The power of SUCCESS
It is my pleasure to present “The power of SUCCESS,” the Owens Community College 2004 Annual Report. Students, faculty and staff generate the power of our success through their positive contributions to the Northwest Ohio community which we call home.

As a well-established and trusted community partner, we invest resources to fuel a thriving and growing community relationship. Our economic impact on the community is strong, given our tax base and capital projects. Construction on the new Findlay-area Campus is near completion and will open to the public in Fall 2005. On the Toledo-area Campus, we celebrated the groundbreaking for the Fire and Police Training Center for Homeland Security.

The power of our successful educational delivery system is rooted in fulfilling the community’s wants and needs. We continue to adapt our academic choices as the geographic scope of our service community broadens. Through a hard-earned Owens education, students increase their opportunity for employability and self-sufficiency.

Our expert faculty and staff nurture the educational experience for students through their community connections to business, industry and government agencies. In this report, we highlight a few faculty and staff members and their focus on student success and development. We also share students’ stories about their educational journey.

Our students and their future employers know an Owens Community College education represents quality, and we are proud of all that we offer as Northwest Ohio’s #1 Choice in higher education. Still, our community standing is not driven by pride, but rather by fulfilling our mission of serving our students and the community.

Sincerely,

Christa Adams, Ph.D.
President

AVERAGE STARTING SALARIES

Students graduating with an associate’s degree from Owens Community College possess the tools they need to enter the workforce. With an average starting salary of $34,400, entry-level workers with an associate’s degree earn more income than entry-level workers with a bachelor’s degree.

Source: The Ohio Board of Regents 2004 Study.

TUITION COMPARISON

Annual tuition at Owens Community College is the lowest among colleges and universities in Northwest Ohio.

Owens students obtain an affordable, quality education for approximately one-third of the cost of nearby four-year public universities and approximately six times the cost of four-year private colleges and universities.

Source: Bursar's and Admission offices of respective colleges and universities for the 2004-2005 academic year.

INCREASING ENROLLMENT

Since becoming a comprehensive state community college in 1994, Owens Community College has nearly doubled its Fall Semester enrollment to more than 20,000 students. Owens now serves more than 45,000 students annually and looks forward to continued growth.

Source: Owens Community College Department of Institutional Research.
Owens Community College received $88.3 million in revenue during fiscal year 2004. Through meticulous budgeting, Owens gained an impressive $6.7 million in assets during that time.

Major expenditures included Instruction and Research, Institutional Support, Plant Operations and Maintenance, Auxiliary Enterprises, Student Services, Scholarships and Aid.

FY2004 EXPENDITURES
(in millions) $81.6 Total
- Instruction & Research: $35.9
- Institutional Support: $11.7
- Plant Operations & Maintenance: $8.2
- Auxiliary Enterprises: $6.5
- Student Services: $6.0
- Scholarships & Aid: $4.4
- Depreciation: $3.3
- Academic Support: $3.1
- Public Service: $1.9
- Institutional Research: $0.2

FY2004 REVENUE
(in millions) $88.3 Total
- State Appropriations: $32.2
- Federal & Other Grants: $21.1
- Tuition & Fees: $18.9
- Capital Grants & Appropriations: $8.0
- Auxiliary Services: $6.9
- Other: $1.0
- Sales & Service: $0.2

NET INCREASE IN ASSETS
(in millions)
- FY2004: $6.7 Total
- FY2003: $4.2 Total

Owens Community College makes a point to meet the growing needs of its students each year. Through efficient and careful financial planning, Owens maximizes revenues to create a better learning environment for its students. Despite the rising cost of education and an overall decrease in 2004 state funding, Owens was the most efficient college in Ohio. With the lowest Cost of delivery rate, Owens educated more students using fewer dollars than any other institution in the State. In doing so, Owens once again confirmed its role as Northwest Ohio's Best Investment®.
**Powerful RESULTS**

The results are in: Owens’ power in the Northwest Ohio community is undeniable.

Now serving more than 45,000 students annually on two campuses, Owens Community College is the fastest growing community college in Ohio and offers more than 160 program areas of study.

