President's Report to the
# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SOUTHERN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MARCH 2017 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

## Board Retreat

The timing is perfect for this year's Board retreat in Columbus. The House has been conducting hearings on H.B. 49, the biennium budget. I have had the opportunity to meet with each legislator individually, and met with House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger with my colleagues on the Ohio Association of Community College (OACC) Executive Committee. Enclosed in the packet is a sample of the individualized talking points I used in my meetings. Although our dinner with our legislators is largely social, it is a great opportunity to talk with them about the budget, our particular needs, and about appreciation for their support for Southern State. Prior to the dinner, Jack Hershey from the OACC will provide us with a timely update on the state budget process.

Details for the retreat are found on the agenda. You will note that lodging is provided at the Sheraton on Capitol Square and that is the most convenient place to park. The OACC offices are in the high-rise building immediately south of the hotel in Suite 560. If anything last minute arises, you can reach me on my cell.

## Board Member Appointment

Governor Kasich has appointed Kristy Wilkin to the Southern State Community College Board of Trustees. Kristy is an attorney with Peelle Law Offices which have offices in Hillsboro and Wilmington. She and her husband, County Commissioner Shane Wilkin, live in Highland County with their two daughters. Kristy will be formally sworn in at our April meeting at Central Campus since this month's meeting is being held in Columbus. We are still awaiting one additional appointment to the Board. Once this appointment is made, we will schedule an orientation for our three newly appointed members.

## President Elected to the American Association of Community Colleges Board

I was honored to learn that I have been elected to the governing board of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the national association of community college leadership. The elections must be ratified by the governing board at its April meeting. Following that action, the AACC will issue a press release. Chairman Pell, and past-chair Boedeker, encouraged my involvement in national leadership two years ago. I was nominated for the ballot by the Community Colleges of Appalachia to serve as one of the affiliate council representatives to the board of directors. It's my understanding that the board meets annually in Washington, D.C. during the month of November, and once coinciding with the AACC annual conference in April. Committees typically conduct their business via technology.

## Upcoming Events

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

### APRIL

April 7-9 **SSCC Theatre: "Waiting For Godot"**
Edward K. Daniels Auditorium, Central Campus

April 26 **Arts Midwest presents Le Vent du Nord**
1 pm | Edward K. Daniels Auditorium, Central Campus

April 29 **SSCC Americana Music Series: P&G Big Band**
7:30 pm | Edward K. Daniels Auditorium, Central Campus (tentative)

### MAY

May 4 **Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Pinning**
7 pm | Edward K. Daniels Auditorium, Central Campus

May 5 **Graduation**
7 pm | Patriot Center, Central Campus

May 7 **Spring Concert by Southern State Singers**
7 pm | Patriot Center, Central Campus

## President's Activities and Involvement

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

- Leadership Clinton Experiential Learning Day
- ICE (Incentivizing Continuous Enrollment) Project Call
- College Credit Plus Stakeholders Meeting
- Calls with Executive Director of Lawrence Economic Development Corp.
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- NCB Business Bash
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings
- Strategic Planning with Grow! Highland County Board
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner
- OACC Conference Call
- Highland County First Round Caucus
- Fayette County Chamber of Commerce's Groundhog Day Forecast Breakfast
- Ohio Dean's Compact on Exceptional Children Annual Conference Presentation
- Leadership Clinton Program Committee Meeting
- Student Success Leadership Institute #7 Meeting
- Regrouping Meeting: Ohio Higher Education Regional Partnership and Training Center
- College Credit Plus Roundtable with Legislators including Speaker Cliff Rosenberger and Senator Bob Peterson
- OACC Presidents Meeting
- WSRW Interviews with Willard Parr
- 2 + 2 Bio Tech Program Meeting with Wilmington College
- Ripley Union Lewis Huntington School District Community Engagement Meeting
- Campus Visit with Rep. Rick Perales, Chair of House Higher Ed. Finance Committee
- Meetings in Columbus with Legislators: Senator Bob Peterson, Senator Joe Uecker, House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, Rep. Terry Johnson, Rep. Gary Scherer and Rep. Doug Green
- Clinton County Economic Networking
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce's "Ag is Everyone's Business" Breakfast
- Interview with Community College Daily Representative
- Meeting with "Friends of the Children" Representative
- Testimony in House Finance Subcommittee for Higher Education

