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## MARCH 2019

### **SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS (STEM) – *Yojana Sharma, Dean***

The John Deere Technician Major program received the highest ranking of Platinum through the John Deere College of Tomorrow. The award was based on facility appearance, instructor training, completion of short-term goals and student retention. The John Deere Tech program will receive regional training, additional scholarship money and a plaque.

The Caterpillar Dealer Service Technician program received notice that it has achieved Associated Equipment Distributors Foundation re-accreditation. The five-year re-accreditation signifies to equipment industry stakeholders that the College has met rigorous industry-specific national construction equipment technical standards. It further signifies to current and prospective students that the program provides the best in diesel-equipment technical education as defined by the industry it serves.

The second annual Transportation Technologies Expo was held on March 20 in the Transportation Technologies building. More than 250 students from 20 high schools and career centers attended to learn about high-tech, hands-on and in-demand careers in the transportation technology industries. Students watched demonstration in Automotive Technology, John Deere Tech, Caterpillar ThinkBig, Diesel Technology, General Motors ASEP, and Auto Body programs. More than 30 employers attended the career fair portion of the expo. Mr. Johnathan Goolsby of Goolsby Custom in Bessemer, Alabama, spoke to the students about the excellent outlook of the industry.

Glenn Rettig, Assistant Dean, School of STEM, Tracy Campbell, Chair, Applied Engineering & Industrial Technologies and Jeremy Zoll, Adjunct Faculty, Welding, conducted several information sessions on March 25 at the Fostoria Learning Center for individuals learning about various job careers in industrial maintenance and welding.

Mr. Rettig, Mr. Campbell with Peter Kowal, Manager, Internships, School of STEM visited/toured Pilkington-NSG glass facility in Rossford and the Cooper Tire Tool and Die facility in Findlay. The company representatives expressed interest in student internships.

Six members of the Mathematics Department attended the Ohio Mathematics Association of Two-Year College Annual Conference at Mohican State Park on March 29. Attending were Charles Nicewonder, Professor; Laud Kwaku, Professor; Michael Sprowls, Professor; Sarah Long, Assistant Professor; Mustafa Bourawi, Instructor; and Michelle Younker, Chair.

- Mr. Nicewonder delivered a presentation entitled *Humor in the Mathematics Classroom*. His presentation focused on using humor in the math classroom to reduce students' anxiety and to make math more interesting.
- Ms. Younker joined colleagues from Rhodes State College and Cuyahoga Community College to present *NEEDED MATH for STEM Technicians* which discussed their experiences with and findings from the NSF-ATE funded NEEDED MATH project. The project paired employers in Biotechnology, ICT, and Manufacturing with math educators to identify the mathematics needed by technicians in those fields.

### **SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS – *Michael Sander, Dean***

Fine and Performing Arts presented its biennial Networking Fair and Symposium on March 7, which featured dynamic speakers and interactive workshops related to careers with an arts focus. Participants met with educators and professionals from the fields of graphic design, photography, recording arts, broadcasting, theatre, music and fine arts. The event included keynote speaker Owens alumnus Nick Corbin, whose documentary, *Reclaiming Spaces*, was featured and followed by a Q&A session. The event which was free and open to the public was attended by 216 people, including 149 current Owens students.

Owens hosted a High School Honor's Choir March 16 and 17 at the Center for Fine and Performing Arts. The second event of its kind at Owens, it featured singers from Archbold High School, Sylvania Southview High School, Start High School, Emmanuel Christian High School and Anthony Wayne High School and was coordinated by Dr. Janet Brehm Ziegler, Adjunct Music Faculty. An impressive group of clinicians, including guest conductor Dr. Mark Munson from Bowling Green State University coached the students over the weekend. The event culminated in an evening concert on March 17.

Students participated in a livestream radio cast for the OutCast, OCCR - Owens Community College Radio 3rd anniversary on March 21. The students streamed and recorded the audio cast, operated the audio hardware and software and gained insight into the various responsibilities required of members of a remote radio production crew.

