

# President's Report to the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**SOUTHERN STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## **Innovation Grant**

The Ohio Association of Community Colleges was successful in its application for innovation funds made available through HB 64. This application was on behalf of 18 of the state's 23 community and technical colleges. The grant will fund the implementation of Ad Astra Platinum Analytics in our colleges to help increase retention and completion, shorten time to degree, and make more efficient use of our schedule. A letter describing this grant is enclosed.

## **America's Promise Grant Application**

We are pursuing a grant with Clark State Community College to replicate some short-term certificates in advanced manufacturing, and to support our aviation mechanics program. The four-year federal grant, if funded, will also provide us with some much needed equipment for our renovated engineering space and provide full tuition to students in these select programs. We are appreciative of Clark State's invitation to partner in this endeavor, as well as the support of several area employers and the Great Oaks Career Campuses.

## **Incentivizing Continual Enrollment (ICE) Research Study**

We have been invited to participate in an MDRC research study along with three peer Ohio institutions. Benefits to our participation include the potential to increase summer enrollment, an in-depth understanding of our registration process and barriers to enrollment from the student perspective, and financial aid supplements for a significant number of our students to fully cover summer tuition and fees. MDRC has been great to work with. The findings of this study could inform important policy at the college, state, and national levels.

## Upcoming Events

Board members are invited and encouraged to attend any of the following upcoming events:

### OCTOBER

Oct. 5-8      **ACCT Leadership Congress**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

### NOVEMBER

Nov. 4-6      **SSCC Theatre: "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe"**  
Edward K. Daniels Auditorium, Central Campus, Hillsboro

Nov. 14      **Trustees Conference – Ohio Department of Higher Education**  
Columbus State Community College

## President's Activities and Involvement

Since my last report, I have been involved in the following meetings and events:

- Fairfield Local Schools Board of Education & Leadership Meeting
- OACC Annual Conference
- Community College of Appalachia (CCA) Annual Conference (Asheville, NC)
- Highland-Fayette-Clinton Safety Council Luncheon
- VFA Oversight Board Conference Call
- Conference Call with Ohio Christian University Representatives
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Meeting with Great Oaks and Southern Ohio ESC Representatives re: Makerspace
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce – Party on the Lawn/Annual Dinner
- OACC Government Relations Call
- Incentivizing Continual Enrollment: MDRC/SSCC Conference Call
- America's Promise Grant Call with Clark State and SSCC Representatives
- Meeting with The Brush and Palette Art Guild
- Leadership Clinton Program Committee Meeting
- High Schools That Work (HSTW) Annual Professional Development Conference
- Meeting with Clinton County Port Authority Representatives
- Call with Vital Source Representative on Digital Textbook solutions
- America's Promise Grant Meeting

- Meeting to Discuss Hobart Drive/Carl Smith & 73 Signage
- Biotech Open House at SSCC North Campus
- Breakfast Meeting with Representatives from Clark State CC and Penson Associates
- LISD Collaborative Meeting at University of Dayton Grant Center
- Incentivizing Continual Enrollment (ICE) Follow-up and Site Visit
- Hosted Clinton County Economic Alliance Breakfast
- Call with President of Ohio Association of Community Colleges
- Clark State Community College America's Promise Grant Kickoff
- "Our Students, Our Future," Jamie Vollmer Event
- Fall Orientations, Central Campus
- Meeting with Great Oaks Representatives about Aviation Program and Future Possibilities
- Incentivizing Continual Enrollment (ICE) Project Call
- ARC POWER Grant Call
- Highland County Women's Hall of Fame
- SSCC All-College Meeting and Opening Fall Symposium

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Conference Participation

*Dr. Roush Presents at National Conference* | Dr. JR Roush, Dean of Core Studies and Brown County Campus Director, recently hosted a session at the "Postsecondary Readiness in Rural Communities" conference in Nashville, Tenn. During this session he presented findings of a research review on challenges facing rural Appalachian students in enrolling and persisting in college, followed by a description and related research on a pilot collaboration between a rural Appalachian Ohio high school and regional university to offer a college success course.

*SSCC Represented at National Organization's State Policy Meeting* | The Ohio Association of Community College's Student Success Center recently coordinated a select group of Ohio delegates to attend the State Policy Meeting of Jobs for the Future, a national non-profit aimed at bridging education and work to increase mobility and strengthen our economy. Among this team was Dr. Nicole Roades. As part of the conference, innovative models for the effective implementation and scale of guided

pathways was shared as were broad policy and practice solutions to increase student completion and economic mobility for all students.

The content of this meeting provided additional momentum for Southern State's strategic aim of implementing guided pathways in 2017. To further assist in this process and to essentially launch the "on the ground" work, Southern State will be hosting the premier leader in this field, Dr. Rob Johnstone, on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Mark your calendars now as this will be the formal launch of this important work.

