

# OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE KNIGHTLINE



September 2024

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

17 — Constitution  
Observance Day - Classes in  
Session

20 — Southeastern Illinois  
Concert Association presents  
Jason Lyle Black, 7 p.m.,  
OCC Theater

25 — Blue Preview

30 — Auditions for *A Christmas Carol*, 6:30 p.m., OCC  
Theater

### OCTOBER

1 — Auditions for *A Christmas Carol*, 6:30 p.m., OCC  
Theater

2 — Last Day to Enroll in Fall  
2024 Tuition Two Payment  
Plan

### College Visits

**Sept. 24** — Eastern Illinois  
University Representative Bri  
Dominguez will be here from  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Oct. 7** — University of  
Illinois at Springfield Repre-  
sentative Jessica Hoos will be  
here from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Oct. 9** — University of  
Southern Indiana Representa-  
tive Simone Payne will be  
here from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Dr. Sarah Bergbower assumes national leadership roles with ASCLS

Olney Central College  
Life Science Professor  
Dr. Sarah Bergbower is  
now serving in several  
committee roles with  
the American Society  
for Clinical Laboratory  
Science (ASCLS).

Bergbower was  
officially seated during  
the Joint Annual Meet-  
ing, which was held July  
8-12 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

At the national level,  
Bergbower was elected  
to the ASCLS Nomi-  
nations Committee and appointed as Vice Chair  
of the ASCLS DCLS Oversight Committee.  
The Nominations Committee identifies and  
credentials individuals interested in serving in  
elected offices with the society. In her position  
with the Oversight Committee, Bergbower will  
report on issues such as university program  
developments, diagnostic management team  
conferencing and recognizing individual  
accomplishments. Bergbower also will chair its  
Repository Subcommittee, which collects information on DCLS contributions, successful exam  
challenges, publications and presentations.

During the gathering, Bergbower attended the Board of Directors meeting and the House  
of Delegates, where she served as an Alternate Delegate for the State of Illinois Constituent  
Society. The House of Delegates elects the Board of Directors and other committee members  
in addition to voting on position papers, practice standards and the direction of the society.

Bergbower was among the featured presenters at JAM. Her session, titled "Fungal Men-  
ingitis Outbreak Following Cosmetic Surgery Tourism: A Case Study," explored the CDC's  
response to a 2023 fungal meningitis outbreak linked to cosmetic surgeries. Her presentation  
underscored the critical role of laboratory testing and its proper interpretation, emphasizing  
the importance of understanding testing and limitations and probabilities.

Bergbower also contributes to the field through her professional service as a *CLS Journal*  
article reviewer, *ASCLS Today Newsletter* contributor and session and poster reviewer for the  
Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference (CLEC).



**Dr. Sarah Bergbower (second from left) is sworn in as a member of the National Nominations Committee for the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. Below, Bergbower, is pictured with the State of Illinois Constituent Society.**



# Genesis Cadwell OCC's Peer Support Leader

Genesis Cadwell is serving as Olney Central College's new Peer Support Leader, providing students with connections and resource information to assist them in navigating college life.

Encouraged by a friend who held the role last year, Cadwell applied and is excited to step into the position.

"I'm hoping to offer support when my peers are going through stressful times, whether that be through resources or by giving them a space to talk openly about their worries," she added.

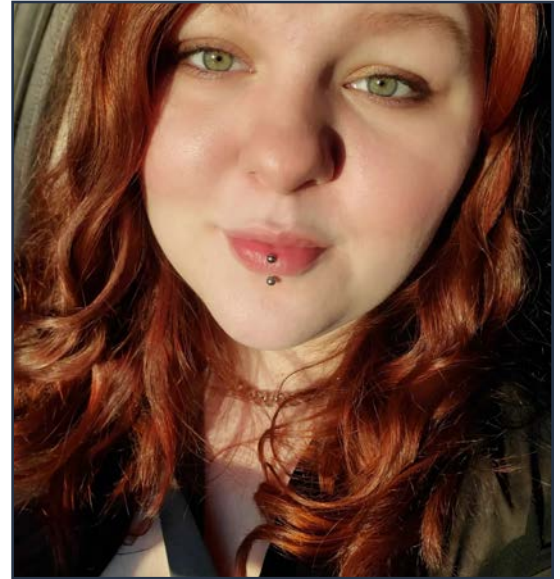
Peer Support Leaders, like Cadwell, work closely with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Mental Health Specialist Holly O'Brien to build awareness of mental health issues, services, and programs to support student wellbeing and growth. They also encourage engagement within the college community and contribute to both the intellectual and personal growth of fellow students, while providing peer connections and resources.

"Peer support leaders are important because students are more likely to reach out to a peer first, prior to an adult, when facing a life challenge," O'Brien explained.

