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**ON THE CALENDAR**

**BIG BINGO BASH** August 27

Cosmetology  
 Fall Mid-Term Application  
 Deadline September 3

Labor Day Holiday  
 Campus Closed September 6

Nursing  
 (RN & PN) January Program  
 Application Deadline October 4

Cosmetology Spring  
 2011 Application Deadline November 19

Thanksgiving Holiday  
 No Classes November 23-26  
 Campus Closed November 24-26

Fall Final Exams December 6-9

Christmas Holiday  
 Campus Closed December 13-31  
 December 20-31

## Bingo to Raise Money for Student Scholarships



The Ouachita Technical College Foundation is excited to present the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Big Bingo Bash**. The event will be held on Friday, August 27th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Malvern Community Center, 1800 West Moline Street in Malvern.

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.

"We are very much looking forward to this year's Big Bingo Bash! Last year, we had a great crowd of bingo players and everyone had such a good time," says Amber Childers, Event Coordinator and OTC Director of Development. "We raised more than \$10,000 for scholarships and

we're expecting to exceed that amount this year. The prize packages are certainly larger in value than they have been in the past and should, expectedly, draw a larger crowd. They include a Zenith 40" Flat screen LCD TV, a Notebook laptop computer, and three bicycles, just to name a few."

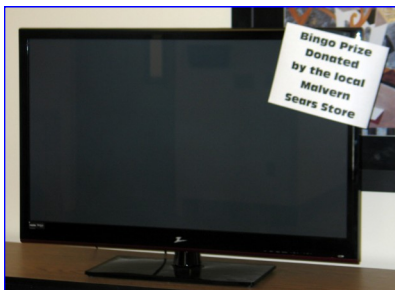
Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and include one bingo card for each of the first sixteen games AND a bag of popcorn. Additional cards will be available for \$1 per card. Food concessions will also be sold. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

Winners will receive prize packages valued from \$200 to \$600. Packages include items such as gift certificates to Malvern and Hot Springs restaurants, businesses, and entertainment venues, gas certificates, grocery certificates, a TV, a laptop computer, bicycles, and so much more. There will also be a raffle drawing for a 50" Sanyo Plasma TV. Raffle tickets may be purchased in advance of the event and the winner does not have to be present to win. Raffle tickets are one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5.

Limited tickets are available and may be purchased by calling 332-0234 or by email at [amber@otcweb.edu](mailto: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.

Coverall sponsors are: KBOK/ KLAZ and Malvern Daily Record. Four Corners Sponsors are: Central Arkansas Petroleum, Crystal Groove Cleaning, Farmers Bank & Trust, Harris Architecture, MNB Bank, Floyd & Joyce Parker, Summit Bank, and Wal-Mart. The Fun Times Sponsors are: Barry and Linda Ballard, Blake and Charlotte Robertson, Body Works Health and Recreation, CakeSations, Edward Jones – Kinney Black, Gary Williams – Smith Barney, Grayer Electric, Kindy and Elliott, CPAs, Regency Funeral Home, Roger & Deborah Coomer, Sears, US Bank, and Western Sizzlin. If you or your business would like to discuss the value of a sponsorship, please contact Amber Childers at 501-332-0234, or [amber@otcweb.edu](mailto:amber@otcweb.edu).

**BINGO PRIZES:**



Zenith 40" Flat screen LCD TV



One of the bicycles. Tested & approved by Dr. Ballard.

**RAFFLE PRIZE:**

**Sanyo 50" Plasma TV**

**Do Not have to be present to win!**



# Faculty and Staff Honored

By: A. Childers

Ouachita Technical College employees were recognized with Years of Service Awards at the Annual Employee Recognition Breakfast on May 6, 2010.

The celebration opened with a welcome by Dr. Barry Ballard, President, and an invocation by Mr. Jerry Little. A buffet breakfast, catered by CakeSations, was set up in the Great Room at the College, which was specially decorated for the occasion. Following breakfast, the employees that have worked at the College for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years received pins and certificates from Dr. Barry Ballard. In addition, the 10 year employees received a desk plaque, the 15 year employees received a travel bag, and the 20 year employees received an engraved clock.

Those employees honored for five years of service included: John Bratton, Billy Francis, Mary Ann Harper, Marlene McKellips, Rebrenda Schulz, and Wendy Sullivan. Ten year employees honored included: Dana Brownfield, Linda Cunningham, Marshel Johnson, Cheryl Reed, and George Welch. Fifteen year employees honored included: Teresa Avery, Amber Childers, Roger Coomer, Carla Crutchfield, Sandra Davis, and Dede Rucker. Employees honored for twenty years of service included: Terri Colananni, Ruben

Keisler, Jan Robertson, Sandra Spayde, and Ronnie Thompson.