- OACC Legislative Day
- Reception for Legislators in the Statehouse Capital Atrium
- Leadership Clinton Education Day
- Washington Court House Rotary Club Meeting

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## Academic Highlights

### Assessment Reenergized by Faculty Leadership

The College's Assessment Committee is pleased to report that it has reinstated the Faculty Assessment Liaison role and has identified Cathy McClain, Human and Social Services faculty member, to serve in this role. Continuing the good work shaped by mathematics faculty member, Bill Worpenberg, the two will overlap services to help bridge the College's assessment efforts for continuity. Emphasis in this transition will be to provide faculty a user-friendly repository for the assessment work already underway and to assist in building the assessment knowledge-base for individuals at various stages of the assessment cycle.

### Dr. Storer Contributes to American Chemical Society Publication

Following a 2014 presentation during the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, Dr. Don Storer was invited to be a contributing author for an instructional, peer-reviewed publication from the American Chemical Society. This book was recently published. During his presentation Dr. Storer focused on the delivery of instruction using the "flipped classroom" concept while working with populations that had limited internet accessibility. His contributing chapter describes for other faculty how the format can create a more active learning environment with greater engagement among students. Congratulations to Dr. Storer for his outstanding contribution to the scholarly world.

### Distance Education Committee's LMS Task Force Continues Evaluation of Learning Management Platform Options

Following an extensive exploration and evaluation process, the Distance Education (DE) Committee, under the leadership of faculty member Angel Mootispaw, has offered a recommendation to transition to a new Learning Management System. The committee is actively working to set up transition plans and timelines. Early indications suggest that the College will spend academic year 2017-18 migrating courses to the new platform and preparing students for the transition. Many thanks to Angel, the Information Technology Department, and DE Committee members for their efforts in making this a well-organized, quality endeavor.

## Accreditation

### Monitoring Report on Credit Hours and Student Learning Outcomes Submitted

A report stemming from the 2015 Higher Learning Commission (HLC) comprehensive visit for accreditation reaffirmation was submitted by the Feb. 28 deadline. Relying extensively on improvements related to the course syllabi, the report outlined proposals for new policies including the Credit Hour Policy as well as the Course Syllabus Policy. Feedback from HLC regarding this report is anticipated soon. The next scheduled report is due November 2017 and will focus on Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes and Institutional Effectiveness.

## Grants and Articulations

### Perkins Provides for Career Readiness

Supported by the Carl D. Perkins Grant, Southern State leaders and corporate partners visited the Southern Hills Career Center (Georgetown) to host a Career Readiness Seminar. Facilitators Dr. Shane Shope and Dr. JR Roush spoke with 20 carpentry and construction students to explore the importance of career readiness. Highlighted in the seminar was corporate guest Darrin Schneider of Colonial Post and Fence, who spoke about career readiness from the employer perspective. Follow-up activities include

campus visits featuring select technical program offerings.

## Application for Innovation Grant

Southern State, in partnership with Rio Grande Community College and Shawnee State University, submitted a $1 million proposal. Aimed at building collaborations with career technical centers and emphasizing career readiness, the proposal includes funding for innovative workshops across the region alongside a pilot initiative aimed at introducing Guided Pathway advising models. Awards will be announced in April.

## RAPIDS II

A $980,000 proposal for the second round of funding through the Ohio Department of Higher Education's (ODHE) Regionally Aligned Priorities in Delivering Skills (RAPIDS) grant program was submitted. In addition to Southern State, other partners include Hocking College, Rio Grande Community College, Shawnee State University, Ohio University Southern, Pickaway- Ross Career Technical Center, and Scioto Technical Career Center. Requests by Southern State included significant investments in the engineering program such as CNC and lathe equipment as well as robotic arms. Awards will be announced in June.

## OMIC Round V

A $285,000 proposal for the fifth installment of the Ohio Means Internships and Co-ops (OMIC) grant has been submitted. Those participating in the RAPIDS grant are also participating in the OMIC grant with the exception of Ohio University Southern and the addition of Washington Community College, Washington Career Technical Center, and Marietta College. Southern State, through the leadership of Amy McClellan, has an outstanding track record in implementing these grants and eagerly looks forward for continued opportunity to expand these options for students. Awards are to be announced in June.