Cadwell will host Peer Support Hours from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday and Wednesday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday in the OCC Learning Commons' Study Pod 3. Students are welcome to drop by for peer-to-peer conversations — no appointment necessary.

"Genesis is a great fit for the peer support leader role because she has a genuine interest in helping others and promoting mental health awareness at OCC," O'Brien said. "She is a very good listener and easy to talk to."

A sophomore from Claremont studying art history, Cadwell hopes to work in art and artifact restoration. During her time at OCC, she has been active in theater, choir and the Active Minds club.



**Genesis Cadwell**

## Ellis to appear as John James Audubon Sept. 26

Renowned author, storyteller, museum consultant and naturalist Brian "Fox" Ellis will present a special program as John James Audubon at Olney Central College.

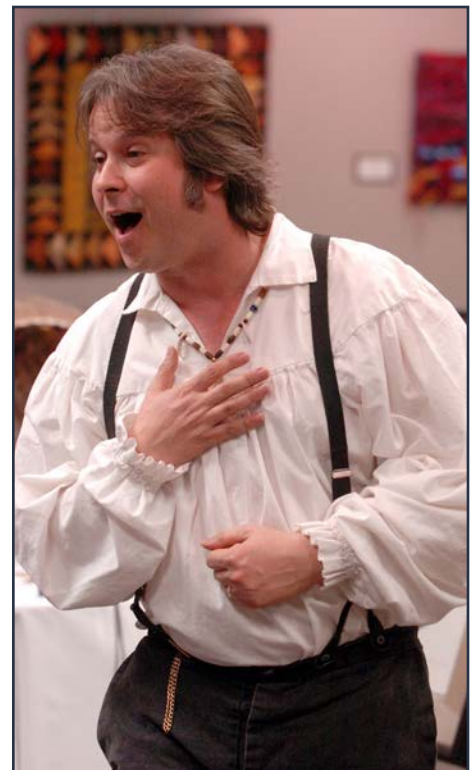
The event, hosted by the Ridgeway Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society, will be held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 26 in Dr. Kent Wattleworth Hall, Room 203.

The program is free and open to the public, including OCC students, faculty and staff.

Ellis, a talented performer and Illinois Audubon Society Membership and Outreach Coordinator, brings to life the famous ornithologist, John James Audubon, in this engaging and educational program. His portrayal offers unique insights into Audubon's legacy as a pioneering naturalist and artist.

Ellis has an extensive career as an internationally acclaimed storyteller, having collaborated with prestigious institutions such as The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, The Field Museum, and dozens of other museums nationwide. A highly sought-after keynote speaker, Ellis has presented at major conferences including the International Wetlands Conservation Conference and the National Science Teachers Association Conference.

He is the author of more than 30 books, including the acclaimed *Learning From the Land: Teaching Ecology Through Stories and Activities* and the award-winning children's picture book, *The Web at Dragonfly Pond*.





## Counselor Consultation available Sept. 25

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Mental Health Specialist Holly O'Brien is hosting drop-in consultations on Sept. 25 in the OCC Learning Commons.

This is an opportunity for students to meet with O'Brien for informal, private sessions meant to provide support, resources or a chance to just talk.

O'Brien will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with no appointment needed.

For more information, contact O'Brien at 395-7777, ext. 2242, or email [obrienh@iecc.edu](mailto:obrienh@iecc.edu).



## OCC Alum Mark Richardson shares his experiences with students

The Olney Central College Learning Commons welcomed former OCC Basketball player Mark Richardson as its Alumni Spotlight speaker.

A 1997 graduate of OCC, Richardson is now a wealth strategist at TrustBank in Olney and proudly serves on the OCC Foundation Executive Board.

Richardson shared his journey with students, including current Blue Knights, highlighting his time at OCC. He encouraged students to get involved, seize the opportunities around them and network with others.

As an active member of the community, Richardson also emphasized the importance of giving back.





**The Art Club was among several campus organizations that participated in OCC's Club Rush on Aug. 27.**

## Art Club to participate in OAC Fall Festival

The OCC Art Club is participating in the Olney Arts Council's Fall Festival on Sept. 28.

Members will be selling artwork and offering face painting and henna tattoos from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Olney City Park.

As the semester gets underway, Advisor Mari Yama-to invites all students to attend a meeting to learn more about the Art Club.

Upcoming meetings will be held in Dr. Kent Wattleworth Hall, Room 202 and are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sept. 13; 11 a.m. on Sept. 24; and 2 p.m. on Oct. 11.

