

# Olney Central College KNIGHTLINE



MAY 2023

## CALENDAR

### MAY

8 - Summer Textbook Sales Begin

8-11 - Final Exams

8 - Spring Textbook Buyback, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. & 5-6:30 p.m., OCC Bookstore

9-11 - Spring Textbook Buyback, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., OCC Bookstore

12 - Last Day of Spring Semester

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

15 - Intersession Classes Begin

15 - Last Day to Pay Intersession Fees

16 - Last Day for 100 Percent Refund for 3-week Intersession Classes

16 - Last Day for Intersession Textbook Refunds

23 - Intersession Midterm

26 - OCC Foundation 21st Annual Golf Outing, Richland Country Club

29 - College Closed — Memorial Day

### JUNE

5 - Summer Semester Classes Begin



## High school students compete in Third Annual Brandon Blackford Memorial Welding Competition

The Olney Central College Welding Program held its Third Annual Brandon Blackford Memorial Welding Competition on April 20.

During the event, students participated in several structural welding tests, which are similar to those contractors require prospective employees to perform.

Judges Randy Baker, Ethan Cole and Ray Michl conducted visual inspections and stress tests to determine the quality of each weld.

Students from Edwards County, Clay City, Newton

Community, North Clay and Richland County High Schools participated in the event, which was held at the West Richland Center in Noble.

Top finishers were honored at the end of the evening and include:

- First Place — Carson Miller of Richland County High School. He received an \$800 scholarship and a Lincoln 3350 customized hood valued at \$450.
- Second Place — Tyler Holtz of Richland County High School. He received a \$500 scholarship and a Lincoln 3350 hood valued at \$350.
- Third Place — Landen McClure of Newton Community High School. He received a \$400 scholarship and a 1740 Lincoln Daredevil hood valued at \$120.

The scholarships were made possible by the Brandon Blackford Scholarship Fund. Brandon's family also provided T-shirts for the event.

Blackford was a 2014 graduate of OCC's Industrial Maintenance Technology Program.



Top winners were recognized during the Third Annual Brandon Blackford Welding Competition at OCC. Pictured, from left, are Welding Instructor Wes Phillips, Carson Miller, first place; Tyler Holtz, second place; and Landen McClure, third place; and Instructors Curtis Marshall and Maverick Fisher.

# Register now for OCC Youth Explorer Camps

Olney Central College's Youth Explorer Camps are back! These fun-filled, one-day summer camps offer an excellent opportunity for students to explore their interests and hobbies while having a great time with peers.

Students can attend just one camp or all eight while engaging in plenty of hands-on activities under the guidance of OCC instructors. All camps will meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Camps available include:

## **Metal-ing Around – Welding Grades 7-12**

Get ready to spark some creativity and light up your summer with our welding camp! Campers will learn all about welding safety and how a Mig Welder works. They will also get to choose their own project to build and make a name plate to take home. The camp will meet on June 1 in the OCC Welding Building.

## **My Own Game! Coding Grades 5-12**

This computer gaming summer camp is the perfect place for all budding game developers and coders to learn the ins and outs of creating their own video games.

Campers will learn coding and build their own games. The camp will meet on June 6 in Wattleworth Hall Room 206.

## **Jazz for Young Musicians Grades 5-12**

Grab your instrument and get ready to jam as renowned Jazz musician and OCC Director of Bands Wade Baker guides you on an exploration of the musical genre of Jazz.

Discover new artists and styles as you study the techniques and nuances of Jazz. The camp will meet June 7 in the OCC Band Room.



## **Soar Above! Drone Boot Camp Grades 5-12**

We're taking our campers to new heights, literally as they learn to fly a drone. Get ready to experience the rush of adrenaline as you navigate our challenging obstacle course and participate in an aerial scavenger hunt. The camp will meet June 8 at the West Richland Center in Noble.

## **Stylist for a Day – Cosmetology Grades 7-12**

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a cosmetologist? Spend a day in our Cosmetology Studio and learn to style hair and paint nails like a pro. Get ready to put your creativity to the test as you experiment with different colors and styles to create your own unique look. The camp will meet June 9 at the West Richland Center in Noble.

