

# Parent Newsletter

MAY 2012

## Important Summer Dates

### May

5<sup>th</sup>-Doc Good Day-Alumni Work Day  
\*For more information contact Alumni  
Department at (417)-690-2208\*  
7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>-Finals  
12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>-40 Hour Work Week  
12<sup>th</sup>- Graduation Rehearsal  
13<sup>th</sup>-Baccalaureate & Graduation  
16<sup>th</sup>- Probation Hearing & Grades Posted  
19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>- 40 Hour Work Week  
26<sup>th</sup>- First 6 Weeks of Summer Work Begins

### June

4<sup>th</sup>- Graduates Can Pick-up Diplomas  
11<sup>th</sup>- Graduates' Diplomas Will Be Mailed

### July

7<sup>th</sup>- Second 6 Weeks of Summer Work Begins

### August

1<sup>st</sup>- First Room & Board Payment Due  
18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>- 40 Hour Work Week

## Spring Finals

Spring Finals will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to encourage your student to study, eat well, and get plenty of sleep so that they succeed on their exams. This is also a wonderful time to send care packages from home with notes of encouragement letting your student know that you are supporting them in their endeavors.

**On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Nursing Department will be hosting a Pinning and Blessing Ceremony for their graduates. This will be held in William's Memorial Chapel at 4:00 p.m.**

## Honor America

College of the Ozarks invites the public to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Honor America on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Patriotism is a main focus at College of the Ozarks, and Honor America, an old-fashioned patriotic event, is a great way to celebrate. The evening is complete with live music, children's activities, a concert, and fireworks. The event is free to the public, and will begin with a picnic at 4:30 p.m. where attendees may purchase barbeque items, followed by musical entertainment beginning at 5:00 p.m. and a patriotic program and concert at 8:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs! Tobacco, alcohol, and pets are strictly prohibited. For more information, please call the College of the Ozarks' Public Relations Office at (417)-690-2212.



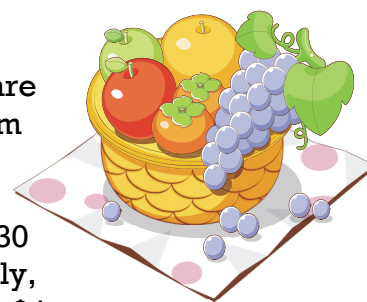
## College of the Ozarks Student Writes A Book

Graduating senior Cailin Casey has written a book entitled, *Twice as Brave*. The book is a collection of the true stories of six WWII Veterans that she and sixteen other College of the Ozarks' students accompanied to battle sites in Europe as part of the College's Patriotic Education Travel Program. The six WWII Veterans whose stories are included are Andy Anderson (5<sup>th</sup> Engineers Special Brigade), Bill Kamsler (102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division), Ned Knapp (75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division), John Primerano (101<sup>st</sup> Airborne), Lou Rabesa (Army Air Force), and Bryan Sperry (75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division).

Cailin will be signing her books at the Keeter Center on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00p.m. All proceeds from the book are being donated by Cailin to the College's Patriotic Education Travel Program. Fans can also start looking forward to another book that she will begin writing this summer, as one of the Veterans that she accompanied, John Primerano, has asked her to write his personal memoir.

## Summer Renter Meal Options

Students at CofO have the option of renting a room on campus if they are not working the summer work program. Although the cost of their room does not include meals in the cafeteria, the Pearl Dining Center has several meal options available to students renting during the summer. One option includes purchasing a set number of meals (ranging from 30 to 84). Students may also pay \$45 for a 10 meal punch card. Additionally, students may simply pay the meal price at the door, prices range from \$4 for breakfast to \$6 for dinner. For further information concerning summer meals for your student, contact Craig Ernsting at (417)-690-3338 or e-mail [cernsting@cofo.edu](mailto:cernsting@cofo.edu).



## Academic Probation & Suspension Information

After reviewing the final grades from this semester, if a student's grades are below satisfactory academic progress, (cumulative 1.8 GPA for students with 30 or fewer attempted hours, or cumulative 2.0 GPA for those with 31 or more attempted hours) the student will be placed on academic probation for the Fall 2012 semester. If placed on probation, students are encouraged to take a reduced course load, enroll in Learning Strategies, and should consider re-taking courses with a C- or below to raise their GPA.

In addition, students on probation may not participate in extracurricular college activities. It is strongly advised to terminate any off-campus employment. If the student does not show satisfactory academic progress, he/she will face suspension from College of the Ozarks. A student who is suspended for academic reasons will be eligible to apply for re-admission to the college after one semester. Information can be found in the College Catalog at [http://catalog.cofo.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=59#Grade\\_Probation](http://catalog.cofo.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=59#Grade_Probation).

## Confidentiality

College of the Ozarks complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. In accordance with the federal law, the College has adopted policies and procedures governing the confidentiality of student educational records. In general, no individual shall have access to, nor will the College disclose any information from, a student's education record without the written consent of the student. Exceptions allow certain personnel of the College to see records as well as procedures for release in emergency situations.

## Graduation Spotlight

**Baccalaureate** exercises will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Keeter Gymnasium. A complimentary buffet luncheon will be available for all graduates and guests at the College Center between the Baccalaureate and Commencement services.

**Commencement** exercises will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Keeter Gymnasium. A reception will be held immediately following commencement on the Kelce West lawn located directly across from the main entrance of the Gymnasium.

## Parent Newsletter Survey

As we end the semester here in the Dean of the College Office, we are interested in your opinion of the newsletter. What have you enjoyed most about the newsletter? Is there a section that you look for every month? How does what you read in the newsletter affect your interaction with your student and CofO in general? We would love to hear what you think by sending any comments and/or suggestions regarding the newsletter to [academic@cofo.edu](mailto:academic@cofo.edu).

## Registrar's Office



### Student Workers

#### **From Left to Right:**

Alysha Flint, Nicholas Robb, Paige Anderson, Amber Fox, Anne Darnell, and Jerry Cook.



The Registrar's Office student workers are responsible for the accuracy and confidentiality of student records. These include records of current students, as well as records of alumni. Student workers in the Registrar's Office assist students with course schedules by recording added/dropped courses. This office also handles transcript processing, logs transfer credits, audits graduation records, and processes student withdrawals.

The Registrar's Office also works closely with international students and students receiving VA educational benefits. Another extensive project that the Registrar's Office is working on involves the digital imaging of "old" records—some more than 50 years old.



Amber, a psychology major, has been working in the office for five semesters and is the Student Office Manager.

Alysha has been in the Registrar's Office for four semesters and is majoring in studio art: painting.

Anne is completing her third semester and is a double major in hotel/restaurant management & business administration.

Paige, an accounting major, has been in the Registrar's Office for two semesters.

This is also Jerry's second semester; he is a business administration major.

Nicholas, the newest face to the Registrar's Office, is an accounting major. This is his first semester.