As program areas and enrollment numbers continue to rise, Owens students are continuously becoming more diverse. Owens serves a variety of students, including “traditional” students immediately out of high school, “non-traditional” students looking for a career change, international students seeking a quality experience abroad and students interested in playing collegiate athletics. In addition, Owens also serves high school students through the Post Secondary Option (PSO) program, which allows high school students to enroll in college-level courses and receive both high school and college credit.

Owens’ diverse population includes students from other countries, states and counties throughout Ohio including Hancock, Lucas, Ottawa, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca and Wood. The flexible day, evening, weekend and online courses provide these students with endless opportunities.

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### DEGREE/CERTIFICATE AREA

- Associate of Applied Science Degree: 51.5%
- Associate of Applied Business Degree: 19.7%
- Certificate Programs: 14.8%
- Associate of Arts Degree: 6.8%
- Associate of Science Degree: 6.2%
- Associate of Technical Studies Degree: 1.0%

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**WEB COURSES OFFERED**

- Total Number of Students who Took Web Courses: 2,692
- Fall Semester 2004
ECONOMIC power

Thanks to its students, faculty and staff members, Owens Community College is able to assist a greater number of Northwest Ohio residents in obtaining a better quality of life. Through employee salaries, tax dollars and the future earning power of its graduates, Owens gives back to the Northwest Ohio community in a multitude of ways.

Owens has played an integral role in the region’s development for nearly 40 years. With modern and technologically advanced facilities, expanded programs and more course offerings, Owens Community College is Northwest Ohio’s Best Investment®.

STUDENTS SERVED
Owens served 29,398 credit students and 17,718 non-credit students in FY 2004. This diverse group of students represented all demographic areas, including financial status, age, race, religion and sex.

Based on the 2002-2003 Graduate Follow-up Survey administered to all Owens graduates, more than 30 percent of respondents went on to continue their education at a four-year college or university.

FUNDING/EXPENSES
Owens received nearly $32.4 million in state appropriations in FY 2004, as well as $2.8 million in grant funding from city, county, state and federal sources. In addition, the College received $34.9 million in student tuition and fees.

Based on state appropriations and student tuition and fees, Owens’ unrestricted operating budget was $67.5 million.

In 2004, Owens employed more than 2,600 faculty and staff members. Throughout the year, the College continued to generate jobs, employing a diverse group of experts and professionals. The total amount in salaries and benefits paid was over $50 million.

Owens made significant contributions back into the Northwest Ohio economy through expenditures including materials and supplies, travel and food services, information and communications, maintenance services, cost of sales, utilities and insurance. In addition, Owens’ helped enhance the economy by spending more than $10.5 million on construction and renovation alone.

COMMUNITY GIVING CAMPAIGNS
Owens gives back to the community through Community Giving Campaigns and fundraisers. During the past 10 years, Owens raised more than $130,000 through the United Way and the Community Shares program.

TOTAL IMPACT
Owens employs many local residents to operate and maintain facilities, provide administrative support, build and renovate facilities and, perhaps most importantly, instruct students. Owens provides quality education and training, which helps to create a stronger, skilled workforce for area employers.

As a result, Owens continues to contribute to the local economy. In FY 2004, Owens generated more than $60 million based on salaries, construction/renovation and taxes alone.

PARTNERSHIPS
Owens recognizes the value in building collaborative partnerships with Northwest Ohio’s business and industry leaders. In 2004 alone, Owens’ Workforce and Community Services Division offered training for 401 organizations, afforded assessment services to 43 organizations and provided continuing education courses to more than 11,000 students in the Northwest Ohio community.

With more than 700 employers represented on the College’s academic advisory boards, Owens is building upon its relationships with primary and secondary educational institutions by offering the Tech Prep Program, the Early English Composition Assessment Program and the National Certificate of College Competencies Pilot Program. In addition, Owens collaborates with colleges and universities across the United States through transfer and articulation agreements, as well as through initiatives such as the Great Lakes Education Consortium for Homeland Security Training.

Now serving more than 45,000 students annually, Owens Community College continues to have a powerful impact on the Northwest Ohio economy.
The Foundation Board provides a means for individuals, organizations, businesses and industries to work with Owens Community College and accomplish a broad range of educational goals, including scholarships, capital improvements and program support.
Power DRIVEN

The Owens Community College Foundation continues to drive the power of education into the hands of students across Northwest Ohio. Since its inception in April 2002, the Foundation has achieved a net asset value of more than $1.4 million and granted more than $580,000 in scholarships and program support.

