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ON THE CALENDAR

New Fall Practical Nursing Student Registration	August 11 9:00am
New Fall Practical Nursing Student Registration	August 13 9:00am OR 1:00pm
New Fall Practical Nursing Student Registration	August 14 9:00am
First Day of Classes	August 17
Labor Day Holiday Campus Closed	September 7
January Nursing Program Application Deadline (PN and RN)	October 5
Spring 2010 Priority Registration (current students only)	November 9-13
Spring Cosmetology Application Deadline	November 13
Registration Spring 2010	November 16 -January 8
New Spring Student Orientation/Registration	November 19 9:00am
Thanksgiving Holiday No Classes Campus Closed	Nov 24-27 Nov 25-27
New Spring Practical Nursing Student Registration	December 3 9:00am OR 1:00pm
New Spring Student Orientation/Registration	December 3 1:00pm
Final Exams	Dec 7-10
RN Pinning Ceremony PN Pinning Ceremony	December 8 December 10
New Spring Student Orientation/Registration	December 10 9:00am
Orientation/Registration for New Spring Cosmetology Students	December 11
Fall Cosmetology Class Ends	December 18
Christmas Holiday Campus Closed	December 23- January 3

New Student Orientation/Registration

All Part-time and Full-time New Students (never attended college), Transfer Students (never attended Ouachita Technical College but attended another college), and Returning Students (attended OTC but did not attend this past semester) are required to attend an orientation session before registration. *If for some reason you are unable to attend orientation/registration on one of these dates, please contact the Division of Student Affairs at (501)332-0280.

Orientation/Registration Dates and Times

Thursday	.....July 16, 2009.....	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	.....July 28, 2009.....	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	.....July 30, 2009.....	1:00 p.m.
Monday	.....August 3, 2009.....	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	.....August 4, 2009.....	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	.....August 5, 2009.....	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	.....August 6, 2009.....	9:00 a.m.
Monday	.....August 10, 2009.....	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	.....August 11, 2009.....	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	.....August 11, 2009.....	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	.....August 12, 2009.....	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	.....August 13, 2009.....	9:00 a.m.
Friday	.....August 14, 2009.....	9:00 a.m.

VP of Adult and Workforce Education Awarded

Dr. Blake Robertson, Vice President of Adult and Workforce Education, was selected to participate in a nine month Higher Education Leadership Institute. This Institute was coordinated through the University of Arkansas College of Continuing Education. The founders of this



Institute started this Higher Education Leadership Institute as a way to identify, develop, prepare, and advance leaders from within Arkansas' two-year colleges.

Participants developed an understanding of core functions of executive leadership in higher education, focusing initially on all areas of finance, but eventually including: creating academic programs, selecting and nurturing faculty, institutional data use and reporting, student support services (including disaster planning, technology and governance), as well as creating synergy for

effective management in an increasingly accountable environment. Constituent expectations, decision-making, contributory leadership, and adaptability for constantly changing environments will also be topics for development. Additionally, American Association of Community Colleges-endorsed competencies will be included in the program.

The format included three two-day group meetings in different parts of the state. These meeting locations included two-year colleges in Arkansas during the academic year. The curriculum was supported by web-based learning modules and group interaction during the months without having live sessions due to many travel

restrictions. Participants were nominated and financially supported by their President/Chancellor. Twenty-four participants were selected who then created a permanent support group, and optimally, the group included Vice Presidents, Deans, and Directors who aspire to additional leadership opportunities.

Additionally, Dr. Robertson finished his year as President of the Rotary Club of Malvern. On Wednesday, June 24, 2009, the Club presented him with a plaque as Brett Chancellor took the reins of the Club. During Dr. Robertson's year, the Club contributed 100% to the Rotary International Foundation, sponsored a gift of student supplies to the Malvern Elementary School, and continued their sponsorship of an Interact Club at Magnet Cove.

From the President's Desk...



For a college administrator, this season of the year is the most rewarding and, at the same time, the scariest. It is the scariest because:

1. We have done the best possible job of developing a quality operational and financial plan for the coming school year

(budget), but to complete it we had to use a cloudy crystal ball (to see the future) and we had to make a lot of assumptions (the same large number as last year and the year before); 2. We have conducted a lot of advertising, friend raising in the public schools, and recruitment activities, but we really do not have a clue how many students we might have for the fall semester that starts in just over five weeks (student enrollment numbers determine our staffing needs and our future revenue); and 3. Though OTC is a great place to work, offers wonderful professional opportunities, has tremendous employee benefits, and experiences very low employee turnover, it seems that we always have some last minute resignations that creates staffing challenges that keep us hustling for the perfect replacements and training newbie's through the start of the new school year. Since we got our budget approved a month ago we have received word

that one grant we had hoped for was not funded, another one was funded at a lower than expected level, and a third was funded at a level a bit higher than expected. And, since we always keep an eye on state general revenue, corporate tax receipts, and the like, all of which are below forecast in recent months, we worry constantly about the possibility of getting a revenue cut in the middle of the fiscal year (a frequent occurrence during a recession). When I think about these things too much, my hair starts falling out or turning gray.

This season is also a very rewarding time because: 1. We are implementing initiatives for the new year that promise improved student success; 2. We are wrapping up one successful year (our budget guesses mostly came true after all) and starting up a brand new one with a lot of hope and anticipation; and 3. We are starting to total up all of the numbers that document what we did in 2008-09 (headcount by term, unduplicated headcount for the year, FTE enrollment, numbers of graduates, numbers of students retained, GED graduates, corporate employees trained, financial aid/scholarships given out, money spent, fund balance, etc., etc.).

