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APRIL & MAY 2019

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

On April 5, the fourth STEM Friday event was held, featuring Dr. Trefor Bazett from the University of Cincinnati, Department of Mathematics. Dr. Bazett presented “Using Technology to Support Active Learning in STEM courses”.

Glenn Rettig, P.E., Assistant Dean, School of STEM, took part in the Ohio Engineering Technology Educators Association spring meeting April 4 – 5. The topics of discussion focused on state-wide college certificates and how they can be used to attract the attention of business and high school student. Owens is partnering with Northwest State Community College to offer a pilot state-wide certificate in manufacturing. The association would like to proceed with a state-wide electronics certificate within the next year.

An Open House was hosted in the Welding Center on April 18. This event was attended by vendors from OE Meyer, Delille Oxygen Company, Tarp Stop, Pipe Fitters, and Lincoln Electric Company. These vendors spoke with current and prospective Owens students.

Chris Kinkade, Instructor, Automotive/GM ASEP, Department of Transportation Technologies, attended the North Central Regional Business Meeting and Training for General Motors Automotive Service Excellence Program on April 3. The meeting discussed curriculum, communications, awards, and strategic goals for the next school year. Mr. Kinkade conducted a session at a recruiting event at Four County Career Center in Archbold, Ohio on April 12. Mr. Kinkade presented to automotive students regarding the opportunities in transportations and with General Motors Automotive Service Excellence Program.

Sherri Johnson, Chair, Department of Transportation Technologies, took part in the Ag Safety Day on April 11 in Monaca, Pennsylvania. Ms. Johnson presented to over 200 students on the job opportunities in transportation fields.

Heath Weillnau, Instructor, John Deere/Diesel, Department of Transportation Technologies, attended the 2019 Ohio Future Farmers of America State Convention on May 2-3. The convention took place on the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus, Ohio, with students attending from across the state of Ohio.

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

The School of Nursing and Health Professions held an Interprofessional Education (IPE) Event for the graduating students on April 12. Approximately 250 students and 40 faculty and administrators attended. Students participated in five different escape room scenarios that required them to work together to provide healthcare to their patient and, if successful, escape. Students debriefed after the event to share how this experience increased their knowledge and appreciation of the diverse healthcare team. The IPE Leadership faculty team: Veronica Burgert, Medical Assisting; Sara Burke, Physical Therapist Assistant; Julie Lohse, Nursing; Christine Smith, Radiologic Technology; and Louise Weller, Nursing.

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

The Institute of Management Accountants Student Organization (IMA) provided free tax services to Owens Community College students, faculty, staff and the community. A total of seven volunteers performed 260 service hours to meet with 190 clients and complete 371 tax returns.

The Dietetic Technology Program students hosted the Northwest Ohio Dietetic Association (NODA) Spring Meeting at Owens Community College on April 11. The students prepared the meal, which focused on ancient grains and alternative proteins. Professor William Powell, MAE, CCC spoke on ancient grains followed by BGSU Professor Christine Haar, MS, RDN, LD on Ethics in the Dietetics Profession. Thirty-two professionals attended the event.

Chef Edward Gozdowski, PhD, CEC, AAC led a group of Culinary Arts Program students in the planning and preparation of international foods for the community event, “Whip it Up Toledo” sponsored by Mobile Meals of Toledo. This event raised funds to support summer feeding programs for school-aged children in Toledo. “Whip it Up Toledo” was held at Owens Community College on April 26 and featured the Culinary Arts Program from Owens and Penta Career Center. Chef Ed appeared with Carolyn Fox from Mobile Meals on WTOL News on April 23 to promote the event.

The Internship Program hosted “My Internship Experience” event on April 30. Three business majors presented their internship experience to an audience of students, faculty, staff and student supervisors. This is the 13th semester that the program hosts such an event since the program was started. Over 60 business students have had an internship through this program.

Chef Amy Morford, AAS, CWPC led Baking and Pastry III students in planning and implementing the first industry Baking and Pastry Showcase on May 2. The showcase features sugar work and sculptures, chocolate, cake decorating, bread and delicate pastries. Industry representatives were invited to meet and interview the students graduating with the Baking Certificate and see their skills on display.