## **Grease & Gears**

Get ready for a day of fun, learning, and getting your hands dirty! In this camp, you will gain an understanding of the mechanics behind a car and the tools required to fix them.

Our experienced instructor will guide you through the basics of DIY maintenance and repair. Grades 3-5 will meet June 27 and Grades 6-8 will meet June 28. The camp will be held in the Automotive Building.

## **Blowing Up with Science Grades 5-12**

Are you a budding scientist who loves to explore the mysteries of physics and chemistry? If so, you're in for a treat! We're going to blow stuff up! Our summer camp offers a unique opportunity for young learners to participate in fun experiments and discover the wonders of science in a way they've never experienced before. The camp will meet on July 14 in Wattleworth Hall Room 302.

## **Ew! Awesome Biology Grades 5-12**

Join us for a day of discovery and exploration as we dive into the exciting world of biology! Touch a human brain! See DNA with your own eyes! Our knowledgeable instructors will guide young scientists through a variety of activities and experiments. There will be no shortage of opportunities to learn and have fun. The camp will meet July 28 in Wattleworth Hall Room 211.

The cost is just \$10 per camp, which includes lunch and supplies. Payment is due at the time of registration.

Space is limited to 20 students per camp, so early registration is encouraged. Registration forms are available at [www.iecc.edu/occ/explorercamps](http://www.iecc.edu/occ/explorercamps). If you have questions, call 395-7777, ext. 2238.

## Students can receive one-on-one tutoring through TutorMe

Are you struggling with an assignment? TutorMe can help.

Accessible through Canvas, TutorMe provides students 24/7 access to both one-on-one live tutoring and writing support. With TutorMe, students can request paper and

essay review services through the Writing Lab or connect with a live tutor via video and audio links.

Help is available in more than 300 diverse subjects ranging from math and science to foreign language and humanities.

# Complete a year's chemistry sequence this summer

Olney Central College is giving students the opportunity to complete a year's chemistry sequence through two successive summer courses.

"Students can get these classes out of the way before they begin college this fall or while they are home for the summer," said OCC Chemistry Professor Dr. Aaron Lineberry. "They can do the entire general chemistry sequence or organic chemistry sequence in just 10 weeks. Both sequences are extremely demanding. With these summer courses, students will have the benefit of taking them in smaller classes over a focused period of time."

The courses are broken into two, 5-week sessions, offered May 16 through June 16, and June 20 through July 21.

CHM 2120 Organic Chemistry I and CHM 2122 Organic Chemistry II will meet from 8 to 11:30 a.m. CHM 1130 General Chemistry I and CHM 1132 General Chemistry II will meet from 12 to 3:30 p.m. All classes will be held Monday through Friday.

Organic Chemistry is required for pre-professional careers including pre-med, pre-dentistry, pre-pharmacy and pre-veterinary medicine, biological science and chemistry majors, and students preparing to enter the chiropractic field. General Chemistry is recommended for any of the STEM majors.

For more information about the courses, contact Lineberry at [lineberry@iecc.edu](mailto:lineberry@iecc.edu). To register, contact Student Services at 395-7777.



## OCC Spring Fling

OCC Student Senate hosted Spring Fling on April 19. The event included games, prizes, a free lunch and Dairy Dee ice cream. The event concluded with a pie throwing fund-raiser.

# IECC partnering with TimelyCare to improve student health and well-being

Illinois Eastern Community College has partnered with TimelyCare (<https://timelycare.com>), the leading virtual health and well-being solution in higher education, to offer students free and equitable access to mental health and basic needs support through the TimelyCare platform.

TimelyCare provides a 24/7 virtual care with a goal of improving student well-being, engagement, and retention.

Through TimelyCare on their phone or other device, students can now select from a wide-ranging menu of virtual care options from licensed counselors in all 50 states – at no cost and without the hassle of traditional insurance – including:

- On-demand mental health and emotional support (TalkNow)
- Appointment-based mental health counseling
- Basic Needs Assistance.

TimelyCare also provides a library of digital self-care content and a peer support community to help students be well and thrive, whenever and wherever they may be. Additionally, faculty and staff have access to support that empowers them to guide students to TimelyCare resources to help students achieve a sense of well-being, live healthier lifestyles and improve their mental health.