Wayne Anthony, Adjunct Music Faculty, and his wind quintet Sono Novo performed at the Center for Fine and Performing Arts Theatre on March 22 as part of the *Accent on the Arts Series*. Students streamed the performance to the Owens OutComm Student Media Center YouTube page, which they setup, operated and broke down the video hardware and software, as well as gained insight into the various responsibilities required of members of a remote video production crew.

Chloe Whiting Stevenson, Adjunct Theatre Faculty, was featured in "*Equinox*" at the Collingwood Arts Center on March 2. Her choreography in circus and acrobatics/silks was on display in the performance, where she was also featured as a performer. Ms. Stevenson also presented two papers at the Mid-American Theatre Conference in Cleveland in March; "Reinventing the Scene Study: A Discussion for Tactics on Tactics" in the pedagogy section of the conference and "*Look Me in the Eyes: Inventing Cross-Collaboration Between Devising, Dance, Circus, Stage Combat, and Storytelling*" in the Practice and Production section of the conference.

### **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS – *Catherine Ford, Dean***

The School of Nursing and Health Professions participated in a Health Expo day on March 5. Approximately 150 perspective students and community members attended the event to learn about health programs and tour facilities.

The Dental Hygiene Department was awarded \$4,800 by the Delta Dental Foundation on March 19. The funds will be used to purchase a second mobile dental unit for use in community projects, such as the Oral Health Access Supervision Program (OHASP) at the Mercy Health Senior Wellness Center. An Owens faculty member provides weekly free dental cleanings to senior citizens at the Mercy Health Wellness Center and second year dental hygiene students attend as part of an experiential learning rotation.

Three second-year Dental Hygiene students participated in the Mercy Health Senior Wellness "Walk it Out" Program at the Franklin Park Mall on March 19, they provided dental hygiene information and

promoted the Owens Dental Hygiene Program Clinic and the Oral Health Access Supervision Program (OHASP) at the Mercy Health Senior Wellness Center.

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND PUBLIC SERVICE – *Ann Theis, Dean***

Ramadevi Kannan, Accounting Professor, has been selected as the recipient of the 2019 Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Teaching Excellence Award for Region 4 – Associate Degree Award. Ms. Kannan will travel to receive the award at the ACBSP Conference, Houston, Texas, in June.

Matthew Phillips, Chair, Emergency Services Technology, and Tim Christmas, Paramedic Instructor, have fostered a working relationship with Mercy College Paramedic program to offer Owens paramedic students the unique experience to attend Cadaver Lab with Mercy College paramedic students at Mercy St. Vincent's. This invaluable opportunity is at no cost to the students or the College.

Joann Gruner, Chair, Food, Nutrition and Hospitality, and Dean Ann Theis attended the Ohio ProStart College Consortium on March 20 in Columbus. The purpose of the consortium was to disseminate program information, create pathways and develop strategies to increase enrollment from tech-prep schools to two and four-year colleges.

**COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS CENTER (CCRC) AND ASPIRE – *Justin Huber, Manager***

The Aspire program has enrolled 697 students in their High School Equivalency (HSE)/Adult Basic Skills, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and College Preparation Classes (CPC).

College and Career Readiness Center staff visited the Aspire program of the Miami Valley Career Technology Center. The Owens Aspire team included: Mr. Huber, Melissa Lentz, Office Manager; Rene Downour, Instructor and Curriculum/Staff development; Yatika Langford, Technology Point Person; Todd Lentz, Instructor and Special Needs/Transitions coordinator; and Dionne Dolsey, Instructor. Melissa Lentz, Office Manager, and Mr. Huber met with the planning committee of Ohio Means Jobs for In Demand Job Week activities.

**e-Learning – *Mark Karamol, Director***

The renewal application submitted by Owens Community College for continued participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) was approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education on March 18.

**WORKFORCE and COMMUNITY SERVICES (WCS) – *Robert Kraus, Executive Director***

In March, WCS provided 26 contract training programs serving 278 participants. Companies served included: Dana Corporation, Great Lakes Construction Alliance, National Testing Network, Harbor Career Connections, Johns Manville, Freudenberg NOK, and Lima Plumbers & Pipefitters.