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS – *Michael Sander, Dean*

The Spring Semester 2019 student production of *She Kills Monsters*, April 11 – 15, was directed by Justin “Heath” Huber, Manager of the Aspire Program, with fight choreography by Chloe Whiting Stevenson, Adjunct Faculty. It featured current Owens students McKensie Binau, Forris Watkins II, Isaiah Zapata, Tim Cieply, Michaela Kruzal, Josh Sobczak, Alyson Phillips and Esteban Vega as well as alumni Kari Duffy-Shrader, Wes Richard, Reagan Moloney, Jeremy Stuart and Johnny Le. Also featured were several community members; Emma Bozanich, Hannah Demski, Melissa Shaffer, Andromeda Navarre and William Zimmer. The production was stage managed by current Owens students Kat McFadden and Cassie Feasel. Richard Clever, Technical Director, supervised the set construction and created the lighting and sound designs. Nichole Newman, Adjunct Costume Shop Faculty, created the costuming design and Bianca Marcia (Naves), Adjunct Costume Shop Faculty, designed makeup and created the properties design. Owens student Eddie Lam created the promotional poster and will collaborate on digital designs which were included in the set design.

Game designer Jason Morningstar was welcomed to campus, April 10-11. Morningstar interacted with students and faculty in a series of workshops on a variety of topics including gaming in the classroom as well as gaming in the student production of *She Kills Monsters*. The cast of the student production was excited to share a dress rehearsal with Mr. Morningstar and President Robinson.

Students participated in a livestream radio cast for Record Store Day/Vinylthon 2019 on April 13. The audio cast was streamed by the students and OutComm staff live from Culture Clash Records from 9-noon, and audio and video was streamed by the students and OutComm staff live from the OutCast studio from 2-5 pm to the web with audio on OutCast, OCCR - Owens Community College Radio Station, and video on Owens OutComm Student Media Center YouTube channel.

Students took a tour of iHeartMedia Toledo on April 17 to observe the various jobs and staff responsibilities at a broadcast facility owned by the largest radio station group owner in the United States both by number of stations and by revenue. The tour was conducted by 1370 AM WSPD morning show host Fred LeFebvre. Students from BMT-160 Broadcast Operations and Careers were shown the various departments that consist of the Toledo facility that include programming, social media, operations, sales, promotions, engineering, production and traffic. Students asked questions to gain an understanding about how the various departments work together.

Fine and Performing Arts presented its annual Creative Expressions on April 27 to support awards for student work in performing and visual arts. This event raised over \$6,000 in funds for the Artistic Performance fund which is used to support the efforts of students majoring in an artistic field and featured student and faculty work.

Eric Wallack, Professor, presented the free Acoustic Lunch in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts Rotunda on April 29, and he shared his passion for music and early encounters with learning guitar and gave a context on acoustic guitar technology and applications.

Owens Pop Ensemble, led by Mr. Wallack, presented its spring concert as part of Melodic Expression in the CFPA Rotunda on April 30. Students Kai-Sean Fell, Deanna Eisel, Alexis Johnson, Deanna Mattoni, Sara Dedes, Esteban Vega, Jesse Duncan-Barkhimer, Amaris Johnson, McKensie Binau, Jacob Fackler, Jordan Brockman, Ty'Riana Givens, Jessica Miller and Kayla Heckel performed a variety of songs spanning decades of popular music.

Students participated in a livestream radio cast for the City of Toledo "Take It Off Toledo!" health initiative on May 4. The audio cast was streamed by the students and OutComm staff live to the web through OutCast, OCCR - Owens Community College Radio Station. Students set-up the audio gear, operated the audio hardware and software, prepared for guest interviews, and gained insight into the various responsibilities required of members on a remote radio production crew.

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS CENTER (CCRC) AND ASPIRE – *Justin Huber, Manager*
CCR participated in the Annual Toledo Sister Cities International Fair on April 13 and staffed an information table for the program.

