

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

11 - OCC Foundation Spring Scholarship Deadline

21 - College Closed - President's Day

25 - OCC Foundation Annual Scholarship & Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship Deadlines

### MARCH

4 - Midterm

7 - Ticket Sales Begin for Mamma Mia!, OCC Theater, 10 a.m.

7 - No Classes - Pulaski Day

8-11 - Spring Break

15 - Summer & Fall Registration Begins

18-19 - Mamma Mia! Performance, OCC Theater, 7 p.m.

20 - Mamma Mia! Performance, OCC Theater, 2 p.m.

24-26 - Mamma Mia! Performance, OCC Theater, 7 p.m.

27 - Mamma Mia! Performance, OCC Theater, 2 p.m.

### COLLEGE VISITS

**Feb. 23** - A representative from Millikin University will be at OCC from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A table will be located outside Student Services.



## Anatamage Table gives students high-tech experiences in anatomy lab

Olney Central College is introducing new cutting-edge technology to its anatomy lab with the addition of an Anatamage Table.

The life-sized, 3D interactive device, enables students to perform virtual dissection. With the swipe of a finger, students can peel back layers of the digitally created body, exposing muscles, organs and bones. Students can even watch the heart beating as blood flows through the circulatory system.

“The table includes two touch screen monitors and works like a giant tablet,” said Professor Chris Mathews. “It has four digital cadavers loaded in the self-contained computer system that can be pulled up. Students can dissect the cadavers and then put them back together just by accessing the screen.”

Using the control panel, students can turn, adjust and magnify the body to delve further into the structures and systems they want to inspect and dissect. Once selected,

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## Sports Schedule

### Men's Basketball

**Feb. 9** — OCC at Lake Land, 7 p.m.

**Feb. 12** — OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 3 p.m. at home

**Feb. 14** — OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois, 7 p.m. at home

**Feb. 16** — OCC at Rend Lake, 7 p.m.

**Feb. 18** — OCC vs. John A. Logan, 6 p.m. at home

**Feb. 19** — OCC at Vincennes, 6 p.m.

**Feb. 21** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, 7 p.m. at home

**Feb. 24** — Sophomore Night, OCC vs. Lewis & Clark, 7 p.m. at home

### Women's Basketball

**Feb. 9** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, 5 p.m. at home

**Feb. 12** — OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 1 p.m. at home

**Feb. 16** — OCC at Rend Lake, 5 p.m.

**Feb. 19** — OCC at Vincennes, 4 p.m.

**Feb. 22** — OCC at Kaskaskia, 5 p.m.

### Baseball

**Feb. 18** — OCC vs. St. Charles, noon & OCC vs. Bryant & Stratton, 2:30 p.m., Saluqi Invitational

**Feb. 19** — OCC vs. Southwest Tennessee, 10 a.m., Saluqi Invitational

**Feb. 26** — OCC vs. Morton College, 1 p.m. at Vincennes & OCC at Vincennes, 2:30 p.m.

### Softball

**Feb. 11** — OCC vs. Motlow State at 11 a.m. & OCC vs. Arkansas State, 1 p.m., TigerFest, Booneville, Miss.

**Feb. 12** — OCC vs. Spoon River at 11 a.m. & OCC vs. Northeast Mississippi, 3 p.m., TigerFest, Booneville, Miss.

**Feb. 25** — OCC vs. McCook, 11 a.m., at Burlington, Iowa & OCC at Southeastern Community, 3 p.m., SCC Turf Tournament

**Feb. 26** — OCC vs. Ellsworth 11 a.m. & OCC vs. Iowa Central at 3 p.m., Burlington, Iowa

# Cheryl Michl joins Title III as Advising Specialist

Cheryl Michl has joined Olney Central College as the new Advising Specialist for the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Title III Block Grant.

The Title III program is supported in part by a five-year grant awarded to Olney Central College from the U.S. Department of Education

effective October 1, 2018. The estimated total cost for all project activities is \$2,506,775 financed by the grant award of \$2,249,968 (90%) and \$256,807 (10%) by Olney Central College. Grant initiatives have included streamlining the college's advisement process, redesigning the Information Systems Technology and Welding programs and developing an Unmanned Aerial Technology Program.

A Lincoln Trail College graduate, Michl earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Eastern Illinois University and holds a master's degree in Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University. The last nine years, she has worked as a substitute teacher and during the summers served as manager of the Newton Aquatic Center.

"I think the position compliments my background in education, mental health and business," said Michl, who assumed her new duties on Jan. 3. "I'm excited to learn how things work and to fulfill the grant objectives."

Michl will continue to implement appreciative advising initiatives established by her predecessor Ashley Bigard, who is now the Title III Project Director. She also will work closely with OCC's peer coaches as they assist first-year students in navigating college life.

"We want our students to be successful," Michl said. "I'm looking forward to working with and assisting students in utilizing the programs and services available to them while helping to meet the grant objectives."

In the coming months, Michl also will help facilitate OCC's new Active Minds chapter, which was established last fall.