In addition to the more than 350 scholarships awarded since 2002, the Foundation awarded the following scholarships for the first time in 2004: the Alumni Legacy Scholarship; the Bookstore Scholarship; the Private Industry Collaborative Scholarship; the Findlay-area Campus SIFE Scholarship; and the Spanish American Organization Scholarship.

ANNUAL GIVING AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Foundation continues to build a solid donor base by affording people the opportunity to help students through a variety of initiatives. In 2004, the Foundation launched its Annual Giving Campaign, as well as began a Capital Campaign to support a library and 10 additional classrooms on the new Findlay-area Campus. These new initiatives helped the Foundation receive 319 contributions totaling more than $260,000 in 2004, allowing Owens to impact a greater number of students.

ANNUAL GIVING CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

- Michael J. Owens Society: $2,500 or more
- 1965 Founders’ Class: $1,000 – $2,499
- President’s Circle: $500 – $999
- Dean’s List: $250 – $499
- Professor’s Club: $100 – $249
- Honor Roll: $50 – $99
- Red and White Association: $25 – $49

FINDLAY-AREA CAMPUS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LEVELS

- Library (1 gift): $300,000
- Classrooms (10 Gifts of $60,000): $600,000
- Other Gifts: $100,000

A YEAR IN REVIEW

The foundation of any strong organization begins with its people. Reactivated in 2003, the Owens Community College Alumni Association is now more than 2,000 members strong. The goal of these members, along with an exceptional 17-member Board of Directors, is to collaboratively engage alumni and students in programs, events and services that energize interest, build loyalty and strengthen support of the College.

In 2004, the Alumni Association continued to reach out to Northwest Ohio through community service projects, activities, networking events and recognition programs. Specifically, the Association successfully connected alumni to the College and each other by hosting events like Mud Hens Night, Whitewater Rafting and a Shopping Trip. In addition, the Association organized fundraisers, such as March Madness, a Phonathon and the 2nd Annual Golf Classic, to grow the established Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Members of the Alumni Association recognize the importance of giving back to the Northwest Ohio community. Through signature events like Backpack to the Future and the Outstanding Service Awards, association members were able to recognize local heroes, assist those in need, and most of all, take pride in their community.

ALUMNI LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

In January 2004, members of the Owens Alumni Association Board voted to establish an endowed scholarship fund with the $10,000 earned from the inaugural Golf Classic. The Alumni Legacy Endowed Scholarship Fund, which will provide awards annually from the growth earned by the fund, benefits children of Alumni Association members who carry a minimum 3.0 grade point average as an Owens student or soon-to-be high school graduate. In addition, the Board voted to add 50 percent of the fundraising net proceeds from 2004 to this endowment fund. This, added to direct contributions to the fund, resulted in a 2004 year-end balance of more than $36,000.

Owens has been providing excellence in higher education for nearly four decades. By establishing the legacy scholarship, the Alumni Association plans to open new doors for future generations of potential Owens students to pursue their career aspirations at Owens Community College.

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Left: Sponsors Chuck Parcher, Executive Vice President at Sky Bank, and Tom Dattilo, Chairman, President and CEO of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, at the Alumni Golf Classic.

Middle: Members of the Owens Alumni Association and Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School students smile for the camera during Backpack to the Future Night. muddy poses for the cameras at the Alumni Association Mud Hens Night.
Powers THAT BE

“The Board of Trustees is dedicated to serving its constituents - the citizens of Northwest Ohio. At Owens we seek to lead and innovate in everything we do. By providing open and convenient access to excellent and affordable higher education, we are enhancing the quality of life throughout our community.”