HONORS PROGRAM – *Russ Bodi, Director*

The crowning achievement for Honors Scholars is presenting at the April 26 Honors Symposium. Students in core Honors courses and students who have created Honors Option Contracts shared their individual and group accomplishments using PowerPoint presentations and panel presentations. This year marks the introduction of internships as Honors Contract options. Two Honors Scholars, Logan Buchannan and Sunshine Griffin, participated in internships, which also included Honors Contracts, allowing them to explore and explain their roles as potential employees. Because these experiences require our scholars to report to their faculty mentor, their employment manager and to Internship Director, Denise Grupp-Verbon, they have earned two Honors Contracts equivalencies.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES – Erica Parish, Dean

Logan Buchanan, TRIO Student Support Services student, was notified by the Educational Opportunity Association that he was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to assist with his expenses to attend the 2019 Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program in The Hague, Netherlands.

Lindsey Minnig, Academic Coach Representative, received the 2019 Louis Brownlowe New Professional award on April 4 presented by Ohio TRIO. The award is given to a TRIO professional, with less than 5 years of experience in TRIO, who has demonstrated exemplary service to the mission of TRIO programs.

TRIO held its annual Graduation Celebration on May 2, honoring 8 graduates, seven associate's degrees and one certificate. TRIO also recognized 75 student participants with the newly created Success Express Award for students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

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

In April, WCS provided 20 contract training programs serving 205 participants. Companies served included: Dana Corporation, Great Lakes Construction Alliance, National Testing Network, Harbor Career Connections, Johns Manville, Marathon, General Motors, and Zepf Center.

WCS also delivered 19 open enrollment, non-credit classes in April serving 125 students. Highlights for the months included: Advanced Cricut, DIY Home Repair for Women, ServSafe Food Manager, Microsoft Excel and Truck Driving.

In April, all but one of the Truck Driving program's trucks were retrofitted with new drivetrain "breakaway" fuses that shatter when undue pressure is applied by students upon the shaft. This cost-saving measure reduced \$3,500 per-unit repair costs to approximately \$350.

Mr. Kraus judged SkillsUSA's Career Pathways Showcase in Columbus on April 16.

Tracy Campbell, Chair, Applied Engineering and Industrial Technologies, hosted a Welding Night on April 18 aimed at educating high school students about welding, which included hosting the Skilled Trades Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Exploring Post. This was attended by Shaina Young, Administrative Assistant.

Brandi Smith, Representative, Business Development, facilitated the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) assessment for Johnson Controls to begin their training/apprenticeship program on April 24.

Jennifer Feehan, Apprenticeship Program Administrator, attended a board meeting at Lima Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 776 to discuss the Associate of Technical Studies (ATS) degree and their partnership with Owens Community College on April 1.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sara Burke, Instructor, attended Physical Therapy Advocacy Day in Columbus on April 4. Sara was a team leader for her group, which consisted of five Doctorate of Physical Therapy students. They spoke with state senators and representatives regarding the American Physical Therapy Association and Ohio Physical Therapy Association's position of the use of physical therapy in fighting the opioid epidemic.

Todd Lentz, Special Needs Coordinator and Transitions Specials, and Justin Huber, Manager attended the 2019 Council on Adult Basic Education (COABE) Conference in New Orleans May 31 – April 3.

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OPERATIONS– *Danielle Tracy, Executive Director*

The College entered into an agreement with KOR Energy for a demand response/reliability program. The demand response energy program is a commitment from the College to reduce electrical usage in response to electric grid emergencies (brown outs). During such critical times an “event” is called by PJM, (the regional transmission organization that coordinates the movement of electricity across 13 states, which includes Ohio,) and the demand response participants reduce their electric usage in exchange for financial compensation. If the College is able to reduce electrical demand during a critical time in which the electric grid needs more capacity, then the College is paid. If the College is unable to reduce demand, then no payment, but also the College would not owe anything either. This program helps community and neighbors by ensuring electrical grid reliability; it enhances sustainability and offers the College money that can be used to lower the utility budget.

