

# OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE KNIGHTLINE



August 2016

## Upcoming Events

August

18 *First Day of Fall Classes*

21 *Auditions for OCC Theater Fall Production, 2 p.m., Theater*

22 *Welcome Cookout, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*

22 *Auditions for OCC Theater Fall Production, 7 p.m., Theater*

23 *OCC Community Choir Rehearsals Begin, 6:15 p.m., Choir/Band Room 216*

31 *Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Student Union*

31 *Last Day for 100 percent Refund of 16-week Fall Semester Classes*

31 *Last Day for Fall Semester Textbook Refunds*

## September

5 *College Closed for Labor Day*

### College Visits

Tables will be located outside Student Services.

**Aug. 22** *Eastern Illinois University, 12:30-3 p.m.*

**Sept. 1** *Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*

**Sept. 26** *Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*

**Sept. 26** *Eastern Illinois University, 12:30-3 p.m.*

## Citizens National Bank of Albion keeping OCC students connected



OCC students will start the new year off with one of the latest technologies. Citizens National Bank of Albion is providing this technology through new quick charge stations so students can power up their many mobile devices throughout the day.

More and more students are bringing devices on campus, and the challenge for them is that their battery power runs out fairly quickly. For students, who record lectures on their smartphones or take notes on tablets, running out of battery power can be like running out of paper.

"It's our goal that these charging stations provide more than just a convenience — but,



Citizens National Bank of Albion donated two new quick charge stations to OCC. Pictured, from left, with the charging station in the OCC Student Union are Student Senator Heather Vaupel, CNB Lending Officer Joey Gallagher, Senate Advisor Allan Alldredge, CNB Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager Amy Kirby, CNB Lending Officer Lora Kocher, Senate Secretary James Kilduff, Treasurer Gideon Raley, Vice President Stacy Hastings, President Nicole McKim, IECC Director of Human Resources Tara Buerster and OCC President Rodney Ranes.

that they allow students to stay plugged in to the college, and vice versa. As more learning opportunities go online, students need to have uninterrupted availability. And especially in emergency situations, it's important for institutions to have a way to reach stu-

dents quickly. Charging stations help students connect with one another in real life, bringing them together within university hubs, such as student centers," stated Averi Goodman, Marketing from Citizens National Bank of Albion.

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Pictured, from left, in the library are Amy Kirby, Joey Gallagher, Lora Kocher, Library Assistant Heather Hagen, Nicole McKim, Library Director Dr. Linda Shidler, James Kilduff, Allan Alldredge, Gideon Raley, Heather Vaupel, Stacy Hastings, Tara Buerster and Rodney Ranes.

## Community Choir rehearsals begin Aug. 23

The Olney Central College Community Choir is excited to announce its seventh season.

This year's program will feature Charpentier's *Midnight Mass for Christmas* and Haydn's *Te Deum* on its seventh annual Holiday Concert Dec. 15, including strings, flutes, timpani, organ and professional soloists.

The choir will begin rehearsals at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at OCC in the Choir/Band Room 216 on the second floor. Anyone high school age or older is welcome to join, regardless of experience.

For more information, contact Andrew Pittman, Director of Choral Activities, at [pittmana@iecc.edu](mailto:pittmana@iecc.edu), by phone at 395-7777, ext. 2252, or simply attend the first rehearsal.



## PTK invitations will be arriving soon

OCC returning 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.

Once in PTK, students can take part in various

service projects and fundraisers.

Last year students participated in Operation Christmas Child and collected items for disaster relief kits. They also ushered and offered refreshments during the OCC Theater productions.

Each year members have an opportunity to attend the annual PTK conference. Earlier this year,

PTK members defeated top community college students from across the country to win the 2016 PTK Scholar Bowl during the honor society's annual NerdNation convention in Washington, D.C.

If you meet PTK eligibility, watch for the email/letter for your invitation to join. Don't let this exclusive invitation pass you by.

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Some schools charge students for this service. CNB will provide students with free charging stations by equipping OCC's Student Union and Anderson Library with freestanding units in easy to access kiosks. Each has a total of eight charging cords for different devices, the stations are provided at no cost to students and feature a small ledge where students can charge their devices securely and rest their devices as they charge.

"We want to thank Citizens National Bank of Albion for stepping in and providing these charging stations," said OCC President Rodney Raney. "Earlier in the year, our Student Senate representatives identified this as a student need on cam-

pus. CNB's donation will enable us to better serve the students in our district."

OCC Student Senate President Nicole McKim of Lawrenceville, said the charging stations are a welcome and much needed addition to campus.

"We are so grateful to Citizens National Bank of Albion for making this donation to OCC," McKim said. "The charging stations will benefit so many people in our college and our community."

The donation comes as the Student Senate prepares to launch a fund-raising campaign to purchase multiple charging stations for Wattleworth Hall.

"This generous gift from CNB will help us as we move forward," McKim added. "We hope other businesses and individuals might choose to support our project as well."

## OCC Theater auditions for fall play Aug. 21-22

The OCC Theater will host auditions for its fall production of "Lone Star Love Potion" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21 and at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. Parts are available for four females and three males. College students age 18 and older as well as adult community members are invited to audition.

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, Sept. 6 and will continue each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening until the performances. Shows are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15. An afternoon performance will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16.

## Coach Gene Duke Memorial Golf Outing

OCC Blue Knights Basketball will host the Coach Gene Duke Memorial Golf Outing on Sept. 9 at the Richland Country Club. Registration is from noon to 1 p.m. Tee-off is at 1 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person.

For more information, contact Coach Mike Burris at 395-7777.

## OCC Cosmetology discounts available

OCC's School of Cosmetology at the West Richland Center in Noble offers a 10 percent discount on services to students and employees.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.

Call 395-1169 for an appointment.

