

**Special
Scholarship
Edition**

Ozarka College Connection

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Scholarship Deadline Approaching for Spring Semester

Students who wish to apply for institutional scholarships for the spring 2009 term are encouraged to submit applications to the Scholarship Committee. The scholarship deadline is October 1 for all Ozarka Foundation Scholarships to be awarded for the spring semester. Applications are available at www.ozarka.edu/finaid.

Izard County students may also apply for the Izard County Single Parent Scholarship before October 1st to be considered for available funds for Spring 2009. Applications are available from the Ozarka College Career Pathways Office or the Advancement Office.

For more information, call 870-368-7371.



Scholars Recognized at Reception

Ozarka College scholarship recipients were recognized at a reception on September 4, 2008. Over 100 people attended, including 26 scholarship students, their families and Ozarka College staff and faculty.

Students received certificates for the following awards: Academic Excellence, New Horizons, Student Ambassador, Ozarka Foundation Regional, John E Miller, James Fenton, Paul and Treva Miller, Wally Pittman, English Department, Walter B Hall, First National Banking Company, Stone County Resource Council, Netta Gilbert, Orvis & Lilbern Nix, Judge Harold Crawford, Coy Ferguson, Tri-County Hospice, Robert Kalischer, Izard County Farm Bureau, Anonymous Nursing, & Harry Powell and Velma Fudge Dixon Scholarships.

Ozarka President Dusty Johnston presented certificates to the students who attended and spoke to the group about the significance of scholarships and how the college's scholarship program has grown over the past few years.

For more information about scholarship opportunities, call Suellen Davidson at 870-368-7371.



Pictures of the scholarship recipients can be seen on Page 2





**Erica Baird
Academic Excellence**



**Charles Gale
Academic Excellence**



**Tara Jo Harmon
Ambassador Scholarship**



**Keressa Campbell
Academic Excellence**



**Samantha Johnson
Ambassador**



**Casey Townsend
Ambassador**



**Meagan Wright
Ambassador**



**Cole Andrew Tate
New Horizon**



**Amber Lee
New Horizon**



**Hazel Wilcox
Tri-County Hospice Scholarship**



**Jean Ann Jackson
Tri-County Hospice Scholarship**



**Chelsea Bean
New Horizon**



**Lynda Rodgers
Harry Powell &
Velma Fudge Dixon Scholarship**



**Sandra Barnes
Netta Gilbert Scholarship**



**Victoria Earl
Jim Fenton Scholarship**



**Tatum Bishop
Paul & Treva Miller Scholarship**

English Essay Scholarship Announced

Elyse Gnade of Mountain View and Destiny Seaton of Fox, were selected as the winners of an essay contest sponsored by the English Department at Ozarka College. The scholarships awarded include a one-year, full tuition scholarship to attend Ozarka College.

The students accepted the award from Ozarka College President, Dr. Dusty R. Johnston at Ozarka's second annual scholarship reception held on September 4th. For the past seven years, the English Department at Ozarka has sponsored this essay contest to award scholarships to local high school seniors.

All high school seniors are encouraged to apply for the scholarship to be awarded for next Fall. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2009.



Elyse Gnade



Destiny Seaton



Bobbi Brabon



Jessica Wolford



Leslie Malland

Izard County Single Parent Scholars

The Izard County Single Parent Scholarship committee recently awarded scholarships for the current semester to several local students during the second annual Scholarship Reception held at Ozarka College on September 4th.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to single parents who are pursuing a college degree to increase their earning potential. Ozarka College President presented checks to Jessica Wolford of Melbourne; Bobbi Brabon of Horseshoe Bend; and Leslie Malland of Mt. Pleasant, who has completed her studies at Ozarka and is now a student at Lyon College in Batesville.

For more information about this scholarship fund, call Ozarka College at 870-368-7371.

Upcoming Events to Support Scholarships

This week will mark two events in support of the Ozarka College Foundation Scholarship Program. It is events such as these that help to make some of the scholarships in this newsletter possible.

On Friday, September 26 at 7PM, Ozarka will welcome 2008 CMA Nominated Vocal Group Emerson Drive to the John E. Miller Auditorium. With hits like "Moments" and "Fall Into Me", Emerson Drive is guaranteed to be a wonderful performance. Tickets are available for \$30 and \$40.

The following day, Saturday, September 27 at 8AM, Ozarka Foundation will hold its annual Golf Scramble event at Cooper's Hawk Golf Club in Melbourne.

Neither of these events would be possible without the support of local sponsors and willing participants. For further information of either event, contact the Advancement Department at 870-368-7371

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Education.*



Mary Lou Pittman Awards Second Pittman Scholar



Jason Thomas of Melbourne has been awarded the annual Dan "Wally" Pittman Scholarship for the 2008-09 year. Thomas received his scholarship certificate from Mary Lou Pittman at a reception on September 4, 2008.

Thomas, an Izard County Consolidated High School graduate, is completing requirements for an associate of arts degree in teaching at Ozarka College and plans to obtain a bachelor of education degree to become a teacher and a coach.

In addition to receiving the Pittman Scholarship, Thomas was also selected to represent Ozarka College in October as an "Academic All-Star" at the annual Association of Two Year Colleges fall conference in Rogers.

Pittman was a long-time social science instructor at Ozarka College until 2006. Friends, family members and colleagues of Dr. Pittman raised funds to create a scholarship in Pittman's honor to assist students like Thomas who are seeking a career in education. This scholarship fund is managed by the Ozarka College Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. For more information about the foundation or scholarship opportunities, call Suellen Davidson at 870-368-7371.

Jan Jones Awards Crawford Second Chance Scholarship

Cedric Morley II has been awarded the annual Judge Harold Crawford Second Chance Scholarship for the 2008-09 year. Jan Jones, one of the founders of the Harold Crawford Scholarship, presented the scholarship certificate to Morley at a reception on September 4, 2008.

Morley graduated from Evening Shade High School in 1999 and entered the workforce. After working at various jobs, Morley decided he wanted a career in which he could help others and enrolled at Ozarka College to pursue a nursing degree.

Jones and other friends and family members of Harold Crawford created the scholarship in the Sharp County Judge's honor to assist students like Morley who are returning to get an education and are seeking a 'second chance' career. This scholarship fund is managed by the Ozarka College Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. For more information about the foundation or scholarship opportunities, call Suellen Davidson at 870-368-7371.

