

# KNIGHTLINE

Olney Central College



January 2017

## Upcoming Events

### January

**18-20** Sign Up for Purple Briefcase, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Outside Student Services

**23** Last Day for 100 Percent Refund of 16-week Spring Semester Classes

**23** Last Day for Spring Semester Textbook Refunds

### February

**1** WYSE Competition

**17-18** Music Department Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m., OCC Theater

**20** OCC Closed, Presidents Day

### College Visits

A table will be located outside Student Services.

**Jan. 17** Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Feb. 9** Greenville College, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Feb. 15** Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**March 23** Greenville College, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**March 27** Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**April 19** Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**May 3** Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Criminal investigation equipment purchased

Students in Olney Central College's Administration of Justice Program will gain hands-on experience utilizing new criminal investigation equipment.

The OCC Foundation recently provided \$1,000 to purchase a new digital camera and several essential crime scene kits for the program. The new equipment will enable Instructors Chad Pusey and Mike Swick to simulate burglary, homicide and other crime scenes for students in OCC's criminal investigation classes.

Using the crime scene kits, students will be able to collect fingerprints and hair samples and even evaluate blood-stain patterns. They also will gain experience in properly photographing evidence. The students even have crime scene tape to cordon off the area.

"Hands-on is the best way to learn law enforcement," Pusey said. "With this equipment, we can actually teach and show the students here how things should be done. It really gives our students a better perspective as they go into the field. We are grateful to the Foundation for its support."



**OCC's Administration of Justice Program purchased new equipment for its criminal investigation classes with funds provided by the OCC Foundation. Pictured, from left, are Foundation Board Members Brenda Glover, Walter Koertge, Sherry Brauer, Lysie Weiler, Tara Lemke, Mallory Fairless, Administration of Justice Instructor Chad Pusey and Foundation President Bart Zuber.**



**Pam Schwartz, president of P.E.O. Chapter FR in Olney, presents a Program for Continuing Education Award to Olney Central College student Rhonda Anderson, right.**

## Nursing student named recipient of P.E.O. award

P.E.O. Chapter FR in Olney presented a \$2,100 Program for Continuing Education Award to Rhonda Anderson of Bible Grove.

Anderson worked as a certified surgical technologist for nearly 20 years before choosing to return to school. She is currently a second-year nursing student at Olney Central College and will complete her associate's degree in May 2017.

"I feel very humble and gracious," Anderson said of being selected as a

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## SNA DONATION

OCC nursing student Marianne Weger presents the United Methodist Village North Campus in Lawrenceville with a thermometer, purchased by the Student Nurses' Association. SNA also donated hats and gloves to Head Start.



## Scholarship info, applications available on website

Looking for information about scholarship opportunities at OCC?

Financial Aid has added a new link to scholarship information and application forms on the OCC website. Just visit [www.iecc.edu/occ/scholarships](http://www.iecc.edu/occ/scholarships). Applications

deadlines are quickly approaching so check it out soon.

For more information about scholarships or financial aid, contact Coordinator of Financial Aid Andrea Puckett at 618-395-7777, ext. 2017, or [pucketta@iecc.edu](mailto:pucketta@iecc.edu).

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recipient for the national P.E.O. scholarship program. "I am grateful to Pam Schwartz for thinking of me and encouraging me to apply and to this group of women who sponsored and believed in me even though they didn't know me."

P.E.O. provides the need-based grant to assist women whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to complete a degree or certification that improves their marketable skills for employment to support themselves and/or their families. Recipients are recommended by the local chapters.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women and motivate them to achieve their highest aspirations. The group works to educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College, an all-women's college in Nevada, Mo., which awards associate's and bachelor's degrees. P.E.O. also has a strong international program, which sponsors female students from

around the world.

Anderson said earning an ADN will allow her to advance in the workforce and pursue new avenues in the health-care field. The monetary award will assist her in achieving that goal.

"I want to thank my family, friends and co-workers for helping me to get through nursing and for understanding that school had to come first," she added.

While attending OCC, Anderson has enjoyed the camaraderie she has found with her fellow nursing students, a diverse group ranging from recent high school graduates to older adults embarking on second careers.

"We've become very close, and do help each other," Anderson said. "We're there to support each other even outside of the classroom."

In the future, Anderson hopes to join the local P.E.O. to assist other women.

"I want to pay it forward," she said. "I want to help others because I know what it is like to be in those shoes. I hadn't even heard about the organization until Pam told me. Now that I know about it, I'm excited and want to be a part of it."

## Music Department tuition waivers available for 2017-18

The Olney Central College Music Department is pleased to announce that tuition waivers for Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Jazz Ensemble members are available for the upcoming 2017-2018 season.

Students who participate in one or more of these ensembles are eligible for 8-hour or 16-hour tuition waivers. Students do not need to major in music to receive this award. Any student who plays a band instrument or sings is eligible for consideration.

Audition dates are Feb. 4, 18 and 22. Any student planning to attend OCC full time in the fall and who would like to perform in any of these ensembles may be eligible.

To qualify, students need to schedule an audition with the OCC Music Department. They may do so by contacting Suzanne Fassett either via email at [fassetts@iecc.edu](mailto:fassetts@iecc.edu), or phone at 618-395-7777 ext. 2251.

## Nursing Program accepting applications for Fall 2017

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges: Olney Central College Associate Degree Nursing Program is currently accepting students for Fall 2017.

Individuals wishing to apply should schedule an appointment as soon as possible to meet with Nursing Program Advisor Linda Horn to discuss program requirements.

