

New Directors Elected

At their meeting on May 22, 2008, the Foundation Board of Directors elected Timothy V. Coleman and Emily A. Walton as new Directors.

Timothy V. Coleman is Senior Vice President and Market Executive, Private Client Group for National City Bank. Coleman is a graduate of Leadership Toledo and serves on the Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts of America. His community involvement includes service as an athletic coach for the Catholic Youth Organization and a Junior Achievement classroom volunteer.

Emily A. Walton, D.V.M., serves as a Hancock County Commissioner. Walton is a practicing veterinarian, a member of the American Veterinary Medicine Association, and is Past President of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association. Walton is a member of the Hancock County Medical Reserve Corps, the Hancock County Humane Society and the Historic Preservation Guild of Hancock County.

Annual Giving Campaign Update

Through the Annual Giving Campaign, the Owens Community College Foundation raises funds for scholarship and program support, including transformational initiatives such as the Success Program.

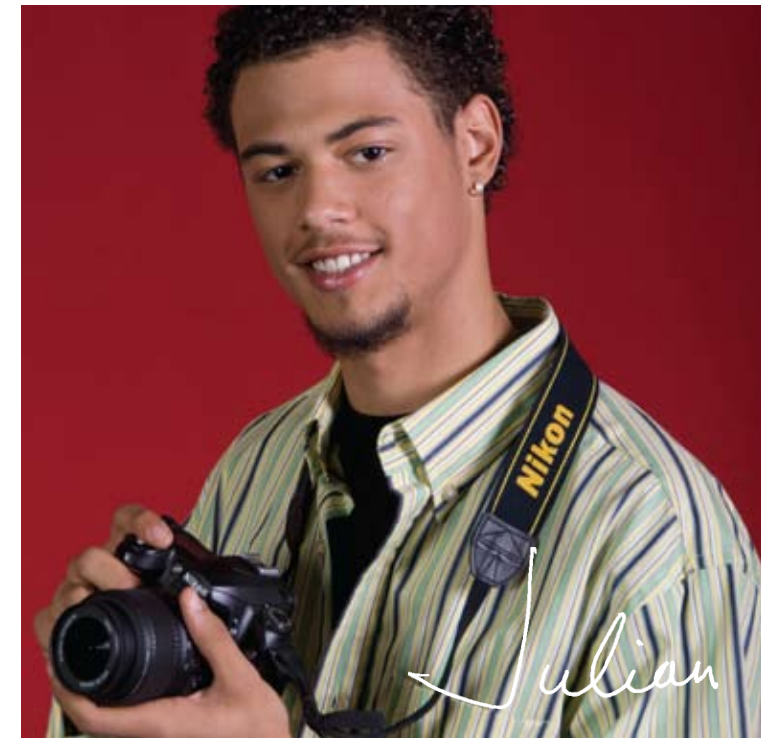
The Foundation established a goal of \$80,000 for this year's Annual Giving Campaign, and through December had already raised nearly \$72,000. Increased donations have enabled the Foundation to boost scholarship distribution to more than \$112,000 for 2008-09.

Any donation, no matter the size, helps the Foundation to help students and the College, and donations may be tax deductible. This year's campaign will run through March 31, 2009.

To donate online, please visit <http://www.owens.edu/foundation/annual/html>.



Kiara



Julian



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Mission Possible: Get Smart

“Mission Possible: Get Smart at Owens” was the theme for this year’s Foundation Annual Meeting. Our “Mission Possible” is to broaden students’ access to a college education and to enable them to succeed in reaching their academic and career goals.

The Foundation is helping transform lives through scholarships such as the Success Program, which guarantees that qualified students can get a college education for free. We have received enthusiastic support for the Success Program from high school officials and overwhelmingly positive feedback from students. In fact, numerous students have told us that they hadn’t even considered going to college until Owens offered them the promise of the Success Scholarships.

We are delighted to be expanding the Success Program throughout the Toledo Public School district in 2009, and eventually we plan to offer the Success Program to all qualifying high school graduates throughout the College’s legal district.

In addition to expanding college access, we are working to ensure student success once they enroll at Owens. For that reason, Tamara

Williams, Dean of Academic Services at Owens, developed the Bridge to Success Program. This innovative program complements the Success Program by helping students transition successfully from high school to college.

When students leave Owens, we want them to be successful, whether they choose to continue their education as a transfer student or to join the workforce and begin their career.

The Foundation is proud to support the College’s mission. So many of our students are trying to make our world and our region a better place, and they will become our nurses, solar technicians, business professionals and teachers. Your support is instrumental in transforming their lives.

Sincerely,



Ann Savage
Foundation President/CEO

Expanding Student Success

The Owens Community College Foundation has piloted the Success Program with Woodward High School in Toledo and Findlay High School this year. We have learned so much about the eighty-seven students who are now continuing their education at Owens through the Success Program.

Many of these students work. Some are already raising families. Some never thought they would be able to go to college at all. Some thought they could only afford to go part-time. Many are first-generation college students. All are eager to succeed.

Owens created the Bridge to Success Program to assist students in making a smooth transition from high school to college. Students participate in academic workshops to help them develop necessary study and life skills. They are provided with intensive mentoring, coaching and advising services. These are tools for success.

As a result of the overwhelmingly positive response from the community, the Foundation is expanding the Success Program for the 2009-10 academic year. Fourteen high schools in Toledo and Findlay are now partners in the Owens Success Program. Eventually, the Foundation plans to offer the Success Program to qualifying high school graduates throughout the College’s legal district. To that end, the Foundation will continue to raise private funds to support the continued expansion of the Success Program as well as the Bridge to Success Program.

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For more information on supporting the Success Program or other Foundation programs, please call Ann Savage at (567) 661-7184, e-mail elizabeth_savage@owens.edu, or visit www.owens.edu/foundation/index.html.

SUCCESS PROGRAM IN BRIEF:

Designed to bridge the gap between a student’s grant aid received and the cost of an Owens education.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WILL:

- Be a 2009 Toledo Public High School or Findlay High School graduate.
- Enroll full-time at Owens for Fall Semester 2009.
- Submit a FAFSA form and be declared eligible for at least some federal grant funding.

ON THE COVER:
Woodward High School graduates now in the Success Program.

BELOW:
Toledo Public Schools superintendent John Foley welcomes Owens Community College to Waite High School.

“The King” Comes to Perrysburg

In October 2008, Owens Community College and the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons welcomed “Elvis” to Perrysburg, as he served as Master of Ceremonies for “An UnCommon Evening” of dinner and entertainment in support of the Success Scholarship Program. Along with Elvis, the evening featured lively and entertaining performances by the Toledo School for the Arts’ giant Pageant Puppets and drummers from Glass City Steel; wonderful music from the instrumental Owens student ensemble Jazz Express and the incomparable talents of Tapestry, the duo of Owens faculty member Denise Grupp-Verbon on folk harp and Michael Grupp-Verbon on acoustic guitar.

After a rollicking “loud” auction during which guests had the opportunity to make bids ranging from \$50 - \$1,000 to support the Success Program, “Elvis” wowed the crowd by performing some of his favorite hits while guests danced. All told, the Grand Opening Gala raised more than \$35,000 to support scholarships for future Owens Success Program students.

The Owens Community College Foundation appreciates the support of all those who contributed to the Gala’s success. In particular, thanks go to our Summa Cum Laude Sponsors: National City Bank, Dillin Corporation, Gateway Hospitality Group, Markey’s Rental and Staging, The McMaster Family Foundation, O-I and the Owens Alumni Association. Thanks also to our Magna Cum Laude Sponsor, Buckeye CableSystem.