Jack T. Sculfort, Chair

Ronald A. McMaster, Ph.D., Vice Chair
McMaster Motor Company and McMaster Fuel Ltd., President
12 Years of Service

John C. Moore, Trustee
Consultant
5 Years of Service

Allan J. Libbe, Trustee
Rudolph Libbe Inc., Founding Partner (Retired)
13 Years of Service

John G. Ault, Trustee
Former Wood County Commissioner
20 Years of Service

Diana H. (Dee) Talmage, Trustee
Educator and Former Ottawa Hills School Board Member (Retired)
3 Years of Service

R J Molter, Trustee
Pilis & Packages Pharmacy, Pharmacist
33 Years of Service

H. Richard Rowe, Trustee
Edward Jones Investments, Investment Representative
1 Year of Service

Carl R. Patterson, Trustee
G.S.W. Manufacturing, General Manager (Retired)
12 Years of Service

Appointed by Ohio’s governors to six-year terms, our Board of Trustees is passionate about higher education and about Owens. These nine Trustees are omnipresent at campus events, demonstrating their support for the excellent work that our faculty and staff do on behalf of students. Not only do our Trustees represent the College to the community, they also represent the community to the College. Our Trustees bring diverse backgrounds and perspectives. They donate their time and their talents, and the multitudes of student successes are their rewards.

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9 Years of Service

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Power HOUSE

As a result of the College’s continuous rapid growth and dedication to serving a variety of student needs, Owens Community College has become a powerhouse of higher education. The College spent 2004 undergoing and preparing for major construction projects on the Toledo-area and Findlay-area Campuses.

FINDLAY - AREA CAMPUS

The original Findlay-area Campus opened with 201 registered students in 1983. Today, the campus annually serves more than 5,500 credit and non-credit students and is projected to grow another 37 percent by 2007.

With such an incredible increase in enrollment, Owens Community College broke ground on a new Findlay-area Campus to better meet student needs. The 119,407 gross square foot instructional center will provide expanded choices in educational opportunities, highlighted by a library addition, 41 advanced technology classrooms, student services, and 28 technical and computer laboratories, as well as a grant-funded Child Care Center.

Owens Community College’s state-of-the-art educational facility is situated on more than 60 acres at the convergence of Township Road 212 and Bright Road in Findlay. Students will begin utilizing the new campus Fall Semester 2005.

FIRE & POLICE TRAINING CENTER FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

The groundbreaking ceremony for a new Fire and Police Training Center for Homeland Security occurred in April 2004. Located on 110 acres, the facility will include a smokeless burn building, an observation tower, a swift water rescue pond, a mock city and a variety of other simulation scenarios.

The Center will feature Ohio’s Third Frontier Network – the nation’s most advanced fiber-optic network for research, education and economic development. An initiative of the Ohio Board of Regents, the network at Owens will allow area fire and police departments to conduct exercises, via distance learning, on a variety of simulated terrorist incidents, emergency hazards and natural disasters.

PROJECT INVESTMENT (in millions) $17.74

Funding sources for the new Owens Findlay-area Campus

State of Ohio $10.74

Owens Community College $6.0

Capital Campaign $1.0
The power of KNOWLEDGE

Owens expert faculty and staff members give students the power they need to expand upon their knowledge base. Owens offers associate degrees, certificates and non-credit courses in more than 160 program areas. In addition, Owens has established over 20 articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities, allowing students to complete their first two years at Owens and then seamlessly transfer to continue their education toward a bachelor’s degree. And, with an average class size of just 15 students, Owens has created an ideal learning environment that allows for more personal attention from our outstanding expert faculty members.

The Center for Fine and Performing Arts provides an opportunity for students with a passion for the arts to enroll in more than 230 courses focusing on art, dance, music, photography and theatre. In its inaugural season, the CFPA welcomed more than 1,700 students in 19 new program areas.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Owens’ Early Childhood Education Program recently adopted a new, cutting edge-philosophy in education. The world-renowned Reggio Emilia philosophy, which focuses on visual arts, states that every child has the right to grow and learn in a favorable, encouraging environment.
FINDLAY-AREA CAMPUS
Judy Ennis
Judy Ennis, Executive Dean of the Findlay-area Campus, joined the Owens family in 2004. Serving in a new position, Judy uses her talents to assist in the development of strategic operational and academic planning for the Findlay-area Campus, as well as provide governmental relations support for initiatives affecting the College.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Dr. Myrna DeAustria
Dr. Myrna DeAustria, Dean of the School of Business and Information Technology, has made a significant contribution to higher education for more than 38 years. Her professional involvement with a variety of business organizations has assisted her School in innovation, preparation and collaboration.

SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY
Mark Durivage
Mark Durivage, Dean of the School of Technology, brings real-world experience to his School. Mark, who holds multiple degrees and several professional certifications, is dedicated to providing hands-on experience to students in the School of Technology.