## Sports Schedule

### Baseball

**Sept. 4** — OCC vs. Bedford AAU, noon at home

**Sept. 9** — OCC at St. Joe Showcase, TBA

### Softball

**Aug. 31** — OCC at Morthland, 3 p.m.

**Sept. 3** — OCC at Wabash Valley, noon

# Leadership Class project helps beautify OCC campus



**Shelby Jones builds a section of the new plant bed borders.**

Olney Central College's Wattleworth Hall is sporting some new landscaping with help from the TRIO Student Support Services' Leadership Class.

Students spent the last month sprucing up the patio area, which also borders OCC's gymnasium and the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

"The Leadership Class is made up of students who have expressed an interest in or who we think would be good mentors for the next year," said Wain Davis, Director of TRIO SSS. "Each year students in the class have to develop and execute a community service project. This year they chose to beautify OCC. It was something that needed to be done here and will affect the whole student body."

The work included power washing the patio's back wall, weeding and spreading gravel inside existing beds as well as constructing six flower boxes and bedding borders from pallets donated by Rural King. The local business also provided planters, which were filled with annuals for display.

The Leadership Class is comprised of OCC students Torri Frye of Sumner, Shelby Jones of Ingraham, Heather Vaupel of Olney, Kirsten Workman of Xenia and Haylee Walker of Cisne. They were assisted by TRIO SSS work study student Tyler Schmidt of Newton and Student Senate Secretary James Kilduff of Olney.

Frye and Jones were among those who spent an entire Saturday working on the project they believe will enhance the atmosphere and beautify the campus for fellow students and the community.

"We chose OCC because it is a common place for all of us," Frye said. "We all love our school. It is good to be able to give back to a school that has given us so much."

Davis said the project was coordinated through OCC administration with assistance from the Maintenance Department.

"They have been very appreciative and supportive of the project," Davis said. "We plan to try to maintain these flower beds and planters to keep them looking nice."



**Above, Torri Frye and Wain Davis install the new plant bed borders. Below, Haylee Walker puts the finishing touches on the new plant boxes.**



## OCC Student Senate encouraging others to join organization

OCC's Student Senate will have an information table outside Student Services from 8:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 22-26.

Students interested in serving as Senators or who have questions about the organization are encouraged to stop by. Student Senate is the student govern-

ment body of OCC and meets twice a month. Annual events hosted by the organization include American Red Cross blood drives, the OCC Haunted Trail and Spring Fling.

Student Senators also serve on college committees providing valuable input re-

garding college policy and improvement.

Students interested in participating must register in Student Services to receive two hours of college credit.

If you have questions, contact Advisor Allan Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019, or stop by his office in Student Services.

## Student Senate attends national conference

OCC Student Senate officers are returning to campus recharged and excited about a new year after attending the American Student Government Association's annual conference July 22-23.

"As president, I found it really helpful," said Nicole McKim of Lawrenceville. "I got to see what

other student governments are doing and I learned how we can improve our Student Senate. I brought home a ton of ideas and I can't wait to get started."

McKim traveled to Orlando with Advisor Allan Alldredge and Vice President Stacy Hastings of Olney. They were accompanied by former officers Derek Sager of Olney, and Travis Aaron of Albion, who hope to participate in student government at their transfer institutions.

In addition to the new officer sessions, Hastings attended ASGA's advisory training.

McKim hopes to generate additional in-



**Members of OCC's Student Senate traveled to Orlando, Fla., to attend the American Student Government Association's annual convention. Pictured, from left, are Travis Aaron, Derek Sager, ASGA Executive Director W.H. "Butch" Oxendine Jr., Nicole McKim and Stacy Hastings.**

terest in Student Senate as the fall semester gets underway

"We want to get the student body involved and more excited," she added.

During the conference, students participated in workshops on a variety of topics including organization building, event marketing, goal setting,

team building and conflict resolution. Sessions even addressed how to properly follow Robert's Rules of Order during meetings.

Student Senate is an integral part of the college and the conference assists members in their efforts to support OCC's student body.

"The function of student government is to be a voice for the students," Alldredge said. "They also stressed at the conference that student government is an association — not a club. It doesn't just benefit its members. It benefits the college as a whole."

## Allen Simpson new Information Systems Technician

Allen Simpson of Fairfield is serving as Olney Central College's Information Systems Technician.

Before joining OCC, Simpson was employed with the Fairfield Public School District for two years and had worked as an independent contractor for three years.

Simpson is a graduate of Frontier Community College, where he earned an associate's degree in science, with a concentration in Information Systems Management. He also took general studies and C++ programming classes at Parkland College in Champaign.

Simpson has always been interested in computers and their operations.

"I've always liked to play video games and I still do," he said. "My family got a computer and at an early age I got into it. I took on the role as the 'techie' person."



**Allen Simpson**

## Upward Bound students spruce up OCC

TRIO Upward Bound hosted its annual Back to School Workshop on Aug. 5.

During the workshop, Upward Bound students and staff helped pull weeds in the rose garden outside the student union, the circle drive outside of the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center, around the oil derrick by the Collision

Repair Technology Center and along the entrance to the welding building. They also picked up trash along the walking trail, and helped clean recycling containers.

In appreciation to Olney Central College for hosting the Upward Bound Summer Component and various workshops throughout the school year, Upward Bound was eager to lend a helping hand to return a kind gesture to the OCC staff and campus.



## Purple Briefcase sign up Aug. 22-26

OCC Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge will have a table set up outside Student Services from 8:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 22-26 to provide information and assist students in signing up for Purple Briefcase.

Through Purple Briefcase, students can post resumes for prospective employers and peruse job openings listed by more than 350 participating businesses.

Once they have an account, students can create a resume and access the many career services tools available through the free program.