WCS also delivered 50 open enrollment, non-credit classes in March serving 360 students. Highlights for the months included: Date Night culinary class, Project Management Professional, Microsoft Excel, Fitness classes, Ceramics, Medical Emergencies for the Dental Professional, and Truck Driving.

Mr. Kraus and Jennifer Feehan, Apprenticeship Program Administrator, received approval from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education to provide apprenticeship training for Local Union 769 Iron Workers in Ashland, Kentucky.

Ms. Feehan traveled to Lima Plumbers and Pipefitters on March 2 to proctor Differential Aptitude Test (DAT) testing. Tested subjects include Numerical Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Mechanical Reasoning, Space Relations and Manual Dexterity.

Mr. Kraus and Scott Killy, Business Development Representative, presented the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) program to the Toledo Heating and Cooling Contractors Association (THACCA) on March 20. During the course of that meeting, Pugh Heating and Air pledged to donate 3 new, complete home heating and air units, fitting for soldering instruction and application.

Mr. Kraus presented Skilled Trades programs to Jobs Ohio and several local business in Bowling Green at Betco Corporation on March 5.

Mr. Killy conducted a presentation on the Skilled Trades programs WCS offers to the Ohio Manufactures Association (OMA) on March 5.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

##### **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

Irene Jones, MSN, RN, Chair, Nursing Department was selected to serve as a peer evaluator for the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). As an ACEN peer evaluator Chair Jones will have opportunity to build a strong relationship between the Owens nursing program and the accrediting body. It will also provide her with opportunity to improve the Owens nursing program by reviewing other programs nationally.

Barbara Seguine, Chair, Therapeutic Services, and Sarah Heldmann, and Jodie Steiner, adjunct faculty in the Occupational Therapy program, attended a networking breakfast sponsored by the Great Lakes Collaborative for Autism at Inverness Country Club in Toledo on March 13. Ms. Heldmann was selected to be a table host for this event that highlighted the Suzanne Tyner Autism Scholarship. Since 2004, this group has worked to assist local families touch by autism access services. This year's scholarship provided support for therapy services, educational support, camps, equipment, and to programs that support the development of a loved on the autism spectrum.

Eileen Alexander, MSN, RN, Julie Lohse, MSN, RN, and Margaret Ludwikoski, MSN, RN, Nursing Faculty completed their American Heart Association training renewal to be a CPR instructor on March 14.

Jami Williamson, Facilitator of the Exercise Science program, and Matt Elvey, adjunct faculty in Health and Physical Education, attended the National Strength and Conditioning Association Great Lakes Regional Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana on March 22. The faculty earned continuing education units while networking with colleagues, learning cutting edge research, and participating in usable applications.

Susan Deutschman, Chair, Medical Imaging Technologies department, along with Teresa McGaharan Professor, Health Information Technology program attended the Ohio Health Information Management Association's 39 Annual Meeting & Trade Show in Columbus on March 20. Professor McGaharan attended the coding track covering topics such as: Arteriovenous Fistula and Graft Creation and Management of Their Association Compliances, Spinal Fusion Coding in Current Procedural Terminology and Combination Coding Conundrums in International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification(ICD10-CM). Susan Deutschman attended the privacy and security track which covered topics such as: Information Privacy and Data Security, Incident Response: Best Practices in Breach Management and Big Data in health Care: The Privacy and Security Implications of Data Warehousing and Complex Data Sharing Arrangements.

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### **OPERATIONS— *Danielle Tracy, Executive Director***

Bids were received for the IT Campus Security Project and Westfield Electric submitted the low bid for the low-voltage portion of the project. Citywide Solutions proposal was selected to provide the cameras and other equipment for the project.

Bids were received for the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center Roofing Renovation Project, and KCS Contracting submitted the low bid.

