

The following Points of Pride are meant to support Owens Community College's Mission and Vision statements and Core Values by providing a framework of the opportunities provided to students and our communities.

# Points of Pride

## **OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE WELCOMES A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS.**

Our open admissions policy provides access and opportunity to a wide variety of students.

- The average age of Owens students is 25.6.
- 64% of our students receive financial aid.
- More than half of our students self-identify as first-generation college students.
- Our international student body represents 23 countries and five continents.
- Our growing military veteran population totals more than 560 students.
- 70% of the student body is enrolled part time.
- More than 20% of our students are of minority populations.

## **OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECOGNIZES THE VALUE OF REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE.**

Owens faculty members bring industry information, skills and ideas into the classroom so students are able to understand how their practice translates into the real world.

- 85% of our full-time faculty have obtained a master's degree or higher.
- A majority of our faculty members have worked in, or are currently working in, the profession that they are teaching.
- Throughout various disciplines, our students receive hands-on experience through more than 250 clinical and on-site job training partnerships.

## **OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLAYS A VALUABLE ROLE IN THE CULTURE AND ECONOMY OF NORTHWEST OHIO THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS.**

- The Workforce and Community Services Division worked with 143 companies and trained 6,315 individuals in the last year.
- The College provided on-campus meeting and event locations for more than 50 area businesses and community groups.
- Owens partners with 23 local fire departments to develop a regional fire service training consortium.
- Owens partners with local police departments to become a testing location for new applicants to enable police departments to greatly reduce their applicant screening costs and reallocate resources.
- Over 70% of our graduates live and work in northwest Ohio.

## **OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES PROVIDE EXPANSIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING.**

Our physical space equates to 29 buildings; 1.1 million square feet of instructional, support and administration space; 432 acres and more than 5,000 parking spaces in 25 parking lots.

### **Three Locations**

- 280-acre Toledo-area Campus
- 60-acre Findlay-area Campus
- Learning Center Downtown Toledo

### **Housed on these campuses, Owens offers:**

- A 14,000-square-foot culinary arts facility, which features three unique labs: baking, culinary skills and restaurant skills;
- The Center for Emergency Preparedness, premier all-hazards national training facility;
- A state-of-the-art Welding Design Center, which features the latest in technological and academic resources specific to welding;
- The HAAS Technical Center, which features an array of CNC machining equipment;
- The Student Health & Activities Center, which features recreation and activities areas for personal fitness, aerobics, weightlifting, running, volleyball, tennis and basketball;
- The Findlay-area Campus offers a community and corporate training center, a fitness center and a community-oriented, multipurpose center.

## **OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CURRICULUM IS FOCUSED ON THE PROGRAMS THAT WILL HELP OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED IN THE WORKFORCE WHILE PROVIDING VITALIZATION FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.**

- Owens offers over 100 programs and certificates that encompass Liberal Arts, Business, Information and Public Service, Health and Nursing and STEM.
- Courses for personal growth and discovery are offered through our Workforce and Community Services Division.
- Owens offers an opportunity for those who want to return to college after finding themselves displaced or in search of new opportunities.
- Workers are trained for the skills they need to start out, advance their career or find a new job.

## **OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKS AS A STEWARD OF SERVICE LEARNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO DEVELOP LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.**

- Owens was selected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching to receive the 2015 Community Engagement Classification for our campus-wide commitment to civic engagement.
- The Owens Harvest Food Pantry exists to offer support to students in need, while also offering valuable on-campus service learning opportunities for students.
- The Harvest Community Garden on the Toledo-area Campus is a living/learning lab used by a variety of course disciplines. Students apply their academic knowledge in the garden by working and providing creative input to grow items for consumption by Owens students and others in need. The Community Garden on the Findlay-area Campus is maintained to provide fresh produce to Owens students, faculty, and staff.
- Owens students participate in hundreds of community outreach events throughout the year to organizations that help those in need, such as blood drives, clothing drives, and food drives.
- Student-athletes and various student clubs and organizations participate in dozens of outreach activities throughout the year that benefit our communities.

## **OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROVIDES SERVICES THAT SUPPORT ALL STUDENTS THROUGH THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY.**

To ensure that all students are connected to the help they need, we offer a variety of academic and personal support services, including:

- Advising
- Athletics
- Career and Transfer Services
- Computer Labs and Library resources
- Counseling Services
- Disability Resource Center
- Financial Literacy Support & Student Emergency Fund
- Harvest Food Pantry and Career Closet
- International Student Services
- Student clubs and organizations
- Tutoring Services
  - Accounting Learning Center
  - IST Learning Center
  - Math Tutoring Center
  - Natural Science Center
  - Online Tutoring
  - Study Skills Center
  - Writing Center
- Veterans Services

## **OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS ROBUST ATHLETICS AND CAMPUS LIFE PROGRAMS.**

We believe being well-rounded is essential to the college experience, so we offer a wide variety of athletics, special interest clubs, honor societies and program-specific organizations.

- Thirty-seven former Express athletes are continuing their Owens education and are currently playing at four-year institutions.
- In 2016-2017, the Express had three athletic NJCAA All-American athletes and eight NJCAA Academic All-Americans.
- In 2016-2017, the Express won two conference championships and made two national tournament appearances.
- The Express teams are a destination, as rosters feature student-athletes from northwest Ohio, from across the U.S. and from around the world. A total of five states are represented.
- The Express have a rich national tournament history, winning two men's basketball national championships (1992, 1993) and finishing as national runners-up in men's basketball (1994), women's softball (2011), and most recently in women's volleyball (2017).
- In the past two academic years, a total of 58 student-athletes received academic all-conference honors by achieving a 3.30 GPA with at least 24 cumulative credit hours.

Students participate in social events, service and community outreach initiatives and other on-campus activities for the most comprehensive educational experience.

- More than 30 student organizations are registered with the Office of Student Activities and are active with a mission of leadership development, social responsibility and co-curricular engagement.
- The student-elected Student Government president serves on the College's President's Cabinet and other college committees to provide a student voice in shared governance.