## Adult Opportunity Center

### AOC Expands Services in Manchester

The Adult Opportunity Center has a new partnership with Manchester Local Schools which brings the Center's off-campus delivery sites to seven. Orientation and classes began in February at the Manchester Educational and Activity Center.

## Truck Driving Academy

### TDA Returns to Pike County

To better serve clients in southern Ohio, Southern State will be providing CDL training at the Pike County Career Center. Additionally, Southern State leaders have been assisting the center director in applying for Revolving Loan Funds to support expansion in the region. The first class at the new location is planned for May 15.

### SSCC TDA Attends National Convention

In February, John Joy and TDA Director John Smith (JT) attended the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Schools (NAPFTDS) annual convention. Included among the contacts made and valuable information shared was meeting Kevin Burch, who is CEO of Jet Express in the Dayton area; Kevin is also president of the American Trucking Association, the leading transportation organization in the country. Kevin has been invited to visit the TDA at North and was invited to an upcoming Board meeting.

## Workforce Development and Continuing Education

### Customized Training

The division recently celebrated the largest customized training effort in recent history when 52 associates of Deluxe Technicolor completed organizational development training. Additional current workforce training initiatives include those coordinated for American Showa in Blanchester, Walmart Distribution Center in Washington Court

House, and Premier Solutions. Exploratory conversations are underway with Valero Renewables for computer training to be scheduled at a future date.

# STUDENT SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

## Admissions / Recruitment

### Recent and Upcoming Events

- March 16: Presentation at Leadership Clinton Education Day
- March 24: Participating in Work Readiness Initiative of Clermont Chamber Foundation, Speed Mentoring at Felicity High School
- March 25: Science Fair at Central Campus. Event is coordinated by Russell Kincaid
- March 26 & 27: Jim Barnett III will be attending OACAC Spring Conference
- March 29: College and Career Palooza at Hillsboro High School
- April 28: Bio-Tech event being held at Fayette Campus
- April 28: First Annual Career Fair at West Union Elementary
- New Student Orientations for the Summer are in place and an online option is available after the campus dates have passed.

Below are dates and locations of all CCP meetings in which SSCC participated:

**2016-17 CCP High School Information Nights**

| Location | Date | Time | SSCC Rep | Completed |
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| Adena H.S. | 2/16/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Jim B. III | X |
| Batavia H.S. | 1/31/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Bethel-Tate H.S. | 2/6/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Bethel-Tate Middle School | 3/7/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | BREAK |
| Blanchester H.S. | 3/14/2017 | 5:30 p.m. | JR | X |
| Clinton Co. Schools/Laurel Oaks | 1/19/2017 | 6:30 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Clinton Massie H.S. | 1/23/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Chillicothe H.S. | 2/16/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | JR | X |
| East Clinton H.S. | 2/9/2017 | 5:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Eastern Brown H.S. | 1/25/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |

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| Fairfield Career Center | 2/23/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | JR | X |
| Fairfield Local H.S. | 2/16/2017 | 6:30 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Fayetteville Perry H.S. | 12/7/2016 | 7:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Georgetown-Exempted H.S. | 2/1/2017 | 5:30 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Hillsboro H.S. | 2/7/2017 | 6:30 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Liberty Union | 2/9/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | JR | X |
| Little Miami H.S. | 1/18/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Jim B. III | X |
| Lynchburg-Clay H.S. | 1/24/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Madison Plains H.S. | 2/8/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Manchester Local H.S. | 11/21/2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| McClain H.S. | 2/15/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Miami Trace H.S. | 3/6/2017 | 6:00 p.m | Lisa | BREAK |
| North Adams H.S. | 1/4/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Northwest H.S. | | | JR | |
| Peebles H.S. | 1/11/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington H.S. | 12/14/2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Southern Hills CTC | 1/26/2017 | 6:00 p.m | Lisa | X |
| Washington City | 11/17/2016 | 6:30 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| West Union H.S. | 1/18/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Western Brown H.S. | 10/5/2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Western Latham H.S. | 2/27/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Westfall H.S. | 11/17/2016 | 6:00 p.m. | JR | X |
| Whiteoak H.S. | 1/17/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Williamsburg H.S. | 2/23/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa | X |
| Wilmington H.S. | 2/16/2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Lisa P. | X |

"Break" means the college was on break so we did not physically participate; however, the schools used our PowerPoint and materials for their presentation.