### **BUSINESS OPERATIONS – *David Wahr, Director***

Bookstore – Follett implemented a new Point of Sale system at both campus bookstores. This system will streamline customer refunds and split tenders, which will cut down on wait times during the busiest periods as well as allowing for multiple receipt options (email, print, or both) for the students.

Events – Sarah Smart, Business Operations Specialist and Lest Mizer, Events Specialist, coordinated 32 external events in March. Including the annual Train and Hobby Show, held in the SHAC and the Math Science Galleria, which brought nearly 7,000 visitors to the Toledo area campus. Mr. Wahr was contacted by a potential sponsor for this event who hopes to help expand this event next year, and he put this sponsor in contact with the show organizers. March external events also included HAM Fest (Toledo Amateur Radio) with an attendance of nearly 2,000 and a US Coast Guard Basketball Tournament.

### **FACILITIES and CONSTRUCTION – *David Halsey, Director***

Early in-house demolition work completed in the high bay for the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center project is proceeding on schedule.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Northwest Ohio ISSA Meeting: Timothy Stuart, Director, Systems and Security attended the Northwest Ohio Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) meeting at the University of Toledo on March 20. Discussion topics included hacking trends, identity and access management, and security budgets.

Ohio Academic Resource Network (OARnet) Quarterly Meeting: Curt Mezger, Application Specialist, attended the OARnet quarterly meeting in Columbus, Ohio on March 19. Discussion topics included vSAN, endpoint management, and VMware cloud on Amazon Web Services (AWS).

James Miller, Maintenance Journeyman, Matthew Kwiatkowski, Maintenance Journeyman, and Wanda Wray attended training in Automated Logic for School Operators. This class specifically trains employees how to tailor the Web Control systems for school buildings integrating schedules, responses for unscheduled closings and more.



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### **ADMISSIONS & K-12 PARTNERSHIPS – *Meghan Schmidbauer, Assistant Dean***

Ms. Schmidbauer led a breakout session at the Ohio SuccessBound Conference 2.0 on March 7. SuccessBound is a collaborative initiative with the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and industry, focused on increasing workforce development and credentialed citizens. On March 19, Ms. Schmidbauer attended the Whitmer Career Technical Center administration stakeholder advisory committee meeting, of which she is a member. Ms. Schmidbauer was invited to be a team member and participate with Anthony Wayne School's portrait design team as the district develops a portrait of their high school graduate. The first workshop was held March 20.

#### Adult and Community Outreach

Admissions was present at the March Going Home to Stay events at One Government Center. Representatives also visited Harbor Behavioral Career Connections to assist prospective students with enrollment steps. Stacy Cupps-Alexander, Admissions Representative, visited the Life Revitalization Center as part of established bi-weekly visits to provide support and college information. Ms. Cupps-Alexander also attended and presented at the *Ins and Outs of Getting Assistance* event at St. Luke's Hospital on March 26.

Christopher Pejoro, Admissions Representative (Findlay), visited the Seneca County Job and Family Services for a table event. Mr. Pejoro also attended the Police Academy information meeting on March 26 for prospective students.

#### High School Recruitment

Admissions Representatives traveled throughout northwest Ohio speaking with potential students regarding the enrollment process. Representatives visited the 15 high schools of: Clay, Delta, Evergreen, Four County, Genoa, Holgate, Huron, Napoleon, Otsego, Penta Career Center, Perrysburg, Rossford, Southview, Whitmer, and Woodmore.

Owens attended college fairs or financial aid events at Northwest State Community College, Toledo Area West College Fair, Penta Career Center, EHOVE Career Center, Putnam County Elevate, and the Seneca County Higher Education program.

#### On-Campus Events

College Preview Night was held on the Toledo-area Campus with nearly 100 colleges and agencies in attendance. Approximately 2,500 people were in attendance.

The Greater Hancock County College Night was held on the Findlay-area Campus. Over 80 colleges and agencies were in attendance. Approximately 325 people were in attendance.

Expo Days were held for Nursing and Health Professions, Transportation Technologies, and Computers, Electronics and Sciences. In total, nearly 500 people attended the three events.

