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ON THE CALENDAR

Fall Fest	October 24
Phi Theta Kappa (Honor Society) Meeting	October 28 3:45 pm
Last Day to Withdraw with a "W"	October 31
Priority Registration (current students only)	November 10-14
Spring Cosmetology Application Deadline	November 14
General Registration	November 17- January 9
New Spring Practical Nursing Student Registration	November 18 9:00am OR 1:00 pm
Thanksgiving Holiday No Classes Campus Closed	Nov 25 - 28 Nov 26 - 28
New Spring Cosmetology Student Orientation/Registration	December 5
New Spring Practical Nursing Student Registration	December 5 9:00 am OR 1:00 pm
Final Exam Week	December 8-11
RN Pinning Ceremony	December 10
PN Pinning Ceremony	December 11
Fall Cosmetology Class ends	December 17
Christmas Holiday For students Campus Closed	Dec 15-Jan 9 Dec 23-Jan 2
Spring 09 Classes Begin	January 12

Arts and Sciences Center

From a Ground-Breaking Ceremony to a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony all within 15 months! Ouachita Technical College is proud to introduce to the community our campus' first two-story building.



On September 19, 2008, OTC employees, students, board and community members crowded into the Acme Brick Foyer of the Arts and Sciences Center to participate in the ceremonial building dedication and ribbon-cutting. It was quite an event! The speakers for the morning program included OTC President, Dr. Barry Ballard; history instructor, Dr. Marvin Schultz; honor student, Mrs.

Christina Cantrell; Arts and Sciences Division Chair, Mr. Pat Simms; and Mayor of Malvern, Mr. Steve Northcutt.

The 17,800 square foot, two-story building took five years of planning and \$2.48 million to complete. It is home to seven technologically-equipped classrooms, three labs, 12 offices, a conference room, break room, and student study room. There are 118,000 bricks and 22,900 feet of cable (almost 4 miles).

"Students who attend here will learn that we are better wired and more technologically advanced than most of the four-year colleges in the state," Mr. Simms said.

Adorning the walls throughout the building is original artwork from former Ouachita Technical College students and friends of the college; Terri Davy, Deborah Shelman, Joel Railsback and ARC

Arkansas, Helen Leigh, JoAnne Diffie Will Childers, Sara Ferril, and Garvan Woodland Gardens.

According to Mrs. Cantrell, "This (facility) will provide students with a relaxed, yet creative environment and will draw new students".

Dr. Ballard summed up the occasion by reminding everyone, "It's about nothing but serving the students. They are what it's all about."



June 19, 2007



September 19, 2008



Dee Edie,
Diamond
Lakes
Federal
Credit
Union

President/CEO, was recently appointed by Governor Mike Beebe to serve on the Ouachita Technical College Board of Trustees. Hot Spring County Clerk Sue Jones officiated Ms. Eddie's swearing-in.



Mark Roberts, Executive Vice President of Malvern National Bank, presents OTC President, Dr. Barry Ballard with a \$6,000.00 payment towards MNB's pledge to the OTC Foundation.

From the President's Desk...



I can really tell that the fall 2008 semester is well under way though it seems like it just started a day or so

ago. We are already feeling a bit overwhelmed with all the things we have going. This year we have more improvement and development projects underway than at any time this decade.

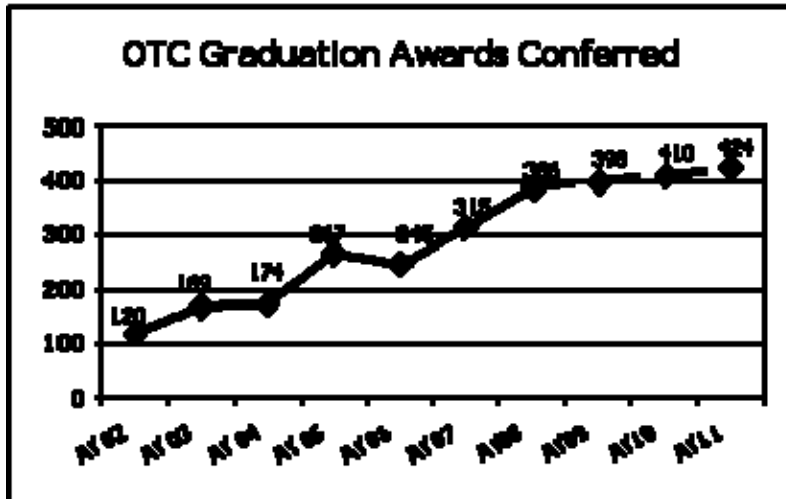
Here is a partial list of those projects: 1. We are finishing up the five-year Title III development grant project this term, 2. We will begin an institutional self-study this year as we seek to get OTC's 10-year Higher Learning Commission accreditation renewed, 3. We are seeking NACEP (National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships)

accreditation to demonstrate that our high school concurrent courses are on the highest quality level (no university in Arkansas currently meets these standards), 4. We are undertaking three Achieving the Dream initiatives to continue increasing the number and percent of students who succeed in college and either graduate or transfer to a university, 5. On Friday, September 19, OTC hosted the dedication and open house of our new 17,800 sq. ft. Arts and Sciences Center to culminate a \$3 million planning and development project that started over four year ago, 6. The OTC Foundation Board received on September 19th a financial report on donated and matched funds that enabled them to complete the establishment of OTC's first ever permanent student scholarship endowment fund, 7. We are preparing to submit OTC's general operating and capitol improvement funds appropriation request to the

governor, legislature, and state department of higher education for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 fiscal years (hope our crystal ball is accurate), and 8. The faculty and staff will develop specific performance objectives to support the four action areas in a new five-year strategic plan that the OTC Board of Trustees approved recently along with a new mission and vision statement.

