

**President's Report
To the Board of Trustees
December 1, 2008**

This report is intended to provide members of the Ozarka College Board of Trustees with information regarding college activities and accomplishments.

Upcoming Events of Interest

- December 1 Foundation Board Meeting (9:30 am)
- December 1-2 Care to Share (all campuses)
- December 1 ACS Program Planning Committee 10:00 am MV Campus
- December 1 Lyon College Representative visits MV campus
- December 2 Trees and Tidings at Ash Flat—12:00-2:00
- December 3 Trees and Tidings at Mountain View—12:00-2:00
- December 3 TRiO hosts Finals Workshop
- December 5 Last day of Classes for Fall Semester
- December 6 Ash Flat Christmas Parade (Ozarka will be represented)
- December 8-12 Finals Week
- December 9 LPN & RN Capping and Pinning – Miller Auditorium—6:00 pm
- December 10 Trees and Tidings at Melbourne—12:00-2:00
- December 10 Stone County Youth Leadership Meeting- Leadership and Your Financial Future, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm MV Campus

- December 12 Last Day for Faculty
- December 12 Faculty & Staff Christmas Potluck
- December 13 ACT Test
- December 15-16 Registration Mountain View High School students for concurrent Classes

- December 18 Board of Trustees Meeting—4:00 pm
- December 19 Last day that offices are open
- December 22-January 4 Closed for the Holidays

Ozarka College Events

- November 4 Poll location for election (Melbourne)
- November 13 TRiO Coffeehouse night
- November 18 International Day—Ash Flat
- November 19 International Day—Mountain View
- November 20 International Day—Melbourne

College Governance

- Ozarka College is a member of the Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium with five other community colleges which provides the RN program via distance education. Each site has a maximum of twenty students. This consortium has proven rigorous and successful while currently having a 94.74 % pass rate on the state board exams and ranks third among the state's 26 programs for training RNs.
- The self-study steering committee continues to have very productive meetings each Friday afternoon. The primary goal of the meetings is to provide thorough information to key members of the self study process in regard to the Higher Learning Commission's criterion for accreditation.
- The self-study steering committee discussions have lead to two new initiatives for the college. The administrative team is developing a long range personnel plan to assist

in meeting future personnel needs as additional funding becomes available. Also, a diversity committee has been established to assist in the providing students with additional opportunities to be exposed to diversity issues.

- Several employees attended a meeting hosted by AATYC to gain additional training in regard to the Freedom of Information Act and records retention.
- The data produced by the Community College Survey of Student Engagement continues to be helpful for all areas of the college to assist planning and assessment efforts.
- Early indications from the legislative budget hearing are that very little new money will be directed to higher education, institutions who have had growth will not be rewarded for that growth, and that some revenue streams will actually decrease. Ozarka College has experienced a 20% enrollment growth, but is projected to receive slightly less funding than in the last biennium due to state budget decisions.

Instruction

- The Advising Improvement Team is in the final stages of designing improvements to the current advising process. Already some good things are coming out of the meetings
 - Be Advised campaign
 - Dr. DeLong met with staff and faculty to kick off the campaign and distribute buttons and stickers to remind students to see their advisor
 - Advisor Training
 - Joanna Fulbright and Michael Orf took the faculty and staff who are advising through a training session that addressed common mistakes in advising
 - The 2009 Spring and Summer schedule has been published online and in printed format
- A Letter of Notification has been submitted to ADHE for an AA with an emphasis in Social Work
- Dr. DeLong presented the history of the Arkansas Craft School and introduced the AA in Entrepreneurship for Artisans program to approx. 60 participants during the Art and Craft in the Creative Economy Workshop on November 11

Ash Flat Campus

- Each Tuesday the TRiO Student Support Services Department holds “TRiO Tuesdays” in which they conduct a relaxed Q & A session in the student center covering topics such as financial aid, study skills, time management, and career goals.
- Nov. 6 Lyon College set up a booth in the student center to discuss their newest transfer scholarship program for Ozarka College graduates.
- Nov. 13 The Student Success Department conducted a “Christmas on a Budget” workshop open to all Ozarka College students.
- Nov. 13 The TRiO Department in conjunction with OC-AF Staff and Faculty held the first annual “Great Bowl of Fire Chili Cook Off”
- Nov. 17 Ozarka College staff and faculty held an open registration and placement testing session from 9-4.
- Nov 18 The Ozarka College Library held an International Day Presentation in the student center covering Italy.