**Updated 3.14.17**

# Disability Services

## Graduation

The Office of Disability Services secured interpreters for graduation ceremony. Jamie Darling and Jenny Benedetti have been asked to assist again this year. They have done an outstanding job the past couple of years, and this year will be no exception.

## High School Visits

Lynchburg-Clay Special Education teachers, and Hillsboro High School Special Education Director, have asked for a representative from Disability Services to present

information to students. The Coordinator of Disability Services plans to meet with students one-on-one and give an overview of the resources, along with tips for transition.

### Professional Development Opportunities

The Coordinator of Disability Services attended a recent SOCHE workshop geared toward how to address the needs of students on the autism spectrum. A presentation was given by Heather Rando, M. Ed., Autism Program Director, and Wright State University.

## Financial Aid

### Draft Cohort Default Rate

The College has received the 2014 draft three-year cohort rate of 24.8%. This rate includes students who entered into repayment on their student loans October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and defaulted anytime over the three-year period 2014, 2015 or 2016. The draft rate can change slightly from the actual rate that will be issued in September. A student is considered in default after 360 days of delinquency. The 2014 rate reflects no change from the official 2013 rate.

### Ohio Department of Higher Education Audit

Financial aid records for the 2016 fiscal year were recently audited by ODHE to determine compliance with federal and state reporting standards. The audit reviewed 675 records including all students who received the Ohio College Opportunity Grant, Ohio War Orphans, and Ohio National Guard scholarship. The final report reflected zero errors.

## Patri-Tots

Central Campus Patri-Tots will be applying for a three-star rating with *Step Up To Quality* in late March 2017. It is anticipated that all required documentation and the site

visit will go as planned and the Center will be awarded the increased ranking. Site Administrator Kathe Chaney would like to thank her staff in addition to the assistance of Angie Brown, Site Administrator of North Campus, for all their hard work with this progression to the next highest quality rating.

# Registrar

### 2017 Commencement

The Records Department is currently preparing for the upcoming 2017 graduation ceremony. Two-hundred seventy-eight students have petitioned to graduate and plan to complete their degrees at the end of this Spring Semester. Out of the 278 students who have petitioned, 23 are students enrolled through the CCP program who will also be graduating from high school this year.

### Non-Payment Drop Procedures

The Student First Committee has worked to implement a new process for notifying students and dropping them within the term if they have not made a payment or established payment arrangements. This process has proven to be very beneficial. For the current Spring Semester there were only five students dropped for this reason compared to 16 last spring.

# Student Activities

### Graduation

Graduation will be held 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the Patriot Center. Some tasks have been completed ahead of schedule with all vendors contacted and in place, as well as security and traffic flow assistance scheduled. All red-shirt volunteers were briefed on March 16 and individual duties were assigned.

## Respiratory Care Club

The Respiratory Care Club hosted a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Monday, March 20, at Fayette Campus.

On Saturday, April 8, the Respiratory Care Club will be having an Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Bunny. All are invited to join, as this is a fundraiser for the club. Call or email Advisor Chyane Collins at x5620 or ccollins@sscc.edu , to RSVP.

Saturday, May 13, the Club will be attending the Great Strides (5k walk/run for Cystic Fibrosis) at McHenry Field in Washington Court House. The Club has provided several volunteers to make the event successful for the past seven years. This event brings increased awareness of CF to the community, as well as fundraising for the CF Foundation. Registration starts at 9 a.m.; the walk/run begins at 10 a.m. Anyone interested in participating may contact Chyane.

## Medical Assisting

The November blood drive through Hoxworth was a success with approximately 30 who were able to participate.

The Pink Tea Event for the month of April is currently being organized.

## Athletics

***Men's Soccer***

Head Coach Swart received news that Mac Wilson (freshman) and Riley Payne (freshman) were voted 1st team Ohio Collegiate Soccer Association All-Ohio Men's Junior College Team.

***Women's Soccer***

Coach Malotke has resigned. Applications are currently being accepted for the position.

***Women's Basketball***

The women's basketball team finished the season with seven wins. Freshman Staci Dinsmore was voted to USCAA 1st Team All-American in Division II for Women's Basketball (one of only two freshman on the 1st team).

***Men's Basketball***

The men's basketball team earned nine wins this season. Freshman Jakarr Frey was voted Honorable Mention USCAA Division II for Men's Basketball.

