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Olney Central College



February 2021

Upcoming Events

February

15 College Closed - Presidents Day

26 Final Priority Application & Scholarship Deadline

26 Scholarship Applications Due

March

5 Last Day to Pay Spring Tuition & Fees

5 Spring Semester Mid-term

8 No Classes Pulaski Day

9-12 Spring Break

15 Mid-semester Classes Begin

Advisement Appointments

OCC is scheduling advisement appointments for summer and fall registration.

Call 395-7777, or stop by Student Services today.

Virtual College Visits

OCC is hosting virtual college visits for students who plan to transfer after completing an associate degree.

Southern Illinois University - Carbondale and Murray State University are currently waiving transfer application fees.

For additional information and links for events, visit www.iecc.edu/advisingtours.

IST to open Computer Repair Shop

Olney Central College's Information Systems Technology Program will begin offering computer repair services this spring.

Instructor PJ Zeilstra said the new OCC Computer Repair Shop will enable students to sharpen their troubleshooting and repair skills while providing a much-needed service.

"Computer repair is something that isn't available in many of our local communities," Zeilstra said. "This is an opportunity to offer that to area residents while giving my students the chance to use what they've learned in real-life scenarios."

Services will range from general cleaning and virus removal to upgrades and custom builds.

"Often, when a computer isn't working, the issue is something small," Zeilstra added.

Interacting with customers will aid students in improving their communication skills while learning what questions to ask when diagnosing problems.

Introduced in August 2019, OCC's Information Systems Technology Program provides a solid foundation in both computer maintenance and networking. OCC's partnership with the CISCO Networking Academy ensures students are learning the latest industry standards.

Students can earn a two-year transfer degree, which offers electives and provides the basics of IST, while preparing students to successfully complete a bachelor's degree. The two-year Associate in Applied Science Degree incorporates more technology and enables students to enter the workforce right away.

IST student Ryan Wilborn, of Flora, is excited about working in the OCC Computer Repair Shop.

"I'm looking forward to providing help to people who may not know where else to go," he said. "I love solving a problem that has been troubling me and other people. It's very satisfying."

The OCC Computer Repair Shop is housed at the West Richland Center in Noble. For more information or to arrange for services, contact the OCC Computer Repair Shop through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StudentITGuy>, or email computerrepair@iecc.edu. Customers can also call 618-393-3490 and leave a message.

The Information Systems Technology Program is an Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Title III Block Grant initiative. 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.



Instructor PJ Zeilstra (left) assists Information Systems Technology student Ryan Wilborn in the new OCC Computer Repair Shop.

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 and MTH 1102 College Algebra as 8-week mid-semester courses.

Both classes will be offered in a hybrid format. The hybrid format means that most of the homework and the exams for the courses 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 with Instructor Lisa Benson. This course meets the math requirement for graduation.

Benson also will teach an online course REM 0422 Math Literacy. This is a remedial math course, which prepares students to take either Liberal Arts Math or Introduction to Statistics.

The class would be ideal for anyone who wants to get a head start on their math for either summer or fall.

College Algebra will meet from 10 to 10:50 a.m. Monday through Thursday with Instructor Tammie Bohnhoff.

For more information or to register, call 395-7777. Classes start March 15.

Lock Vehicles

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



Mayhall honored for PTK service

Amie Mayhall has been recognized with the Phi Theta Kappa Five-Year Pin Award for her dedication as an advisor to OCC's PTK chapter.

Students encouraged to join PTK

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



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

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.

Cast announced for 'Smokey Joe's Café'

Cast members have been announced for the Olney Central College Theater's production of "Smokey Joe's Café."

They include Dylan Reed, Keegan Tucker, Derek Mason, Andrew Flynn, Warren Weitkamp, Summer Culpepper, Sophia

Ranes, Ashlie Zwilling and Jessica McDonald.

"Smokey Joe's Café" features the familiar songs of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller in a musical revue. Performance dates will be announced soon.



2020-2021 Women's Basketball Team

Pictured are front row, from left, Ally Willis, Daija Snipes, Ti'Aija Christopher and Melissa Kocher. Back row, Macy Robbins, Arianna Silva, Charmaine Murray, Naria Reed, Tara Hughes, Allison Harris and Sydnie Littleford.



2020-2021 Men's Basketball Team

Pictured are front row, from left, Cayman Hayes, CE Talton, Assistant Coach KJ Conklin, Interim Coach Casey Wyllie, Assistant Coach Shannon Hough, Tucker Hayes and Tahj Patterson. Back row, Manager Caleb Thomas, DJ Haynes, Trey Woolsey, Jordan Tchuente, Joseph Dalton, Elijah Farr, Shilo Bowles, Dillon Harrison, JJ Kalakon, Cobie Montgomery and Jordan Graham.

Work study positions available for spring

Are you interested in working on campus? Would you like a job that works around your class schedule?

Work Study positions are needed for the following: Student Services, Food Services, Faculty Office - Industrial Maintenance, O&M -

Maintenance and Upward Bound.

Students must have completed the 2020-21 FAFSA, and have eligibility. Students will receive the current Illinois minimum wage of \$11 an hour. Contact the Financial Aid Department to receive the work study application.

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

Feb. 10 — OCC vs. Kaskaskia, 7:30 p.m. at home
Feb. 13 — OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 3 p.m. at home
Feb. 17 — OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20 — OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 3 p.m. at home
Feb. 24 — OCC at John A. Logan, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 27 — OCC vs. Lake Land, 3 p.m. at home
March 3 — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Feb. 10 — OCC vs. Kaskaskia, 5:30 p.m. at home
Feb. 12 — OCC vs. Lincoln Land, 4 p.m. at home
Feb. 17 — OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 20 — OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 1 p.m. at home
Feb. 24 — OCC at John A. Logan, 5 p.m.
Feb. 27 — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 1 p.m. at home
March 3 — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 5:30 p.m.

Register now for mid-semester classes

Need additional credit to graduate? Want to lighten your course load next fall?

Register now for Spring 2021 mid-semester courses. Both 8-week online and hybrid classes are available, starting March 15.

Contact your advisor for available classes.

Lost and Found

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