I will close with one recent example of OTC results, among many this year, that is especially rewarding to us. It's the kind of example that reminds us why we take on this challenge every year and one that points out that the college and the community are doing very good, even

when compared to others in Arkansas and the U.S. In the early spring we had several dozen of our best students in the High School Career Center and in the College Medical Office Administration programs participate in the state SkillsUSA competition against hundreds of bright students from colleges and schools throughout the state. The results of that state competition was that OTC students won **twelve State Medals** – 8 Gold Medals (first place), 3 Silver Medals (second place) and 1 Bronze Medal (third place). Then last month these top winners participated in the National SkillsUSA Competition in Kansas City, Missouri, and did astonishingly well against thousands of bright students from all over the U.S.A. Our fine students brought home **six National Medals** – 4 Gold Medals and 2 Silver Medals. The Malvern High School team also did well in winning medals in this National SkillsUSA competition. All in all, students from the State of Arkansas won eighteen medals in the National SkillsUSA competition of which eleven (61 percent) of them were from Malvern High School and OTC!

What a year!

J. Barry Ballard

Foundation Awards Scholarships

Five OTC students have been selected to receive scholarships from the Ouachita Technical College Foundation.

The OTC Foundation Scholarship recipients include Hot Spring County residents Robert Ellerd of Malvern, and Kenneth Swiger of Donaldson; Saline County

Residents Christopher Hardwick of Haskell, and Megan Reeves of Benton; and Pulaski County Resident Patrick Mbawulke of Little Rock. The Ouachita Technical College Foundation Board hopes to increase the number of recipients in the future.



OTC SkillsUSA Students Take Home National Awards



(l-r) Kelcy Stuart, Tyler Porterfield, Nikki Mitchell, College Advisor Sherree Hughes, Arkansas Skills USA Executive Director Jeff Parks, Freda Cranford, Sara Easton, High School Advisor Cathy Petty, and Jamie Gallion

home to Ouachita Technical College.

The SkillsUSA Championships is considered the largest single day of corporate volunteerism in America and valued at \$35 million in industry support of donated time, equipment, cash and material. All contests are run and judged by industry standards for employment. Over 500 industry judges participated this year.

Medical Terminology Secondary: Jamie Gallion - Silver Medal.

When asked about the convention and competitions, Health Knowledge Bowl Team member Tyler Porterfield said, "It was the greatest experience that I had ever taken part in in my life. The fact that we stood center stage as Gold Medalists in front of 23,000 people, with our home state cheering for us was just awe inspiring. I was left breathless."



Health Knowledge Bowl Post-Secondary Team

Kansas City, Missouri, was this year's host for the 45th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference and SkillsUSA Championships held on June 22nd-26th. The State of Arkansas brought home eighteen medals, eleven of those winners were from Malvern, and six came

Ouachita Technical College medal winners are: The Health Knowledge Bowl Post-Secondary Team: Tyler Porterfield, Freda Cranford, Sara Easton, and Nikki Mitchell- Gold Medal; Medical Terminology Post-Secondary Team: Kelcy Stuart - Silver medal;

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Changing Lives...Building Futures!

OTC is All a'Twitter

Ouachita Technical College recently joined the next phase of social networking sites, Twitter. Twitter is a service for friends, family, and co-workers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: **What are you doing?** A free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read each others updates, known as tweets. This is a place for quick reminders and happenings around OTC's campus.

Anyone who has a Twitter account can follow Ouachita Technical College by visiting the site. Find us at http://twitter.com/Ouachita_Tech, or through the link on our Facebook page.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DEDE RUCKER

ACCOUNTANT I



Started at OTC in August, 1995, as the receptionist.

My job responsibilities include so much stuff I can't type it all, plus other duties as assigned.

My family includes my 12 year old son, Colby.

My favorite food is steak or pasta.

My dream vacation would be a couple of weeks on the Islands or snow skiing. I want to go now!

One thing that people might not know about me is, I am pretty much an open book. There's not much people don't know about me.

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

My favorite thing to do in my spare time is go swimming, 4-wheeler riding, shopping, or spending time with friends.

My first vehicle was a silver and black 1980 Mustang.

With one hour of free time I would watch TV.

My favorite season is Summer.

The furthest I have traveled is Washington, DC.

My biggest pet peeve is rudeness!

My favorite thing about OTC is the people.

My favorite thing to do on a Saturday is to spend time with Colby and friends.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

PAT SIMMS

ARTS AND SCIENCES DIVISION CHAIR



Started at OTC in 1994.

My job responsibilities include serving the Arts and Sciences faculty, both full-time and adjunct, to facilitate effective teaching whether it be on-campus, online, a high school campus or at the ORU of the ADC.

My family includes Mona, my lovely wife of seventeen years, and my two sons, Parker (11) and Austin (9).

The last book I read was *the Little League Rules Handbook*.

My dream vacation would be an Alaskan hunting/fishing/camping trip with my sons.

My favorite food is Mona's fried chicken!

One thing that people might not know about me is, I played the saxophone in the Arkadelphia High School band.

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

My favorite thing to do in my spare time is spend time with my family and friends on DeGray Lake!

My favorite season is deer....I mean fall.

My biggest pet peeve is people who can't take a joke and people that count out exact change!

My favorite thing about OTC is the relationships, each different and unique, that I have with the people I work with daily...and the new Arts and Sciences Center!