are prepared fresh. A convenient take and bake option also is available.

Clubs wishing to purchase multiple pizzas should contact the Knight Kafe at least two days in advance. Orders of 20 or more should be placed a week ahead.

In addition to pizza, OCC clubs can take advantage of the Knight Kafe's catering services.

"A lot of people don't realize this is available," Baker said. "We can make veggie trays, sandwiches and homemade salads."

The Knight Kafe serves the OCC community and is open to the public for dine-in and carryout. Hours are 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Orders can be placed by calling 618-395-7777, ext. 2026.



Dining Dollars Meal Plans

SAVE MONEY IN THE KNIGHT CAFE

Platinum Plan \$855 – \$950 Value

Gold Plan \$720 – \$800 Value

Silver Plan \$504 – \$560 Value

Bronze Plan \$288 – \$320 Value



Purchase Yours in the OCC Business Office

Daily Specials

The Knight Kafe offers daily Hot Bar and Express Bar lunch specials during the semester.

Menus are updated each week on the OCC TVs in Wattleworth Hall. You can also find them posted on the Knight Kafe website at www.iecc.edu/knightkafe. Daily soup specials are available October-March.



Improvements

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To date, 18 windows have been finished with another 32 slated for completion later this fall. Eventually, all 90 windows in the Union will be treated.

“The new tinting is very efficient,” Atkins said. “It will keep 94 percent of UV rays out and should help a lot on cooling in the Union.”

Another facility being updated is the former Auto Body Building, which is now used by Instructor Logan Marshall for the Industrial Maintenance Technology and HVAC programs.

“We removed the walls from the two offices and classroom to expand the space available to Logan,” Atkins said.

The building’s exterior also received a fresh coat of paint while the current Collision Repair building was power-washed last month.

Improvements also are continuing to the Cozy Corner Playground. A sidewalk connecting the play area to Wattleworth Hall was completed in 2019.

Last month a new shelter was



Above, the North and Banquet Room parking lots were painted earlier this month. At top, a new structure was built to provide shade for the Cozy Corner Playground.

constructed to provide shade for the children.

In preparation for the start of the semester, OCC parking lots were repainted. New cement also was poured near

the Wattleworth Hall loading dock.

Atkins said projects slated for later this fall include installation of a new HVAC system for the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.



IECC TRIO SSS visits Washington, D.C.

On July 13-16, the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges TRIO Student Support Services program took 30 of its participants to Washington, D.C. Travel was by charter bus so in two days, the group was able to visit many of the D.C. landmarks.

TRIO SSS is a program that is 100 percent funded by the U.S. Department of Education to help students that are first-generation, low-income, or have other qualifying barriers to completing their education. The program offers many services to assist students with basic college requirements and increase college retention and graduation, and transfer rates. TRIO SSS at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges serves 190 students within the district each year and has been at the IECC district for over 25 years.

The two-day trip included tours of the University of Maryland and Howard University. As with any cultural excursion, educational elements were provided.

Due to COVID restrictions, the group was able to only see the exteriors of many of the buildings, including the White House and U.S. Capitol, but could go inside Ford's Theater and The National Archives where they saw the Bill of Rights, the U.S. Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence.

Many were filled with awe at seeing, in person, the monuments, documents and buildings that they had only seen in pictures or movies. Pictures do not convey the grandeur. The

final landmark visited was the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial which provided a very sobering experience. That is a must-see when traveling to the nation's capital.

This trip was free to all students and staff. The group even had the pleasure of a tour guide familiar with Washington. She was able to provide as much within each day that could be had, which added up to over 20 miles of walking in the two days.

Here is a partial list of what was visited: Washington Monument, Washington, D.C. Zoo, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, FDR Memorial, Black Lives Matter Plaza, Vietnam Veterans Memorial including the Vietnam Women's Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Pentagon 911 Memorial, U.S. Air Force Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial also known as the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial, Jefferson and Lincoln Monuments, Ford's Theater, and The National Archives.

TRIO SSS uses a variety of activities to help students, including intensive academic advising, workshops and trainings, cultural and college trips, student mentor programs, and tutoring. The program also helps students with budgeting, supplies and career counseling, and provides students with information about financial aid assistance.

TRIO SSS at IECC is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$348,002.

Softball raising funds for field press box

Olney Central College Softball is raising funds to construct a press box for their field. “In the nearly 40 years of softball being played at OCC, there has never been a press box,” said Coach Nick Short. “We are looking to change that and are hoping the community can help. This is something I feel is needed and hopefully we can get it completed this fall.”

While providing a designated space for the scoreboard operator and members of the press, the planned 20-by-20-by-12-foot structure also would create much-needed storage space. The softball team doesn’t have a locker room and the facility would create a mudroom for players’ gear.

The college is also making infrastructure improvements to enhance live-streaming capabilities and the press box would aid in those efforts as it could house the router.