Campus Visit sessions were held for 64 prospective students and their families and individual assistance was provided to several who sought admissions requirements for specific health programs on the Toledo Campus.

Campus visits and tours were conducted for Clay High School, Ohio Virtual Academy, and Educate Youth from Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Registration events were held on both campuses for 270 individuals. This also includes participants in online New Student Orientation.

**ADVISING, CAREER AND TRANSFER SERVICES, OSERVE, RECORDS AND TESTING SERVICES - *David Shaffer, Executive Director, Student Services and Registrar***

*Advising – Yasmine Bachar, Director*

Ohio Strong Start to Finish State-wide Collaboration

Ohio Strong Start to Finish (OhioSSF) is a collaboration between the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), the Inter-University Council (IUC), the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC), and the 18 community colleges and 12 universities in Ohio that have committed to the project. The goal of OhioSSF is to significantly increase the number of students completing gateway mathematics and English courses as part of a guided pathway within their first academic year. Ms. Bachar and other Owens representatives attended the Strong Start to Finish spring convening at The Ohio State University. A session was presented on generational upbringing and other topics of higher education and practices. Ms. Bachar and Ms. Schmidbauer co-presented at the conference during the round table sessions. Their presentation included collaboration at Owens to ensure student success.

On March 4, the Findlay Advisors volunteered to help at the Greater Hancock County College Night. There were 59 colleges and reps who attended, including OHFAME and the military. The total number of student attendance was 66.

On March 7, Andreanna Rivera-Perez, Academic Advisor, assisted in the planning of the Network Fair and Symposium at the Center of Performing Arts. During this time, Ms. Rivera-Perez hosted a table to promote early registration for Summer and Fall, and to provide general program information to prospective students. The event was attended by 149 current students and 27 high school students.

The week of March 25, Advisors began an outreach to students who are registered this Spring, but not registered for the Summer and Fall, and are in good academic and financial standing. This outreach consisted of advisors emailing specific course recommendations to each student based on their progress in their listed major.

*Career and Transfer Services – Angie McGinnis, Manager*

Ms. Huckaby participated in the March 7 Networking Fair and Symposium in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts. In addition to manning a table during which there were 27 meaningful student conversations, Ms. Huckaby presented a workshop entitled Resumes for the Arts. There were 13 students in attendance.

On March 11, Ms. McGinnis met with James Jackson, Director of the Downtown Learning Center (DLC), to discuss future planning for providing students with Career and Transfer Services, including staffing a table for Spring, office hours and outreach to faculty and staff in the Fall.

The “Road to the Job Fair” series continued through March to prepare students who will be attending job fairs. Hands-on assistance included: resume tune-up, how to drive the conversation of talking with employers, and how to dress for success and how to use manners and the do’s and don’ts for presenting your best self to employers at a job fair.



Findlay Campus hosted the March 19 Spring Transfer Fair on campus. Sixteen colleges attended the event, and it was a great opportunity for students to speak with multiple colleges in a single setting. Approximately 80 students visited the representatives and gathered information about transfer. The event was held in conjunction with Findlay Campus Spring Fling.

On March 21, Ms. Huckaby, represented Owens at the Maumee City Schools Parent Academy. Ms. Huckaby spoke to a group of 37 parents and students regarding career exploration for students of all ages as well as the importance of understanding different educational pathways. Specialized partnerships such as Express programs were highlighted.

Toledo Campus hosted the March 26 Spring Transfer Fair in Heritage Hall. Thirty-seven schools were in attendance to discuss transfer programs, admission steps, and scholarships opportunities with 111 students participating in the event.

On March 28, Ms. Huckaby presented to 13 students and 3 faculty advisors of the Institute of Management Accountants club regarding networking, job fair preparation, and other career-related topics.

On March 29, Ms. Hoehn had a conference call with members of the Minneapolis College Financial Aid Department to answer questions about starting a Job Location and Development (JLD) program.

