

KNIGHTLINE

Olney Central College



October 2019

Upcoming Events

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9 Last Day to Pay Fall Semester Tuition & Fees

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19 Music Department Fall Concert, 7 p.m., OCC Theatre

25 Student Senate Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Student Union

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November

1-2 OCC Student Senate Haunted Trail

9 OCC Foundation Dueling Pianos, 6 p.m. The Holiday

College Visits

Tables will be located outside Student Services.

Oct. 10 Eastern Illinois University Representative Brianna Schmidt, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Oct. 17 Southeast Missouri State University, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Oct. 30 Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Representative Regiere Lovett, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cozy Corner celebrating playground updates



Olney Central College's Cozy Corner is celebrating the completion of its playground updates.

"This is such a big improvement for our kids," said Director Bev Mathews, who has worked at the OCC childcare program for 14 years. "I think the children will really enjoy and benefit from a more updated playground."

Efforts to enhance the facility began three years ago. Assistant Dean of Student Services Andi Pampe applied for a Carrie Winter Trust grant, which was awarded and used to purchase new equipment. Cozy Corner also hosted several fund-raising activities that ranged from manning lemonade stands to selling suckers and Dairy Dee ice cream.

The project got underway this summer with the construction of a new sidewalk leading from Wattleworth Hall to the playground.

"The sidewalk is great for the kids," Mathews said. "We can stay on a nice path and go to the playground without worrying about them stepping on bees or getting their feet wet."

The work also included tree removal around the site and the installation of new fencing. A new playground slide and climber, which will accommodate older children, also was purchased.

"Everyone will be able to play on it," Mathews said. "It is a great benefit for us as we are licensed for children 2 to 12 years old. We have older kids after school and during the summer who will really enjoy it."

The OCC Welding Program also helped rehab the playground's existing bouncy truck. Students repaired the equipment and redesigned it to resemble a Tonka Truck.

In the future, an awning will be installed over the playground to provide additional shade for the children.



Students attend opera at IU

Members of the OCC Concert Choir recently attended a performance of Mozart's comedic opera, "The Marriage of Figaro," at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Students had first balcony seats in the European-style theater, which features a replica of the Metropolitan Opera's stage. Students had an opportunity to meet with the singers following the performance.

While at IU, Director of Choral Activities Dr. Andrew Pittman conducted a tour of the campus. The 15 students ate at Bloomington's renowned Mother Bear's Pizza.

Also, attending the event were Instructors Jessica McDonald and Wade Baker and OCC Theatre Director Jon Wright.



TAKE THE FRIGHT OUT OF FAFSA

OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE

FAFSA COMPLETION & SHOWCASE NIGHT

5-7PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2019

Join us in OCC Wattleworth Hall!

Students and Parents will have the opportunity to submit the FAFSA application for the 2020-2021 school year, view our OCC programs, and meet with OCC representatives.

There will be door prizes and light snacks available.

Any high school senior and continuing college student needing to file the FAFSA is welcome to attend.

For FAFSA Completion bring the following:

Student ID, Parent ID, Parent 2018 Tax Information, Student 2018 Tax Information

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IST students electronic gaming event Nov. 2

The Knights of the Net, the newly formed club for students in Olney Central College's Information Systems Technology Program, will host a free electronic gaming day on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Richland Center in Noble.

Game rooms will be divided by ages, ranging from young children to adults. Children 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult and parents will need to sign a release designating which rooms older minors can attend.

"Anyone can come and game," said Advisor PJ Zeilstra. "They can come and go throughout the day."

The club will sell refreshments, including Domino's pizza, as a fund-raiser for the organization.

Student Senate Haunted Trail

The OCC Student Senate will hold its annual Haunted Trail Oct. 31-Nov. 2 in the woods located on the north side of campus.

Watch social media and the OCC TVs for more information.

Lost and Found

If you have lost an item, please check with Student Services.

Mason attends Chicagoland PICUP Workshop

OCC Professor Rob Mason attended the Greater Chicagoland PICUP (Partnership for Integration of Computation Into Undergraduate Physics) Workshop Sept. 20-21 at Lewis University in Romeoville.