The Controlling Board approved the following projects:

- Alumni Hall Roof Renovation with CRM Roofing in the amount of \$25,519;
- Advanced Manufacturing Training Center HVAC units with Trane in the amount of \$199,465;
- Advanced Manufacturing Training Center Boilers with Macomb in the amount of \$16,716.50;
- Advanced Manufacturing Training Center Roof Renovation with the Garland Company in the amount of \$185,081;
- IT Campus Security Upgrades with Westfield Electric in the amount of \$160,000;
- IT Campus Security Upgrades with Citywide Solutions in the amount of \$278,939.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS – *David Wahr, Director*

Events – Sarah Smart, Business Operations Specialist and Lest Mizer, Events Specialist, coordinated 38 external events in April. Including the annual Toledo Dental Society Spring Clinic, which brought approximately 1,000 visitors to campus. In addition, they assisted with 115 internal events sponsored by College departments. These included: a workshop presentation with Jason Morningstar; the annual Spring Fling; the Honors Symposium, and the Outstanding Service Awards Ceremony.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES – *Laurie Orzechowski, Chief Information Officer*

Evisions Argos Enterprise reporting solution was implemented. Argos is a powerful reporting solution that provides ad-hoc queries, dashboards, and advanced analytics. It will allow College administration to improve data reporting abilities across campus and help increase the use of business intelligence in strategic planning and decision making. IT has started creating Argos reports for several departments including Financial Aid, Records, Oserve and Workforce & Community Services. Student Accounts, Business Affairs, Veteran Services, Disability Services and Institutional Research will also start using the tool soon.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Curtis Mezger, Application Specialist, attended the VMware User Group conference in Columbus, Ohio on April 2. He was able to connect with hundreds of VMware users, attend education sessions on the latest industry trends, get an inside look at VMware partner products and services, and experience product demonstrations.

Sweta Thakker, Director, Enterprise Application Systems and Amanda Ki, Database Administrator, attended the annual Ellucian Live Conference in New Orleans, LA, April 7-10, and they presented a session on Banner Security. They gained insight into Banner's upcoming releases and got a chance to learn more about Ellucian products from vendors and other colleges.

Ms. Orzechowski attended the quarterly Ohio Two Year Colleges Technology Council meeting on April 12 at The BALE Conference Center in Columbus. The half-day meeting had various group discussions including Office 365 shared drives, wayfinding technologies, and mobile strategies.

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

Ms. Schmidbauer hosted the Superintendent and Administrator's Breakfast on April 25 for local school leaders. Owens programs, scholarships, and future opportunities were shared with attendees. Ms. Schmidbauer visited with multiple secondary partners regarding College Credit Plus and the 2019-2020 academic year. On May 9, Ms. Schmidbauer presented information regarding in-demand jobs and Career Coach for nearly 1,000 high school students at Anthony Wayne High School as part of their InDemand Jobs day.

Adult and Community Outreach

Admissions was present at the April and May events for 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 the established bi-weekly visits to provide support and college information. She visited 10 ASPIRE locations and provided 98 individuals with enrollment information after earning their GED. Ms. Cupps-Alexander attended the HPOG Education and Employment Partners meeting on April 23. On May 2, she presented information at the Open House at the Downtown Learning Center. On May 8, Ms. Cupps-Alexander attended the Project Homeless Connect at the Bethlehem Baptist Church to provide resource information to attendees. She participated in the in the OhioMeansJob Community Resources Fair on May 9.

Christopher Pejoro, Admissions Representative (Findlay Campus) visited the Seneca County Job and Family Services for multiple table events. He also presented in the ASPIRE classroom to provide information about enrollment at Owens after earning their GED. Mr. Pejoro also participated in the Independent Living of Hancock County event on April 25.

High School Recruitment

Admissions Representatives traveled throughout northwest Ohio, speaking with potential students regarding the enrollment process. Representatives visited 17 high schools: Edgerton, Hicksville, Millcreek, Fremont, Clyde, Tinora, St. Joseph's, Perkins, Whitmer, Jones Leadership Academy, Bowling Green, Genoa, Perrysburg, Penta, Leipsic, Ottawa Glandorf, Riverdale, and Apollo Career Center.

