

Olney Central College KNIGHTLINE



APRIL 2022

CALENDAR

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15 - Spring Holiday

21 - Emmet Cahill - Southeastern Illinois Concert Association, OCC Theater, 7 p.m.

22 - Last Day to Withdraw from 16-week Spring Semester Classes

27 - Spring Fling, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Student Union Patio

29 - Spring Choir Concert, OCC Theater, 7 p.m.

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3 - Grad Fest, OCC Bookstore, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

4 - Grad Fest, OCC Bookstore, 7:30 a.m.-1p.m.

6 - Last Day of Spring Semester Classes

9-12 - Spring Final Exams

9-12 - Spring Textbook Buy-back, OCC Bookstore, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

9 - Intersession and Summer Semester Textbooks Sales Begin

13 - Last Day of Spring Semester

13 - Commencement, OCC Gym, 7 p.m.

16 - Intersession Classes Begin

Frederick new Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health

Alani Frederick is serving as the new Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Frederick comes to the district from Ivy Tech Community College at Sellersburg, Ind., where she was a nursing instructor for three years, serving the last two in a leadership role.

"I'm looking forward to becoming part of the OCC community," she said. "The colleges have been warm and welcoming. There is a family atmosphere here with the faculty and staff and you see a bond among the students too. I'm looking forward to becoming a member of the family and being a part of that atmosphere."

In her new position, Frederick will provide leadership for the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Frontier Community, Lincoln Trail, Olney Central and Wabash Valley colleges. She also will oversee the Radiography Program at OCC.

Frederick earned an associate's degree in nursing at Ivy Tech and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Governors University. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree from Northern Kentucky University.

Before joining Ivy Tech, Frederick was employed for nine years as a nurse, with specialized training in cardiac stepdown nursing. She worked in multiple departments at Baptist Health Floyd Hospital in New Albany, Ind., where she served as a nurse educator.

As a faculty member at Ivy Tech, Frederick continued to hold staff nurse positions and volunteered at a free clinic.

Frederick's own journey into the nursing profession began in her early 20s when a friend suggested they enroll together in nursing courses.

"She pulled out a brochure from the local community college," Frederick recalled. "She said, 'I'm going to sign up for the nursing program, why don't you come too?'"

Frederick, who was working as a waitress at the time, quickly agreed.

"I signed up, and she didn't," said Frederick, who discovered a passion for nursing as she interacted with patients.

"It proves that you can go into a good job that pays well and learn how to take care of people," she said. "That is a beautiful thing."

Today, Frederick enjoys passing on her knowledge and sharing her excitement for nursing. She is looking forward to interacting with students at all four colleges in the IECC District.

"I love the students, watching them work through problems and how to care for a person," she said.

Frederick assumes her new position as nursing programs across the nation prepare for the implementation of a new NCLEX exam in 2023. Frederick, along with faculty, will be working to ensure the program addresses the changes.



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Sports Schedule

Baseball

- April 12** — OCC vs. Lake Land, noon & 2 p.m. at home
April 13 — OCC at Danville Area, 2 p.m.
April 14 — OCC at Wabash Valley, 2 p.m.
April 16 — OCC vs. Wabash Valley, noon & 3 p.m. at home
April 19 — OCC at Rend Lake, 3 p.m.
April 21 — OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois, 3 p.m. at home
April 23 — OCC at Southeastern Illinois, noon & 3 p.m.
April 26 — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 1 & 3:30 p.m. at home
April 28 — OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois, noon & 3 p.m. at home

Softball

- April 14** — OCC at Shawnee Community, 2 & 4 p.m.
April 15 — OCC vs. Wabash Valley, noon & 2 p.m. at home
April 19 — OCC at John A. Logan, 2 & 4 p.m.
April 21 — OCC vs. Rend Lake, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
April 23 — OCC at Frontier Community, noon & 2 p.m.
April 28 — OCC vs. Lake Land, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
April 30 — OCC at Kaskaskia College, noon & 2 p.m.
May 3 — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 2 & 4 p.m.