### **Faculty Accomplishments**

*Montgomery Named to Programming CTAG Review Panel* | Josh Montgomery, longtime computer science faculty member, has recently been invited to participate as a Faculty Review Panelist for the Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG) in Programming on behalf of the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE). The Programming CTAG was formed through a collaborative effort between the ODHE and the Secondary Career-Technical Alignment Initiative (SCTAI). SCTAI aligns secondary content standards with post-secondary learning outcomes. As a member of the panel, Josh is responsible for reviewing course submissions from institutions across the state and determining statewide equivalencies for articulation.

*Associate Professor Becky Storer Hosts 2016 Building Bridges Education Conference* | Aimed at infant/toddler teachers, preschool teachers, paraprofessionals, special education teachers, and pre-K through grade three teachers, this four-day conference provided relevant training and professional development to nearly 100 professionals across the region. Often required for continuing practice, hosting this training locally is a notable advantage to most participants. Special thanks to Becky Storer and Robin Tholen for their efforts in coordinating this event.

*Dr. Don Storer Rallies Chemistry Teachers from Afar* | On August 10, the Central Campus chemistry lab was full of an unlikely group of guests—high school chemistry instructors from across Ohio and as far away as Tennessee. Slated as a training meeting for adjuncts teaching chemistry, this workshop is an annual meeting that Dr. Storer coordinates to assist high school chemistry instructors to deliver college-level chemistry in their classroom. Expanded recently to include guests from the American Chemical Society and the National Soybean Council, this workshop generates considerable interest and continues to spur educational innovation.

## Program Highlights

***Biotechnology and Agriculture Relocate to North Campus*** | This fall will mark the inaugural year for new programs at the college's Wilmington location. Biotechnology, a new program, will begin classes in a state-of-the-art, cleanroom environment that has been well equipped with industry-relevant equipment. In addition, the agriculture program, formerly a Central Campus-based program, will begin the new freshman cohort in Wilmington. This relocation was done largely to leverage the partnership opportunities available to this program through the college's relationship with Wilmington College and Laurel Oaks Career Campus.

***Engineering Space Upgrades*** | Construction work continues on the new engineering laboratory space at the college's Central Campus. This renovation includes lab space designed to be adaptive to the changing training needs of local employers while also reassigning lecture areas that are more conducive to instructional delivery.

***Practical Nursing Graduates 38*** | The 52<sup>nd</sup> class of the Licensed Practical Nursing program recently celebrated during a pinning ceremony at Central Campus. Graduates represented Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Highland, and Warren counties and included 23 students who were recognized for high academic honors.

## Adult Opportunity Center

***Recognition Ceremony*** | On June 9, the Adult Opportunity Center hosted its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Ceremony. Celebrating an exceptional year, the center reported serving 529 students. Among those, 80 were successful in completing the GED. Following the ceremony, the center was pleased that a number of ceremonial "best-practice" traditions germane to Southern State's program were called out by the Ohio Department of Higher Education ABLÉ staff. Notable among them were the scholarship sponsorships among our Board of Trustees and local organizations.

***22+ Diploma Program*** | In support of Ohio's efforts to be economically competitive by increasing the percentage of working age Ohioans with a post-secondary certificate or degree to 65 percent by 2025, Southern State has teamed up with Graduation Alliance to assist Ohio citizens in earning their high school diploma. Targeted at the more than 700,000 working adults in Ohio who haven't yet graduated from high school, this 22+

Adult High School Diploma program aims to fill a critical gap in preparing a competitive workforce. Designed specifically for working adults, the program is administered online and allows participants to start right where they were when they left high school. Learners can work at their own pace, at any time of the day or night, toward the goal of earning a fully accredited diploma bearing the name of the school district in which they reside. This program, not to be confused with ABE or GED, is essentially another option for students without a basic credential. As such, Karyn Evans, Dean of the Adult Opportunity Center, is providing leadership at the local level for the implementation of 22+.

***ABLE Grant*** | Southern State has been awarded an ABE grant in excess of \$300,000 to continue offering desperately needed adult basic and literacy education programming across the region. Offered in 10 locations throughout southern Ohio, the Southern State ABE program has served more than 20,000 students since 1975. The enrollment goal for 2017 is 565.

## **Workforce Development and Community Services**

### **Truck Driving Academy**

***Revolving Loan Fund*** | The initial \$100,000 fund has been exhausted. Once the last RLF student has completed (expected late August), the TDA is eligible to apply for another round of funds.

***Potential Partnership with Pike County Career Technology Center*** | The TDA has been contacted by Gary Cates and John Magill of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to explore a potential partnership with Pike County Career Technology Center to link CDL training with their GED program. John Joy has begun discussion to identify possibilities with their Adult Ed/GED Director Lathe Moore.