The OTC Outstanding Faculty and Staff were announced. The 2010 Outstanding Faculty member as selected by the OTC employees was Ms. Donna Hill. Ms. Shelia Jenkins and Ms. Sandra Spayde both received the title of the 2010 Outstanding Staff member as there was a tie between the two employees.

Mr. Pat Simms presented a plaque to outgoing chair of the English Department, Ms. Sharon Seals, and announced that Ms. Donna Hill would be replacing her as chair.

A special presentation was made in honor of retiring faculty member, Mr. Jerry Little. Mr. Little is retiring after 14 years of teaching at OTC. He was presented with a plaque and a money tree.

The Employee Recognition Breakfast is an annual event to recognize the dedicated employees of OTC with five or more years of service.



Five years of service



Ten years of service



Fifteen years of service



Twenty years of service



Outstanding Faculty



Outstanding Staff



Retiree Mr. Jerry Little

# Third Annual TRiO Award Banquet Successful

By: L. Stafford



At the end of the Spring semester, TRiO Student Support Services celebrated their third annual Student Support Services Award Banquet. This year's theme was "Grow Your Dreams". TRiO encouraged students to "grow" their dreams and

not give up. The guest speaker was Señor Angelo Zambrano, who spoke to the TRiO students about his dream as a child, and how dedication and hard work led to the fulfillment of that dream. He urged the students to, "...dream whatever your hearts desired and with dedication and the Lord's help, those dreams could

come true." The banquet was the largest to date for the OTC/TRiO Student Support Services department.



Forty-five guests were in attendance including numerous students, the TRiO department, and various faculty, staff, and administration members. TRiO Student Support Services would like to thank everyone who came out and supported this event.



## Spring 2010 President's and Dean's Lists

Ouachita Technical College was proud to announce the President's and Dean's List for the Spring 2010 semester. Students on the President's List have earned 12 or more credit hours in college level courses and achieved a 4.0 grade point average for the semester. Those named to the President's List include Hot Spring County residents: **Krysten Adams, Abigail Bailey, Amy Cain, Jessica Carpenter, Stephanie Foltz, Kurt Gordon, Bridgett Hart, Amista Hood, Brandon Hughes, Darrell Hughes, Tara Hunko, Stephanie Jones, Gregory Redden, Danielle Rucker, Mary Scrimshire, Kathy Self, Vilayvieng Sivannarath, Rachel Tuggle and Kimberly Wright;** Saline County residents: **Maci Basham, Christopher Hardwick, Kimberly Harvey, Elizabeth McRaven, and Ellianne Temple;** Grant County resident: **Meca Morrow;** Clark County residents: **Jennifer Bagwell and Brian Bagwell;** Garland County residents: **Chloe Dougan**

**and Carson Toland;** Dallas County resident: **Batina Walker;** and Pulaski County resident: **Martial Ombang.** Students named to the Dean's List have earned 12 or more credit hours in college level courses and achieved a 3.50 grade point average for the semester. Those named to the Dean's List include Hot Spring County residents: **Luke Adams, Logan Almond, Brooke Balding, Michael Blasingame, Bailie Boyles, Elizabeth Browning, Monica Burris, Teena Byler, Crystal Callas, Shaquetta Cason, Angela Caviness, Jessica Cooper, Ellen Crumby, Dylan Dixon, Robert Ellerd, James Fitzhugh, Jessica Goodknight, Amber Harshbarger, Donald Haynes, Christopher Hollomon, Megan Miller, Jeff Parker, Daina Potter, Alanna Rhodes, Jill Saunders, Bryan Sikes, Jamie Turner, Kori Walker, Jane Wallace, and Domonique Wright;** Saline County residents: **Holly Boyette, Jami Caldwell,**

**Katy Harmon, Jayme Landreth, Mackenzie Lea, Lisa Lea, Samantha Lee, Danielle Looper, Shaunda Mann, Sarah McNeil, Melissa McNeil, Kelli Mitchell, Kathy Moody, Hollie Moore, Kathy Pettus, Sheri Stone, Brandi Stringfellow, and Morgan Turner;** Grant County residents: **Ginger Day, April Dial, Richard Duke, Allison Harrington, Jason Hoggard, Savanna Johnson, Beatrice Leslie, Tina Masters, Vy Nguyen, April Rainbolt, Kara Ring, Ashley Stane, Amanda Sullivant, and Sharon Wilson;** Garland County residents: **Mark Hebling, Alissa Kelley, Shannon Smith, and Sherree Toland;** Pulaski County residents: **Charles Okoh, Kencia Stanley, and Stephanie Yarberr;** and Clark County residents: **Laura Badgley, Joseph Crowder, Joshua Huneycutt, Mathew Lazenby, Willie Newborn, and Mary Shaddix.**

## OTC and Ouachita Area High School Career Center have Skills

Students of Ouachita Technical College and Ouachita Area High School Career Center, a career and technical center sponsored by the college, represented our community well in the recent



OTC College SkillsUSA Team

SkillsUSA state-wide competitions held at the convention center in Hot Springs. Over 1600 competitors and instructors participated.