Lost & Found

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

Lock Doors

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



Library invites local artists to exhibit works in OCC gallery

The Anderson Library is opening its gallery to local artists to showcase their work this summer.

All mediums are welcome and artists have the option of hanging their artwork or displaying it in locked cases.

“We are hoping to get a wide variety of works and displays,” said Library Assistant Kaitlyn Weger, who is helping organize the exhibit. “We’re hoping to have everything installed by mid-May and have it up through August.”

Artists are responsible for delivering, hanging and arranging their own work. All 3D work must be able to fit through a door frame. All 2D work must be ready to hang. A wire is recommended and hanging work cannot weigh more than 20 pounds.

An information plaque should accompany the display and include the artist’s name and title of the piece. Participants also are invited to add a website/social media platform.

Weger said Art Instructor Heather Sandy suggested opening the library gallery to local artists.

“She approached us about it and we really liked the idea and wanted to try it,” Weger said. “Heather has been helping us figure out how to display the work and have the information available to share with the artists.”

Sandy said the OCC gallery is a well-trafficked area and many members of the community will be able to view the works over the summer, increasing exposure for local artists.

“We have many local talents in the area and opening the gallery to them is a great way to collaborate with the community,” Sandy said. “As a community, we don’t have many opportunities locally for artists to display artwork, and the gallery space is a great resource available for artists. Speaking for myself, I’d love to see some fresh artists in the gallery.”

Individuals interested in displaying their work, should contact Director of Instructional Support Services Chad Groves or Library Assistant Kaitlyn Weger at 618-395-7777, ext. 2264 or 2262.

Coach Nick Short earns 400th win

Olney Central College Softball Coach Nick Short earned his 400th win March 21 as the Lady Knights defeated Shawnee Community College 14-9 and 6-5 in a doubleheader at home.

Short is in his 14th year as head coach for the Lady Knights and his 16th year as a Life Science assistant professor at OCC. During his first two years at the college, Short was a volunteer assistant for the team.

"I have many good memories over the years, but one of the first was beating Lake Land in the region tournament my first year when they were the No. 1 seed," Short said. "Anytime you can sweep Wabash Valley or Lake Land, it gives you a sense of accomplishment and we have been fortunate to have been able to do both a couple of times over the years."

Short said his favorite aspect of coaching is the competition.

"Seeing your team compete against teams from across the country and play well as they represent Olney and OCC" is rewarding, he said.

The interaction with players and alumni is also important to Short.

"They have been really good players and students," he said. "I hope they take pride in playing softball at OCC, and I feel extremely proud when they reach out and check in on the team. I have received many wedding invitations, baby announcements and job reference calls over the years from those alumni, and that is more important to me than the wins, but I also acknowledge that those situations may not have happened without the success we have had."

Short stressed the team's success wouldn't be possible without the extended support he receives.

"I have been extremely fortunate over the years to have the help I have had to do my job," he said. "It cannot be overstated how much time and work Assistant Coach Ed Wright has done for OCC Softball over the last 10 years.



He does most of the fieldwork, allowing me the easy job of filling out a lineup card. He is out there mowing, edging and trimming all the time, even during the summer. I can't do all of that with my teaching schedule. He is also great with the players."

Short also recognized the hard work of former Lady Knight and current Assistant Coach Teddi Helsel.

"She does all of the social media work, as well as our online component of recruiting. Plus, she gives the girls someone to talk to who was once in their shoes, which I believe is important," he added.

Short also credits OCC's longtime Athletic Director and Baseball Coach Dennis Conley.

"Coach Conley has also provided a tremendous amount of support to our program," Short said. "He, along with his assistant Bryce Labhart, will help with fieldwork and gameday prep. More importantly though, is that Coach Conley has provided advice and counsel for countless situations over the years. His experience and success can't be replaced, and he is the first person I turn to when advice is needed."

Short also recognized the college's ongoing commitment to the softball program.