The partnership with TimelyCare allows OCC to deliver a hybrid model of care. Benefits to students include:

- Convenient 24/7 care – Physical and mental health issues often present themselves outside regular business hours, and TimelyCare makes seeking support or treatment as easy and convenient as making a video or phone call. Nationally, about 40% of mental health care visits through TimelyCare occur after regular business hours or on weekends.
- Reduced wait times – Students can typically connect with a TimelyCare provider in less than 5 minutes.

- Diverse provider network – In addition to being from diverse backgrounds, TimelyCare providers are trained to be culturally competent. For example, more than 50% of mental health providers identify as BIPOC. The platform also offers professionals who identify as LGBTQIA+, speak multiple languages and/or have various religious and spiritual beliefs. Students can choose to meet with a specific provider or select the first available.

- Peace of mind – TimelyCare is a safe, secure, URAC-accredited and HIPAA-compliant platform that follows campus-specific protocols to facilitate care coordination and follow-up to ensure continuity of care. Integrations with leading learning management systems ensure students have even more on-ramps to in-the-moment support whenever they need it.



## Drone Technology trip to Flying S

OCC's Drone Technology Program toured the Flying S facility in Palestine last month. The engineering company creates complete manufacturing solutions for various customers within the aviation and aerospace industry, including NASA. OCC Drone Technology dual credit students from Lawrenceville, Red Hill and Richland County High Schools participated. They were accompanied by Drone Technology Specialist Morgan Henton and OCC College Admission Representative Curtis Miller.





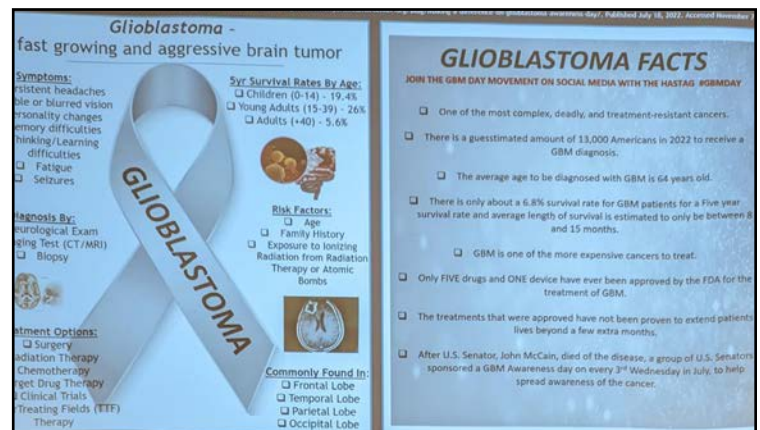
## Radiography students attend ISSRT Conference

### *Julie Estay wins first in ePoster competition*

OCC Radiography students attended the Illinois State Society of Radiologic Technologists Annual Conference in April.

Students participated in sessions preparing them for the workforce as well as competed in Scholar Bowl, ePoster and Kahoot competitions!

Julie Estay's Glioblastoma poster was selected as the winner of the ePoster competition, which included 40 student entries. This is the second year in a row that an OCC student has captured first-place in the eposter contest.





# Morgan Henton guest speaker

OCC Drone Specialist Morgan Henton served as a guest speaker for The Wildlife Society of Illinois Chapter in Champaign. He discussed how drones can be used in wildlife management and some of the regulations required to fly commercially. Henton also taught a quick lesson on how to fly different drones.



# OCC 59th Commencement May 12

Olney Central College's 59th commencement exercises will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 12 in the OCC Gymnasium. Friends and relatives of the graduates are invited to attend. OCC Interim President Roger Eddy will give the welcoming remarks and Dean of Instruction Dr. Mike Conn will present candidates for degrees and certificates. Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees Member Brenda Culver will confer the more than 360 degrees and certificates being awarded this year. She also will give the "Charge to the Class." Special music will be provided by the OCC Concert Choir conducted by Dr. Andrew Pittman, Director of Choral Activities.



# TRIO Upward Bound provides students with college visits and cultural experiences

One of the services that IECC TRIO Upward Bound provides our students includes taking them on college visits.

On April 3, a group of our students accompanied by our Wabash Valley College staff visited Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC) where they were given a presentation on everything the college has to offer from the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

They spoke with the students about financial aid, scholarships, clubs and organizations, majors and minors they could choose from, how the residence halls are set up, and they even went through a freshman student checklist that was very helpful.

