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Summer II Additions...
New classes have been added to the schedule for Summer II that begins on July 5th.

- Physical Science & Lab
- Fundamentals of Algebra

Both will be offered at the main campus in Melbourne. Contact Admissions to register 870-368-7371.

Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM Daily.
Cost: \$3.00 or \$3.50 with dessert.

The Menu is now available online at myOzarka.

Log on to see what is for lunch!

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Ozarka College Holds Graduation

Ozarka College graduates and their guests filled the John E. Miller Auditorium for 2007 Graduation ceremonies held Thursday, May 10, 2007.

The ceremony began with an invocation given by Science Instructor, Bruce Dietsche. Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Barbara Perryman, welcomed everyone to the event and College President Dr. Dusty R. Johnston introduced members of the Ozarka Board of Trustees, Foundation Board members and other dignitaries who were present for the ceremony.

The Commencement address was delivered this year by President of First National Banking Company (FNBC) and Foundation Board Chair, Marty Sellars. His inspiring address, about the "keys" of life was well received by the graduates and their guests.

Ron Helm, Vice President for Student Services, presented the class with diplomas awarded by Johnston, Perryman, and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Mike DeLong.

Mathematics Instructor, Rex Whitfield and Automotive Instructor, Larry Wilkes were Grand Marshalls. Phi Theta Kappa students and student ambassadors were ushers. Helm provided the benediction, while Sandra Miller played the processional and recessional, *Pomp & Circumstance*.

Students completing their studies with an overall grade point average of 3.75 or higher in a certificate or associate degree program are designated as graduating Magna Cum Laude. Achieving this recognition in the Associate of Arts in Teaching program was Lilly Dionne Boren and Heather Lynn Gilbreath.

Graduating Cum Laude (with a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74) in the AAT program was Michael Howard Vest and Lea Ann Whited. Other graduates receiving an AAT degree were Racheal Renee' Brink, Alice Rae Galbraith, Kerri Lynne Hale, and Kristen Jo Young.

Graduating Magna Cum Laude with an Associate of Arts degree were Kasey Lynn Batterton, Rebecca Benton Diaz, Bridgett Benea Farris, Christine Elizabeth Franks, Alice Rae Galbraith, Stephanie E. Myal, Farah N. Spanier, and Wanda Suellen Tutt.

Graduating Cum Laude (with a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74) with Associate of Arts degrees were Katherine Louise Ferrari, Amanda Diann Gillihan, Amanda Michelle Guy, Kelly Renee McClung, Kaci Jane McHalfey, Beth Hannah Qualls, Melissa Grace Tutt, Elizabeth Jean Vargason, Michael Howard Vest.

Other Associate of Arts graduates were: Lauren Haley Adams, Sheila Robin Brewer, Ashlyn Brook Bryant, Kristopher M. Caraway, Brandy Sue Centano, Audrey Marlene Chandler, Robyn Renee Crafton, Jamie D. Cruse, Alexander Grant Douglas, Martha Elvia Flores, Valerie Anne Gearhart, Amanda Denise Goodrich, Robert Charles Groves, Travis Layne Hamby, Kevin Phillip Helm, Melissa Howell, Krista Kay Hoskinds, Sasha Elizabeth Johnson, Eleftheria Marinoglou, Kristopher J. Massey, Diana Lynn McIntosh, Shawna Danielle Mickle, Pamela Sue Miller, Jamie Lee Ogle, Amy M. Osten, Rachel Virginia Sikes, Larry W. Smith, Thomas Landon Taylor, Amber Blain Washington, Robert Brody White, Deena Yvonne Williams, Scottie Carol Wolford, Miriam Kay Yoder, Kristen Jo Young.

Magna Cum Laude graduates within Associate of Applied Sciences were Beverly A. Barnes, Health Information Management; Jeffrey Hugh Cowan, Criminal Justice Leadership; Georgetta Marie Haack, Business Technology and Health Information Management; Carol Joan Lea, Culinary Arts; Pamela J. Pipkin, Business Technology; and Ilein Gail Ann Webb, Business Technology.