"President Rodney Raney has also provided support and resources for our program to be successful," Short said. "We have a brand-new batting cage that every opposing team has complimented when they use it. We have gradually updated our facilities over the years to make our playing surface one of, if not the best, in our region. We couldn't do that with the support of our administration."

Short said community backing has also been essential.

"They help us with the fundraising aspect of our program, and if it wasn't for the businesses and generous individuals in Olney, then we would not have been able to build a press box at the softball field," he said. "I am forever indebted to the town for their help and support."

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"We as a faculty group have to ensure our students are ready," she said. "We want to produce graduates that are prepared for the workforce."

As Associate Dean, Frederick also plans to place an emphasis on student satisfaction.

"We want successful and happy graduates who will tell others how

great IECC is," she said. "In talking with our students, many said they picked the college they are attending based on the reputation of the program in the community."

In the future, Frederick also wants to strengthen ties with local communities.

"We have a fabulous program,"

she said. "We want to make sure we are working to increase our community support. The students and their employers are happy, and we want to continue to grow that positivity within the community."

Frederick's husband, Adam, is from Flora and the family recently relocated to the area with their two children, Calliope, 7, and 10-month-old Ophelia.

Assistant Professor Sarah Bergbower and students participate in citizen scientist training



Olney Central College served as a host site for the Illinois RiverWatch Network's Citizen Scientist training on April 2.

Illinois RiverWatch is a volunteer stream monitoring program administered by the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center. Citizen scientists help identify potentially degraded waters and areas that may need greater protection.

Among those participating in the workshop was OCC Assistant Professor of Life Sciences Sarah Bergbower, who completed the training last spring, and assisted in promoting the recent event. In March, WSIU interviewed Bergbower for an InFocus segment discussing the Illinois RiverWatch Program. [Listen here.](#)

Several community members attended the local training including three of Bergbower's students at OCC and two Wabash Valley College students enrolled in her online environmental biology course.

The day-long event combined classroom training utilizing microscopes in the OCC Life Sciences Lab and hands-on activities in an area waterway. The process prepares individuals to obtain and record the data needed to determine water quality. This includes learning how to collect, identify and group living organisms in a body of water.

"We are serving as the eyes and ears for the professionals," Bergbower said. "The number and kinds of bugs found are indicators of the health of the stream. A lot of the organisms are sensitive and won't thrive if the water is polluted."

Bergbower plans to conduct monitoring activities this fall with the OCC Science Club and students in the Biology II course, which includes a testing unit on environmental biology.

"It will give students hands-on opportunities to learn where they aren't just reading things from a textbook," Bergbower said. "I try to do things that are tangible, and it will be especially helpful to the Biology II students."



Celebrate your accomplishment and join us for Grad Fest May 3-4

As the Class of 2022 prepares to graduate, Olney Central College wants to help students mark this special milestone.

Join us for Grad Fest. Stop by the OCC Bookstore from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on May 3 and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 4 to pick up your cap and gown and participate in the fun activities.

Students can take selfies with their friends at our photo booth. Free food and giveaways also will be available.

“We are excited to be a part of the first-ever Grad Fest,” said Bookstore Manager Cristina Siegel. “We are proud of our students and their accomplishments and are honored to help them celebrate this achievement. We want to offer our graduating class congratulations and wish them the very best in their future endeavors.”

OCC’s commencement ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 13 in the Gym.



Spring Fling April 27

Join the fun as OCC celebrates Spring Fling — Party on the Patio on April 27.

Hosted by Student Senate, activities will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the patio outside the Union.

The annual event will include a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs along with lawn games, music and prize drawings.

Watch for additional details as the event draws closer.

Register now for summer and fall classes

OCC is now registering students for summer and fall classes.

Advisement appointments are available. Stop by Student Services or call 618-395-7777.

Schedules are available online at www.iecc.edu/schedules.