Admissions Representatives also attended college fairs, financial aid events, or signing days at Horizon Science Academy, Cardinal Stritch, Monroe, Tiffin, Fostoria, and participated in Finances 101.

On-Campus Events

The Expo Day for Education and Social Work was held on April 11 for approximately 15 people.

Campus Visit sessions were held for 71 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 College Now of Greater Cleveland, Bowling Green Christian Academy, Sylvania Schools, Pickett Elementary, Wildwood Academy, Hollingsworth and Discovery Academy, and Autism Model School.

Registration events were held on both campuses for 289 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

On April 17, the Office of Advising, along with Oserve and Career and Transfer Services, hosted a registration awareness on-campus event. College representatives walked around campus encouraging students to complete a short survey about registration, information tables were set-up in College Hall, Heritage Hall, and the Center for Performing Arts and pizza was served to students. The purpose of the event was to make students aware that registration is open, the benefits of registering early, and to better understand the registration habits of students. The survey collected information that will better assist with developing registration strategies for future semesters. Over 200 surveys were completed, with more than 170 completed during the registration event.

On April 23, Ms. Bachar, along with representatives from Ohio TechNet and ODHE, presented on a webinar on Prior Learning Assessment and FastPathOhio. Ms. Bachar's presentation included the past and current practice for Prior Learning Assessment at Owens Community College.

The Social Media Committee developed multiple opportunities for students to receive giveaways and fun prizes on Facebook and Instagram. The opportunities were driven by the Advising initiative for students to register early, as well as continue to engage students with our campus. The Advising social media page has been viewed over 1,000 times per week and is close to that on average.

Career and Transfer Services – Angie McGinnis, Manager

On April 1, Lynn Hoehn, Job Location and Development Coordinator and Kayla Ballinger, Career Services Advisor, staffed an Express Lane to the Job Fair table to provide students with last minute tips and information on how to successfully work the job fair.

On April 2, Ms. Hoehn, Ms. Ballinger and Angie McGinnis, Manager, Career & Transfer Services, held the Spring Job Fair. There were 12 faculty and staff members who volunteered to assist with the event, with 65 employers registered. There were 77 students who signed in to attend the event.

Ms. McGinnis presented to Findlay High School students on April 25 about career exploration and Career Coach during their visit to the Findlay Campus.

Oserve – Ashley Foster, Director

During the month of April, Oserve Advocates conducted a phone outreach to include 340 students who had a Spring 2019 balance due of \$200 or less. This outreach provided an opportunity to remind the student of the balance due and discuss payment arrangements as a means to avoid being sent to the Attorney General Office for collection.

During the month of April, Jennifer Rodriguez, Oserve Senior Advocate, Nichole Eschedor, Oserve Specialist, Stephanie Smith, Oserve Specialist, and Tiffany Lang, Advising Administrative Assistant conducted a phone outreach to students on probation. The list included 318 probation students who had not registered for Summer and/or Fall 2019 classes, nor scheduled an appointment to meet with their Advisor. Students who had a financial hold on their account were contacted and encouraged to schedule an appointment to meet with an Oserve Advocate prior to meeting with their Advisor. The

probation outreach provides an opportunity for the student to be proactive by scheduling an appointment to meet with their Advisor, and promotes setting good behavior for early registration awareness.

Records Office – David Shaffer, Registrar

On April 24, Mr. Shaffer and Jill Gentry, Assistant Registrar for Transfer and Graduation Services, met with the Associate Registrar from University of Toledo to discuss the reverse transfer process between University of Toledo and Owens Community College. Reverse transfer happens when a student starts a two-year institution and transfers prior to completing their degree. Once at the four-year institution, the student can transfer their 4-year credit back to Owens to be counted towards their associate degree. The process will allow a student to earn their associate degree while completing courses at the four-year institution.