Oserve – Ashley Foster, Director

On March 4, Jennifer Rodriguez, Senior Advocate, provided the presentation titled Financial Aid: *What to Expect?* at the Greater Hancock County College Night on the Findlay Campus. This presentation provided essential information to prospective students and their families concerning applying for federal student financial aid and scholarships.

*Summer and Fall 2019 Registration Outreach* – began in March, to reach out to students currently enrolled who have not signed up for Summer or Fall 2019 courses, nor scheduled an appointment to meet with their academic advisor. To date, the total student files reviewed were 276 students. This will be an ongoing outreach to contact students and to promote early registration awareness and to help students to be proactive.

*Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Phone Outreach* – began in March to contact 376 students from all three service locations (Toledo, Findlay, and Downtown Learning Center). Students included in the outreach are those who are not making academic progress, which may impact financial assistance. SAP outreach efforts provide an opportunity for students to be proactive in establishing their future semester tuition plans.

Prior Learning Assessment – Jessica Ruffner, Manager

Jessica Ruffner, Manager, Prior Learning Assessment, participated in the first meeting for the Strong Start to Finish Placement Implementation Forum on March 15. The Placement Implementation Forum serves as an advisory group to the Ohio SSTF leadership teams on ways to improve placement policies and practices.

Testing Services – Ryan Mays, Manager

In March, Testing Services collaborated with four high schools to administer the placement test, ACCUPLACER, to 85 students.

**ATHLETICS – *John-David Ettore, Director***

The women's basketball team won the Region XII Championship after their 74-62 victory over Columbus State. The Express then faced last season's national runner-up, Rock Valley, on March 2 in the District Championship. Many spectators were there wearing red for the "Pack the SHAC" event.

The women's basketball team won the District B Championship over #3 Rock Valley 104-83. The victory clinched a spot for the Express to be one of eight teams playing in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III National Tournament at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA on March 14-16.

The women's basketball team, who played with just six players for most of the season, came up short in the NJCAA Division III National Championship game, losing to Hostos 73-63.

The Express's season ended with an overall record of 25-9. The National Runner Up finish is the highest place the program has ever placed in its history. The previous high was third place during the 2014-15 season.

Owens also won its seventh straight conference title, and in the process, became the first Division III school to either share or win an OCCAC championship.

Congratulations on an outstanding season!

**FINANCIAL AID – *Andrea Morrow, Director***

As of April 1, a total of 10,412 applications for financial aid have been received for the 2018-2019 academic year. As a result, a total of \$30,740,605 in grants, scholarships, and loans has been disbursed for the 2018-2019 academic year. For Spring 2019, 33.39 percent of eligible students enrolled received financial aid.

The Office of Financial Aid has been packaging for the 2019-2020 academic year since October 1. A total of 4,404 applications for financial aid have been received for the 2019-2020 academic year. Students have been receiving award packages since November 2018.

**STUDENT LIFE – *Danielle Filipchuk, Assistant Dean, Student Life & Title IX***

**Student Activities: Toledo Campus – *Jennifer Togrul, Coordinator***

On March 5, the Student Activities Office hosted a Lunch and Learn: Owens Express Transfer Programs. Representatives from UT, BGSU and Lourdes University were present to speak with students about the Express Transfer Programs and answer any questions they had. A light lunch was served.

On March 19, the Student Activities Office, along with TRIO SSS, hosted a Lunch and Learn: Resume Writing Tips. The Career and Transfer Services Office presented information to students on how to write a resume, what employers are looking for, and how to do an elevator pitch. A light lunch was served to those students in attendance.

Advisors to the student organization, Landscape and Turfgrass Management, Chris Foley and Michelle Keip, traveled with nine students to the National Collegiate Landscape Competition in Ft. Collins, Co. March 19-23.

The Photo Club advisor, Ruth Foote, traveled with five students from Owens Photo Club to Dublin, Ohio. They attended the Photo Blast Conference from March 22-24.

