

# Southern State Community College

## November 2011 President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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*Dr. Kevin Boys, President*

### January Retreat

Arrangements have been finalized for the January meeting and retreat at the Murphin Ridge Inn in Adams County. The retreat will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22 and will continue through lunch on Monday, Jan. 23. We will provide an agenda prior to the meeting for your planning. Please let Stevetta know if you are not planning to spend the night, so that lodging arrangements can be finalized.

### New Board Member Orientation

We held our first redesigned new board member orientation on November 17. We appreciate the time and attention that trustees Doug Boedeker and Larry Anderson devoted to this thorough orientation. I hope it was worthwhile for them. Each vice president shared information from his or her respective area. I covered the board policy and governance topics.

### Correspondence Received

I would like to share with the Board the attached note we received from Jenny Conrad, Trustee Houser's life partner, as well as letters we received from the Board of Adams Commissioners, the Seaman Village Council and the Adams County Regional Medical Center.

### President's Activities and Involvement

While I am not listing all activities and events I have been involved in since my last report, I wanted to highlight some of them as follows:

- Mega-sites in Brown and Fayette Counties Tour
- Bio/Medical Roundtable in Wilmington
- OACC Presidents' Meeting with Gov. Kasich
- Adams County Regional Medical Center Gala
- Southwest Ohio Tech Prep Meeting
- SSCC Advisory Breakfast
- Sen. Daniels' and Rep. Rosenberger's Meeting with SSCC Representatives
- Faculty Senate Meeting
- OBOR with Presidents and Tech Superintendents Dialogue
- State Architect's Office Meeting with SSCC Representatives
- Bond Counsel with SSCC Representatives
- State Senator Chris Widener's Meeting with SSCC Representatives
- Ohio School Board Association Presentation with Dr. Don Storer
- Local Superintendents' and Treasurers' Meeting Hosted by SSCC
- New Trustee Orientation

# Academic Affairs

## Nursing Students Rank First

The Southern State Practical Nursing program graduates were ranked number 1 in the nation for first time NCLEX-PN pass rates during the April-September 2011 timeframe. Additionally, the Southern State ADN program graduates have ranked 20<sup>th</sup> out of 79 programs in the state of Ohio and 723<sup>rd</sup> out of 1,752 programs in the nation. Additionally, the first-time NCLEX-RN pass rate for our last cohort is currently 93.61 percent, which is considerably above the national average and required benchmark. These are outstanding accomplishments and program faculty, students, staff, and Director of Nursing all need to be congratulated and commended for their efforts towards increasing student outcomes and success.

## Graduations

Respiratory Therapy will conduct its annual graduation ceremony at 2 p.m., Dec. 10 on Central Campus.

The Police Academy will be conducting its graduation ceremony 7 p.m., Dec. 15 on Fayette Campus.

## Workforce Development and Community Services

### Truck Driving Academy

There were 29 participants enrolled for CDL training during October and an estimated 28 are expected in November. Enrollment is tracking similar to last year. Discussions continue with Pickaway Ross Joint Vocational School to partner for CDL training; when the MOU is completed, we will shut down the Columbus south classroom (Rickenbacker Air Park location), saving \$7,000 rent annually. The CDL Director position was eliminated and staff members were reorganized as a cost-saving move.

### Workforce Development

Customized first aid/CPR training was provided Nov. 5 to Fortis Plastics in Wilmington. The instructor was provided through the SSCC EMT program. We submitted an equipment grant application in partnership with Scioto County Career Center to the Ohio Board of Regents for GIS units and computers to map water and sewer lines for public and private utility companies in a 10-county area.

# Student Affairs/Enrollment Management

## Patri-Tots Learning Center

The Patri-Tots Learning Center at the North Campus in Wilmington has once again received a 100-percent compliance rating during a recent state licensing inspection. This is the second time in the past three years the center has achieved this remarkable accomplishment. Please see the attached article for more details.

## Enrollment

The final fall quarter 2011 enrollment numbers are in. The total credit hours enrolled is 36,260 (a 10-percent decrease). Total FTE is 2,417.33 (a 10-percent decrease). Total headcount is 3,354 (a 9-percent decrease).