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Around Campus

Check out the new program on campus:



Your Path To A Brighter Future

- To be eligible you must be a parent, with children under age 19 living in your home, &
- You must be a receiving Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) now, or have received TEA in the past, **or**
- You must be receiving food stamps or Medicaid, **or**
- You must have annual family income below 200% of federal poverty level (about \$36,000 annually for a family of three)

Contact Career Pathways staff at 368-7371 for further information.

Marty Sellars



Cum Laude AAS Graduates are Colleen Dawson, Patricia Anne Gill, and Susan Jo James, Registered Nursing.

Other Associate of Applied Science graduates included Christopher T. Smith, Rufus L. Werb, and Kyle R. Yancey in Automotive Service Technology. Maria D. Alexopoulou, Terri Lynn Bennett, Ricky J. Buckingham, June C. Dupp, Jeannie Goines, Patricia M. Hess, Krista Kay Hoskinds, Charlotte Suzanne Knox, Lisa Beth Martin, Carmaleta Denise McMurray, Cheryl Lynn Moore, Amanda Reshea Nicholson, Penny L. Parker, Rachel Virginia Sikes, Edith Irene Stersic, Ashley Nicole Vanscorder,

Valerie A. Sheppard Wells, and Laura Elizabeth Williams in Business Technology. Ronald D. Brasuell and Douglas Alexander Ford in Culinary Arts; and John Keith Crisman in Criminal Justice Leadership. Rachel Elizabeth Edwards, Teia D. Ellzey, and Tempie Runae

Lawson in Health information Management. Monica Nicole Evans, Amanda Lynn Morgan-French, Brian L. Gooch, Pamela R. Matteson, Crystal Leigh Morgan, and Misty Michele Scrivner, in Registered Nursing.

Technical Certificates were awarded in Licensed Practical

Nursing with Magna Cum Laude honors to Dorian Michelle Bell, Angela Denise Carter, Lois L. Cooper, Charlotte Ann Davis, Jeannie Bernice Day, Cheryl Benita Ekenes, Christina M. Hampton, Kayla Beth Hershberger, Audrey R. Holowell, Teresa Gail McCollum, April Kristin Hess Rice, Jessica Michelle Rush, and Shelly A. Walling.

Cum Laude technical certificates for Licensed Practical Nursing were awarded to Bonnie J. Crider, Connie J. Ford, Gloria Goodman, Julie Ann Martin, Caroline M. McCullough, Gail Antoinetta Moye, Melissa Ashley Rhoades,

Kristy R. Schlabach, Jill Elizabeth Walling, Cheryl L. Winchester, and Lisa Don Worsham. Also graduating Cum Laude with technical certificates were Jason DeWayne Cheatham in Automotive Service Technology; and Racheal A. Johnson in Health Professions.

Also receiving technical certificates in Automotive Service Technology were Derek Jay Snow, Justin Loren Trewyn, Rufus L. Werb, and Lanny J. West. Ronald D. Brasuell received a technical certificate in Culinary Arts. Receiving Technical Certificates in Health Professions were Teia D. Ellzey, Elisabeth F. Salazar, Amber B. Washington, and Jennifer Lynn Wilkes.

Technical certificates were also awarded in Licensed Practical Nursing to Chalene Danele Adcock, Krystle Lanay Bozeman, Richard Blake Caraway, Dolly Parton Cohoon, Connie Kathleen Conrad, Dawn Michelle Davis, Resa Loene Dowdy, Jacob Daniel Goff, Dondee Leshay Goode, Aaron Goodman, Kelley M. Hoskins, Cindi Shaylyn Hurley, Melanie Sue Koch, Nadia Teresa Littenstein, Amanda Dawn Ludwig, Sasha Qualls, Christina Rush, Abby L. Scott, Christopher James Smith, Natalie Mane Strait, and Andrea J. Thompson.