***TDA Enters Partnership with Marion Technical College*** | The MOU and the ODPS licensing procedures were completed in late July with regards to Marion Technical College. The first CDL training class for this newest partnership can begin as early as

Sept. 12. An Open House is being planned for Marion in late August or early September.

### **Workforce Development and Continuing Education**

*STEAM Camp Proved to be Great Success among Area Youth* | Russ Brewer coordinated a summer youth camp emphasizing science and technology. Contracting with Black Rocket, the weeklong camp targeted youth ages 8-14 and was successful in attracting 81 students from across all five counties in the region. Eight classes were held over a four-week period at Central Campus. Thanks to Russ Brewer, Jeff Montgomery, the IT staff, and Elizabeth Burkard for their work in making this effort a success. One grandparent offered:

I just wanted to let you know that my grandson attended the Minecraft Modders classes the week of July 25th-July 29th and he absolutely loved the class. He talked about what he learned all the way home. Unfortunately I have no idea what he was talking about, but he enjoyed it. Thank you for offering this opportunity in our area.

*TriCounty Employer Roundtable Interested in ToolingU* | On July 20, John Joy met with Denise Ball of Tooling U to establish a stronger partnership to better serve and market the Tooling U training courses to area business and industry. At least five area companies expressed interest in Tooling U at the June 24 tri-county Employer Roundtable held at Fayette Campus. Strategies and follow-up have been implemented and are occurring on weekly basis to increase usage of this resource.

## **STUDENT SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**

### **Student Success Center**

#### **Advising**

 *Alignment with the Strategic Goals*

The Academic Advisors (two full-time and five part-time) have made 8,822 recorded advising contacts over the past academic year. Aggressive efforts continue to encourage students to make use of the advisors in order to develop their academic pathway and be guided through any pitfalls along the way.

Carolou McCarren, advisor at the Wilmington Campus, retired in May 2016. Sara Raike, former advisor at Hillsboro, was reassigned to serve the advising needs of that campus.

### **Career Coaching**

The advisors went through a career coaching training this summer. Advisors, per an initiative encouraged at the state level, will start the career pathway process with each student at the point to entry to the college. Helping students identify their purpose and goal for attending college enables a better outcome towards degree completion.

Advisors use other career discovery tools such as the Holland Self Directed Search and the TypeFocus assessment to help students identify interests and strengths. This partnership with the academic advisors and our career counselor should assist students in their purpose and process for study.

### **AmeriCorps Coaches (2016-17)**

The Student Success Center is being joined by two new AmeriCorps coaches for the year. Paula Campagna and Katelyn Edenfield have accepted their positions and have begun training to work with incoming students. Their duties will center on encouraging student engagement, identifying risk factors, and directing students toward resources for success and completion. Both coaches are current tutors, members of PTK honor society, and previous were involved with student government.

There are 13 tutors on staff, with three new hires being trained to be added for Fall Semester.



Eleven tutors have completed Level 1 training (three levels are possible for tutor certification).

### **Summer Tutoring**

- 83 tutor request forms for 40 different courses were received
- 149 math and writing lab sessions (with addition of online writing tutoring platform)
- 54 one-on-one sessions
- TOTAL: 203 sessions

### **Student Success Workshops**

Accuplacer Review is handled by request.

- 16 sessions total (5 arithmetic-algebra sessions/11 writing sessions)
- 5 students have completed a retake test
- 3 have increased by 2 levels in writing
- 1 has increased by 1 level in writing
- 1 had no change

Fifteen math videos were created and two writing videos to assist students with placement prep. An Accuplacer Prep link on the SSCC Tutoring website leads to the videos, worksheets, and practice test.

In one week, math videos were viewed from eight times for basic math to 22 times for complex topics in math. It is uncertain if viewers were prepping for Accuplacer or summer math finals.

### **Online Success Workshops**

Two sections of Online Success workshops were scheduled for each campus during the week of August 8. These workshops were designed to help students who were

unfamiliar with the workings of Blackboard venue for their online courses.

### **Veteran Students**

Letters of intent for returning veteran students and Certification of Eligibility for new veteran students are being sent now by the registrar and veteran advisor in order to remove any potential barriers to a smooth transition into the classroom.

## **Admissions / Recruitment** ✓

### **Online Orientation**

The new online orientation is complete. After the actual face-to-face orientations are concluded, the online version will be launched. Students who have not visited the face-to-face orientation will receive a letter with the link to the online orientation. They will have to checkmark a box that they completed the orientation online.