Six college students and forty-four career center students from OTC attended. Two gold medals came home with college students Rhoda Washington, Medical Terminology and Tyler Porterfield, Medical Transcription. Both students will graduate in May from the Business Technology Division with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Medical Office Administration. High school career center students Rebecca Acuff received a gold medal in CPR/First Aid, and JD Schreiner received the gold medal in Power Equipment Technology.

The college Health Knowledge Bowl Team

consisting of Audra Hulin, Kelcy Stuart, Ginger Day and Kurt Gordon brought home silver medals. High school career center students Mary Catherine Moder and Jimmy Bell received silver medals in CPR/First Aid and Medical Math respectively.

Bronze medal winners were Zach Green, Auto Parts Specialist, Matthew Hathcock, Automotive Service Technology, and Cristal Duenas, Nursing Assistant. Cathy Petty is the Instructor for the Medical Professions Education program, Steve McMahan, Power Equipment Technology, and John Bratton, Automotive Service Technology.

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students and professional members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations.

SkillsUSA has more than 305,000 members annually, organized into 13,000 chapters and 54 state and territorial

associations (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands). SkillsUSA prepares America's high performance workers. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills.

It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities. Three of the seven college State officers who presided at the opening and closing ceremonies were from Ouachita



OTC Career Center SkillsUSA Team

Technical College, Audra Hulin, Tyler Porterfield, and Kelcy Stuart. State officers and gold medal winners attended the national conference and competitions in June in Kansas City, Missouri.

# Faculty and Staff Achievements



Mrs. Sherree Hughes, Medical Office Administration and CNA Instructor, has received her Certified Medical Billing Specialist - Instructor certification. This certification will allow OTC students to now take the Certified Medical Billing Specialist examination on the OTC campus. Mrs. Hughes said, "Last Fall I received the Certified Medical Billing Specialist certification, but wanted the instructor certification as an added bonus for our students."



Dr. Blake Robertson, VP of Adult and Workforce Education recently graduated from the Little Rock Office of the

FBI's Citizens Academy. "I am very honored to now be elected as a new Board member of the Alumni of that Academy", Robertson shared. The Citizen's Academy gives the general public a complete understanding of the various important functions that go on inside the Little Rock Office.

## Graduation 2010



### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### BRENDA KEISLER

#### ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR



Started at OTC part time in 1985, and full time in 1987.

My job responsibilities include GED, basic skills, WAGE, ESL, chief coffee maker, etc.

My family includes my high school sweetheart, Ruben; daughters Candie (Greg) Groves, Chrystal (Kyle) Smith; son Gregory (Jessi) Keisler, and five super grandkids—Madison, Charlie, Ben, Daniel, and Jaina.

My dream vacation would be anywhere with no cell phones or computers, but it must have a great cook and someone to clean (Alaskan cruise, maybe?).

One thing that people might not know about me is that I'm a dare-devil at heart!

As a child, I wanted to be a school counselor or librarian when I grew up.

My first vehicle was a dark blue 1962 Pontiac Star Chief.

My favorite thing to do in my spare time is bass fishing or watching TV/movies.

The furthest I have traveled is to Jamaica or Seattle, WA (I think they are the same distance away).

My favorite thing about OTC is the students (faculty and staff are pretty good, too).

My favorite thing to do on a Saturday is go bike-riding with Ruben on his Goldwing.



### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### JOSH HOLLIMAN

#### ACADEMIC ADVISOR/TESTING COORDINATOR/RECRUITER

Started at OTC in March of 2006.

My job responsibilities include helping students with whatever they might need, administering tests, sharing information about OTC with prospective students, and whatever else I'm told to do.

My family includes myself; my parents; and their dog, Shadow.

The last book I read was *What Would MacGyver Do?*

My dream vacation would be...Good question...Maybe a trip to Hawaii or New York City.

My favorite food is Pizza.

One thing that people might not know about me is that I play guitar.

As a child, I wanted to play with Michael Jordan's Bulls, but on the bench (I was realistic about my capabilities) when I grew up.

My favorite thing to do in my spare time is relax and spend time with friends and family.

With one hour of free time I would read or get a work-out in.

My favorite season is Spring or Winter.

The furthest I have traveled is Colorado.

My first vehicle was a White 1999 Pontiac Grand Am.

My favorite thing about OTC is all of the great people that I get to work with.