

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



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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COVID Update

As the Omicron variant has spread throughout the country you've likely observed news reports of campus reopening delays after the holidays and temporary moves to remote instruction. Although community spread continues to remain at high levels and vaccination rates remain lower than average, our current plan is to continue the health protocols that have served us well this year and begin the second semester as scheduled. At the All-College meeting held virtually, Susan Morris provided an update, particularly on the CDC's newest recommendations on isolation and quarantine. The Ohio Department of Health has adopted these as well, so the College will be following this new guidance for students and employees.

Vice President of Academics Job Posted

We have posted and advertised this job opportunity before the holidays and are already seeing interest expressed and applications internally and externally. Your timely decisions allow the College ample time for a thorough process to both identify the next VP of Academics and perhaps even provide some transition time prior to Dr. Roades assuming her new position.

Community Colleges of Appalachia

The Appalachian Regional Commission provides funding for my participation in the American Association of Community College's Workforce Development Institute in late January through an ARC grant to the Community Colleges of Appalachia. I have been asked to present as a part of a panel discussing the challenges of rural community colleges in promoting economic development.

President's Activities and Involvement

- OACC Presidents' Bi-Weekly Meetings
- Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) Meeting
- Legacy Wall Committee Meeting
- The Ohio Ethics Law Webinar: Building a Culture of Integrity
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Ascendium & Westat/OCTEP Meeting on Potential Grant Opportunities
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce "Coffee & Commerce" Networking Event
- Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Fall Induction Ceremony
- SOCHE Board of Trustees Meeting
- Phone Conference with Chancellor's Chief of Staff
- EAB | Navigate+CCEF Partnership Continuation Call
- EAB | Service Planning Call
- OACC's Pinning Ceremony, including SSCC Faculty completing the Effective Online Teaching Practices Course
- Preparatory Meetings for SSEA Negotiations with David Kessler
- SSCC Finance Committee Meeting
- Guest Speaker with Aspiring Superintendents of Career Centers at Southern Hills
- Negotiations Caucus Meetings
- Meeting with AACC Representatives
- Valley Area Superintendents Association Luncheon Meeting
- Meeting with Potential Legacy Wall Vendor
- SSCC Special Board Meeting
- State Trustees Year End Update
- Presidents Call with Governor Mike DeWine

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

In the News

Associate Professor Schradin Earns Certificate in Effective Online Instruction

The continuity of effective teaching and learning is more important today than ever in our history. The COVID 19 Pandemic has accelerated this priority. Through a

partnership with the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) and Achieving the Dream, the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) Success Center generously offered Ohio's community college faculty the opportunity to participate in highly regarded, intensely rigorous, professional development course aimed at improving online teaching. This 25-week course prepares faculty in evidence-based online teaching practices, proven through independently validated research, to improve student achievement and close equity gaps. Faculty who complete the course earn a nationally recognized Certificate in Effective College Online Instruction, the only college teaching credential endorsed by the American Council on Education (ACE). Southern State is proud to recognize Ms. Kelly Schradin, Associate Professor of Biology, for completing this course.

Select Southern State Faculty and Staff Receive SOCHE Academic Excellence Award

Members of the Southern State team were recently honored by the Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education outstanding achievement. Among the recipients included:

- Ms. Angel Mootispaw, Director of Instructional Technology
- Ms. Cathy Zile, CANVAS Administrator
- Mr. Sam Ginn, Distance Learning Support Specialist
- Mr. Bruce Fugate, Associate Professor of Nursing

Full award descriptions are attached.

P-16 Council Fayette County Announces Book Project

The mission of the Fayette County P-16 Council is to provide assistance in aligning resources that enables learners to successfully transition through the local educational environment into the global community. This project is championed locally by Dr. Jessica Wise, Dean of Instructional Operations and Fayette Campus Director. The group recently announced a major book project highlighting the influential lives of Neil Armstrong, David Beckham, Helen Keller, Rosa Parks, and others. Through the generosity of local businesses and organizations, the Council purchased 400 books for the third graders at Miami Trace Elementary School, Washington Court House City Schools, and Fayette Christian School. Among the supporters included Allgeier Farms,

Altrusa International of WCH, Riten Industries, WCR, Washington Rotary Club, Willis-Clark Insurance, and YUSA Corporation.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Financial Aid

HEERF/ARP Funds

The Spring 2022 HEERF III Student Emergency Grant application will open on January 25 with a maximum grant request of \$1,000 (a decrease from Fall maximum award of \$1,500). In addition to the emergency grant, we plan to distribute a \$500 block grant to Spring 2022 Pell grant recipients in February.