Prior Learning Assessment – Jessica Ruffner, Manager

In April, the website for Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), www.owens.edu/pla, went live. Students can access information about PLA opportunities and ask questions through an online form. Content for the website was developed in collaboration with Admissions, Advising, Information Technology Services (ITS), Marketing, and Oserve. The assessment of prior learning allows a student the opportunity to demonstrate meeting a course's student learning outcomes and to earn college credit for learning done outside the classroom.

ATHLETICS – John-David Ettore, Director

The NJCAA announced its Division III All-American team for the 2018-2019 basketball season. Owens placed three players on the list of All-Americans. Sophomore Taylor Works, freshmen Moreina Moore and Shyah Wheeler were all named to the squad for the following efforts during this past season. Taylor Works was named to the First Team for her outstanding year, Moreina Moore was named a Second Team All-American, and Shyah Wheeler was named an Honorable Mention All-American.

The three nominees was the most any school received to be named to the NJCAA's Division III All-American team. It is also the most amount of nominees that an Owens Women's Basketball team has had in a season as well. The program now has 11 total players that have been named to an All-American squad.

The Owens Athletic Department held their end of year award celebration in Veterans Hall on April 15. Awards were presented in the following sports to: Christian Orr, Most Valuable Baseball Player, Joseph Everson, Most Improved and Tyler Hall received the Coaches Award. In Softball Cassidy Yarnell earned the Most Valuable Player award, Chloe Dominguez the Most Improved and the Coaches Award went to Cassady Prunier. The Men's Basketball award recipients were Sharif Saleem for the Most Valuable Player, DiMarius Hill for Most Improved and Kemet Hartman earned the Coaches Award. The Volleyball Awards were given to Michaela Eisenhauer for the Most Valuable Player, Kennedy Ames for the Most Improved Player and Summer Sweeting for the Coaches Award. The Women's Basketball players earning awards were Taylor Works the Most Valuable Player, Whitney Thames for the Most Improved, Tori Kopp for the Coaches Award and Liliana Valazquez received the Mark Henry Award.

FINANCIAL AID – Andrea Morrow, Director

As of May 1, a total of 10,455 applications for financial aid have been received for the 2018-2019 academic year. As a result, a total of \$30,914,103 in grants, loans, and scholarships has been disbursed for the 2018-2019 academic year. For Summer 2019, 28.74 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, 2018. A total of 5,051 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*

Title IX – *Danielle Filipchuk, Assistant Dean*

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Office of Student Life hosted several events during the month of April:

- In partnership with Open Arms Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Services and the YWCA of Northwest Ohio, the Clothesline Project was displayed on the Findlay and Toledo Campuses, the weeks of April 8 and April 29 respectively. The Clothesline Project is a means for survivors of sexual violence to express their emotions and voice by decorating and displaying a t-shirt. It promotes awareness and empathy, while documenting violent crimes against women.
- On April 17, the Lunch & Learn: Bystander Intervention, where participants were able to learn effective ways to be a bystander in various situations.
- The office also hosted three table events regarding Sexual Assault Awareness month to bring awareness and provide resources.

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

Advisor to the Student Nursing Association, Cecilia Tolson, traveled with four students to Salt Lake City, UT to the 67th Annual NSNA Convention from April 2-6.

Advisor to the student organization of Sound Professionals, Brandon Dille, and faculty member, Shelby Henderson, plus 13 students from the Sound Professionals Student Organization attended the Edelman Seminar in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from April 5-7.

On April 10 and 24, Student Activities hosted a two-part Leadership Workshop Series facilitated by James Jackson, Director, Downtown Learning Center. At the initial hands-on workshop, students explored how their values can inform their leadership. During the second session, students created their own leadership crests related to five principles of leadership and discussed how their crests represented their actions as leaders. Ten students attended both workshops and were recognized with a certificate of achievement.

The Student Activities Office hosted Lunch and Learn events for students:

- April 3 – Self Care with Counseling Services and TRIO Student Support Services
- April 10 – Health Eating with the student organization, Owens Nutrition Association

Student Activities Office, along with Student Government, hosted Pop-In activities for students:

- April 22 - National Jelly Bean Day
- April 30 – DIY Stress Relief Kits

On April 25, the Student Activities Office hosted the final event of the semester, Spring Fling with a lunch buffet from Tony Packos, music, games, prizes, and a t-shirt tie-dye station. Over 500 students, faculty and staff attended the event.