Student Activities: Findlay Campus - James Katzner, Manager

On March 19, Student Activities hosted Spring Fling on the Findlay Campus. The event was held earlier than in previous years to engage students as they returned to campus after Spring Break. The theme for the event was Spring Fling Toward the Future with a focus on helping students prepare for life beyond Owens. As part of the event, there was a Transfer Fair along with information tables about Spring Commencement, registration for Summer and Fall classes, and career-related topics such as job search, resume writing, and internships/coops. In addition, students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to enjoy lunch from Cedar Valley Café.

On March 21, Student Activities sponsored a program on Black Culture in Findlay. Representatives from the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center spoke about black history from a local perspective as well as cultural issues surrounding race.

Student Government – James Katzner, Manager; Jennifer Togrul, Coordinator

Student Government hosted Food & Feedback for students and employees on March 27. The event was a rebranding of their former Discussion & Dialogues. Prior to the event, Student Government members gathered feedback forms from students, which they presented for discussion with Owens administrators. Those who attended were treated to pizza and drinks.

Counseling Services – Adrian Baney, Director

On March 7, Jackie Haskins, Counselor, gave a presentation entitled “Anxiety Busters.” This presentation was in collaboration with the faculty and staff for the Center for Fine and Performing Arts Networking Fair and Symposium. Ms. Haskins has been an annual speaker at this event for the last few years. Her tips and resources on anxiety are helpful to a general audience, to both give information about anxiety and encourage new ways of coping.

Counseling Services hosted a workshop on March 8 to highlight a new community agency called the Wellness and Recovery Center, supported by the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board. Various departments on campus were invited to attend, including: Student Life, Center for Campus and Community Connections, Disability Resource Center, TRIO Student Support Services, Veterans Services, and leadership from the Downtown Learning Center.

Disability Resource Center – Kurt Soltman, Director

On March 1, Chris Hendricks, Representative, Disability Services, presented to a group of students, parents and special education teachers at Rodgers High School about the transition to college and the offerings of at Owens

Mr. Hendricks presented to a group of students, parents and special education teachers at Scott High School on March 7 about the transition to college and the offerings of at Owens. Patty Humbert, Representative, Disability Services conducted a joint visit with Owens Admissions Department for Clay High School .

On March 19, Kurt Soltman, Director, presented at a staff meeting of Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities regarding how Owens can better collaborate when students are interested in college. Ian Soper, Representative, Disability Services, conducted two presentations to first year Physical Therapy Assistant students regarding assistive technology and meeting the needs of students.

Mr. Soltman met with a member of the State of Ohio Auditor’s Office regarding STABLE Accounts on March 28. These are financial accounts for individuals with disabilities that can be used towards education and other areas related to employment and independent living.

Veterans Services – Sean McConnell, Manager

Veterans Services will be having a Compliance Survey on April 9 and leading up to the survey, Veterans Services has been in regular contact with Bill Schroeder, State Approval Authority Education Consultant with the Ohio Department of Veterans Services.

Planning is underway for the second annual Veterans Car Show for Father's Day in June.

A Veterans Administration VSO (Veterans Service Officer) came to the Veterans Center twice to meet with student veterans to help them with VA-related claims and issues.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

On March 13, the Professional Development Committee hosted an advising update with Chris Foley, Program Director of Landscape. During this session, Mr. Foley reviewed the Landscape and Turfgrass Management program, along with the opportunities in the field.

On March 20, the Professional Development Committee hosted a second advising update with Ms. Huckaby and Ms. Hoehn. Ms. Huckaby went over the upcoming transfer fair on March 26. Ms. Hoehn went over the upcoming Job Fair on April 2. This information included the times, schools/employers, along with providing information for Advisors to inform students.

On March 22, David Shaffer, Registrar, attended an Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers meeting at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. During the meeting, ideas were discussed for conference sessions at the annual meeting in October. The meeting also provided opportunities to network with other registrars in the State.

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### **FOUNDATION – Jennifer Fehrich, Executive Director**

Fundraising – Donations recently received include:

- \$6,550 from Foundation Board members
- \$4,901 from External Stakeholders for Scholarships
- \$3,050 from Employees
- \$2,453 from External Stakeholders – various designations

### 2019 Annual Giving Campaign

The goal is to raise \$350,000, and we continue to solicit participation and donations.