Mountain View Campus

- Nov. 3 UCA Representative visits campus
- Nov. 3 Arkansas Craft School (ACS) Program Committee Meeting; 1:00 pm; Gin serves as chair

- Nov. 5 PTK Orientation; 2:00 pm
- Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 18 and Nov. 20. Aging in Place class sponsored by the Stone County Cooperative Extension Service; 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. MV room 105
- Nov. 10 Chili Cook Off sponsored by TRiO, Faculty and Office Staff; 11:30 am to 1:00 pm; David Mitchell's prize winning chili; raised \$40 for General Scholarship fund.
- Nov. 10 Registration Opened for Spring and Summer semesters
- Nov. 11 Student Success Center hosted a Christmas Craft on a Budget workshop; 11:00 am
- Nov. 17 Lyon College Representative visits campus 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Nov. 18 Registration New and Returning students; Compass test 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.
- Nov. 19 International Day –Visit Italy and never leave campus
- Nov. 19 Glass Bead Making presentation by master craft-persons Tom and Sage Hollard to Cherri McKee McSwain's art and communication classes.
- Nov. 19 Completed Environmental Scans with 3 different community groups for Planning and Special Projects
- Nov. 21 Mountain View Campus Satisfaction Survey completed
- Nov. 21 SIR II Student Instructional Report by faculty and Staff completed
- Nov. 26 White River Area Agency on Aging Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Enrollment Fair; 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Student Services/Enrollment Information

- Zeda Wilkerson reports that “applications for spring are up by 100 from last year. Approximately 50 more students have enrolled in courses than had at this time last year.”
- TRiO students will attend The Madrigal Feast – a 16th century dinner theatre performance on December 4 at Arkansas State University.
- TRiO will provide Finals Workshops on December 1-3 at all three Ozarka College locations.
- The Advisement Task Force has implemented the Be Advised campaign. The purpose: to encourage student engagement in their education and to promote communication with their advisor.
- November 6, 2008 As part of the cultural component of the SSS grant, TRiO SSS attended an opera entitled The Scarlet Letter at the UCA Campus. 14 students and 4 staff attended this event.
- TRiO sponsored Chili Cook Off events on each campus October 30, 2008 (Melbourne), November 10, 2008 (Mountain View), and November 13, 2008 (Ash Flat)
- November 13, 2008 As part of the cultural component of the SSS grant, TRiO SSS hosted a Coffeehouse night at the Melbourne Campus.
- November 15-19, 2008. Deltha Shell and Karin Brown attended the annual SWASAP (Southwest Association of Student Assistance Personnel) in Hot Springs, AR. Karin serves on the AASAP board as SWASAP Representative. Deltha graduated from the SWASAP Emerging Leader Institute. Deltha Shell received a pin recognizing 5 years of service to TRiO. Gale Tinsman, Arkansas TRiO Achiever and Ozarka College alumni spoke to the membership about her personal successes.

Advancement/Workforce/Community Service

- Participated in state continuing education association conference in Heber Springs
- Attended Community Job Based Training Grant planning session including 7 other two-year institutions to consider grant funding for Fayetteville Shale worker training

- Attended chamber meetings in 4-county service area
- Conducted workshops for student success center
- Assisted with fundraiser for Harold Crawford endowment
- Completed holiday decorating for campus open house in Melbourne Received \$10,000 donation for new Nursing Student Endowment

Grants/Planning/Special Projects

- DOJ Grant - The final report has been accepted by the Office on Violence Against Women.
- Perkins Grant - The Student Success Center has tutored over 200 hours thus far this semester.
- Partners for Care Grant - The third quarterly report has been submitted to UACCB.
- International Day - The first International Day featuring Italy has been held on each campus with approximately 120 students participating.
- Diversity Committee - The newly appointed Diversity Committee met for the first time this month and is in the process of adopting objectives for the coming year.
- The Self-Study Steering Committee continued to meet on Friday afternoons. Plans are being made for seven employees to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Higher Learning Commission.

Finance/Auxiliary Services

- The roofing project for the Administration Building has been completed. The work was performed by All Seasons Roofing, Inc. Total cost for the project was \$59,124.
- The first direct deposit of a student aid refund was processed during November. We will begin advertising this new option for receiving financial aid refunds and collecting the necessary information from students to participate in the Spring Semester.
- Roland Robinson with the AR Insurance Department conducted annual loss control inspections at each of the campus on November 12th – 14th.

Information Systems

- Added support for degree audit alerts to registration process.
- Financial Aid and the advisor will receive an email indicating if a student is registered for a course that doesn't fit in their degree plan.
- Tested Sonisweb 2.2 on development servers. Scheduled to be installed November 28th - 30th.
- Tested Sage Accounting (MIP) 10.1 on development server. Also scheduled to be installed on Nov 28th - 30th.

Physical Plant/Grounds

- Additional cabinets are going to be installed at the Day Care for storage.
- The new roof has been completed on the main building.
- The Grounds department has been in the stage of fall clean up which involves leaves, pruning, cleaning shrub beds.
- Servicing and winterizing equipment.
- Winterizing sprinkler systems.
- Burning brush piles.