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Dr. Bruce Way
Dr. Bruce Way, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, joined Owens’ administration in 2002 as Chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. In his current role as Dean, he uses his knowledge to assist in the creation and continuation of programs that will better serve Owens students.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
Janell Lang
Janell Lang, Dean of the School of Health Sciences, has been sharing her expertise with Owens for more than 30 years. In her many roles at Owens, Janell has helped position Owens’ Registered Nursing program as one of the most prestigious nursing programs in the nation. Currently, one in every three students attending Owens is enrolled in the School of Health Sciences.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
Now its own entity, the School of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness offers a wide variety of unique programs to prepare students for success in community service. Currently in the construction phase, the state-of-the-art Fire and Police Training Center for Homeland Security will provide students with additional hands-on experience through real-world conditions and scenarios.
EMPOWERING students

DAN WEDDING
Dr. Daniel K. Wedding, Owens Assistant Professor of Electrical/Electronics Engineering, has been educating Owens students for more than seven years. In that time, he has continuously contributed a surplus of real-world experience to his classroom and become an inspiration to those around him.

In addition, Dan stays current on industry trends, as well as brings newfound knowledge into the classroom, through his involvement with an engineering research and development house that specializes in touch-screen technology.

DENNIS COLE
Dennis Cole, Owens Assistant Professor of Social & Behavioral Sciences, has enriched the lives of students, faculty and staff members at Owens for more than five years. Through his understanding, guidance and patience, he has become a faculty favorite among Owens’ student population.

While some faculty and staff members may not be familiar with his work, Dennis’ students certainly are. He has authored, edited and published more than 12 publications – most of which he uses to teach his students with here at Owens!

TOM MARSHALL
Tom Marshall, Owens Professor of Marketing and Management, has been with the College for more than a decade. With immense knowledge and fantastic leadership skills, Owens is proud to call him family.

Tom also spends time providing guidance to Owens’ Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team. Thanks to his leadership, the Owens SIFE team finished first runner up in the National Championships and was ranked one of the top 16 community colleges in the country for outstanding leadership and entrepreneurial excellence.

Ceci Tolson
As a young adult, Owens Instructor of Registered Nursing, Ceci Tolson knew she wanted to teach nursing. Fortunately for Owens, she accepted a full-time position in the Nursing Department in January 2001 and has been guiding students to successful nursing careers ever since.

Ceci’s dedication to student success is evident in every aspect of her career. For instance, she helped lobby Owens to get a state-of-the-art Human Patient Simulator, which enables nursing students to experience realistic medical scenarios with a direct, hands-on approach.

with EMPOWERING minds
Jianshen Cai, a native of Shenzhen, China, enrolled at Owens Community College in 2003 to pursue a degree in Business Management. A 2004 Owens graduate, Jianshen chose Owens due to its affordable tuition, high quality instruction, small class sizes and exceptional International Student Services Office.

"Owens’ International Student Services staff made me feel at home through events like International Education Week and helped me meet a lot of friends from different countries. My experience at Owens would not have been the same without their assistance."

EMILY N. YATES
Registered Nursing
Distance could not keep Emily Yates from enrolling in Owens’ Registered Nursing program. A 2004 graduate and resident of Arlington, Ohio, Emily commuted more than 100 miles each day to attend classes on the Toledo-area Campus.

“Owens’ strong reputation in nursing and low tuition rates got me to Owens. The small class sizes, which enabled me to have a closer relationship with other students and teachers, made me stay.”

JEFFREY C. SCHULTE
Applied Technology
For Jeffrey Schulte, transferability and a hands-on educational experience were top priorities. Now an Owens graduate, Jeffrey will attend Eastern Michigan University to continue his studies in Applied Technology.

“At Owens, I learned a lot of things hands-on that most people with bachelor’s degrees probably haven’t had the opportunity to learn. Owens definitely prepared me for my future.”

HEATHER L. PENNINGTON
Accounting Technology
When Heather Pennington, a 1992 high school graduate and full-time working mother, decided to go back to school, she knew she needed to attend a flexible and accessible institution. Heather enrolled at Owens in 2001.

“Owens Community College is a wonderful experience – especially for non-traditional students who have other commitments. The flexibility was so wonderful. It made my life so much easier.”