After the presentation, everyone was taken on a tour of campus and while on that tour they were surprised by a special guest — SIUC Alumni Bob Odenkirk, who was on campus to receive an honorary doctorate that evening. He stopped our tour group and gave a quick little insightful look into what college was like at SIUC. You may know him for playing the role of Saul in “Better Call Saul” and “Breaking Bad.” Although most of the students didn’t know who he was, the staff did, and it was an awesome experience to see him in person!

The OCC Upward Bound staff and 31 students went on a Spring trip to St. Louis, the weekend of April 14-16. They visited Southeast Missouri State University where they attended an excellent admissions presentation that described the cost of attendance, scholarship opportunities, the



numerous club opportunities, and the programs available.

Following the presentation, they took a tour of the campus and ate lunch in Cape Girardeau. After lunch at the Golden Corral, they planned on going to the St. Louis Arch, but due to inclement weather the group went to the St. Clair Square Mall. The students enjoyed the cultural experience of visiting a major shopping mall that is much bigger than they are used to seeing in their own communities.

That evening, they had a five-course etiquette dinner at Vito’s Sicilian Pizzeria & Ristorante in downtown St. Louis. Then, they went to The Fabulous Fox Theater to watch *Wicked*. The staff and students all enjoyed this experience very much and said the show was a “must see!” They stayed in Farview Heights at the Drury Inn & Suites and returned to OCC on Sunday, April 16.

TRIO Upward Bound strives to provide the fundamental support our students need to be prepared for entering post-secondary education.

We offer opportunities such as college visits and fun educational trips to larger cities so our students have the chance to experience things they may not have otherwise.

The TRIO Upward Bound programs are 100% federally funded by the Department of Education for \$312,480 (LTC), \$361,983 (OCC), and \$297,601 (WVC).

## Register now for Summer & Fall Classes

Registration is ongoing for summer and fall semester classes at Olney Central College.

This summer OCC is offering five tuition-free classes to assist students in completing their degrees. These include online and in-person classes. Students enrolling in these classes are still responsible for fees, books and

materials.

Classes include:

- LIT 2135 Women in Literature
- LSC 1105 Environmental Biology
- MUS 1101 Music Appreciation
- MTH 1102 College Algebra
- SPN 1121 Elementary Spanish II

For more information about the tuition-free summer courses, go to

[www.iecc.edu/occ/tuitionfreesummer](http://www.iecc.edu/occ/tuitionfreesummer).

OCC also will offer a variety of other essential courses at our affordable tuition rate. Catch up or move ahead with these 8-week summer classes that easily transfer.

To learn more or to register, call 395-7777. Summer classes start June 5. Fall semester begins Aug. 17.



## Vicki Thompson retiring

Vicki Thompson is retiring after 15 years at OCC. She was honored during a reception on April 21. Thompson has served as a night GED Instructor, Retention Coordinator and Advisor for OCC's CTE students.

## Complete math requirements in just six weeks

OCC is offering three summer hybrid math courses students can complete in just 6 weeks.

MTH 1105 Trigonometry will meet from 8 to 8:50 a.m. and MTH 1102 College Algebra will meet from 9 to 10:50 a.m.

MTH 1103 Liberal Arts Math, which meets math requirements for graduation, will be held from 11 to

11:50 a.m. All three courses will meet Monday through Thursday, from June 5 to July 18, with Instructor Lisa Benson.

High school graduates can enroll in the courses and get a jump on math requirements needed for their degrees.

The classes also are ideal for students who are home for the

summer and want to pick up a math class that will transfer to their current college.

Successfully completing the Trigonometry and College Algebra courses during the summer will prepare students to take Calculus I in the fall.

For more information or to register, call 395-7777.

## Laurel Cutright honored as IMACC President

Olney Central College Professor Laurel Cutright was honored for her service as the 48th president of the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges. She received the award during the IMACC Conference, which was held March 31 through April 1. Cutright was sworn into office on April 8, 2022, following a one-year term as the organization's president-elect. A member of the association for 21 years, Cutright has served three terms on the IMACC Board of Directors.