The HEERF III/ARP funding award in May 2021 for student aid was \$2,561,758. As of December 31, 2021, \$1,657,195 of this funding has been disbursed to students as emergency grants, tuition and fee assistance and/or block grants.

New Staff Member Hire

Dana Berryman has joined the Financial Aid staff as Financial Aid Assistant. January 3 was her first day. Dana is new to the field of higher education financial aid.

Recruitment and Admissions

College Credit Plus Info Sessions

College Credit Plus info sessions have been recorded for public and private schools and placed on the website. Two virtual CCP sessions have been scheduled for January, and currently 13 are scheduled at area high schools.

Recruitment

Campus Visits

With the help of David Wright, the College has created new virtual campus visit recordings for both the Central and Mt. Orab campuses. The recordings will be launched during the Spring 2022 semester.

Our student ambassadors have conducted three in-person campus visits at the Central and Mt. Orab campuses and one at the Fayette campus.

An in-person campus visit was conducted for a group of Eastern HS CCP students at the Fayette campus.

Approximately 30 Health Technology students from Laurel Oaks participated in a campus visit at the Central campus.

Approximately 60 students from area high schools and career tech centers attended the Health Sciences Visit Day event at the Central campus.

Business Outreach

In an effort to recruit more non-traditional/online learners, letters have been sent to all area businesses in Highland, Adams, Brown, Fayette, and Clinton counties. In total, we have reached out to 1,157 businesses. Many have returned emails and phone calls requesting additional information for their employees.

New Student Orientation

The initial set of orientation letters were mailed to students who are registered for spring classes. In an effort to increase orientation completion rates, the letters have been revised to provide clearer instructions for both CCP and non-CCP students.

Student Success Center

New Student Onboarding

Canvas is the primary technology source used by students and faculty. In an effort to expose entering students to primary technologies and other campus resources, advisors

have created a success strategies onboarding session through Canvas to help their students “get their feet wet” in the MySSCC portal.

Launched by W. Michelle Callender (Student Success Center) and Cathy Zile (Instructional Technology Center), the Onboarding platform allows advisors to focus on career and academic plans/schedules in the first meeting and then follow up with navigational tools for the first college semester at SSCC. Students are able to focus on the logistics of attending class (either in person or virtually) once they have a schedule in hand. Attention is directed to the specific orientations designed for college adjustment and maneuvering through Canvas.

The Onboarding “tile” remains in the student’s canvas as a reference tool to academic and student supports needed during their Southern State Career. It also keeps them in contact with their advisors for ongoing issues and questions.

Phi Theta Kappa

Leadership

Elizabeth Neal has been selected as the VP of Communications.

Events

The Ohio Region Hallmark Awards Conference will be held in March at Sinclair Community College.

Projects & Research

The chapter will present a 2021 review at the January board meeting.

College Project

- As they wrap up the 2021 Hallmark Award Submissions, the chapter will meet with SSCC administration to identify the 2022 college project.
- PTK continues to lead the 2021 Health Ambassador project for the College. For fall semester, the health ambassador role has been coordinated with Liz Burkard transitioning into a welcome and navigational role for students and visitors.
- The COVID-19 test kit project is fully operational with free test kits now available on all campuses.

The Honors in Action project – the 2021 theme will focus on the topic of resilience.

- The project is in its early stages and will take a closer look at the resiliency of children during the pandemic.
- The research portion of the project was completed and the action resulting will provide education to parents of the children enrolled in the Patri-tots program on the topic of resilience in children. Each child will be provided a game that supports the development of resilience and each parent completing a survey will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card. This project was funded by a grant received by the chapter from PTK international.

Scholarship

The PTK Trustee scholarship is now available. Three PTK members have been awarded: Savannah Frost, Vanessa Rice, and Chelsea Flick. A total of ten - \$500 scholarships will be awarded.

The PTK Competitive Scholarship will re-open for spring and interested students are in the application process.

Patriot Campus Ministries

Meetings

Patriot Campus Ministry leadership met on November 5 to develop a ministry plan. The club will have a weekly student-led Bible study.

Branding is completed with the assistance of marketing. The website is active and updated and can be found under student activities:

<https://www.sccc.edu/students/patriot-campus-ministries.shtml>

Activities

There will be a My Intent jewelry fundraiser in January.