"I'll be working with the Active Minds group to bring mental health awareness to campus, reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and open up conversations about mental health," she said. "We meet twice a month and both students and faculty are welcome to attend. We are currently in the process of planning activities and fund-raisers. We invite others to get involved."

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for 1 p.m. Feb. 15, March 2, March 15 and March 30 in Room 110.

In her free time, Michl enjoys traveling and sewing. She also has taken up woodworking with her father.

Michl resides in Newton with her husband, Ray, and son Kahlin, an eighth-grader at St. Thomas School. Her older daughter, Katelyn, graduated from the University of Illinois at Springfield and now lives in Florida.



# Find your next great read at the Little Library Cart

The Anderson Library is providing a new avenue for reading and sharing books at Olney Central College — The Free Little Library Cart.

Located in the library gallery, the cart features a variety of hardback, paperback and even children’s books in a variety of genres.

“Our goal is to help inspire a love for reading and build a community among all of our patrons by having them share books that they’ve read with one another,” said Library Assistant Kaitlyn Weger. “We are going to see how it goes for this semester, and hopefully if it goes well, look into creating another space on campus.”

Weger is excited to bring the little library concept to OCC.

“I had heard about the free libraries and seen them in other areas. I really liked the idea and wanted to try it here,” she said. “It gives students a chance to enjoy reading without having to worry about checking out books or having a library account.”

The Free Little Library is already drawing interest.

“I have been checking on it and it looks like people have already been dropping off and taking books,” Weger said.

She invites students, faculty, staff and area residents to stop by and browse the selection.

“They might see something on the cart they like,” she said. “They can grab or leave as many books as they like and keep them as long as they want.”



## SNA Valentines

The OCC Student Nurses Association made and distributed Valentines to area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Pictured, from left, are Joslyn Zuber, Joanna Burrow, Mackenzie Rogers, Kiersen Brach, Kaytlyn Weiscope, Coral Barrick, Shelby Scarbrough and Shantel Nichols.

# Accept your invitation to join Phi Theta Kappa

OCC students, watch for your invitation to join Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

In order to qualify for membership, students must have completed at least 12 credit hours, have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, and be seeking a degree.

If you meet PTK eligibility, you will receive an email/letter inviting you to join. Membership empowers you with a competitive edge including \$37 million in scholarship opportunities. The official seal of PTK will be placed on your college diploma and a notation of membership will appear on your college transcript. Personalized letters of recommendation for scholarships and employment are available.

PTK members receive recognition during a college induction ceremony and will wear Phi Theta Kappa commencement regalia during college graduation and other official ceremonies. Your name also will be published in Phi Theta Kappa's anthology, *Nota Bene*. Free enrollment in CollegeFish.org, a transfer and college completion planning tool, is available for members.

PTK also provides opportunities to develop research and servant leadership skills by participating in Honors in Action programming in the local chapter. You also can become part of a network of nearly 3 million fellow scholars and servant leaders on more than 1,285 campuses worldwide.

Members also are entitled to special benefits, financial offers and member discount offers from Phi Theta Kappa Corporate Partners such as GEICO and Bank of America.

For more information about PTK, contact Advisor Amie Mayhall at [mayhalla@iecc.edu](mailto:mayhalla@iecc.edu).

## Building Updates

Improvements continue around OCC's Wattleworth Hall. In January, a new door was installed at the loading dock entrance.



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HONOR SOCIETY

## Earn math credit in just 8 weeks starting March 15

Did you drop a math class this semester or change your major and need to complete a math course?

Olney Central College is offering MTH 1103 Liberal Arts Math as an 8-week mid-semester course.

In this hybrid course, most of the homework and exams will be online, while instruction will take place face to face.

Students should consult their advisors as they may need to take a placement exam.

Liberal Arts Math will meet from 8 to 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday beginning March 15 with instructor Lisa Benson.

This course meets the math requirement for graduation.

For more information or to register, call 395-7777.

## Math tutoring available

Are you struggling with a math course or need help raising your grade?

Instructor Lisa Benson is offering math tutoring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

To schedule an appointment, email Benson at [bensonl@iecc.edu](mailto:bensonl@iecc.edu).

## Lock Doors

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

## Lost & Found

If you have lost an item, please stop by Student Services.

# Jailyn Ballis and Samuel Hanson serving as OCC Peer Coaches

Olney Central College has added two additional Peer Coaches for the spring semester — Jailyn Ballis and Samuel Hanson.

OCC's Peer Coach Program connects freshmen with current students through the college's text messaging platform. Peer Coaches can convey information and answer questions while reaching out to fellow students.

Ballis is looking forward to serving as a peer coach.

"I enjoy working with people," she said. "If someone is struggling, I can contact them and help them figure out where they can go from here."

A native of Newburgh, Ind., Ballis plans to pursue a career in nursing or a related healthcare field.

"I see myself doing something where I'm working with people and that is hands-on," she said.

Ballis played softball throughout her school years. She was a member of the Castle High School team and is excited to continue her softball career with the Lady Knights.