“President (Rodney) Raney has done a great job recognizing the need for upgrades on campus and addressing those needs, especially as they relate to athletics, not just softball, but all the athletic teams,” Short said. “An example is our new batting cage, which is probably the best in the region.”

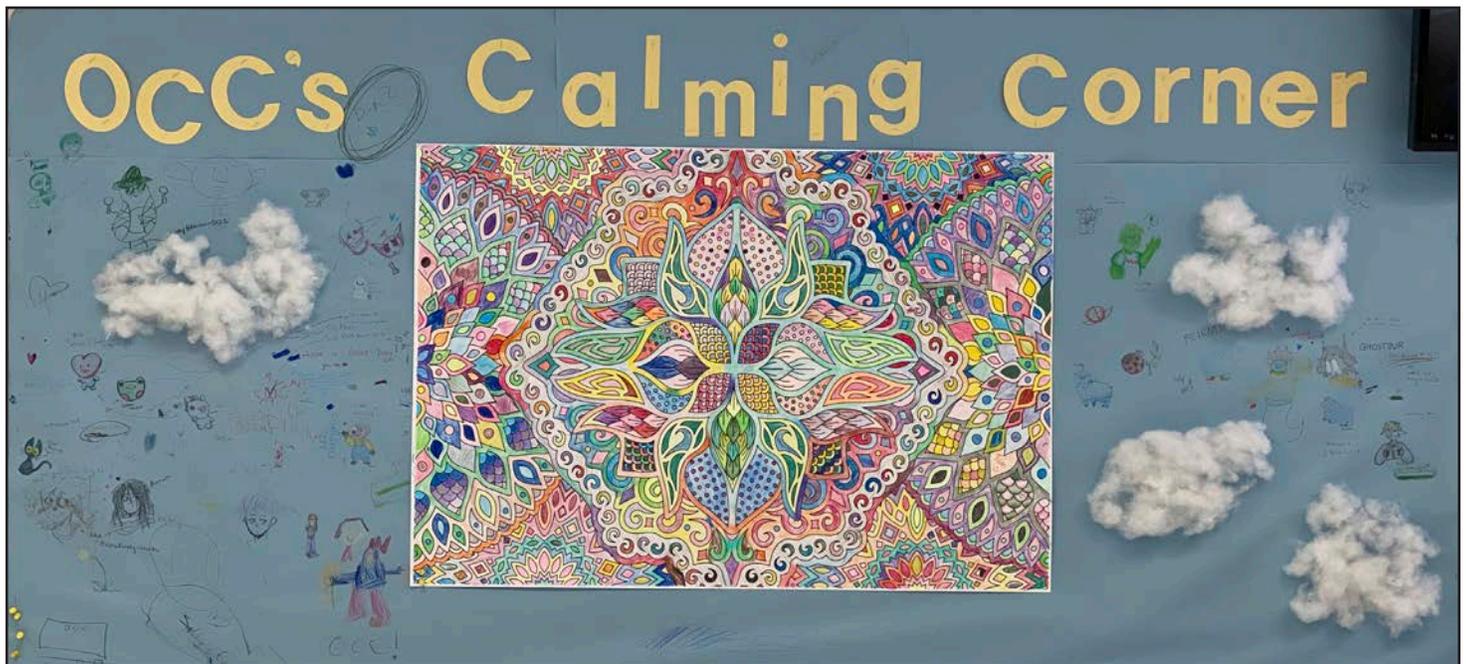
The team has already raised more than \$7,500 toward its \$15,000 goal to fund the project.

“We had an individual who got the project started with a large donation,” Short said. “They have supported a lot of things in town and I’m humbled and very appreciative of their support.”

Short said donors will have their names or businesses recognized on both the press box and athletic website.

“I am grateful to those who continue to support the OCC athletic programs,” Short said. “I know there are many deserving entities within the community. I recognize how much the businesses in our community get asked for financial support and they have done a great job. Even if they consider us, and choose not to donate, to the project, I understand. It can’t be overstated the amount of appreciation I have for even being considered.”

For more information about the fund-raising efforts, contact Coach Short at shortn@iecc.edu, or call 618-395-7777, ext. 2223. Donations can be made to OCC Softball and mailed to Olney Central College Softball Office, 305 N. West St., Olney, IL 62450.



Student Artwork

We’re glad so many students shared their artwork this summer on the Calming Corner Bulletin Board. Look for the new “Creative Corner” board this fall. It will provide a space for students to share their artistic talents with the OCC community.

Summer Theme Thursday

Each Thursday in June and July OCC celebrated Summer Theme Thursday. It was a chance to have fun, dress up and win a prize. This year's themes included, Tropical Day, College Day, Mismatch Day, Tie-Dye Day, Patriotic Day, Duo Day, Christmas in July, Slumber Party Day and the most popular 80s Day. Grand-prize winners were Taylr Hall and Tina Evans.



Welcome Knights

New students are getting the chance to explore campus and learn more about services available at OCC during Orientation Days.