***Women's Softball***

Head Coach Meddock has resigned. Due to lack of coach and players, it was determined to cancel their season.

***Athletic Department***

Schedules for the next season are being completed. A new women's soccer coach and fast pitch coach will need to be hired.

Scoreboards are being ordered for the softball field and soccer field, and should be installed before August.

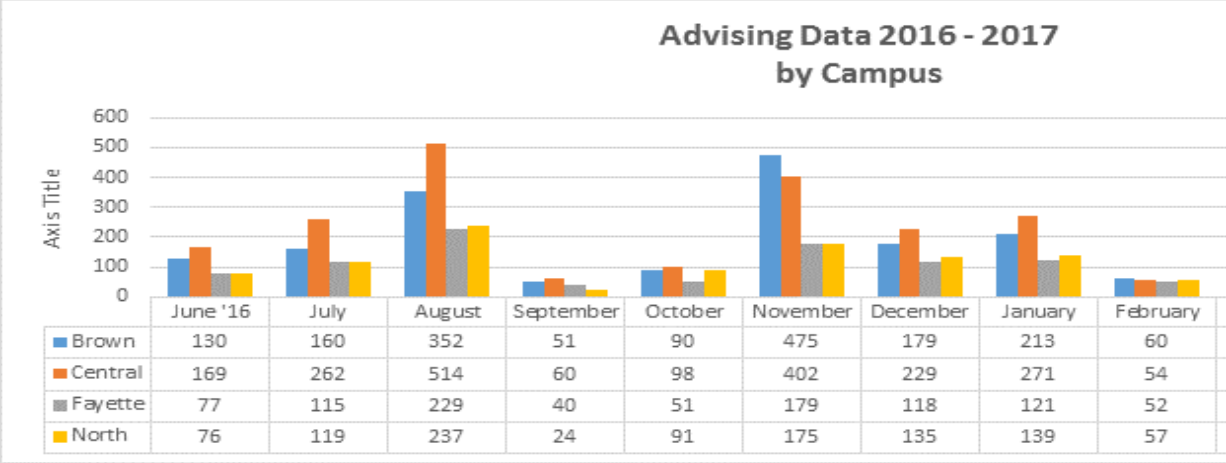
The Ohio Valley Hoops director Bennie Carroll is already lining up games for next year's event. They are trying to get more local schools involved.

# Student Success Center

## Advising Services

Academic advisors saw an increase in last-hour advising and registration at the beginning of the academic year. Efforts to encourage earlier registration paid off with an increase in priority registration numbers from the previous term by 25% (January report). Stepped-up marketing efforts to use advising now for Summer and Fall registration should increase the number of students with schedules before the end of this term. Students committed to the next academic term before end-of-term departure are more likely to finish on time and complete to the end of their degree.

Working toward readiness for engaged guided pathways advising, academic advisors have continued training in constructionism academic/career advising theory. This application-based process aligns well with the limitations in an advising session and quickly helps the student to see opportunities within programs already started.

