

Register now for fall 2010 at OC

Students wanting to take classes at Odessa College during the 2010 fall semester may register now through Saturday, Aug. 21 on the OC Campus and through Sunday, Aug. 22 online.

Registration is available from 5 a.m. to midnight online at www.odessa.edu or on campus during the summer hours of 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in the OC Wrangler Express Center.

For more information on fall 2010 registration, please call the OC Wrangler Express Center at 335-6849 or log on to the OC Web site at www.odessa.edu.

Odessa College summer youth camps begin June 7

OC launches its 21st year of summer camps beginning Monday, June 7 and running through Thursday, Aug. 5.

Sports camps include Livestock and Horses Camp, Adventure and Discovery Camp, Camp Runamuckus, Hot Shots, cheerleading, basketball, baseball, swimming and golf.

OC sports and recreation also offers camps for children in the special needs population. Autism Adventure K-9th is geared for children who have a diagnosis of autism. Activities include putt-putt golf, bowling, livestock and horses and more. For more information call 335-6348.

Continuing Education enrichment camps include Mythbusters, Glamour Girls, Crazy Chemworks, Secret Agent Lab, Dynamite Dinosaurs, Lego's®: Racing Mania, Lego's®: Bionicles, Academy of Future Space Explorers, Dance'n Moves, Aviation Cadet Academy and more.

The all-day camp Boogie Aboard is back. Hands-on activities and classes include art/pottery, music, crafts, cooking, scrapbooking, computer science, gardening, hunter safety, archery, reptiles, field trips, racquet sports, basketball, volleyball, bowling, swimming and much more! For more information call 335-6580.

For more information on available OC Summer Camps log on to the OC Web site at www.odessa.edu.

Odessa College summer hours

Odessa College is observing summer hours now through Aug. 13.

Business offices and the Wi-fi Java Cyber Cafe are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday.

The OC Wrangler Express Center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and closed Saturday. For more information call 335-6849.



Trey Wetendorf, OC enrollment management executive director, congratulates OC student Sara Watson, who won a 2010 Ford Mustang from the OC, Rosa's Cafe and Taco Villa "Drive to Success" program. Watson, OC "collegeNOW" student Kristi Holly, OC automotive technology student Aaron Dumas, OC cosmetology student Nora Rodriguez and OC nursing student Luz Naturilla were finalists from more than 50,000 entries. OC students received entries in the drawing by completing six or more college credit hours and participating in student activities at Odessa College.

Future nurse wins OC's 'Drive to Success' 2010 Ford Mustang

As Odessa College, Rosa's Cafe and Taco Villa's "2010 Drive to Success" program winner, it still feels like a dream when Odessa College student Sara Watson climbs behind the wheel of her new 2010 Ford Mustang. "The car still doesn't feel like mine yet," she said. "I've washed it and filled it with gasoline, but it feels like a rental car that I might have to give it back," she said with a laugh.

When Trey Wetendorf, OC enrollment management executive director, called Watson to inform her she was a finalist for the 2010 Mustang drawing, she couldn't believe it.

"When I heard his voice on the message I thought I was in trouble, but when he said I was a finalist I thought 'I really need to call him back.' When I spoke to him I kept asking 'are you sure?'" she said. "I wasn't really aware of the Drive to Success program. I didn't sign up for anything so I didn't realize I even had the opportunity to be a winner. I had an English class with (Carla Williams) who won last year and knew she had a new car, but it just never really sank in."

Initially, when the horn and lights went off on the winning car Watson was standing beside, she didn't realize that she had won. "I thought that (finalist Aaron Dumas') car was going off next to me. I looked over at his face and he looked a little disappointed. Then I looked at my family and they were all screaming, 'you won!' Then I just screamed. I didn't think I had, but my brother said I did and showed me the video later to prove it."

Watson, an 2003 OHS graduate, said she had always loved Mustangs because they are such "pretty and sharp-looking cars." When she started working right after high school she saved money to purchase a 2004 Mustang, but it came with payments.

Winning the car has been "amazing" and now she can sell her old car and eliminate the payment. "It definitely relieves some of my financial stress and gives me some breathing room. When I first decided to come to OC, I worked a second job

while bartending to save up and pay for the past year and half. I was trying to figure out how to continue paying for classes. The car is great and such a blessing, but more than that it means more financial freedom so I can continue paying for my education which is the best part."

Watson, who has a 4.0 GPA, plans to apply for the nursing program in spring 2011. She currently is on the prerequisite track for the RN program. Since she was a young child, Watson has wanted to help people. "When I first came to college I was going to get a business degree because I didn't think I could handle some of the things nurses see, but the longer I went the more I kept getting pulled toward nursing, so I decided to try."

After graduating high school, Watson entered the workforce as a bartender making "great" money. "I decided I needed to do something more. I didn't want to spend my whole life bartending and the bar scene was growing old, so I decided to come to school in fall 2008," she said.

Once in college Watson was really surprised by how much she still knew from high school. "I thought I would have forgotten everything, but I knew more than I realized. OC has a lot of great instructors to help you. I've been blessed to have good ones and it's hard to pick a favorite, but I've really enjoyed Dr. Chet Cooper's biology class this semester."

Watson works full time as a clerk for Cook Compression which includes some accounting functions like accounts payable/receivable. "I stopped bartending to get a day job so I could go to school at night."

Watson wasn't going to say anything about winning but by the time she got to work the next morning everyone knew. "It was all over Facebook. Everyone kept saying 'I can't believe you won.' I couldn't either. There were more than 50,000 entries. I said to myself, 'I hope if someone really needs the car they win, but if not I wouldn't mind.' I might have blown my luck for the rest of my life, but it is still cool to win a car."



No doubt about it, times **ARE** tough right now, but don't give up on your dreams of a college education. **OC WANTS TO HELP ...**

Odessa College Summer Tuition Reduced 25%

SUMMER I CLASSES START MONDAY, JUNE 7

SUMMER I: Late register Monday, June 7

SUMMER II: Register now through Mon., July 12

Less (money) is **more** at Odessa College
335-6433 or www.odessa.edu