Mason participated in advanced sessions focusing on the Python program language and GlowScript, a web browser-based visual program used to create 3D animations. Both Python and GlowScript are ideal for classroom use as they are easily accessible and free for student use.

PICUP is an organization dedicated to creating a vibrant community of educators, a forum for open discussion, a collection of educational resources and a set of strategies and tactics that support the development and improvement of undergraduate physics education through integration of computation across the curriculum.

Earlier this summer Mason attended the PICUP Faculty Development Workshop, which drew physics and astronomy educators



from both two- and four-year institutions and assisted them in developing a plan for integrating computation into undergraduate physics courses through the use of material software, Microsoft Excel, and Python. Last month's program enabled Mason to build upon the information he gathered at the earlier event.

During the recent workshop, attendees also talked about ways of reaching out to high school teachers and encouraging them to introduce computing exercises in their courses so students will have an understanding of computation before they graduate.

"We discussed the need for STEM students to have a programming background. It is becoming almost essential," Mason added. "At four-year schools, there is an assumption that you know these things and if you don't, you have to learn them on your own."

Mason will serve as a presenter for next year's event at the invitation of Dr. Kelly Roos, who helped form the PICUP group, and Dr. Ryan Hooper, who hosted the recent meeting.

Massage Therapy accepting appointments

OCC's Massage Therapy Program is accepting appointments for clinicals.

The clinics are open to the public and will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 12, Nov. 16 and Dec. 7 at the West Richland Center in Noble.

The cost for a relaxing, Swedish-style massage is \$30 for an hour and \$15 for half

an hour. A 20-minute chair massage is \$10.

To make an appointment, call 392-2430. Callers should leave a message with their names, services they wish to receive, the date desired and contact information.

Phone messages will be retrieved during Monday and Wednesday evening classes. Calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Tickets available for Dueling Pianos



The Olney Central College Foundation's third annual Dueling Pianos fund-raiser will be Saturday, Nov. 9 at The Holiday in Olney.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with entertainment by Fun Pianos to begin at 7 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased from any Foundation board member or by contacting Kathy Slichenmyer at 395-7777, ext. 2003.

Proceeds will help fund the new OCC greenhouse.



Mary Lou Brown Scholarship Art Auction

An auction of Mary Lou Brown's artwork will be held Saturday, Oct. 26 in the courtyard of the Holiday in Olney, beginning at 7 p.m.

Appetizers and drinks will be provided. Original acrylic and watercolor paintings, prints, cards and ceramics are a few of the items available.

Proceeds will be used to establish a scholarship through the Olney Central College Foundation for OCC students wanting to pursue a career in art.

Items purchased will be eligible for a tax write-off through the OCC Foundation.

Brown was a lifelong resident of Olney. She graduated from Olney Township High School and went on to Eastern Illinois University where she received a Lifetime Elementary Teaching Certificate in 1940. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1970.

Brown taught many years in the Olney public schools. After retiring in 1975, she taught art for the continuing education classes at OCC.

It is the hope of Brown's family that her legacy and passion for art will continue through the recipients of this scholarship fund for years to come.

Music Department's Fall Concert Oct. 19

The Olney Central College Music Department will present its Fall Concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

The concert will feature the OCC Choir, under the direction of Dr. Andrew Pittman, along with the OCC Concert Band, under the direction of Wade Baker, OCC Director of Bands.

The Concert Choir will present selections from the 1930s and 1940s including "Steppin' Out With My Baby" and "Get Happy."

8-week Math Literacy class starts Oct. 10

OCC has added an 8-week online Math Literacy class, which will meet Oct. 10 through Dec. 12.

Students wishing to enroll should see their advisor as soon as possible as they may need to take a placement exam. Completion of the course this semester will enable students to enroll in either MTH 1103 Liberal Arts Math or MTH 1121 Introduction to Statistics next semester. The instructor is Lisa Benson.

Also available starting Oct. 10 are MTH 1103 Liberal Arts Math and MTH 1102 College Algebra. These 8-week classes will be offered in a hybrid format.