JIANSHEN CAI
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Owens Community College put its power to play in 2004, experiencing continued growth, collaboration and successes. Throughout the year, Owens’ campus community was honored by visits from President George W. Bush and Ohio Governor Bob Taft, as well as nationally recognized radio personality Garrison Keillor. Owens also hosted community outreach programs and celebratory events such as the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, the Alumni Association’s Outstanding Service Awards and the new Findlay-area Campus’ Topping Off Ceremony. Through these extraordinary events, Owens enhances local and national philanthropic efforts, as well as reaches out to its surrounding communities.

**Power PLAY**

**Relay For Life**
More than 350 area residents walked the night and morning away in late March at Owens’ 2004 Relay for Life. The event raised more than $22,000 in support of cancer awareness for the American Cancer Society.

**Garrison Keillor**
Garrison Keillor, a nationally known writer and radio personality, brought his satirical remarks and humorous antics to Owens on February 24, 2004.

**HOMELAND SECURITY GROUNDBREAKING**
Owens Community College celebrated more than three decades of providing educational training to Northwest Ohio's safety forces on April 30, 2004, by breaking ground for a new $25 million Fire and Police Training Center for Homeland Security.

**Third Frontier**
Federal, state, university, and fire and safety officials converged upon Owens to focus on the Third Frontier Network's capacities to support the Great Lakes Educational Consortium for Homeland Security Training on June 7, 2004.

**Children's Art Show**
Children attending Owens' Child Care Center displayed their artistic qualities, creative impressions and imaginative masterpieces to the community at the first-ever Children's Art Show in August.

**Outstanding Service Awards**
Owens Community College's Alumni Association honored the tremendous contribution of area police, fire and emergency medical professionals during the Outstanding Service Award Celebration on April 23, 2004.

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**Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp**
Owens' Health Science students touched the lives of area children who have a form of muscular dystrophy, while also preparing themselves for careers as health care professionals, at the Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp.

**Ford/AAA Auto Skills State Competition**
Teams from 15 high schools throughout Ohio tested their automobile knowledge and repair skills during the 55th annual Ford/AAA Auto Skills State Competition held at Owens on May 14, 2004.

**Topping Off Ceremony**
Owens Community College and Charles Construction Services Inc. marked a milestone in the new Findlay-area Campus construction by hosting a "Topping Off" Ceremony in early June. The ceremony, which involved hoisting an evergreen tree onto a steel beam, celebrated safe and successful construction.

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Care Fair for Health
More than 500 area high school juniors and seniors gained knowledge about ways to make their lives more enjoyable through healthy living during Owens’ Care Fair for Health in October 2004.

Governor Bob Taft
Governor Bob Taft’s Jobs Cabinet visited Owens in September to discuss current and future job growth in the State of Ohio. Items discussed included establishing a data base to match displaced workers with companies who are hiring and streamlining the permitting process in Ohio.

Diamante Awards Celebration
Owens Community College, Bowling Green State University, Lourdes College, the Medical College of Ohio and The University of Toledo collaboratively celebrated Hispanic Heritage by recognizing outstanding achievements and service in Northwest Ohio during the 15th annual Diamante Awards on September 10, 2004.

Assistant Secretary William Lash
The importance of foreign trade was the highlighted topic of discussion on September 29, 2004, as William Lash, Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, visited Owens as part of an International Trade Seminar.

Jim Welling Earns 500th Win
Owens Head Basketball Coach Jim Welling reached a milestone in his illustrious basketball career by earning victory No. 500 with an 81-71 win over Hillsborough Community College in early November.

Great Lakes Educational Consortium for Homeland Security Training
Area two- and four-year academic institutions gathered at Owens in October to discuss heightening the Midwest’s educational opportunities within emergency training as part of the first-ever Great Lakes Educational Consortium for Homeland Security Training meeting.

International Education Week
Owens Community College continued International Education Week November 15-19 with a series of events and activities highlighting multinational experiences. Events focused on various global topics ranging from international education, culture and business to study abroad opportunities.

Homeless Shelter
In mid-November, Owens students organized a Clothing Drive to aid the homeless. In the span of a week, the College’s Student Government and the Environmental Club collected more than 30 garbage bags of donated items from the Toledo-area and Findlay-area Campuses.
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