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ON THE CALENDAR

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| Priority Registration Spring 08 (current students) | November 12-19 |
| Health Care Job Fair Great Room | November 13 |
| Spring 08 Cosmetology Application Deadline | November 16 |
| Thanksgiving Holiday No Classes Campus Closed | Nov 20-23 Nov 21-23 |
| Registration Spring 08 | Nov 26- Jan 11 |
| Health Care Job Fair Great Room | November 27 |
| Registration Session for Spring 08 PN Students | November 27 9A OR 1P |
| Registration Session for Spring 08 PN Students | December 5 9A OR 1P |
| Final Exams | Dec 10-13 |
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| RN Pinning Ceremony Great Room | December 12 |
| RN Pinning Ceremony Great Room | December 12 |
| LPN Pinning Ceremony Great Room | December 13 |
| LPN Pinning Ceremony Great Room | December 13 |
| Book Buy Back OTC Bookstore | Dec 12&13 9A-6P |
| Christmas Holiday Campus Closed | Dec 24 - Jan 1 |



It is more than a cute title, it is a wonderful resource of learning for

Ouachita Technical College students and citizens of Malvern, Hot Spring County, and the world.

OTC, along with more than 1,500 of the top schools across the United States, Canada, and Australia, are offering practical and highly effective **ed2go** online courses. Topics include everything from Creating Web Pages to Accounting Fundamentals, Speed Spanish to Grant Writing, Medical Terminology to Real Estate Investing, and much, much more. Every course is complete with instructors and final exams.

Unless otherwise specified, all of the courses run for six weeks. Each student is granted access to two lessons each week for six weeks. Each lesson will be accompanied by a short, multiple-choice quiz, and some lessons may also include a hands-on assignment. The student is expected to complete each quiz and assignment within two weeks from when the lesson is released. The course will conclude with a final exam; which will also have a two week period from the day the last lesson and final exam are released to complete and submit for evaluation.

A two-week grace period is built into each of the quizzes and final exams. This allows students the freedom to read each lesson at his or her leisure, and complete each assignment when it is most convenient for that student. That is the beauty of taking an online course--they are designed to fit each student's schedule--not the instructor's!

Each lesson is accompanied by an interactive discussion area. When a student needs help with a lesson or inquiry in the appropriate course discussion area, where the instructor, his or her teaching assistant, or a fellow student will respond.

One of the featured classes in **ed2go** is *Discover Digital Photography*. Dr. Beverly Schulz is a freelance photographer and a graduate of the Professional Photography Program at the New York Institute of Photography. She teaches several classes in digital and traditional photography and has more than 25 years of classroom instruction experience. Her writing and photography have been published in a number of magazines, in addition to two books on organization. She holds her Bachelor's in Legal Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, her Master's in Adult and Continuing Education, from the University of Phoenix, and her Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Lacrosse University.

The course provides an introduction to the fascinating technology that is catapulting the photographic world into the 21st century. Discussions will include the basics of digital photography, equipment, software, the digital darkroom, printing, Internet and e-mail use, along with commercial and personal applications. Students will learn what he or she needs, what can be done, and

what investments can be expected.

Whether you are new to photography or a long-time professional looking for a complement to traditional photography, this class will provide an introduction to new opportunities for putting digital photography to use.

Student Reviews:

"My first online course, but definitely not my last. I now feel well qualified to shop for my first digital camera, and photo software."

"The instructor was excellent - very knowledgeable and helpful. I have not yet bought a digital camera, so some of the data will have to wait until I do. But based on what I've seen so far, I'd like to take the other online course the instructor offers. I was very impressed."

"I really enjoyed this course and found it very informative and helpful. Based on other evaluations, I had feared it would be too basic, but I learned things in each lesson. My only disappointment was that for a series of reasons I was unable to obtain a digital camera to work with until the end of the class. Now I want to really dive in and go through all the assignments again. For me, at the level I was at, this was a terrific course and I enjoyed the teaching style."

"Very informative and interesting class. Thanks for all your help!"

For more information about this educational opportunity through Ouachita Technical College, go to <http://www.ed2go.com/otcweb>.

From the President's Desk



The fall season is my favorite season. Maybe it's because I like football, basketball, and hunting. Maybe it's because summer is my least favorite season and that is because all of my 40-year working career I have had to wear a dress coat and tie on most business days, even in the summer, and most men built like me hate to have to wear the dress clothes in hot, sweaty weather. So, the hot days are gone and that is good. The main reason I like the fall season, though, is that the activities of a busy school year are really going strong by now. And, so it is at OTC.

We just had a great fall festival on campus that involved a lot of students, faculty and staff and which attracted hundreds of local children and adults for games and treats. We try to make going to OTC a fun experience even for youngsters not yet ready to enroll.

Our new Achieving the Dream initiative is picking up steam and we will soon be having focus group meetings with students, faculty, and staff. And, we will begin to have conversations with local citizens and community leaders about OTC. All of these meetings will be designed to help us prioritize our opportunities for growth, change, and improvement and to help us to collect ideas on how we can make OTC better. We especially want to get better at helping students succeed,

learn better, persist from term to term, and graduate.

