Local employers are impressed and pleased with Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) graduates, according to a recent employer survey and interviews conducted by the college. **Overall, 95 percent of employers surveyed were very satisfied or satisfied with the graduate’s education at COTC.**

In addition, a majority of respondents indicated that they would recommend COTC graduates to other employers.

The positive responses resulted from an Employer Satisfaction Survey and Employer Interviews conducted winter 2007 to obtain feedback from employers on satisfaction with COTC graduate performance and employer views on important future skills. Employers from Licking, Knox, and Franklin Counties participated in the survey, with the addition of Coshocton County employers for the interviews.

Many of COTC’s educational practices, such as hands-on training, real-world applications, and emphasis on employable skills taught by faculty who have performed the jobs, also received frequent positive feedback.

As well as strongly supporting the skills taught at Central Ohio Technical College, more than 90 percent of the employers would hire a COTC graduate again if given the opportunity.

In the words of one employer, “COTC provides all graduates with the tools they need to be successful. We have been fortunate in hiring good, solid individuals. They have a good understanding of the job and a good work ethic.”

Since its inception in 1971, Central Ohio Technical College has been committed to providing students with employable skills to meet the demands of specific areas of industry, business, and government. To learn more about the Employer Satisfaction Survey, visit www.cotc.edu.
With the start of a new academic year comes the anticipation of what lies ahead and the sense of possibility and potential. This fall the expectations are even higher than usual as we enter into what will be a historic year in the life of the institution. During this year, the culmination of several major projects and initiatives will greatly influence our future and impact the way we do business.

Most critical and the top priority throughout the year is the re-accreditation process and the completion of the Self-Study scheduled for December. COTC is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission and every 10 years the college must go through an intensive process to become re-accredited. More than 90 people are actively involved and serving on committees as part of this process. In addition, we will be working throughout the year positioning ourselves to showcase the college, the campus, the people and the programs at the site visit scheduled for May 12, 13 and 14, 2008.

Secondarily is the Datatel project and the implementation of the “Student Module” that will go live in February, impacting the way we do business on behalf of the students as it increases communication flow and improves data recording and retrieval.

Critical during this year will be the re-organizational alignment which I expect to be implemented and functioning by January 2008. The overall college re-organization was implemented this fall with a final phase by the Academic Affairs area to be complete by winter quarter 2008.

Paramount in terms of importance is Phase 2 of the Gateway project involving the realization of the one-stop shop service area and the implementation of the integrated customer service approach in the student services/enrollment management areas.

In addition, major milestones will occur at our extended campuses. We will accept the first class of students this autumn quarter into The Institute for the Study of Advanced Engineering Technologies in Knox County; we officially open Montgomery Hall in Coshocton at a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for January 10th; and we finalize the capital campaign in Knox County in May.

It will be a landmark year at COTC filled with the realization of much hard work and great possibility for the future.

Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D., President

A Letter from the President

Marie E. D. Sinsabaugh, a former Central Ohio Technical College nursing instructor, has generously committed to support a new scholarship fund at the college.

“I wanted to support young women who are just starting out in life and their careers,” said Sinsabaugh.

The Marie E. D. Sinsabaugh Scholarship Fund will provide one or more scholarships to female nursing students with a proven academic record and financial need. Renewal eligibility will be based on financial need and a minimum GPA of 3.5. The Central Ohio Technical College Director of Financial Aid or their designee will select the scholarship recipients.

The Granville resident says her love of nursing began when she underwent a tonsillectomy as a very young child. “My dad’s sister was a nurse, and she arrived to take care of me after the surgery,” remembers Sinsabaugh. “Ever since then I wanted to be a nurse.”

She earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing from The Ohio State University, and later in life completed her master’s in nursing. “I was the oldest master’s nursing student in the country at the time,” says Sinsabaugh, who then spent the next six and a half years inspecting nursing homes for the Ohio Department of Health.

“Being a loyal nurse, and having the relationship with COTC, I knew that creating this scholarship was the right thing to do,” she said.

New Scholarship Created
Camp Imagination is a new program first offered by COTC in summer 2007 that lets school-age students explore technology in fun and creative hands-on workshops. Last June, 64 students from 16 community constituents and 21 schools in Licking County participated in Computer Game Development, Digital Photography, CSI Forensics Lab, and Make a Movie. Due to Camp Imagination’s success, COTC plans to expand the number of camps as well as the number of technologies offered.

Central Ohio Technical College sponsored a free workshop, “Nontraditional Careers for Women” on Friday, May 18, 2007. The goals of the workshop were to increase awareness of and enrollment in nontraditional technologies by gender. A very important component of the workshop was faculty involvement and hands-on lab experiences for participants, who enjoyed lab experiences with COTC faculty.

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Coshocton Campus

Coshocton Renovations Nearing Completion

Last January, Central Ohio Technical College announced the results of its very successful Coshocton Campus Campaign, which raised more than $4 million toward the renovation of The Montgomery Hall. Civic organizations, foundations, businesses, and individual donors all contributed to support the effort.

This coming January, COTC will proudly open the doors to the newly renovated structure with a public ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for January 10, 2008.

Students at the Coshocton campus will enjoy new educational facilities, including 15 new classrooms, laboratory space, a lecture hall, a nursing laboratory, as well as a distance learning classroom. In addition, the building will also include new east and west entrances. Substantial completion of the facility is expected by November 30.

The Coshocton campus is an innovative approach to higher education offering associate, bachelor and master’s degree programs from COTC and Muskingum College. Kent State University also offers classes at the Coshocton campus. Students can complete certificate and non-credit courses through the Business and Industry Institute.