For more information, call 395-7777 or stop by Student Services.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

Oct. 10 — OCC at Frontier, 5 p.m.
Oct. 12 — OCC vs. Frontier, noon at home

Softball

Oct. 6 — OCC at Butler, TBA
Oct. 11 — OCC at Southeast Missouri State, TBA

Men's Basketball

Oct. 6 — OCC at Danville Jamboree, TBA
Oct. 13 — OCC at Vincennes Jamboree, TBA
Oct. 20 — OCC at John A. Logan Jamboree, TBA
Oct. 26 — OCC at Parkland Scrimmage, TBA
Nov. 1 — OCC Rotary Classic, 5 & 7 p.m.
Nov. 2 — OCC Rotary Classic, 1 & 3 p.m.
Nov. 5 — OCC vs. Indiana Elite Prep, 7:30 p.m. at home
Nov. 8 — OCC Classic, 5 & 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Nov. 2 — OCC at Three Rivers, 3 p.m.
Nov. 3 — OCC at Mineral Area, 1 p.m.
Nov. 6 — OCC at Danville, 5:30 p.m.

'Hocus Pocus' Movie Event

The OCC Theatre will host its movie event, "Disney's Hocus Pocus," at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Activities include trick or treating stations and a costume contest with cash prizes. Free popcorn and bottled water will be provided.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased online at www.iecc.edu/occtheater.

The event is sponsored by First National Bank in Olney.

Higgs and Smith attend instructor assembly

CNA Coordinator Tami Higgs and Lori Smith, a CNA Instructor at OCC, attended the first Instructor Assembly in Carbondale.

The event was sponsored by SIU Nurse Aide Testing and provided an opportunity to meet with fellow instructors, participate in the Great Escape, an educational escape room geared toward nursing assistant students, and share an idea used for learning.

A group photo, including Higgs and Smith, was featured in the October 2019 issue of



the Basic Nurse Assistant Training Program newsletter, *BNATP World*.

The program provided numerous

learning opportunities for Higgs and Smith.

“We learned how to use an escape room for teaching topics,” Higgs said. “We had two teams and we completed an escape room on infection control.”

She added, “It gave us some ideas how to engage the CNA students and collaborate to enhance their learning.”

OCC free GED classes will start Oct. 10

Olney Central College will offer free GED test preparation classes starting Oct. 10. Day, night and online courses are available.

All materials are provided and OCC can even assist with testing costs for students with good class attendance.

Tutoring is available for those who need individualized help.

Walk-in registration is available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays at OCC or call Jon Lafikes at 395-7777, ext. 2267. To learn more, visit www.iecc.edu/occ.

Registration for spring classes opens Oct. 29

Spring registration will begin Oct. 29.

OCC is introducing self-registration services.

Students can initiate the process by meeting with their advisor. Appointments start Oct. 7 and can be scheduled now by contacting Student Services.

During the meeting, students will receive their plan, registration PIN and instructions explaining how to register.

Students can register for classes using the new kiosks in Student Services.

Concealed Carry Classes offered

Individuals interested in obtaining an Illinois Concealed Carry permit are encouraged to enroll in an upcoming course at Olney Central College.

The Concealed Carry class provides 16 hours of required firearms training, including classroom and range instruction.

The class will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24 and Friday, Oct. 25 at OCC. On Saturday, Oct. 26, the class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Olney Gun Range.

Tuition and fees for the class are \$184 for residents of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District, and must be paid in advance to reserve a seat in the course.

To register, call 395-7777.

Complete a Course in Just 8 Weeks

ENG 1101 Intro. to Composition, 1:00 PM-2:50 PM, Mon., Wed. & Fri.

MTH 1103 Liberal Arts Math (Hybrid), 8:00 AM-9:15 AM, Tues. & Thurs.

MTH 1102 College Algebra (Hybrid) 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Tues. & Thurs.
& 10:00 AM-11:50 AM, Wed.

Online Classes

ENG 1101 Intro. to Composition

PLS 2101 Government of the U.S.

REM 0422 Math Literacy

SOC 2102 Social Problems & Trends



Contact
OCC Student Services
618-395-7777 to Register

Classes Meet October 10-December 12