## Sports Schedule

### Baseball

Sept. 12 — vs. Frontier at Busch Stadium, game starts following the conclusion of the 12:15 p.m. Cardinals/Reds game

Sept. 13 — vs. Vincennes, 11:15 a.m. & Elgin, 2 p.m. at Puma JUCO Classic

Sept. 17 — vs. Danville Area, 1 p.m. at home

Sept. 20 — vs. John Wood, 9 a.m. & Mineral Area, 2:30 p.m. at Dinger JUCO Showcase

Sept. 27 — vs. North Iowa Area, 12:30 p.m. at UIS Showcase & Lincoln Trail, 4:30 p.m. at Midwest Fall Classic

Sept. 28 — vs. Rend Lake, noon at home

Oct. 2 — vs. Vincennes, 2 p.m. at home

### Softball

Sept. 14 — at Quincy, TBA

Sept. 17 — at Oakland City, 3 p.m.

Sept. 21 — vs. Lincoln Land, 2 p.m. & Illinois Central, 4 p.m. at Illinois Central Play Day

Sept. 22 — vs. Parkland, 1 p.m. at home

Sept. 28 — at Southeast Missouri State, TBA & St. Charles Community, 2 p.m.

Sept. 29 — at University of Evansville, 11 a.m.

Oct. 4 — at Eastern Illinois, TBA

Oct. 6 — at Kentucky Wesleyan, 1 p.m.



OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION PRESENTS:

**WINE TASTING**  
**OCTOBER 25TH**  
**6:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE CRAZIEST  
FRIDAY NIGHT IN TOWN!**

**BE HOME BY 10PM!**

Entrance fee: \$35 includes wine tastings,  
hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, 50/50, and  
keepsake wine glass

@ Richland Golf Club

**PARTICIPATING VENDORS:**  
**BARN & BOTTLE WINERY**  
**BERRYVILLE VINEYARDS**  
**IRENE'S VINEYARD**  
**KOERNER DISTRIBUTING**  
**LASATA WINES**  
**TUSCAN HILLS WINERY**

**DON'T MISS:**  
**\$10 LUX ROW BOURBON TASTING**

# Fall Semester Kicks Off with a Flourish



Above, OCC hosted New Student Orientation on Aug. 13. The event included an opportunity for students to explore campus clubs, learn about community resources and win OCC gear and other prizes. At left, students challenged themselves with the rock-climbing wall.



At left, OCC Ambassadors along with faculty and staff welcomed students to campus on Aug. 15-16. Above, students are utilizing the lounge outside the library for breaks between classes.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Mental Health Specialist Holly O'Brien hosted a Counselor Chat with students on Aug. 16 providing tips on how to thrive in college and make the most of their college experience.



# Jason Lyle Black opens SICCA's 2024-2025 season

Internationally-acclaimed pianist, composer and entertainer Jason Lyle Black will open the Southeastern Illinois Concert Association's 2024-2025 season at Olney Central College. Black will perform his new show *100 Hits of Stage & Screen* live in concert at 7 p.m. on Sept. 20 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students at the door. Lobby doors will open 45 minutes before the show with open seating.

As a touring artist, Black has performed across the nation, having given concerts in more than 30 states. As an international performer, Black has visited more than 30 countries, as one of the highest rated and most booked instrumental headliners on luxury cruise ships.

Black's all-new show, *From Blockbusters to Broadway: 100 Hits of Stage & Screen®*, features music from the greatest rock songs of AC-DC and Queen, to musicals like *Wicked*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *Phantom of the Opera*, to movie and TV hits from *Star Wars* to *Pirates of the Caribbean* and many more.

On social media, Black is a continued viral superstar, having now earned more than 40 million views across YouTube, Facebook, Spotify, and other platforms. Most recently, Black's educational piano series amassed an explosive 100,000+ followers in just five months, making Black one of the most followed piano coaches in the world.

Black is also known for his nationally bestselling piano books, including *Disney Medleys for Piano Solo* and *Christmas Medleys for Piano Solo*, both released by Hal Leonard, the world's largest music publisher, as well as for his numerous studio albums for piano, which are streamed around the world.

As a young and rapidly rising performer, Black has performed on live television in Tokyo, Japan; has played for Ellen DeGeneres in Hollywood, who called him "Unbelievable!"; has reached the top of the Billboard national music charts; has given private parties in exclusive Las Vegas and Atlantic City resorts; and has even taught piano to Academy Award-winning movie stars.

Most of all, Black loves creating a live musical experience that audiences will never forget.



## Auditions for A Christmas Carol Sept. 30 and Oct. 1



Auditions for the Olney Central College Theater's production of *A Christmas Carol* will be at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

This is a straightforward, faithful, and theatrically stunning adaptation of the Dickens' story.

Ebenezer Scrooge is haunted by the ghosts of Jacob Marley, Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and the Spirit of Christmas Yet to Come. Faced with his own mortality and the evil results of his misanthropic, miserly ways, Scrooge is redeemed, reconciled with his nephew and his neighbors and becomes a second father to his assistant's son, Tiny Tim.

Those auditioning need to attend only one audition date. Auditions are open to anyone in high school or older. For audition materials and instructions visit [www.iecc.edu/occ/theater](http://www.iecc.edu/occ/theater).

Performances are Nov. 22-24.