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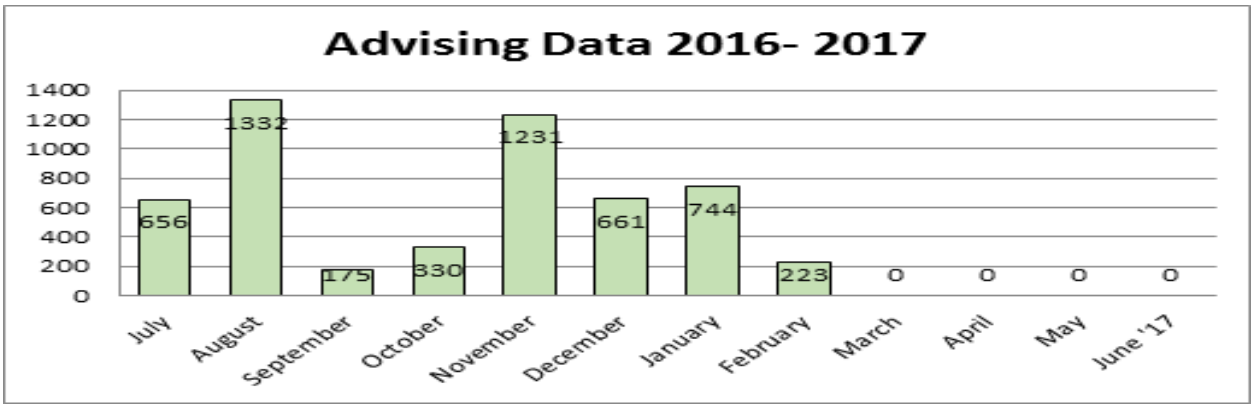
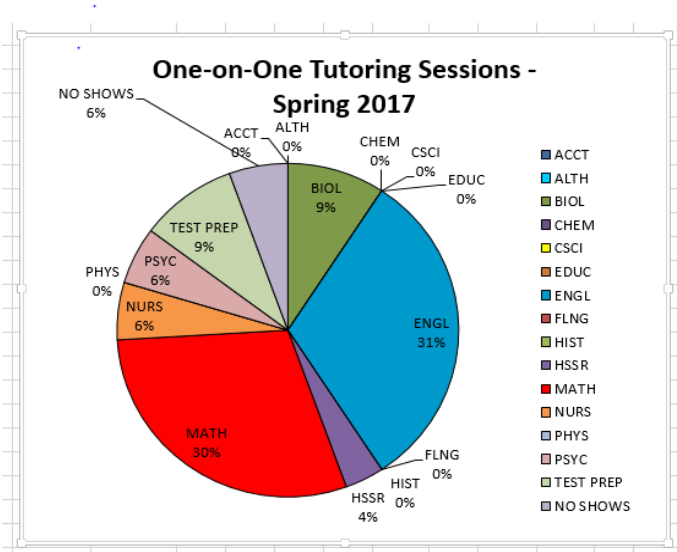
| Central | 169 | 262 | 514 | 60 | 98 | 402 | 229 | 271 | 54 |
| Fayette | 77 | 115 | 229 | 40 | 51 | 179 | 118 | 121 | 52 |
| North | 76 | 119 | 237 | 24 | 91 | 175 | 135 | 139 | 57 |

