

# SUCCESS Report

Winter 2008

## Welcome to the Success Report.

Your investments in education are paying strong dividends. Here at the Owens Community College Foundation, we have made a resolution to keep you informed about the ways your donations are making an impact. Take a moment to read how you have changed lives this past year.

- Annual fund giving increased 40 percent.
- Owens employee giving increased 27 percent.
- More than \$100,000 in scholarships were awarded – more than any other year in our history.
- To help students and faculty impacted by the flood in Hancock and Putnam counties, \$2,500 was donated to the Hancock County Chapter of the American Red Cross.
- More than 1,300 students graduated from Owens in 2007 and can now begin their careers; many achieved this milestone due to scholarship assistance.
- Donations funded programs to benefit the community – including performances at the Center for Fine and Performing Arts and the Walter E. Terhune Gallery.
- Donations provided professional development for faculty, as well as assistance for student athletics and clubs.

We are committed to helping students succeed here at Owens. Once again, thank you for investing in our students and in our community.



Ann Savage  
President/CEO

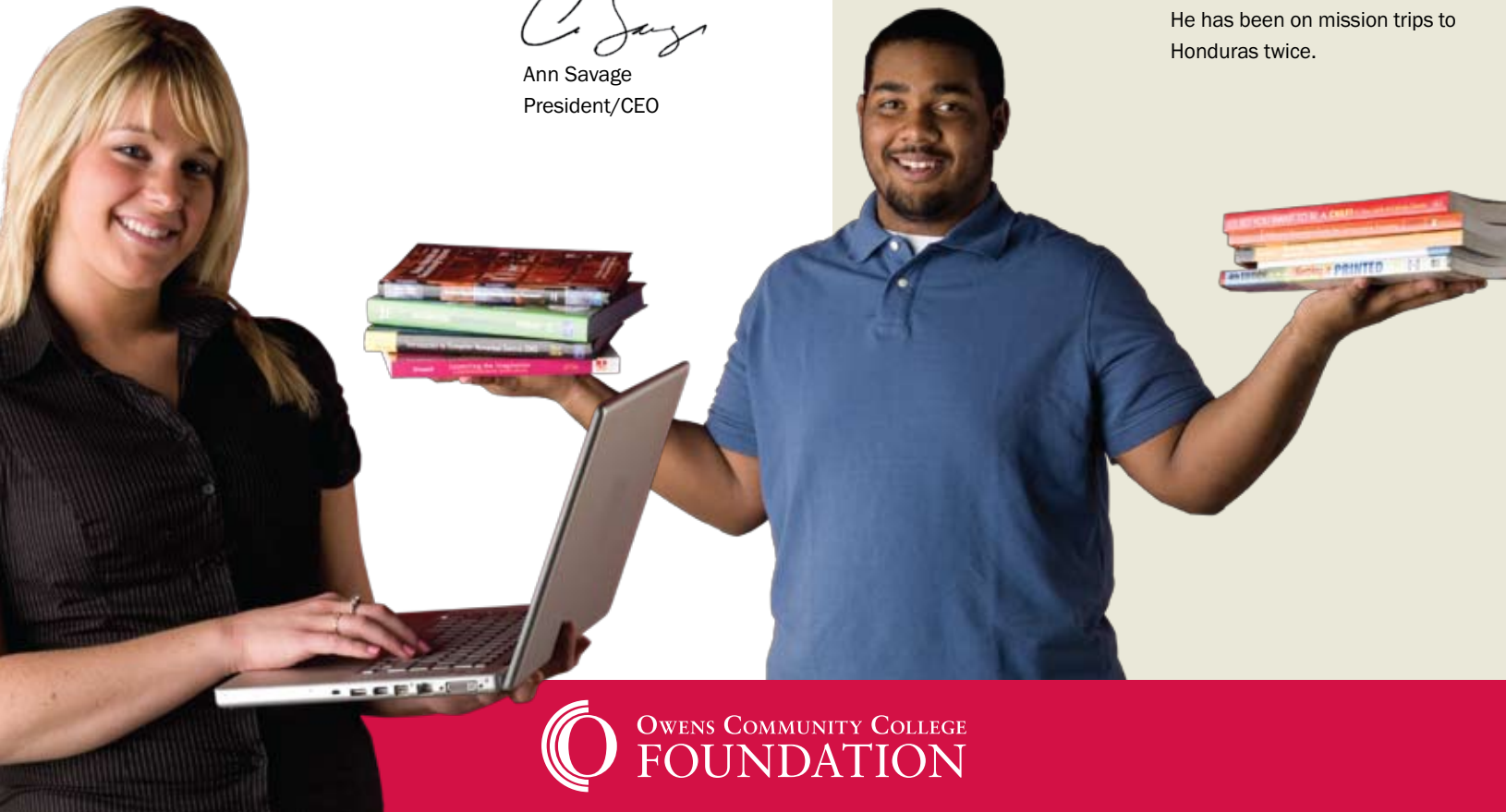
## NEW DIRECTORS



**DEE TALMAGE** is a retired educator and former school board member who has served on the Owens Community College Board of Trustees since 2002. Well known for her community leadership, Talmage's professional and community involvement includes board membership for the American Red Cross Greater Toledo Area Chapter, Think College Now, TARTA and Lucas County Children's Services.



**JOHN R. ZAJAC** is the Regional Chief Finance Officer for the Northwest Ohio Region of the Huntington Bank, N.A. He is responsible for all aspects of financial reporting and analysis in the Northwest Ohio region. Zajac is a member of the Perrysburg Exchange Club and serves on the board of the Perrysburg Symphony Orchestra. He has been on mission trips to Honduras twice.



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## WHAT IF EVERY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE COULD AFFORD TO ATTEND COLLEGE?

The Owens Community College Foundation believes that increasing the numbers of high school graduates attending college in our region will transform our economy. That is why we have developed the Success Program, designed to help high school students from low-income families pay for college.

Over time, the Foundation envisions that any student who receives only partial federal and state grant aid will be offered a Success grant to bridge the gap between financial aid and the tuition and fees at Owens Community College. The long-term goal of the Success Program is to increase high school graduation and college enrollment rates.

Thanks to a wonderful gift of \$100,000 from the McMaster Foundation, the Success program will be piloted at Woodward High School with the graduating classes of 2008 and 2009.

The Foundation is currently raising funds to pilot the program at Findlay High School, the largest feeder school to the Findlay-area Campus. The program will begin with the graduating classes of 2008 and 2009.

The Owens Community College Alumni Association generously has given a \$10,000 gift to be used for both pilot programs, and the Foundation is seeking more gifts from the community.

In the coming months, the Foundation will be working collaboratively with the Toledo Public School District, Findlay City Schools and Owens Community College staff to further implement and expand the Success Program.

The Foundation's vision is that the Success Program will have a transformational impact on Northwest Ohio. Working together, we are confident that the Foundation can achieve its goal of raising enough funding to expand the program throughout our area.

**For more information on supporting the Foundation's programs, please call Ann Savage at (567) 661-7184, e-mail [elizabeth\\_savage@owens.edu](mailto:elizabeth_savage@owens.edu), or visit [www.owens.edu/foundation/index.html](http://www.owens.edu/foundation/index.html).**



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