Ballis enjoys the outdoors and spending the summer months boating with her family. Other favorite pastimes include shopping with her friends and working out.

"I would describe myself as outgoing," she added. "I'm also a very organized person."

As a peer coach, Ballis will also assist with Active Minds at OCC, updating the organization's fliers and participating in activities.

"I've enjoyed everyone I have had the opportunity to work with," she said. "I'm excited for more to come."

Hanson was born in Joliet, but grew up in Lawrence County. A graduate of Lawrenceville High School, he served three years in the U.S. Army, including 11 months in Bahrain.

Hanson chose to attend OCC following in the footsteps of his mother and sister who graduated last year completing the nursing and cosmetology programs, respectively.

"OCC is a good school and I knew it would get me where I wanted to go," he added.

Hanson plans to transfer to Southern Illinois University to study Fermentation Science.

"I love home brewing and want to do it for the rest of my life," he said.

A self-described nerd, Hanson enjoys playing Dungeons and Dragons and Magic the Gathering in his spare time.

Hanson is looking forward to assisting fellow students as they navigate college life.

"I like being able to talk with students and doing what I can to help them achieve their goals," he said. "As Peer Coaches, we want to help build the road for students to succeed."



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each item can be verbally identified by the software. The table even converts from a horizontal to a vertical position to provide alternating views.

"It's pretty amazing," Mathews said. "I think the biggest draw is the burst in engagement we'll see as students work and interact with it. I haven't shown it to anyone who hasn't been impressed."

The software includes case studies

that can be loaded allowing students to observe the effects of various diseases and injuries on the body. There is even the capability to perform medical simulations including EKGs, heart catheterizations and colonoscopies.

Mathews completed additional training on the device last month and is looking forward to utilizing it in the classroom.

"Not only can we use the Anato-

mage Table for dissection, but during lectures I can refer to it instead of the charts we have been using for years," Mathews said. "I will have the ability to show 3D images of whatever structures we are discussing. With the charts, it's hard to tell where something like the sciatic nerve is located. With the table, you can peel back the skin and muscles and see exactly where the structure is located, in relation to the body. You can even rotate it for better views."

# Enroll now in 8-week Mid-semester classes

If you need an extra class to graduate or dropped a course this spring, now is your chance to make up those lost credit hours.

OCC's 8-week Mid-semester Classes start March 14.

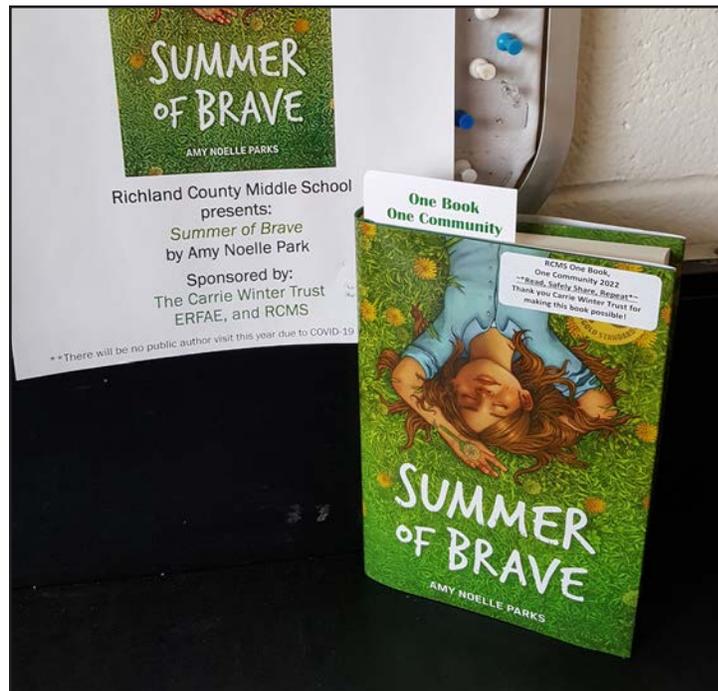


## Online Classes

- ACC 1203 QuickBooks II
- ENG 1101 Introduction to Composition
- INM 2210 Occupational Safety (OSHA)
- LSC 1105 Environmental Biology
- MUS 1104 World Music
- PLS 2101 Government of the U.S.
- PRE 0420 Intermediate Algebra
- SOC 2102 Social Problems and Trends

## In-Person Classes

- BUS 1101 Intro to Business (Hybrid), meets noon to 12:50 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday
  - INM 2210 Occupational Safety (OSHA), meets 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays
- To register, call 395-7777 or contact your advisor.



## One Book, One Community

The Anderson Library is participating in the Richland County Middle School's One Book, One Community reading project. Look for copies of Amy Noelle Park's "Summer of Brave" throughout Wattleworth Hall or pick one up in the library and start reading.



## Staying Safe

OCC Nursing Instructor Cheryl Dill tests student Mackenna Parish for proper fit of an N95 mask she will wear in clinicals at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care Center.