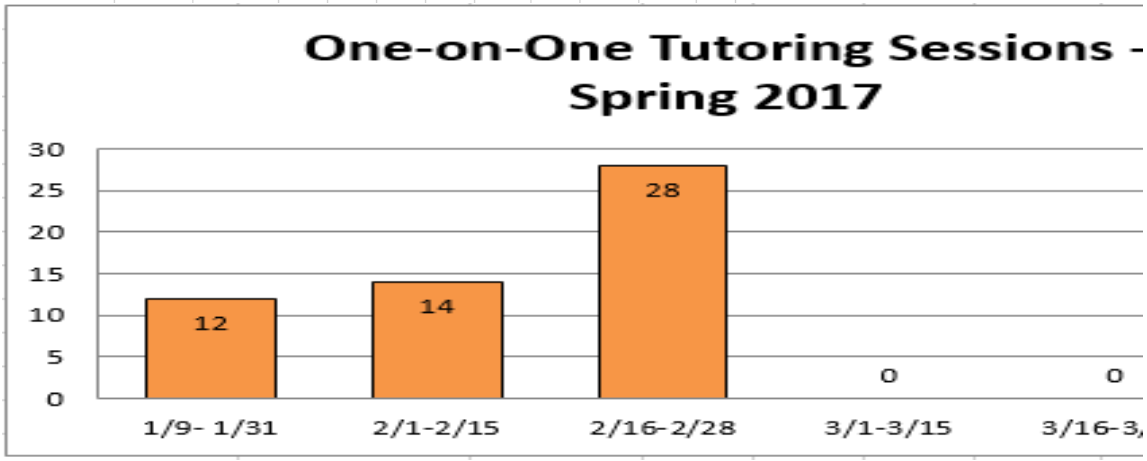


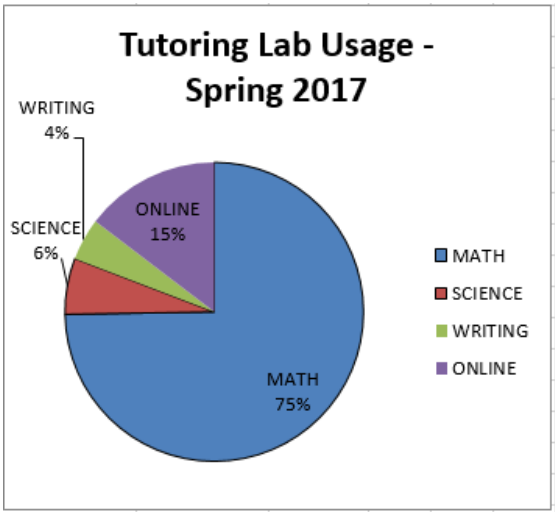

## Tutoring Services

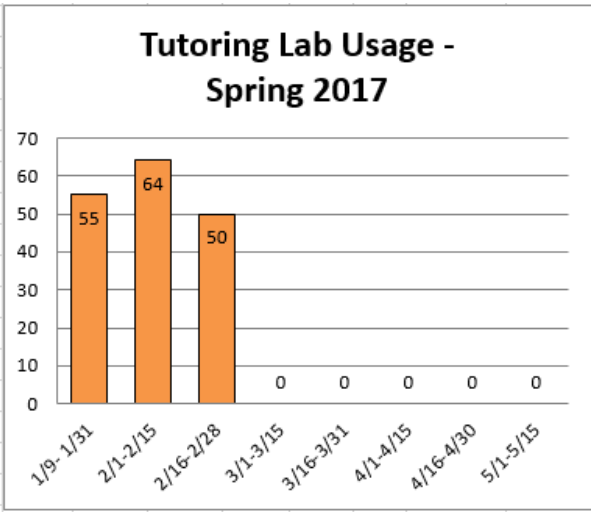
The Spring Semester tutoring numbers are up overall from the same time period last year. While the one-on-one sessions are fewer than last year (91 vs 54), the number of tutoring labs for math and writing have increased, adding to the number of students participating (100 vs 169). Overall, the number of students being served has increased by 15% (191 vs 223). Math is still the main subject requested for assistance. The most growth has come from the addition of the online writing lab this term. There have been 60+ students use this resource in the first eight weeks. The department will be looking

into the possibility of an online math lab this summer, based on the student response to the online writing lab.



## Career and Counseling

***Ideas in Motion***

The Career & Counseling Services Coordinator attended the Ideas in Motion Fighting the Drug Epidemic (Attorney General Substance Abuse Conference) sponsored by the Ohio Attorney General's Office regarding opiate addiction in Ohio. Speakers and panelists shared best practices used throughout the state of Ohio.

***College and Community Wide Suicide Awareness Program***

Southern State Community College in conjunction with Highland Christian Academy sponsored a Saturday evening event on suicide awareness and prevention. Also discussed was the topic of self-harm. A video was donated by Kevin Hines for use in the session where he speaks about his experience of suicide. Hines is a nationally known mental health and suicide prevention advocate. Area mental health providers were present in the lobby with educational materials for those in attendance.

The Man Therapy website was introduced by a representative of the Ohio Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The representative demonstrated the site which has been useful in reducing suicides in the state of Michigan. This website is featured now as part of SSCC's counseling webpage. Signs, both physical and digital, have been placed at all campuses promoting this service. Man Therapy is designed to help men address mental health concerns in a manner that is nonthreatening and humorous.

***Career Construction Theory & Interview Workshop***

Career & Counseling Services, along with the University of Dayton's Counselor Education Department, coordinated a workshop on Career Construction Theory, presented by Mark Savickas, Ph.D. Dr. Savickas is known all over the world for his theory and approach to career counseling. Sponsors of the event included Southern State Community College and Perkins Foundation, University of Dayton, Lindsey Wilson College, Ohio Means Jobs Highland County, and SOCHE. The event was held at the University of Dayton where participants included OMJ job coaches, local high school counselors, college career advisors, school and mental health graduate students, and academic advisors. More than seventy people participated. Overall participant feedback was very positive.

***Career Counseling Assistance at Miami Trace High School***

Career & Counseling Services is currently working with Miami Trace High School in Fayette County doing some group career counseling. We met with the first set of students March 13, 2017. Students were very responsive and enjoyed the session. A follow-up session has been scheduled with more planned for another group.

***Veteran Services***

Veteran Services Advisor Robert Hixson attended the ODHE Ohio Values Veterans Committee Meeting in January. This quarterly meeting for all Single Point of Contacts for HB 488 identifies state-wide services available to our veteran students. Most valuable has been identifying nearby and immediate access to PTSD counseling for our veterans with severe needs.