# Institutional Advancement

## Communications

### Marketing | Public Relations | Web

#### Reinvisioning the Southern State Identity: Big Savings in Phase I/II

In October, the Communications team announced that they would be launching a major project involving the rethinking of the Southern State image. The first large task force meeting was held Oct. 28 and yielded some unique and courageous perspectives on how the college should present itself in 2012 and beyond. Unanimously, the group, representing faculty, staff, administration, students, and community members, agreed that it is time for an image overhaul and committed to working on building the best brand promise and identity possible.

The first phase of the project is underway and includes a number of specific surveys aimed at assisting the college in identifying strengths. Evidence suggests that it is the discovery/defining (research) phases which determine the success of the overall project. Our own research into executing this particular part of the project suggests that colleges often spend tens of thousands of dollars on such surveys. We are particularly proud of our ingenuity in using existing resources to avoid such steep financial commitments yet execute a top-notch discovery/design phase of the overall project. Using our own in-house talent and established contractual relationship with Hanover Research, the estimated savings for us based on comparison from other institutions hiring consulting firms is \$60,000-\$70,000.

A dedicated web-page supports a two-way communication exchange for this project. To follow the project or to learn more, visit [www.sccc.edu/rebrand](http://www.sccc.edu/rebrand).



## Foundation

### Monthly Contribution Report

August 2010	August 2011		Sept. 2010	Sept. 2011		Oct. 2010	Oct. 2011
\$527.50	<b>\$1167.66</b>		\$304.00	<b>\$3592.50</b>		\$5236.50	<b>\$392.50</b>

*Note:* October 2011 giving reflects a marked decrease from 2010 due to the Ruark family's decision to discontinue the annual fundraising dinner which is typically hosted annually in October.

## Update from Foundation’s Annual Business Meeting

In addition to standard business meeting agenda items, the following were some of the meeting highlights.

- Introduction of New Member – Sheri Smith (Highland County)
- Statement of Support – A renewed statement of support was presented to the board outlining the Foundation’s commitment to supporting the college and its strategic initiatives.
- As part of the Executive Director’s report, three main goals were presented to guide the work of the Foundation over the next 12-18 months.
  1. Strengthen the Foundation infrastructure in preparation for growth and future sustainability.
  2. Elevate the level of stewardship among existing donors.
  3. Enhance the Foundation’s public visibility.

Attending the meeting were the following:

<i>Adams</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Clinton</i>	<i>Highland</i>	<i>Fayette</i>	<i>SSCC</i>
Russ Brewer	Doris Charles	Mark Brooker	Susan Davis-Thompson*	Bambi Baughn	Kay Ayres
Steve Caraway*	Ed Fuhrmann	Dan Mongold	Robert Judkins*	David Morrow	Kevin Boys
Jon Linkous	Doug Green	Sandy Mongold*	Sheri Smith	Roger Blackburn*	Jim Buck
	Norma Green*		Craig Turner	Jesse Jamison*	Stevetta Grooms
	Bill Herdman				Nicole Roades
					Don Storer for Becky Storer
					Peggy Chalker
					Terri Limbert
					Jessica Wise

\*Absent

Attachments:

- Correspondence Received
- Patri-Tots Learning Center Article

Dr Boys and Board Members,  
A belated thank you for the  
beautiful flowers sent to Ben  
while he was in the hospital.  
He smiled at your thoughtfulness  
and enjoyed being remembered  
by his peers during his  
illness.

Thank you, too, for the  
beautiful wreath sent to  
the funeral services. I have  
it here at my home,  
reminding me daily of  
Ben's friends at SSCC.

Your visits, notes and cards,  
phone calls and other  
expressions of sympathy have

been a great comfort to me  
as I try to make sense  
out of all that has happened  
the past few months.

Most of all, I thank you  
for your support of the  
expansion projects into  
Adams County and Mt Aral.  
These are bold projects for  
SSCC - projects that require  
great vision from board  
members. "Think big," Ben  
would say. He talked of  
both of these projects  
right up to a few hours  
before his passing.  
You only worked together  
as board members for a

short time, but Ben was  
extremely proud of all the  
board accomplished during  
his time of service. He  
looked forward to a bold,  
bright future for SSCC and  
its service to the local  
communities.

Thanks for all you have  
done, and continue to  
do. I was always be  
a "friend" of SSCC.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Conrad

During a time  
like this  
we realize how much  
our friends and relatives  
really mean  
to us....