In the last few years, since the 2002-03 school year, we have more than doubled our graduation and transfer rates which are important measures of student success. If we continue to be successful with the ambitious initiatives and development projects that are currently underway, we will be able to improve on the 2002-03 school year student success measures by almost 200 percent within three years (see the chart on graduation awards conferred).

Stacy Ballard



Big Bingo Bash Raises Nearly \$10,000 for Scholarships

Ouachita Technical College's Great Room was full of enthusiastic bingo players on Friday, August 15, at the OTC Foundation's first-ever Big Bingo Bash. The room was so full that there was little room for the bingo workers to squeeze through the aisles as they sold additional bingo cards throughout the evening. The event raised nearly \$10,000 for the Scholarship Endowment fund and will help students attend college that might not be able to without financial assistance. The funds raised were matched dollar for dollar by a federal grant therefore doubling the amount to almost \$20,000 to fund scholarships.



The players marked the called numbers for 20 bingo games and the winners received prize packages valued from \$203 to \$426. Midway through the evening, a raffle

drawing was held for a Nintendo Wii won by an excited Dot Paladino, who had earlier proclaimed "I never win anything." The total value of the prizes given during the event was \$5,741.90. The prizes were generously donated by individuals and businesses in the community.

"We were elated with the success of our first Big Bingo Bash and are already looking at dates to host the event again next year," stated Amber Childers, OTC Director of Development and PR.

A special thanks to the sponsors for the Bingo Bash: Young's Health Mart, KBOK/KLAZ, Joe Keith, Malvern Daily Record,

MNB Bank, Southern Bancorp, Southern State Bank, Summit Bank, Winner's Circle Convenience Stores, Roger and Deborah Coomer, Diamond Lakes Federal Credit Union, Stephen Efird, DDS, Food Center, Grayer Electric, Joe and Susan Karr, Kindy & Elliott, CPA, Lisenby's Jewelry, Regency Funeral Home, US Bank, Wal-Mart, and Western Sizzlin.



Dot Paladino, raffle winner

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Name _____
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GIFT DESIGNATION:

I would like my gift to be designated for:

- Unrestricted—Please use where the need is greatest
- Building and Equipment
- Scholarship Endowment

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 # _____
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The College understands that you reserve the right to alter this commitment due to unforeseen causes.

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OTC at AATYC...

The Arkansas Association of Two Year College's (AATYC) annual conference was recently held in Rogers, AR. OTC's outstanding Alumni and Academic All-Star recipients were both recognized with awards. In a surprise twist, it was announced that all of the Academic All-Star recipients will receive a scholarship to the Arkansas 4-year college of their choice to be able to continue their education.



OTC's Outstanding Alumni, Kandi Holmes, pictured with OTC President, Dr. Ballard, and English Chair, Dr. Sharon Seals, after receiving her award from AATYC.



AATYC Academic All-Star Recipient, Christina Cantrell, pictured with OTC President, Dr. Ballard, and HSU President, Dr. Chuck Welch. Christina plans to continue on to HSU next fall for her bachelors degree.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LORI STAFFORD

TRIO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Started at OTC in October, 2007.

My job responsibilities include anything I'm asked to do and other duties as assigned.

My family includes my daughter, Aim'ee.

The last book I read was *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer.

My favorite food is Mexican.

One thing that people might not know about me is that I'm related to Elvis Presley and Jimmy Carter.

As a child, I wanted to be a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader when I grew up.

My favorite thing to do in my spare time is go antiquing or spend time with friends.

My first vehicle was a 1978 Harvest Gold Ford Granada.

With one hour of free time I would read or spend time with Aim'ee.

The furthest I have traveled is Florida.

My biggest pet peeve is someone who mistreats children.

My favorite thing about OTC is the great group of people I work with.

My favorite thing to do on a Saturday is, depends on the weather, usually spend time with friends and/or family.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

JERRY LITTLE

APPLIED SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR (CIS)



Started at OTC in August, 1996.

My job responsibilities include instructing Computer Repair, Cisco 1 thru 3, UNIX TCP/IP, Advanced Network Hardware, Computer Security Fundamentals, and Security +.

My family includes my wife, Chong Hui; Chihuahua, Ana; Pomeranian, Angel, four children, and 12 grandchildren.

The last book I read was *Left Behind* series.

My dream vacation would be a ride on the Alaskan, Anchorage to Fairbanks, train.

My favorite food is Seafood.

One thing that people might not know about me is that I was the worst student in my family; a solid D and F student. But I was the only one of my siblings to finish college.

As a child, I wanted to be a Race Car driver when I grew up.

My favorite thing to do in my spare time is anything that deals with custom cars and drag racing.

My first vehicle was a 1955 Chevy 2-door Sedan.

My favorite thing to do on a Saturday is watch sports.

The furthest I have traveled is South Korea and the Philippines. My favorite thing about OTC is the good friends I've made since I've been here!