On April 30 and May 1, the Student Activities Office provided coffee and tea as a “perk” to help students get through the last week of classes.

Student Activities: Findlay Campus - James Katzner, Manager

With the weather turning warmer, on April 25, Student Activities hosted a hydration station in the Atrium featuring blackberry-mint infused water. At the same time, members of the Alpha Delta Nu nursing honors society presented a display table about sun safety.

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

The week of April 8-12, Student Government sponsored a Spring Office Scavenger Hunt to encourage students to become more familiar with campus resources. Students who visited six of the participating campus offices received a \$5 gift card to a local retail establishment.

On April 30, to celebrate the end of the Spring semester, Student Government gave away 300 free donuts from Wixey Bakery to students, faculty and staff.

International Student Services – Annette Swanson, Manager

On April 3, members of the International Club accompanied by the International Advisor, Lyndsay Dimick, participated in a Multicultural Night at Rogers High School. The event promoted family engagement, diversity and cultural competence by sharing elements of cultures from around the world. Owens students shared elements of the cultures of Ghana, Tunisia and Venezuela.

The Mosaics publication featured Phuc Lam, an international student from Vietnam who is a Commercial Art Technology major. Phuc Lam designed promotional posters featured prominently in both the Fall and Spring 2019 theatre productions and created digital designs featured on stage during the production for *She Kills Monsters*. In the 2019 Juried Student Show, Phuc Lam received second place for his Vector graphic design poster and received an honorable mention for his package design.

Disability Resource Center – Kurt Soltman, Director

The Disability Resource Center worked with 161 students who are taking 1,148 classes.

On April 9, Chris Hendricks, Disability Services Representative, represented Owens at Toledo School for the Arts in planning long-term needs for a student on an IEP.

Veterans Services – Sean McConnell, Manager

On April 9, the Veterans Services office completed its VA compliance survey and are awaiting the written report.

On April 12, Veterans Services attended the Ohio Veterans Education Committee held at the University of Akron, and learned that the office may now use VA annual reporting fees on training of faculty and staff members, items for the Veterans Center, to travel to VA sponsored workshops, as well as out of state training. The new federal Harry W. Colmery Act specifies training to be conducted on an annual basis and is now subject to be reviewed during the compliance survey.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Jill Gentry, Assistant Registrar for Transfer and Graduation Services, attended the Ellucian Degree Works Forum conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 4-6. The conference included sessions on how to maximize the use of Degree Works to increase completion, future updates, and reporting from Degree Works. In addition, the conference gave the opportunity to network with other Degree Works institutions.

David Shaffer, Executive Director of Student Services and Registrar, and Yasmine Bachar, Director of Advising, attended the Higher Learning Commission annual conference in Chicago, Illinois, April 7-9. The conference included sessions on strategies for increasing student retention, tips for successful completion of reaccreditation, and best practices in student support areas.

On April 12, 47 members of the Office of Advising, Oserve, Career Services, Trio Student Support Services, International Student Services, Prior Learning Assessment, and Transient/Guest Admissions Representatives attended a Professional Development Day on campus. The day included guest speaker, Mr. Louis Ortega, Director and Founder of Storytellers for Change. Mr. Ortega presented on how storytelling may help with advising and counseling students, not only based on their educational background, but also their personal and financial background. The presentation included four sessions within Story telling; We Welcome Stories, Story Listening, Story Building, and Story Telling. Each topic of discussion included empathy, equality and inclusion, along with having a holistic view to better serve students on their path to a successful completion. Mr. Ortega ended the day by covering 'Six Key Decision Points that Bridge or Break a Student's Journey'. The six key points shared were: onboarding, registration, degree planning, obstacles, off-track, and second chance. This challenged each office to begin thinking of solution-oriented options for each category with added focus on the needs of our students and removing barriers when possible.