# OCC Music Department Spring Performances

The OCC Music Department finished the spring semester with several performances featuring the OCC Jazz Ensemble, Contemporary Bands, OCC Concert and Community Combined Band along with the OCC Concert Choir and Musical Theater Workshop students.



## *Dr. Tony Sanders visits OCC*

Dr. Tony Sanders, the newly appointed Illinois K-12 Superintendent of Schools, met with area educational leaders on April 28 at OCC. Dr. Sanders is on a mission to meet with top educators across the state. Accompanying him was Dr. Steven Isoye, the Chair of the Illinois State Board of Education.



## Choir students travel to St. Louis

Members of the OCC Choir traveled to St. Louis on April 14. They visited the St. Louis Zoo and Art Museum and enjoyed dinner at Favazza's Restaurant. They wrapped up the trip attending the National Tour of "Wicked" at the Fabulous Fox Theater.



## Early Childhood Education classes added for Fall 2023

Olney Central College has added new Early Childhood Education classes for Fall 2023.

**ECD 1202 Childhood Teaching Techniques I** will be offered from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m. on Wednesdays and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

**ECD 1203 Health & Safety of Children** will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**ECD 1206 Developments in Early Childhood** also will meet this fall, with dates and times to be determined.

Instructors are Tina Staley and Kayla Reynolds.

ECD 1202 and ECD 1203 are

required courses for Wabash Valley College's Early Childhood Education Program, which is available on all four campuses of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

The Early Childhood degree is designed to prepare students for a rewarding career in Early Childhood Education. The program offers an Associate in Applied Science degree and certificate options.

It is also designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become effective childcare providers and educators.

For more information or to register, call 395-7777.



### Contest Winner

Nursing student Emma Bushur of Flora was a winner at Spring Fling. She guessed the exact number of candies in the jar.

It is really amazing how fast time has gone this year. The second semester is ending, and we will be celebrating with an excellent graduation ceremony here at OCC. Graduation is a time of reflection, but also a time of looking ahead. Commencement means the beginning. On May 12, OCC graduates will begin their journey to another challenge. Whether it be to a four-year school or a job, they begin a journey that will include peaks and valleys. I am confident that the 2023 graduates from Olney Central College are prepared to meet whatever the future has in store. All of us here at OCC wish them the very best along that journey.

Of course, now it is time to turn our attention to summer session courses and planning for the fall semester. The two synchronous learning pilot courses taught this spring by Elaine Hasty (Spanish) and Jessica McDonald (Speech) provided us with an opportunity to see what works well and what challenges we face with the synchronous learning network which has been established with our high schools. The goal is to expand the offerings during the fall semester in order to provide additional dual credit opportunities to area high school students. By doing so, we will enhance the chances that these students will have an early start to college and attend an IECC school in order to complete their degree or certificate over three years. We refer to this as “Three To Your Degree” (3TYD).

The new Illinois K-12 State Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Tony Sanders, visited OCC on April 28. Around forty area educational leaders, including principals and superintendents attended the event. Several IECC staff also attended. Dr. Sanders provided these individuals with his vision for K-12 education in Illinois. That vision includes a very strong connection with community college partners in order to provide high school students with focused pathways.

The Hoffmann Prairie, an area around the pond at the south end of campus, was a project that was initiated in 1987 through a generous bequest by Jim Higgins, an attorney from Wilmette, Illinois in honor of his uncle, James F. Hoffmann. As one of four brothers involved in the floral industry, he enjoyed a lifelong association with floriculture in the north shore area of Chicago. Mr. Hoffmann and his wife, Nettie, retired to Lazy Acres, located at the eastern edge of Olney in the 1960s. The Hoffmann Prairie project was meant to be a testament to Mr. Hoffmann's career.

For many years, the Hoffmann Prairie provided students at OCC with an outstanding outdoor horticulture and floriculture lab. In recent years, the Prairie was not really used much and needed restoration. Recently, OCC Welding Instructor, Maverick Fisher, along with OCC Science Instructor, Sarah Bergbower, took an interest in restoration of the outdoor lab and returning it to previous glory. I am pleased to announce that due to these efforts, a restoration project will start this spring with the support of the County Line Quail Forever club. Thanks to Maverick and Sarah for their vision and work to make this happen.



**Roger Eddy**