Personnel

New hires for consideration at the next Board of Trustees meeting

Resignations

- Marilyn Mathis (Retired)

Searches

- Custodial Worker II

Travel/College Representation

- *Dusty R. Johnston*
 - *Lunch with community members—November 6—Mountain View*
 - *Lunch with community members—November 10—Ash Flat*
 - *Arkansas Craft School workshop—November 11-12—Mountain View*
 - *Legislative budget hearing—November 13—Little Rock*
 - *FOI workshop—November 18—Little Rock*
 - *Workforce Investment Board—November 24—Batesville*
- *Dr. Mike DeLong*
 - *Achieving the Dream Conference—November 4—Little Rock*
 - *Art and Craft in the Creative Economy Conference —November 11-12—Mountain View*
- *Gin Brown*
 - *Community Lunch with Dr. Johnston, Jane Shipman, Michelle Coon, Wright Pillow and Sue Ellen Davidson—November 6—Mountain View*
 - *Stone County Drug Abuse Prevention Committee—November 6—Mountain View DHS Office; 3:30 pm; Gin serves on board*
 - *Stone County Community Resource Council; OC update—November 10—Dorcus House, Mountain View; 11:00 a.m.*
 - *Art and Craft in the Creative Economy of the Natural State...a Workshop for Public Planners and Leaders sponsored by the ACS—November 11-12—Ozark Folk Center—Gin in charge of registration and room arrangements; Dr. DeLong presented; Dr. Johnston in attendance*
 - *Stone County Youth Leadership Program "Leadership – Your Ticket to the Good Life"—November 19—9:00 am to 2:00 pm; Gin served as moderator and presented program on etiquette; Board meeting followed the program*
 - *Meeting with Stone County Judge, Stacy Avey concerning educational survey for Stone County—November 25—Mountain View*
- *James Spurlock*
 - *Veteran's Day Ceremony—November 11, 2008—Highland , AR*
 - *Salem Chamber Meeting—November 19, 2008—Salem, AR*
- *Joyce Baker and Ron Helm*
 - *Attended the AIRO (Arkansas Institutional Research Officer) meeting—November 12—Pulaski Technical College*
- *Joyce Goff*
 - *Attended the Arkansas Association of Financial Aid Administrators conference—November 20-21—Mount Magazine*
- *Joyce Goff & Pam Miller*
 - *Attended a Financial Aid Conference—October 22-24—Eureka Springs*
- *Tina Wheelis*
 - *SACUBO Fall Conference—November 2-4, 2008—Savannah, GA*
- *Joan Stirling, Kim Whitten & Karla Rush*
 - *Attended a Freedom of Information Act workshop—November 11—Little Rock*

Kudos

- *Congratulations to Jeremy Nicholson and his wife Edie for the new addition to the family...a baby boy named James*
- *Stephen Baltz, Pat Hess, Carol Lee, Deltha Shell, David Mitchell for making chili plus Jeremy Nicholson, Cindy Conley, Rex Whitfield, Jeannie Hudspeth, Donna*

York, Karin Brown, John Peters and Gin Brown for providing the extras to make the MV Chili Cook Off a success.

- Cherri McKee-McSwain and her students for all the work in helping to make International Day successful.
- A paintball tournament was held by Cedric Morley and the LPN Class at Ash Flat to raise money for the foundation scholarship fund.
- Laretta Coleman has a beautiful new great granddaughter.
- Mary Ellen Hawkins and Joan Stirling for planning the first International Days at Ozarka College (all campuses).
- Deltha Shell graduated from the SWASAP Emerging Leader Institute.
- Deltha Shell received a pin recognizing 5 years of service to TRiO.
- Karin Brown was selected for the 2008/2009 Emerging Leader Institute class.

In our thoughts

For challenges of family or personal illness:

- Ruby Johnson—illness
- Kendall Morrison's Grandfather passed away
- Roger Koonce—illness
- John Dan & Susan Kemp (Foundation Board Member)— John Dan's mother passed away
- Phil Gillihan—illness
- Billy Banks (maintenance part-time)—Mother passed away
- Brenda Morris—illness
- Ronny Rush's father—illness
- Marilyn Mathis—Retirement
- Libby Cone's mother—illness
- Mandy Fuller—Father passed away

Tentative discussion items for the next Board of Trustees meeting

- Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) update
- Self-Study for reaccreditation update
- 2009 Legislative session update

Tentative action items for the next Board of Trustees meeting

- Consideration of new hires since the last board meeting
- Consideration of the revised Board of Trustee's Policy and Procedure Handbook
- Consideration of Retirement Insurance Provisions policy
- Consideration to delete current Trustees, past Trustees, and trustee families from Board Policy 5.52 dealing with tuition waivers
- Consideration of the end of month and year to date finance report

Monthly Financial Report

The end of month and year to date financial report will be included in the December board meeting packet of information which will be mailed out by December 8.