On April 17, the Professional Development Committee hosted a second advising update with Tony Dean, Bowling Green State University Transfer Representative, and Robyn Marrufo, University of Toledo Transfer Representative. Both representatives gave updates from their four year institutions in regards to transfer credit and answered any follow up questions in regards to advising students on course selections to transfer to either institution.

On April 24, the Professional Development Committee hosted a third advising update with Herzing University. During the session Herzing provide program updates at their institution.

On April 24, Owens Community College hosted an Ohio Department of Higher Education workshop with our public four-year partners, University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University, on the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways. The workshop gave the opportunity for advisors, academic chairs and deans, and other college representatives to learn about the transfer pathways available to students. In addition, attendees were guided through the path of the student; learning where to look in the information system at Owens to identify if the student is a part of a specific pathway and what happens with the student once they transfer to the four-year institution. These pathways allows a student to start at a 2-year institution and seamlessly transfer the credit to a 4-year public institution. This ensures the student is taking courses that will transfer from Owens and apply towards the student's degree program at the four-year public institution. The goal of the pathways is to reduce student debt and increase degree completion.

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FOUNDATION – Jennifer Fehnrich, Executive Director

Fundraising – Donations recently received include:

- \$14,000 for the Toledo Auto Dealers Association Scholarship
- \$12,500 for the *new* James & Jeannette Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- \$11,000 for the *new* Patricia A. Hausmann Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- \$ 5,000 for the *new* Ellen Wallack Memorial Scholarship
- \$ 3,762 from Employees
- \$ 1,065 from Leadership Board Members
- \$ 908 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 April 30, 2019.

- \$186,210 raised to-date or 53 percent of goal.
- We have achieved 100 percent participation among the senior administration of the college and 64 percent among the college's leadership boards. We are striving for 100 percent participation for the third consecutive year.
- Employee participation has reached 39% participation. 202 employees out of 524 have donated to the campaign so far. (2017 = 21% and 2018 = 38%).

Scholarships

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 Committee has completed their review and are currently in the process of making award selections.

Alumni Association

The Alumni Association's April 26 Outstanding Service Awards honored 14 local first responders; along with the Detective Keith Dressel Memorial Scholarship recipient. There were approximately 150 attendees.

Melissa (Missy) Brown joined the College as the new Manager of Alumni Relations and Development on April 15.

FINDLAY CAMPUS – Julie Baker, Executive Director

Ohio Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education "FAME"

Seven sponsor companies chose 11 students to participate in the inaugural FAME cohort for Fall Semester 2019. The students were contacted by their sponsoring company and contracts were signed during the month of April. On May 8, a Signing Day celebration was held on the Findlay Campus with more than 150 people in attendance. Opening and welcome remarks were made by President Robinson. Dennis Dio Parker, Toyota Motor North America Developer of FAME and the FAME Career Pathway, and Findlay Mayor Muryn also spoke during the ceremony. Students were individually invited to the signing table along with company sponsors. Each student was given a folio and plaque to commemorate the "signing".

On Campus and Community Outreach

In April, Owens hosted Camp Fire's On Behalf of Youth (OBOY) awards breakfast. This annual event honors seven local middle school students who have been nominated by their teachers. About 150 people attended.

In April and May, Ms. Baker participated IT Governance Steering Committee, Findlay all campus meeting, the President's directors meeting, Findlay Enrollment Planning Committee, Findlay Police Academy graduation and Findlay Nursing Pinning Ceremony.

During the months of April and May, Ms. Baker represented Owens at the Findlay Noon Rotary, Findlay Noon Rotary Board, Transportation Coalition of Hancock County, Camp Fire of Northwest Ohio Board, and Welcome to a New Life Board,

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 12 Open House. Additionally, the sponsored ad for the Open House event was boosted on Facebook to help attract new students.

The Marketing department reports that the Owens Social Media audience (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram) has grown to 74,710 followers which is an increase of 10.19% over the last 12 months.

In the combined months of March and April, 97 unique Owens Facebook posts achieved 590,374 impressions. Twitter produced 33,725 impressions during the same time frame with 53 unique tweets. Between Facebook and Twitter, we are averaging 486,395 impressions per month since December 1, 2015.