



Enrollment & Student Services

Linking Students to Success

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Congratulations to Mia Diaz, Registration Assistant, who became an American Citizen on Friday, September 24, 2010.

Becoming an American Citizen By: Mia Diaz, Registration Assistant

I want to let everyone know how excited I am to officially become a United States Citizen. When we first moved to this country twelve years ago, my dad's dream was to give his family a better life, a life away from crime and poverty. He was offered a job in the U.S. and all we brought into this country was our school backpacks full of clothes. We did not know anyone, the language, or the culture and it was a culture shock. In the beginning, we disliked it here because we felt lonely and scared. My brother, sister, and I had to attend a school without an ESL program (and we did not speak a word of English) making it very difficult to attend class due to language barriers. In tears, we would ask my dad if we could go back to Mexico because we were unhappy, but he kept encouraging us to stay and give it a try. Twelve years later I am glad we listened to my dad and we stayed because I can't picture my life any other way. I love this country so much because it has given me many opportunities that I would not have had in Mexico. I have a chance for a great future, and now that I have a family of my own, I feel very blessed. I have been able to attend great schools, learning the English language (even though my accent still causes a little trouble sometimes). I have earned my degree and have loved being able to start a career here. My life in the United States was hard at the beginning, but now that I am finally a U.S. Citizen, I feel like I belong and I don't feel like an outsider. I can finally call this country my home and I am always going to be grateful because it has given me a chance to a better future and a better life. I have to thank my dad for not letting us return to Mexico when we felt scared and overwhelmed, I am glad we stayed in my new country.



Please help welcome the following New Employees in Enrollment and Student Services

August 25, 2010 - September 25, 2010

<u>Part Time</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Ext.</u>
Matthew Bediako	Welcome Center Attendant	Welcome Center	7553
Ashley Brand	STEP - Teacher Assistant	Child Development Center & Lab School	7561
Piper Carothers	Family Literacy Project Tutor	Student Financial Support Services	7525
Alondra Cordova	Student Services Assistant - Financial Aid	Student Financial Support Services	7525
Mary Fitzgerald	Child Development Teacher Assistant	Child Development Center & Lab School	7561
Amanda Head	STEP - Teacher Assistant	Child Development Center & Lab School	7561
Derrick Hearne	Welcome Center Attendant	Welcome Center	7553
Kristen Jones	Family Literacy Project Tutor	Student Financial Support Services	7525
Valarie Lambert	Family Literacy Project Tutor	Student Financial Support Services	7525
Stephanie Matthews	Student Clerk	Student Support Services	7520
Sarah Murphy	Family Literacy Project Tutor	Student Financial Support Services	7525
Cari Ann Pigg	Welcome Center Attendant	Welcome Center	7553
Amanda Rietz	STEP - Teacher Assistant	Child Development Center & Lab School	7561
Christopher Smith	SSS Work Study Clerk	Student Support Services	7520
Nicolae Stamatina	Academic Year Tutor - Science	TRIO/Student Support Services	7865
Christopher Tampkins	SSS Work Study Clerk	Student Support Services	7520
Sean Thomson	Student Services Assistant - Financial Aid	Student Financial Support Services	7525
Jaden Walker	SSS Work Study Clerk	Student Support Services	7520
Dustin Washburn	Family Literacy Project Tutor	Student Financial Support Services	7525
Randi Lynn Woods	Student-Assistant Teacher	Child Development Center & Lab School	7561



CELEBRATION for the OFFICE
OF ACDEMIC ADVISING on
September 15, 2010



Enrollment and Student Services Picnic
Friday, September 17, 2010



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Congratulations to Alyson and Borman Stell who welcomed their first child, Issac, late Tuesday evening, September 14, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs. and 11 oz and was 21" long. Alyson is an Admissions Advisor and in charge of the OKC-GO program in the office of Recruitment and Admissions.
- ◆ The "Caring Van" will be at the OCCC Child Development Center parking lot Tuesday, October 12, 2010 from 2:00 - 4:00p.m., providing free immunizations for children. This is a service funded by the Oklahoma Caring Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma. The "Caring Van" is open to the public. Parents need to be sure to bring their child's current shot record and a parent or guardian must be present to complete the required paperwork..

Anniversary Dates of Regular and Full Time Employees of employment in the Enrollment and Student Services Department *

Month of October

Anniversaries

October 1 - 31

Janis Armstrong - Coordinator of Veteran's Services

Laura Case - Admissions Services Assistant

Dixie Devilbiss - Financial Aid Advisor Assistant

Sarah French - Assistant Director of Disability Services

Sunny Garner - Coordinator of International Student Services

Marcelene James - Personal & Academic Advisor

Linette McMurtrey - Coordinator of Student Loans

Kendra Miller - Child Development Teacher & Lab Assistant

Samantha Olson - Test Center Assistant

Constance Pidgeon - Child Development Teacher & Lab Assistant

Sandra Pogue - Child Development Teacher & Lab Assistant

Rhonda Uffen - Transfer Evaluation Specialist

* These anniversary dates are the closest estimate that we were able to find. If you know that the date listed is incorrect, please contact Janelle Hanson at ext. 7784. Please consider that we are not including temporary or work study employment as part of the anniversaries, nor including employment in other departments outside of Enrollment and Student Services. Thank you.