Your expression  
of sympathy will always  
be remembered

Ben Houser's Children  
& Jenny Conrad

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November 14, 2011

Dr. Kevin Boys, President  
Southern State Community College  
100 Hobart Drive  
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Dear Dr. Boys:

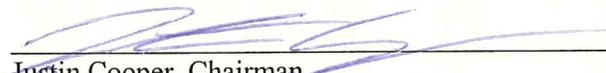
We have learned of your board's decision to take an option on land in Adams County for a new campus. The Board of Adams County Commissioners truly believes in higher education and its importance to our future. Southern State Community College is a great asset to our community, as is evidenced by the numbers of Adams County students enrolled at Southern State.

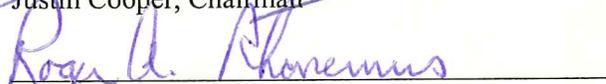
We want your board to know how much we appreciate your commitment to Adams County.

As always please let us know if we can be of any assistance in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Justin Cooper, Chairman

  
Roger A. Rhonemus

  
Brian Baldrige, Member

# SEAMAN VILLAGE COUNCIL

17806 State Route 247  
P O Box 248  
Seaman, Oh 45679  
November 3, 2011

Dr Kevin Boys, President  
Southern State Community College  
100 Hobart Dr  
Hillsboro, Oh 45133

Dear Dr Boys:

We are writing to express our support of your decision to option land in Seaman to move ahead with a Southern State College campus in Adams County.

We stand ready to help any way we can with your new campus in Seaman.

Sincerely,

Seaman Village Council By:

*Leigh Ann Swain*  
*Dave [unclear]*  
*Bellian L. Shely*  
*James W. Boyles*  
*D. A. [unclear]*  
*Abigail Wheeler-Mayor*  
*Edith Wigginton, clerk*



# ADAMS COUNTY

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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Seaman, Ohio 45679

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November 3, 2011

Dr. Kevin Boys, President  
Southern State Community College  
100 Hobart Dr  
Hillsboro, Oh 45133

Dear Dr. Boys:

We have just seen your press release announcing your commitment for a new Adams County campus here in Seaman. What great news for Adams County!

Welcome to the Adams County Health Care Campus.

We look forward to working with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Sandra Stevens, CEO



Affiliate Partner of  
**The Christ Hospital**

# Patri-Tots Learning Center on SSCC's Wilmington campus repeats **100-percent** compliance!



**T**he Patri-Tots Learning Center at Southern State Community College in Wilmington has once again received a 100-percent compliance rating on its state licensing inspection. This is the third perfect rating in the past two years, with the previous ones being February 2010 and January 2011.

Licensed child learning centers are subject to two inspections by the state licensing agency each year. One is announced and the other is unannounced. The visit on Aug. 1 was unannounced. Therefore, attaining a 100-percent rating at that inspection is an especially wonderful achievement.

"I would like to thank the teachers for their dedication to our children and families; and for working so hard to make the Patri-Tots the high quality program that it is," said Karee Shaw, site administrator. "We recognize that the support of our families, the community and the Patri-Tots staff at the Hillsboro campus has helped us achieve this goal. To them, we say, thank you!"

Southern State houses Patri-Tots Learning Centers at Central Campus in Hillsboro and North Campus in Wilmington. Both child learning centers are licensed by the ODJFS



Preschool teacher Kristin Smith works with her class during circle time at SSCC's Patri-Tots Learning Center in Wilmington which just received its third 100-percent compliance rating.

and are open five days a week, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., serving community members and college students, faculty and staff. The Hillsboro location accepts children from 18 months to 12 years of age and the Wilmington location accepts children from 18 months to 5 years of age. There are both part-time and full-time space options at each location.

Developmentally appropriate activities within a preschool setting are provided by qualified teachers who have aligned their curriculum with the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards.

Southern State's child learning centers are in the process of apply-

ing for inclusion in the "Step Up to Quality" program, a voluntary quality-rating system for early care and education programs licensed by the ODJFS. This program is partnered with the Ohio Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and School Readiness.

For more information about the Patri-Tots Learning Centers, contact Shaw (Wilmington site) at 1-800-628-7722, ext. 4629, or Kathe Chaney (Hillsboro site) at 1-800-628-7722, ext. 2629, or visit their web page at [www.sccc.edu/about-us/childcare.html](http://www.sccc.edu/about-us/childcare.html). To learn more about Southern State Community College, please visit [www.sccc.edu](http://www.sccc.edu).