

SUCCESS Report

Winter 2011



OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

Thank You!

The Invest in Students Annual Giving Campaign was launched in April 2010 with a goal of raising \$125,000 for scholarships and program initiatives at Owens Community College. Thanks to generous donors, including faculty, staff and community supporters, as of December 31, 2010, the campaign had raised an amazing \$154,259 in gifts and pledges! This breaks the record of \$118,547 established by the 2009-10 Annual Giving Campaign. This year, the Foundation expects to provide \$215,729 in scholarship support and \$145,000 in program support.



Scholarships

Through January 31, 2011 the Owens Community College Foundation had awarded more than 200 scholarships totaling \$183,758. These scholarships range from the Success Program to endowed memorial scholarship funds established to honor an individual to scholarships established to benefit students entering a specific career field. Each scholarship has a significant impact on a student's life.

"It brings me to tears thinking that I almost dropped out of college because I didn't have the support of anyone. Then I received this scholarship and took it as a sign to push through and continue on. Thank you for helping give my son and me a

better life," said Crystal Barnt, recipient of Toledo Community Foundation - George and Luella Shoemaker Fund Scholarship.

"It is the generous support of our donors that allows us to provide enhanced opportunities for students to pursue their dreams and achieve academic success," said Ann Savage, Executive Director of College Development and the Owens Foundation.

This year, the Foundation received a \$25,000 scholarship grant from AEP Ohio, enabling the College to provide 18 additional students with scholarships. The scholarships are part of a workforce development initiative designed to help low-income Ohioans compete for jobs in an evolving economy.

"In times like these, AEP Ohio, along with other businesses and government, must work

together to help Ohio families compete for jobs," said Joseph Hamrock, AEP Ohio president and chief operating officer. "We are pleased to partner with Owens Community College to offer these scholarships to help students upgrade their skills."

"I was very surprised to receive this scholarship, and I am truly grateful for this recognition," said scholarship recipient, Denise Shisler, who plans to graduate in December 2011 with a major in skilled trades - electrical.

For more information on supporting a scholarship fund or other Foundation programs, please call Ann Savage at (567) 661-7184, e-mail elizabeth_savage@owens.edu or visit owens.edu/foundation.

WHAT YOUR GIFT COULD PAY FOR:

- \$4/month... transportation for one student for one month
- \$8/month... supplies for one student for one year
- \$39/month... free credit course for one student
- \$83/month... books for one student for one year
- \$154/month... tuition for one full-time student for one semester

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Donor Profile — Michael McDonald



The Owens Community College Foundation is now the proud owner of a U.S. patent, thanks to Michael McDonald, Owens Associate Vice President for Operations.

With a background in fire and safety evacuation procedures, McDonald invented the Evacuation Assistance Locator (E.A.L.) in an effort to respond to the safety needs of the disabled.

The E.A.L. is a wall-mounted device that helps emergency responders to locate people who cannot use the stairs during an emergency evacuation. McDonald's digital electronic E.A.L. was approved for a patent in December 1996. However, in the years since, he never identified the best way to make use of the patent.

After relocating to Northwest Ohio in 2008, McDonald became more familiar with Owens Community College, including the Center for Emergency Preparedness. He realized that the College was a good fit for this type of patent due to its long standing tradition of providing emergency preparedness training to first responders. In October 2010, he and the Foundation signed a Patent and Intellectual Property Assignment Agreement in which he transferred all rights, title and interest in the E.A.L. patent to the Foundation.

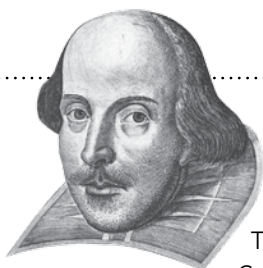
"I'm very pleased with this agreement," said McDonald. "Owens has smart, capable, creative people who have the ability to figure out how best to use the patent to serve the community and the general public."



Michael Rickard

Michael Rickard, former Athletic Director at Owens Community College and a Director on the Owens Community College Alumni Association Board, passed away unexpectedly on December 27, 2010. Rickard was a 1982 Owens graduate and will always be remembered for his dedication to and passion for Owens Express athletics. He was devoted to his student-athletes and coaches, emphasizing excellence not only in athletics, but also in academics. Having served the College for more than 30 years, Rickard touched thousands of lives and will be deeply missed.

In honor and tribute to Michael Rickard, the Owens Community College Alumni Association has established a \$10,000 memorial fund in his name. A committee has been formed to determine exactly how the fund will be used to best represent the values and ideals that he embodied throughout his career at Owens. Should you wish to make a contribution to the Michael Rickard Memorial Fund, please contact Laura Moore, Executive Director of the Alumni Association, at (567) 661-7410 or by e-mail at laura_moore@owens.edu.



Shakespeare Conference

This fall semester, Owens Community College hosted the Ohio Valley Shakespeare Conference, attracting attendees from thirty-six colleges and universities as well as renowned Shakespeare experts Katharine Maus, scholar and Norton editor from the University of Virginia, and Matthew Wikander, noted author and scholar from the University of Toledo.

During the conference, the Owens Community College Foundation sponsored a performance of one of William Shakespeare's most revered comedies, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the College's Center for Fine and Performing Arts. The performance by the National Players, America's longest running classical touring company, featured a fresh, contemporary

take of this much loved classic, mirroring today's fast moving electronic media saturated world. A glowing woods and fairies dancing to electronica set the scene for wacky things to happen when a man loves a woman who loves a man who loves another woman in a lover's quarrel of titanic proportions.

"Owens Community College was honored to serve as host once again for this conference," said Dr. Russell Bodi, Owens Professor of English and Ohio Valley Shakespeare Conference Coordinator. "The sponsorship support provided by the Owens Community College Foundation allowed us to plan an event that enriched students and community members as they interacted with Shakespeare scholars."

New Board Members

In 2010, the Foundation Board welcomed to the board the following individuals dedicated to higher education and life-long learning:



Mike Duffey, Director, Federal Programs for the SSOE Group



Matt Mishler, National Account Manager for Buckeye TeleSystem



Andrea Gurcsik, President of the Owens Alumni Association and Manager, Human Resources at First Solar



Phil Rudolph, Jr. Vice President for Business Development at the Rudolph Libbe Companies



Tom Hosler, Superintendent of the Perrysburg School District



Dave Seeger, President & Chief Executive Officer, Great Lakes Credit Union, Inc.



Ron Matter, Superintendent of the Penta Career Center