Our Career Pathways initiative has enrolled a record number of students this fall – almost 150 students in college plus another 75 students at the workforce center earning employability credentials, refreshing their basic academic skills, and getting ready for college next term.

And, our new two-story, 18,000 square foot instructional technology classroom building is taking shape in an impressive way. Almost all of the structural steel is up and we can imagine what a significant structure it will become. This will be a marvelous enhancement to our campus and represent a tremendous resource to help us serve students as we endeavor to change lives and build futures.

Introducing OTC's Newest Board Member



Judge John Cole was recently appointed by Governor Mike Beebe to the Ouachita Technical College Board of Trustees for a term to expire in 2014.

Judge Cole lives in Sheridan and was raised in Malvern. He attended Arkansas Law School and received his L.L.B. in 1967. He was Municipal Judge of Grant County from 1969 to 1974; Prosecuting Attorney for the 7th Judicial District from 1975 through 1978; and Circuit Judge for the District from 1979 through 2002.

Judge Cole has been a member of the Arkansas Probation Commission, Chairman of the Arkansas Sentencing Commission, and President of the Arkansas Judicial Council.

He is presently a Special Circuit Judge for the Arkansas Supreme Court and presides in trials throughout Arkansas. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Malvern National Bank.

Judge Cole stated, "I am thrilled and excited to receive this appointment. OTC is a special educational facility and I look forward to working with its faculty, the Board, and OTC President Dr. Barry Ballard."

Online Courses are the Answer for Scott Jones



**OTC Student,
Hot Spring
County Sheriff's
Office Criminal
Investigator, and
Army National
Guard Member,
Scott Jones**

being a member of the Army National Guard, and, most important, being a husband and father.

Although currently employed with the Hot Spring

County Sheriff's Office as a Criminal Investigator, Scott will be on leave from the office very soon. He, along with many others from this area, will be deployed to Iraq. This particular challenge is not stopping Scott, however, from taking full advantage of OTC's online courses. Scott says, "I didn't think I'd be able to finish my degree

because of my career and other obligations, but with online courses, I can!"

As Scott's "classroom" is about to be a little different than that of his fellow classmates, he does not plan to allow that fact to interfere with his educational progress. With books in tow, he plans to continue "attending" class from Iraq or wherever he may be stationed. "I am taking online courses and am enjoying the experience. It is different from the traditional classroom, but it affords a greater opportunity to me." Watch for a follow-up article on Scott next year as he shares with us the responsibilities of student/soldier.

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Part-time student, Scott Jones, faces many of the same challenges as so many other Ouachita Technical College students, of which include having a career which requires him to be on call at all times,

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Changing Lives...Building Futures!

OTC was Passionately Pink for the Cure!



Just a few of the "Passionately Pink Participants"

In conjunction with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Susan G Komen for the Cure, Ouachita Technical College participated in Passionately Pink for the Cure. Members of OTC's faculty, staff, and administration were able to dress in pink by making a donation to the Susan G Komen for the Race Foundation. OTC proudly raised a grand total of \$428.00 in donations!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LEANNE THOMASON

ADMISSIONS ANALYST

Started at OTC in July 2006.

My job responsibilities include reviewing and evaluating applications, academic transcripts, and test scores relating to requests for admission to OTC. Establishing student files and other responsibilities as required to assist prospective students.

My family includes my husband of 10 years: Brandon, three sons: Jesse, Alex, and Joshua, and a Shih Tzu named Wicket.

My dream vacation would be a seven day trip to Australia with my husband and kids.

My favorite food is my Granny's fried chicken.

One thing that people might not know about me is that I am extremely afraid of bridges. I have nightmares about falling off them and I have even stopped on the side of the road and refused to drive over a couple.

My favorite thing to do in my spare time is cheer for my kids during their basketball or baseball games. Go Ouachita Warriors!

My first vehicle was a 1976 Candy-Apple Red Volkswagen Beetle.

My favorite season is fall (my birthday is October 5th).

The furthest I have traveled is Cozumel, Mexico.

My biggest pet peeve is when people chew ice.

My favorite thing about OTC is the friends I have made.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

TERRI COLANANNI

MATH INSTRUCTOR

Started at OTC in August 1990.

My job responsibilities include teaching Basic Math, Basic Algebra, and Intermediate Algebra in the ICL Math Lab; College Algebra in the classroom; and Math for Teachers I and II online.

My family includes husband Rich, BJ and Shea (live in Little Rock), Christen and Jake (live in Arlington, TX), and Mick (a sophomore at ASU in Jonesboro).

The last book I read was a series of novellas about the five women in the lineage of Jesus (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary).

My favorite food is dark chocolate M&Ms.

As a child, I wanted to be a teacher (corny, but true) when I grew up.

My favorite thing to do in my spare time is read.

My first vehicle was a Buick Skylark.

My favorite season is summer (no school).

With one hour of free time I would watch a home makeover show.

The furthest I have traveled is Acapulco, Mexico.

My biggest pet peeve is profanity in movies.

My favorite thing about OTC is the people who work here.

My favorite thing to do on a Saturday afternoon is go for a long walk/jog.