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ON THE CALENDAR

New Fall Practical Nursing Student Registration August 14 1:00pm
Last Day to Register August 15
OTC Foundation's Big Bingo Bash August 15 6:30-9:00pm
Classes Begin August 18
Last Day to Adjust Schedule August 19 By 6:00pm
New Student Orientation (New Fall Students) August 22 1:00 pm
Labor Day Holiday Campus Closed September 1
January Nursing Program Application Deadline October 6
Last Day to Withdraw with a "W" October 31
Priority Registration (current students only) November 10-14
Spring Cosmetology Application Deadline Nov 14
General Registration Nov 17 - January 9
New Spring Practical Nursing Student Nov 18 9:00am OR
Thanksgiving Holiday No Classes Campus Closed Nov 25 - 28 Nov 26 - 28

Big Bingo Bash Set for August 15

Fun, excitement and prizes await you at the Big Bingo Bash!

The Ouachita Technical College Foundation is excited to host the first-ever **Big Bingo Bash**. The event will be held in the OTC Great Room (A300) on Friday, August 15, 2008, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Funds raised from the event will help provide scholarships to students. Last year, OTC students received over \$3 million in financial aid to assist in funding their education. Proceeds raised will be matched by a U.S. Department of Education grant.

"The OTC Foundation is thrilled to host the Big Bingo Bash as the proceeds from the event will not only benefit local students though scholarships, but will positively impact the future of our community and our state." says Amber Childers, Director of Development, "We promise lots of fun for everyone!"

Tickets are \$20 and include one bingo card for the first fifteen games plus a bag of popcorn. Additional cards will be available for \$1 per card. Food concessions will also be sold.

Winners will receive prize packages valued from \$100 to over \$300. Packages include items such as gift certificates to Malvern and Hot Springs restaurants and businesses, gas certificates, bicycles, Bed & Breakfast lodging, oil changes, teeth whitening, teeth cleaning, 500 ft. rolls of aluminum foil, and so much more.

Limited tickets are available and may be purchased by calling 332-0270 or by email at amber@otcweb.edu. State law prohibits persons under 18 years of

age to participate in charitable bingo, therefore, no one under 18 will be admitted.

About Ouachita Technical College

Ouachita Technical College provides high quality, accessible educational opportunities at the freshman and sophomore level in associate degree, technical certificate, and certificate of proficiency programs, a college-transfer program, continuing education, and industry-specific training to support individual and community need in Arkansas. The College mission is to enable individuals to develop to their fullest potential and to support the economic development of the state.

In the 2007-08 academic year, Ouachita Technical College served over 2,100 students in credit classes, providing them with invaluable assistance in developing critical job and life competencies, at a cost of just \$213 for the typical course. Additionally, Ouachita Tech extends its reach beyond the campus to work directly with our region's employers, to ensure that their employees remain skilled and competitive in the new global marketplace. Within the last year, more than 3,000 citizens either acquired new skills that have improved their productivity through workforce training or enhanced their basic educational skills in the Adult Education Program. Improved skill levels and academic achievement translates into higher incomes benefiting the students and their families, local industry and business, and is a real boost to the state's economy.

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From the President's Desk...



It is an exciting time of the year as we get ready to start a new fall semester in just a few days. We are doubly

excited this year because we are moving into our new 18,500 sq. ft. Arts and Sciences Center and preparing it for the students to use this fall. Please put on your calendar our scheduled date and time for the dedication, ribbon cutting, and public open house of this new building which is set for 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 19, 2008.

Another reason we are excited about the new semester is the new emergency notification and rapid alert system that we are rolling out in August before school starts. Though it is a sad commentary about our culture when terrorists and shooters target students, faculty, and staff on our college and university campuses, responsible administrators must become prepared for such events and make plans for these emergencies. As a result, OTC now has an "Emergency Procedures Manual" with procedures and plans worked out in conjunction with the Malvern Police Department and the Hot Spring County Office of Emergency Management. Last school year we even practiced a simulated shooting incident on campus.