## **Financial Aid** ✓

### **Superstart Scholarship**

A total of 81 students participated in the Superstart Scholarship this summer semester. This is an increase from last year's count of 71. The recruiting/admissions department is working with these students to assist them with continuing into Fall Semester. The following is a breakdown of their representative counties and schools:

#### **Adams County**

Adams Co. Christian – 1  
Manchester – 1  
North Adams – 5  
Peebles – 5  
West Union – 6

#### **Brown County**

Eastern Brown – 1  
Fayetteville – 2  
Western Brown – 5

#### **Clinton County**

Blanchester – 3  
Clinton Massie – 2  
East Clinton – 1  
Laurel Oaks – 1  
Wilmington – 4

#### **Fayette County**

Miami Trace – 3

#### **Highland County**

Fairfield – 3

#### **Clermont County**

Amelia – 1

Washington CH – 2

Greenfield – 2

Bethel Tate – 1

Hillsboro – 13

Clermont NE – 2

Lynchburg – 8

Goshen – 1

Whiteoak – 5

### Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)

During the Summer Semester, 72 students received the summer OCOG grant totaling \$25,758. This grant from the State of Ohio provided students who had attended both Fall and Spring Semesters and exhausted their Pell grant the opportunity for additional funding to attend through summer.

### Software Conference

Sheila Fawley, Linda Myers, and Jaime Simmons attended the Powerfaids computer software conference July 7-9 in Washington, D.C. Training on the implementation of early FAFSA was the primary focus. Staff learned that students will have the opportunity to apply for financial aid from the federal government as early as October 1 rather than having to wait until January 1. Implementation including training and outreach for current and prospective new students is on-going.

## Records

### College Credit Plus Fall Semester Applicants

<i>High School</i>	<i>Number of CCP Applicants</i>
Adena High School	3
Batavia High School	101
Bethel-Tate High School	64
Blanchester High School	31
Chillicothe High School	65
Circleville High School	49
Clay High School	1
Clinton Massie High School	18
East Clinton High School	13

 *Alignment with the Strategic Goals*

East High School (Scioto)	6
Eastern High School	48
Fairfield Local Schools	23
Fayetteville High School	38
Georgetown Exempted Village Sc	79
Green High School	2
Greeneview High School	1
Hillsboro High School	44
Home School	6
Little Miami High School	1
Lynchburg Clay School District	23
Madison Plains High School	26
Manchester High School	43
McClain High School	16
Miami Trace High School	53
Minford High School	2
North Adams High School	64
Northwest High School	21
Ohio Connections Academy	2
Ohio Virtual Academy	6
Paint Valley High School	1
Peebles High School	20
Pickerington High School	54
Portsmouth High School	3
Portsmouth West High School	4
Ripley High School	24
Southpoint High School	2
South Webster High School	3
Treca Digital Academy	1
Valley High School	2
Washington CH High School	19
West Union High School	38
Western Brown High School	69
Western Latham High School	22
Westfall High School	9
Wheelersburg High School	3
Whiteoak High School	16
Williamsburg Middle/High School	7
Wilmington Christian Academy	4
Wilmington High School	46

*Total Applicants for Fall term as of 8/01/16* 1196

 *Alignment with the Strategic Goals*

The total number of CCP applicants for Fall 2016 is up from 1,004 processed for Fall 2015 through same date (August 1) last year.

## **Patri-Tots**

### **Central**

The Patri-Tots Learning Centers recently had their mandatory three-year audit with the Child and Adult Care Food Program. There were a few corrective actions that need to be implemented, but overall the consultant considered it a very good audit. She provided technical assistance and commended both Centers concerning excellent organization of records and complimented all staff with a job well done with administering the program and helping Ohio's children learn about healthy food choices.

## **Student Activities**

### **SGA**

The Student Government Association is pleased to have awarded the 2016 Student Government Association scholarship to Amanda Payton of Washington Court House, a former officer and current member of SGA. In addition, they were active in this year's Highland County Relay for Life, through donations and participation in the event.

The last meeting was held on Central Campus, July 8, 2016. At this meeting, plans were finalized for this year's Advisor's and Officer's Conference, in Orlando, Fla. Advisor Amy Queen-Jones, Christy Johnson, Susan Wood, and Julie Kretten attended the conference. The conference was informative and beneficial to all.

On July 20 SGA was invited to, and attended, a dress rehearsal from the SSCC Theatre Department.

The group is currently preparing for Fall Semester, and plan to assist with orientations serving food, as well as displaying a table for recruiting for new members.

SGA is currently planning to participate in the September 17, 2016 Alzheimer's Walk.

A sympathy card was signed by all members at the last meeting and sent to the family of Carol Callahan.

They are also preparing for Constitution Day with some type of student engagement in the form of an on-line quiz, handouts, or general information about the election process.

Lastly, their annual Fall Retreat was held August 12, to help prepare for the new academic year.