Campaign progress highlights, as of March 31, 2019.

- **\$136,635** raised to-date or 39 percent of goal.
- We have achieved **100 percent** participation among the senior administration of the college and **62 percent** among the college's leadership boards. We are striving for 100 percent participation for the third consecutive year.
- Employee participation has reached a new record with **40 percent** participation! **199 employees** out of 489 have donated to the campaign so far. (2017 = 21% and 2018 = 38%).

### Scholarships

The Foundation worked with donors to establish two new scholarships:

- Patricia A. Hausmann Memorial Endowed Scholarship. This new scholarship was established by Richard Hausmann. Patricia "Patty" spent her career as an English professor at Owens Community College. Although she was born legally blind from albinism, Patty overcame challenges and was an outstanding teacher. Richard Hausmann is also a retired faculty member from Owens.
- James and Jeannette Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Jeannette was a native of Perrysburg and a 1953 graduate of Perrysburg High School. She spent 31 years as a volunteer at hospitals in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida and Maryland, where she developed a life-long passion for nurses. This scholarship is for a Perrysburg High School graduate pursuing a degree in nursing. Unfortunately, Mr. Johnson, who was in the process of establishing this scholarship in his wife's memory, passed away in December, 2018. His children, however, have stated that they will honor their parents' memory and move forward with the scholarship.

Over 430 students have applied for Foundation scholarships for the 2019/2020 academic year. This compares to only 252 total applications received in the prior year. The Scholarship Review Committee is currently reviewing applications to make award selections.

### Alumni Association

The Alumni Association's Outstanding Service Awards Committee reviewed nominations for team and individual recognitions in the categories of Police, Fire, EMT, and Community Service. A total of 15 individuals were selected as award winners and will be recognized on April 26, 2019. Please register to attend this signature breakfast event and help us recognize our first responders who go above and beyond the call of duty.

The search committee for the open position of Manager, Alumni Relations and Development selected a finalist candidate. The individual is anticipated to begin on Monday, April 15, 2019.

**FINDLAY CAMPUS – Julie Baker, Executive Director**

**Ohio Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education “FAME”**

A total of 39 FAME applications were received for evaluation. The sponsor companies offered 5 incumbent and 7 external sponsorships. Interviews for the external candidates were held. On March 29 “Draft Day,” 6 external candidates were selected by the companies. The incumbent applicants were to be chosen internally by April 5. Contracts between the company and student will be conducted the first week of April. Plans are underway to hold a “Signing Day” ceremony on May 8, at the Findlay campus.

**On Campus and Community Outreach**

President Robinson, Jeff Ganues, Vice President, Business Affairs/CFO and Ms. Baker met with representatives from Marathon Petroleum to discuss the possibility of future partnership opportunities.

In March, Ms. Baker participated IT Governance Steering Committee, Findlay all campus meeting, the President’s directors meeting, Findlay Enrollment Management Committee, Findlay Campus Spring Fling, Lunch and Learn program about nutrition put on by students, presentation on Black Culture in Findlay, and Hancock County College night.

Ms. Baker represented Owens at the Findlay Rotary, Transportation Coalition of Hancock County, Camp Fire of Northwest Ohio, Oiler Express signing at the University of Findlay, and Hancock County Economic Development reception celebrating Findlay’s fifth time being name “Micropolitan of the Year” by Site Selection magazine.

**MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS – Jason Griffin, Director**

Marketing also is working on a new Open House television ad that will begin airing in May to promote the June Open House.

The Marketing department reports that the Owens Social Media audience (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram) has grown to 74,644 followers which is an increase of 10.88% over the last 12 months.

In the combined months of February and March, 78 unique Owens Facebook posts achieved 567,334 impressions. Twitter produced 65,428 impressions during the same time frame with 88 unique tweets. Between Facebook and Twitter, we are averaging 491,201 impressions per month since December 1, 2015.