Fun Facts



- ◆ Over 210 students attended the two Opening Day New Student Orientation (NSO) sessions, which increased to approximately 300 when including family members.
- ◆ Fall 2010 more than doubled the 2009 NSO student attendance.
- ◆ On Opening Day , 409 tours were provided compared to 285 in Fall 2009.
- ◆ Looking at the totals of unique students going through tours, NSO, admissions, academic advising, registration, friends, family members, and returning students; A conservative estimate of 2,500 total attendance for Opening Day 2010. This is a 1,500 person estimated increase over 2009.

Halloween Carnival



Friday, October 29th

6:00-8:00 p.m.

College Union

Oklahoma City Community College
College Union Entry 1 Parking Lot D



**Cost: One Non-Perishable Canned Good
Per Child (benefitting Regional Food Bank)**

Activities Include:

DJ, carnival booths, candy, and more!

If you would like to submit an article, event, news item, or any other information pertaining to Enrollment and Student Services, please submit it to your department's ESSAB representative.



Recruitment & Admissions

The mission of the Office of Recruitment and Admissions at Oklahoma City Community College is to recruit, admit, and serve a diverse student population in central Oklahoma, regionally, and internationally. It embraces the College's commitment to student success and community empowerment. The Office of Recruitment and Admissions also maintains the integrity of the admissions process; thus ensuring efficient and systematic evaluation of academic experience and application of college, state, and federal policies. Through multiple recruitment strategies, the Office of Recruitment and Admissions works to ensure access for as many students as possible.

Student success is our priority.

We provide the following services:

In person and online admission of all students and application of college, state, and federal policies relating to higher education including residency status, English proficiency, transfer status, academic readiness, and immigration and naturalization.

We also work to recruit students from three target areas including early college awareness, concurrent enrollment, traditional students, adults, and international students.

Recruitment and Admissions currently has the following focus program areas:

- ◆ High School Visits and Tours
- ◆ Incoming and outgoing correspondence requests
- ◆ Hispanic Community Recruitment and Outreach
- ◆ Middle School and early College Programs
- ◆ International recruitment, admissions, and compliance
- ◆ Contract Concurrent Programs
- ◆ Military Recruitment
- ◆ Residency Reclassification
- ◆ OKC-GO Recruitment and Retention
- ◆ Admission Policy Enforcement
- ◆ Scholarship Application and Awards
- ◆ Selective Admissions Programs

**Come celebrate
October 6, 2010
from
2:00 - 4:00 pm in
the Recruitment
& Admissions
Office**



The Recruitment & Admissions Staff from left to right: Geoff Seay, Jon Horinek, Christy Rogers, Laura Case, Brandee Morgan, David Orsburn, Sunny Garner, Mary Jones, Linda Sapp, Alta Jesters, Lauren McElroy-Walls, Michele Heaton

Things of Note

- ◆ We have a staff of eight Admissions Advisors. Three work with recruiting activities while five focus on in-house admissions and advisement.
- ◆ We processed applications for 219 prospective students for the Fall 2010 Traditional Nursing Program; the largest applicant pool in college history.
- ◆ Although OCC is an "Open Admission" institution, Admissions Advisors maintain full responsibility for the evaluation of each application on the basis of policy, academic experience, and related concerns.
- ◆ During the 2009-2010 year, 12, 705 new applications were processed directly by Admissions Advisors.

Recruitment and Admissions Office Staff

Directors

Jon Horinek - Director of Recruitment and Admissions

Christy Rogers - Assistant Director of Recruitment and Admissions

Admissions Advisors

RECRUITERS

Sergio Gallegos - Admissions Advisor/Recruiter

Alta Jesters - Admissions Advisor/Recruiter

Sheppard McConnell - Admissions Advisor/Recruiter

IN-HOUSE ADMISSIONS

Lauren McElroy-Walls - Admissions Advisor/Military Liaison

Brandee Morgan - Admissions Advisor/Residency Officer

David Orsburn - Admissions Advisor/Early College Programs

Geoff Seay - Admissions Advisor/Health Programs

Alyson Stell - Admissions Advisor/OKC-GO Program

International

Student Services

Sunny Garner - Coordinator of International Student Services

Michele Heaton - International Student Services Assistant

Assistants

Laura Case - Admissions Services Assistant

Mary Jones - Recruitment and Admissions Assistant

Linda Sapp - Recruitment Student Services Assistant

Student Ambassadors

Kelsey Burton - Student Ambassador

Angel Icenhour - Student Ambassador

Brittany Ownsbey - Student Ambassador

Josh Tullius - Student Ambassador