Horn may be reached at 395-7777, ext. 2246, or by email at [hornl@iecc.edu](mailto:hornl@iecc.edu). The application process must be completed by Feb. 15, 2017.

For further information about nursing at any of the IECC colleges, please visit [www.iecc.edu/nursing](http://www.iecc.edu/nursing).

## Radiography accepting applications

Olney Central College's Radiography Program will continue accepting applications for new students through Feb. 15.

Individuals wishing to be considered for entry into the program for 2017 must submit their applications by the deadline. Official copies of transcripts are due by March 1.

For more information about the Radiography Program or to apply, call 618-395-7777.

## Sports Schedule

### Men's Basketball

**Jan. 18**— OCC vs. Lake Land College, 7:30 p.m. at home

**Jan. 21** — OCC vs. South-eastern Illinois College, 3 p.m. at home

**Jan. 25** — OCC at Lincoln Trail College, 7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 28** — OCC at Rend Lake College, 3 p.m.

**Feb. 1** — OCC at Kaskaskia College, 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 4** — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois College, 3 p.m. at home

### Women's Basketball

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# High school students utilizing new equipment in CNA class

Olney Central College has added new equipment to enhance the experience of high school students enrolled in its CNA course.

The South Central Illinois - Area Health Education Center provided funding for the purchases through federal grant monies it administers. Items acquired include a geriatric simulator vest, weights and a neck brace. The devices enable students to experience what it is like for older patients, who have their range of motion constricted by arthritis and other age-related conditions.

"These students are young and don't understand how difficult it can be for older patients and residents," said Tami Higgs, who serves as OCC's CNA Coordinator and the instructor for the high school CNA class. "The weights can be put on their wrists and ankles and they get an idea of what it is like to move when you are weak and stiff. Using the equipment really gives them compassion and empathy for the elderly."

OCC also obtained a transfer board and aquathermia pad, items the students will frequently use in hospitals and long-term care facilities. The college even acquired compression hose so students can practice assisting someone in putting them on and removing them.

"Having the opportunity to see and work with these items before they enter the clinical setting is very important," Higgs said.

A model lung also was purchased with the funding and will be arriving later this semester.

"This equipment has been very helpful and we are grateful to have it," Higgs said. "You can read the words in a textbook, but this gives the students hands-on experience and will help them to better recall the concepts we've discussed in class."

The SCI-AHEC in Mt. Vernon exposes area youth to the many rewarding health care career opportunities that are available.

In addition to OCC, SCI-AHEC provided grant monies to Frontier Community College in Fairfield.



The OCC Nursing Program has purchased new equipment for high school students in the CNA course. Funding for the items was provided through the South Central Illinois - Area Health Education Center. Pictured with the new geriatric simulator vest, weights and neck brace are, from left, CNA Coordinator and CNA high school Instructor Tami Higgs, SCI-AHEC Director Kelli Stover, Danielle Vail, Stephanie Sturm, Celia Rudolphi, Amira Thompson, Cheyla Lamb and Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Theresa Marcotte. Below, students display additional items purchased with grant monies.



# OCC Employee Service Recognition Awards



OCC recently presented service recognition awards. Those honored are front row, from left, Allan Alldredge, five years; Carole Krager, 15 years; Carla Burgener, 20 years; Shirley Smithenry, 10 years; Andi Pampe, 15 years; and Mark Fitch, 15 years. Back row, Laurel Cutright, 15 years; Carol Kocher, 25 years; Dr. Jeffery Cutchin, 15 years; Nick Short, 10 years; and Cheryl Dill, 10 years.



Service recognition awards were presented to front row, from left, Brittany Ochs, five years; Becky Myers, 10 years; and Bobbi Hart-Walka, five years. Back row, Chad Groves, three years; Lindsey Buck, three years; Lloyd Winter, five years; and Ben Deaton, three years.

## Winter Closing Policy & IECC Alerts notices

For information on OCC's Winter Weather Closing Policy, visit [www.iecc.edu/occ](http://www.iecc.edu/occ) and click on the closing policy link under Student Information.

Make sure you sign up for IECC Alerts to receive closing notices. Log into your Entrata account and click on Emergency Alerts to sign up.



Service recognition awards were presented to from left, Nancy Abbott, three years; and Terrilynne Majors, 10 years. Not pictured are Greg Downes, Andy Lasher and Dustin Leeks, all three years.

## Nail Technology begins offering services to public

OCC's Nail Technology Program is now providing services to the public.

The program, which started last fall, will be welcoming clients from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the West Richland Center in Noble. Eight students are currently enrolled.

Pedicures, manicures, gel polish, nail art and paraffin therapy are among the many services available. Nail enhancements will be offered beginning in March.

Instructor Barbara Handlin said now is the perfect time to stop in for a paraffin treatment to relieve dry, chapped hands brought on by winter weather or to provide soothing warmth to those suffering from arthritis.

"We appreciate everyone patronizing the Nail Tech Salon and being a part of our students' education by stopping by and getting services done," Handlin said. "They are doing us a huge favor when they let our students perform these services."

In return, clients receive salon-quality treatments at greatly reduced costs. A gel polish manicure is just \$9, a pedicure is \$8 and the paraffin therapy is just \$4.

OCC students and IECC employees also receive a 25-percent discount on each service.

To schedule an appointment, call 618-395-5584 or 618-395-7777, ext. 5888.

## Lost & Found Items

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