Receiving Certificates of Proficiency with Magna Cum Laude honors in Accounting were Donna S. Arnold and Evelyn Dickerson. These honors were also given to Ilein Gail Ann Webb in Computer Applications and Accounting; Deborah S. Bost, Melissa Bradshaw, Tiffany Branscum, Audria Eckard, Linda Finley, Amanda Garland, Paula Gipson, Becky Halpain, Barbara Lawson, Wanda McConaughay, Shirley Minick, Rita A. Patrick, Leah Smith, and Dianna Taylor in Computer Applications; Carina March and Gaye L. Passmore in Early Childhood Development. Robert Hines, Kathy Kimbro, Pam J. Pipkin, Lisa Schreiner, and Jeanette Totman in Information Science Technology.

Certificates of Proficiency were awarded with Cum Laude honors to Tammie Ann Ennis in Accounting and Computer Applications; Charlotte Suzanne Knox in Ac-

counting and Information Science Technology; Selina Cawvey, Lori Coolbeth, Sheri Croslin, Lacinda D. Engelhart, Christina Hutson, Linda Landers, Tina Langston, Misty Lowery, Michelle Lundry, Cynthia Marentette, Linda McGuire, Laura Mullen, Pam Ring, Kathy Smith, Bertha Thornton, Karen Watts in Computer Applications; and Robin Carol Gembka in Early Childhood Development.

Other graduates awarded Certificates of Proficiency were Amanda Denise Goodrich, Patricia M. Hess and Edith Irene Stersic in Accounting; Laura Elizabeth Williams in Accounting and Computer Applications; Maria D. Alexopoulou and Krista Kay Hoskinds in Business Management; ReBecca Boyd, Ruby Burns, Ashley Churchman, June Dupp, Teresa Edwards, Frances Engle, Heather Gilbreath, Jeannie Goines, Anna Guiltner, Amy Harber, Theresa Kirby, Carmaleta Denise McMurray, Ruth E. McQuillan, Rose Mitchell, Remona Neitch, Amanda Reshea Nicholson, Penny L. Parker, Pam Proctor, Debra Richter, Georgia Roach, Elizabeth Schlender, Rachel Virginia Sikes, Sonya Slade, Bonnie Taylor, Bonnie Thatcher, Angilee Wallis, Valerie A. Sheppard Wells, in Computer Applications; Ricky J. Buckingham, Billy Donaldson, Kristopher J. Massey, Casey D. McClanahan, and Thomas Sloan in Information Science Technology; and Deanna Lee Honeycutt-Thomas in Early Childhood Development.

Approximately 174 students received General Educational Development (GED) diplomas.



2007 Ozarka Graduates

Dr. Johnston presents a diploma to Audrey Chandler.



Students of Spring Semester & Year Announced

The Ozarka College academic and technical departments have named their Students of the Semester for Spring 2007. To be eligible for this honor, students must be enrolled full-time, earn a "B" average or better, and exhibit a positive attitude, good work habits, and a willingness to help others. Other criteria include quality of classroom performance and the ability to get along with peers.

Those selected include Alice Rae Gilbreath of Ash Flat, Associate of Arts in Teaching; Justin Trewyn of Sidney, Automotive Service Technology; Jennifer Taylor of Mountain View, Business Technology; Margaret Whittle of Salem, College Transfer/ Associate of Arts and TRiO/ Student Support Services; Danielle Vickers of Marshall, Culinary Arts; Teia Ellzey of Oxford, Health Information Management; Angie Carter of Melbourne, Practical Nursing; and Charlotte Davis of Mt. Pleasant, ARNEC (Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium).