College Monthly Calendar (attached)

DRJ Closing Comments

- The funding scenario for higher education during the upcoming sessions is looking bleak. I anticipate we will continue to be asked to do more and to get by with less funding. This has been the bottom line of the last two budget hearings that I have attended.
- I want to remind you of the Trees and Tidings holiday open house on the Melbourne campus Wednesday, December 10 from 12:00 am to 2:00 pm in the John E. Miller

building. The open house in Ash Flat is Tuesday, December 2 and the open house in Mountain View is on Wednesday, December 3.

- The next board of trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 18. Snacks will start at 4:00 pm and the official meeting will start at 4:30 pm. There will be no dinner after the meeting.
- Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments at:
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Month View	Day View	Room Finder	New Event			
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 </p> <p>(p) 9:30 AM Foundation Board Meeting</p> <p>(m) 10:00 AM MV Ark Craft School Program Comm</p> <p>(s) 10:00 AM MV Care to Share</p> <p>(p) 6:00 PM Iazard County Family Theatre Practice</p>	<p>2 </p> <p>(p) 8:00 AM Care 2 Share</p> <p>(s) 10:00 AM MV Care to Share</p> <p>(p) 11:00 AM Faculty Council Meeting (C116, MV101, AF102)</p> <p>(s) 11:00 AM MV TRIOWorried over Finals Workshop</p> <p>(p) 12:00 PM Holiday Event - AF</p> <p>(p) 12:00 PM Guest Speaker</p> <p>(p) 4:00 PM Shower for Michelle Gray</p> <p>(p) 5:00 PM MV Area Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>(p) 5:00 PM Iazard County Family Theatre Practice</p>	<p>3 </p> <p>(p) 12:00 PM Holiday Event-Mountain View</p> <p>(p) 1:00 PM TRIO Finals Workshop</p> <p>(p) 6:00 PM Iazard County Family Theatre Practice</p>	<p>4 </p> <p>(m) 11:00 AM College Planning/Effectiveness</p> <p>(p) 5:00 PM Iazard County Family Theatre Performance</p> <p>(p) 6:00 PM Farm Bureau Dinner</p> <p>Last Day to Drop and Receive a "W"</p>	<p>5 </p> <p>(m) 2:00 PM Self-Study</p> <p>(m) 2:00 PM Self-Study</p> <p>(m) 2:00 PM Self-Study</p> <p>(p) 5:00 PM Iazard County Family Theatre Performance</p> <p>Classes End</p>	<p>6 </p> <p>(p) 1:00 PM Iazard County Family Theatre Performance</p> <p>(p) 4:00 PM Iazard County Family Theatre Performance</p> <p>(p) 6:00 PM Manna House Dinner</p>
7	<p>8 </p> <p>(p) 10:30 AM Practice - Capping & Pinning</p> <p>(m) 6:30 PM Gideons</p>	<p>9 </p> <p>(p) 6:00 PM Melbourne Fire Department Mtg.</p> <p>(p) 6:00 PM LPN Capping & Pinning</p>	<p>10 </p> <p>(m) 8:30 AM Stone County Youth Leadership Program</p> <p>(h) 9:00 AM Search Committee Meeting</p> <p>(p) 12:00 PM Holiday Event-Melbourne</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>(p) 8:00 AM Jr. High Quiz Bowl - NAESC</p> <p>(h) 8:00 AM Jr. High Quiz Bowl - NAESC</p> <p>(h) 8:00 AM Jr. High Quiz Bowl - NAESC</p> <p>(h) 8:00 AM Jr. High Quiz Bowl - NAESC</p> <p>(h) 8:00 AM Jr. High Quiz Bowl</p> <p>(p) 9:00 AM McDonnell-Douglas Mtng</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>(m) 2:00 PM Self-Study</p> <p>(m) 2:00 PM Self-Study</p> <p>(m) 2:00 PM Self-Study</p> <p>(p) 6:00 PM Christmas Party</p> <p>Last Day for Faculty</p>	<p>13 </p> <p>(p) 8:00 AM ACT Test</p> <p>(m) 9:00 AM MV Ark Craft School Board Retreat</p>
14	<p>15 </p> <p>(p) 8:00 AM Mountain View High School Registration</p> <p>(m) 5:00 PM Kids Academy Christmas Party</p> <p>Final Grades Due</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>(p) 8:00 AM Mountain View High School Registration</p> <p>(p) 8:30 AM Mt. Pleasant Elementary Christmas Program Practice</p> <p>(p) 7:00 PM Mt. Pleasant Elementary Christmas Program</p>	<p>17 </p> <p>(p) 1:00 PM MV Compass Testing</p>	<p>18 </p> <p>(p) 4:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting</p>	19	20
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Event Codes:
 (k) - Catering
 (c) - Class - Off Schedule
 (f) - Foundation
 (h) - Hidden