The practice was good. Our OTC emergency team and the MPD learned a lot. The biggest weakness in our planning was inadequate communications and alert notices to those on campus who could be in harms way. Our new rapid alert system will remedy that weakness.

We have upgraded our computer and telecommunications systems and added software and capabilities that gives us a web-based application that enables us to deliver thousands of messages in a matter of minutes. The messages or alerts can be

1. voice messages delivered to home phones or cell phones,
2. Text messages or instant messages delivered to cell phones or Blackberry devices,
3. E-mail/text/instant messages delivered to computers and PDAs, and
4. Pager and FAX alerts.

Students, faculty, staff, police departments, emergency services, 911, fire departments, and others can all receive them

and everyone can choose to receive these alerts in multiple ways or in all of them.

The system will also allow us to create groups of persons to which we would need to communicate valuable information that would be administrative in nature rather than emergency notices. For example, we can push a message to all our students that the Student Government Association is serving free pizza and drinks tomorrow in the student center or we could let our faculty know that our online courseware was going to be down next Friday between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for a software upgrade and server maintenance.

The new building and the new emergency alert system will help us better serve our students and improve safety, security, and working conditions for our employees.

Sam Ballard



Arts and Sciences Center

Building Stages of the Arts and Sciences Center



Groundbreaking June 19, 2007



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I would like my gift to be designated for:

- Unrestricted—Please use where the need is greatest
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My total tax-deductible one-time gift **OR** five-year pledge for the Major Gifts Campaign in support of the Ouachita Technical College Foundation is \$ _____.

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 - VISA MasterCard Discover Card # _____
 - Expiration Date _____ Signature _____
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The College understands that you reserve the right to alter this commitment due to unforeseen causes.

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Changing Lives...Building Futures!

Around Campus...



Career Pathways Program Fall Orientation was held for new and returning students.



OTC Employee "Meet & Greet Luncheon" was recently held to introduce new staff and faculty members



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

KEE KRATZ

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

Started at OTC in July 1999.

My job responsibilities include updating, troubleshooting, and maintaining the student information system along with the financial aid system and our bookkeeping system.

My family includes my wife, Amanda, and our two boys, Riley (3) and Tyler (1).

The last book I read was *Arkansas- a collection of Christian stories based in the Natural State*.

My favorite food is steak and potatoes.

One thing that people might not know about me is that I sing in a quartet and the choir at church. I also play guitar and have written and recorded several songs.

As a child, I wanted to be a policeman when I grew up.

My favorite thing to do in my spare time is to go off-roading, either on the 4-wheeler or my motorcycle.

My first vehicle was a 1957 GMC pickup that my Dad and I restored.

With one hour of free time I would catch up on some needed rest.

My favorite season is fall - football season.

The furthest I have traveled is Las Vegas, Nevada.

My biggest pet peeve is people that can't follow directions.

My favorite thing about OTC is the fact it's like a great big family.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

NIKKI LACKEY

PRACTICAL NURSING INSTRUCTOR

Started at OTC in August, 1999.

My job responsibilities include teaching nursing students how to not kill their patients.

My family includes Ronnie, my husband of 25 years, my son, Jonathan, and Gracie, my 3 1/2 year old granddaughter.

The last book I read was *Legal, Ethical and Political Issues in Nursing*.

My dream vacation would be Pearl Harbor.

My favorite food is Popplo's Pizza.

One thing that people might not know about me is that I want to sky dive.

As a child, I wanted to be a math teacher & a fireman when I grew up.

My favorite thing to do in my spare time is....I forgot...I haven't had any lately.

My first vehicle was a 1981 Riviera.

With one hour of free time I would sleep!

My favorite season is Summer.

The furthest I have traveled is Central Mexico on a medical mission trip.

My biggest pet peeve is laziness.

My favorite thing about OTC is my coworkers!