Persons selected as Students of the Semester for either fall or spring semesters are also eligible to be named Students of the Year. Judged most outstanding for the year 2006-2007 are Melissa Bonds of Mountain View, Associate of Arts in Teaching; Jason Cheatham of Melbourne, Automotive Service Technology; Jennifer Taylor of Mountain View, Business Technology; Margaret Whittle of Salem, College Transfer/ Associate of Arts; Danielle Vickers of Marshall, Culinary Arts; Rachel Edwards of Melbourne, Health Information Management; Terry Pennington of Timbo, Practical Nursing; Dianna Watson of Hardy, TRiO/Student Support Services; Carol Lester of Williford, Early Childhood Development, and Charlotte Davis of Mt. Pleasant ARNEC (Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium).



Kids College -

Ozarka's Kids College was held in conjunction this year with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service on May 29-31. The summer program, entitled "Camp Fit & Fun" was for students completing first through fourth grades at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

The focus was on nutrition and fitness through hands-on activities, crafts, physical activities, food demonstrations, and classroom lessons. Fulton County extension agent, Malinda Coffman led the program along with other agents and Ozarka representatives to provide a great activities which were both fun and educational.

Ozarka Library to Present Workshop

— Ozarka College's Paul Weaver Library is set to host a free workshop entitled: "Getting Your Books Published: What Genealogists and Writers Need to Know" on Thursday, June 14 from 2-3:30PM in the lecture hall of the John E. Miller Educational Complex.

Genealogists, writers, as well as the general public should attend this event which will be both informative and entertaining. The workshop will feature Steve Whisnant, who is a field representative for vital records with the Arkansas Department of Health, and has authored two novels: *Yesterday Again* and *D.O.C.: Department of Corrections*.

Yesterday Again is a volume of 20 short stories from mysteries and westerns, to paranormal romance and gothic and several surprises in between. *D.O.C.: Department of Corrections* is an award-winning novel about a young, investigative journalist who discovers far more than he ever intended when he delves into the privatization of our nation's prison systems.

Whisnant is also an Arkansas representative for *ByLine*, a monthly magazine for writers. The publication encourages and advises novice writers and publishes the work of beginners and veterans alike. He has also been featured in *Quills & Pixels*, *The Counselor*, and *The Storyteller* as well

as being a guest writer for several Arkansas newspapers, including the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*.

Following the workshop, there will be a book signing and further discussions of Whisnant's published works at the *Cottage Bookstore* on Court Square in Melbourne from 4:30-6:00 p.m. The books will be available for purchase at both events for \$14.00 each.

These events are open to the public at no charge. For more information contact Ozarka College's Librarian, Mary Ellen Hawkins at 368-7371.

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Pictured: Jean Pace (left) and Janet Lamb (right), newly elected officers. Not pictured: Marc Goings.

The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors met in March to elect new officers. Jean Pace of Mammoth Spring was elected Chair. Pace is Mayor of Mammoth Spring. Marc Goings of Hardy was elected to the Vice Chair position. Goings is an appraiser with Goings and Associates in the Sharp County area.

Foundation Elects New Officers

During the June 4 meeting, Janet Lamb of Melbourne was elected as secretary/treasurer. Lamb and her husband Fred have State Farm Insurance agency in Melbourne. She is a retired teacher. Marty Sellars of Ash Flat, President of FNBC, has served as Chair for the Ozarka College Foundation for three years. He will stay on the executive board in an advisory position. According to Director of Advancement, Karla Rush, "Marty Sellars has been an anchor to the Foundation and his dynamic support for Ozarka College truly has been invaluable to our growth over the past few years. The Foundation will continue to make great progress with the leadership of our new officers."

The Foundation Board of Ozarka College was founded in 1991 as a non-

profit, charitable organization to assist with the development and enhancement of programs and facilities at the college. The board encourages gifts of money and property and manages these gifts so as to maintain or increase their value, with all endeavors focusing on expanded educational opportunities for and service to the college's students and community.

Currently, the main focus of the foundation's fundraising efforts is adding endowed scholarships to further enhance opportunities for Ozarka College students to afford to attend college.

For further information, contact Ozarka College Development Office at 870-368-7371.