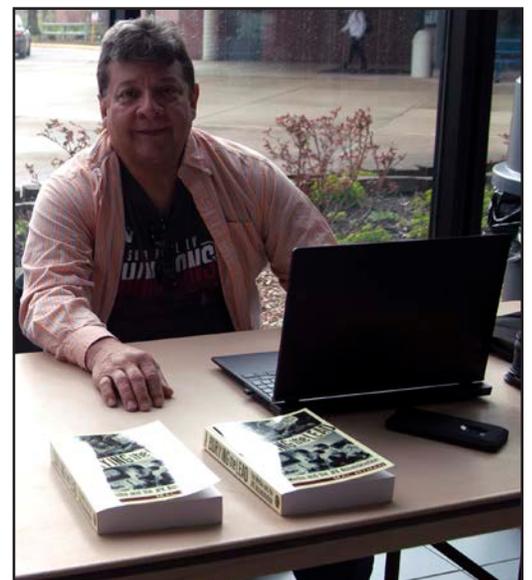
Summer classes start June 6 and fall semester classes begin Aug. 18.

Need help paying for classes? Our Educational Paycheck can help. Apply at www.iecc.edu/edcheck.



Conference focuses on 1960s assassinations

Authors, researchers, historians and educators from across the country gathered at OCC April 8-9 for the conference, **Political Assassinations of the 1960s: New Revelations in the Murders of President John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.** The event was organized by OCC Assistant Professor David Denton with funding from the OCC Foundation.



Music Department Spring Variety Show April 29

Join the Olney Central College Music Department for a journey through musical theater as the OCC Concert Choir and Musical Theater Workshop students present a Spring Variety Show at 7 p.m. on April 29 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Director of Choral Activities Dr. Andrew Pittman said the evening's entertainment will offer a little something for everyone with musical selections ranging from the baroque period to Broadway and a sampling of short comedies.

"I have always wanted to do an evening of one-act plays," said Pittman. "With the new talent we have and a smaller choir this year, this was the perfect opportunity to do so."

The choir will open with the Final Chorus from Carissimi's *Jepthe*, composed in 1648. This early oratorio is based on the Old Testament story in Judges 11. Jephthah promises the Lord that if he defeats the enemy in battle, he will sacrifice the first living creature he sees upon returning home. To Jephthah's dismay, it is his daughter who runs out to meet him.

From the 18th Century, the choir will perform Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, *Hymn of Mary*. Composed in the final weeks of Pergolesi's life, *Stabat Mater* is one of the most popular sacred works of the late baroque-early classical era. Pittman calls it "one of the most beautiful things ever written."

The students also will perform, in English, the Act 1 Quintet from Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. The work premiered in September 1791, just two months before the composer's death at age 35.

The program will transition to 19th Century British India with *Flower Duet* from the first act of Leo Delibes' 1883 opera *Lakme*.

"It is very well-known," Pittman said of the song. "It has been used in commercials and many people will recognize it."

Also familiar to the audience will be the Pirate King's song *Oh Better Far to Live and Die* from Gilbert & Sullivan's 1879 comedic opera *The Pirates of Penzance*.

The musical theater journey wraps up with George Gershwin's 1928 standard, *I've Got a Crush on You*, from *Treasure Girl* and the *Agony Duet* and *Agony Reprise*, from 1987's *Into the Woods* by renowned composer and lyricist Steven Sondheim, who passed away late last year.

The evening will conclude with three one-act plays including *DMV Tyrant* and *Wanda's Visit* by Christopher Durang and *Sure Thing* by David Ives.

Known for his satirical and absurd comedies, Durang's *DMV Tyrant* follows the frustrations of a man trying to renew his driver's license.

"It's extreme satire and it is brilliant," Pittman said.

Wanda's Visit centers on a married couple who receive an unexpected visit from the husband's former girlfriend.

"It is so ridiculous, and although the opening is serious, anyone who has been in a long-time relation will find it hilarious," Pittman said.

Sure Thing shares a premise similar to the popular 1993 movie *Groundhog Day* as a couple finds their interactions continually reset during a chance meeting.