For more information about programs offered at the Coshocton campus call 740.622.1408. Look for the COTC booth at the Coshocton County Fair, September 28 - October 4.

Knox Campus

Advanced Manufacturing Technology

Work toward your Associate of Applied Science in Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Machining Option, beginning autumn quarter 2007. This newly revised program will develop your academic, technical and professional knowledge, while preparing you for a career in a variety of metal manufacturing industries.

Although designed as a two-year plan, the program’s competency-based structure allows students the freedom to enter at their own level and progress at their own pace. Additionally, COTC’s Knox Campus Advisory Board works closely with regional manufacturers to ensure that the curriculum remains current and relevant. For additional information regarding this exciting career option, contact an admissions/academic advisor at the COTC Knox campus at 740.392.2526, or email Rachael Bailey at rbailey@cotc.edu or Ellen Robinson at erobinson@cotc.edu.

Centralized Classes

As part of Central Ohio Technical College’s ongoing commitment to Knox County, students will be able to attend classes in a single location beginning in autumn quarter 2007. “COTC has offered classes in Mount Vernon for more than 20 years,” said COTC President Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D. Now, COTC is poised to offer key classes and support services to Mount Vernon, Fredericktown and all communities within a one-hour drive of the Knox campus. Students can work toward various degree and certificate programs.

Renovations Slated

Plans are currently under way to renovate the current Knox campus location at 236 S. Main Street, Mount Vernon. The former twin cinema and office building, where COTC has housed classrooms since last January, will be converted into nine classrooms, a tutoring center and an office for part-time faculty. The college announced at a July press conference that nearly half of the $6.5 million Knox Campus Capital Campaign goal, which will fund the renovations, has already been pledged. Karen Buchwald Wright, CEO of Ariel Corporation, added her support to the campaign. In light of this major contribution, the college’s Knox campus building was renamed Ariel Hall. The campaign will continue through May 2008.

Attending the Knox campus press conference: (left to right) Ted and Ann Schnormeier, Dr. Bonnie L. Coe, Karen Buchwald Wright and Maureen Buchwald.
Pataskala Campus Graduates First Basic Police Academy

Central Ohio Technical College celebrated its first graduating class of the Pataskala Basic Police Academy (BPA) with a special ceremony on Friday, July 13, which was held at the Pataskala City Council Chambers.

COTC’s Basic Police Academy is designed to meet the requirements of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPATA), and involves classroom as well as hands-on training, including driving, firearms, self-defense, traffic stops, building searches, and training in DUI cases. Cadets in the program are able to complete the requirements in approximately six months, and successful graduates are recommended to take the state certification exam.

Pataskala Continues to Grow

The Pataskala campus marked its one-year anniversary on July 5 and has seen enrollment grow steadily from a headcount of 246 in fall 2006 to a projected enrollment of 350 in fall 2007. To satisfy that continuing growth, the Pataskala campus recently added a tutoring center and is currently exploring avenues to expand its facilities even further. In addition, new programs will soon be offered at the campus. Beginning in the autumn quarter 2007, key classes toward an associate degree in Law Enforcement Technology will be available. Prospective students interested in COTC’s two-year associate degree in Law Enforcement or the six-month evening Police Academy should contact the Pataskala campus at 740.964.7090 to find out how to get started.

Pataskala Campus Administrator Named to National Board

The National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE) Board of Directors unanimously elected Pataskala Campus Administrator Julie Maurer as Vice Chairman of its Board of Directors. As Vice Chairman, Maurer will serve on the executive committee of the board that provides oversight to the operation of PETE nationwide. An Affiliated Council of the American Association of Community Colleges, PETE’s mission is to provide leadership in environmental education and training through community and technical college partnerships with business, industry, government and other educational providers. The PETE network includes more than 400 community and technical colleges nationwide.

Assessment - A College-Wide Commitment

Central Ohio Technical College is committed to providing its students with a quality educational experience. To reach that goal, COTC undertakes continual assessment of student academic achievement to help ensure that the college maximizes student learning and student success. A faculty-led committee known as the Student Learning Assessment Steering Committee oversees assessment of learning outcomes at COTC by helping faculty develop student learning outcomes at both the course and program levels. Assessment helps COTC ensure:

- A quality curriculum
- Relevant and current programs
- Continuous improvement
- Student success
Police work runs in the family for Tracy Sue Hayes and Sparkles LaShay Fairley, as does attending Central Ohio Technical College. This mother and daughter are both graduates of COTC’s Basic Police Academy (BPA).

Fairley graduated in July 2007 from the BPA held at COTC’s Pataskala campus, and notes that her mother was her inspiration. “I knew COTC had an excellent BPA program, and my mom talked very highly of Commander Fields,” said Fairley.

The Newark resident notes that when her mom went through the academy, Hayes was working full time and raising three children. “I learned from her that females have just as much of what it takes to do a traditional man’s job,” she said.

“My experience at COTC’s BPA was great,” adds Hayes, who currently is employed with the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Department. “Commander Troy Fields was the best. He gave me a lot of knowledge that I have been able to use in the past five years since my graduation.”

The similarities between the two don’t stop with their BPA experiences. Hayes completed her associate degree in Criminal Justice at COTC – the same degree her daughter is completing now. In addition, the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Department also recently hired Fairley.

“My most memorable experience in the BPA was the driving course,” adds Fairley. “The men kept telling me how horrible I was going to do because I was a female driver, but sure enough, I proved them all wrong.” she said.

Fairley notes that her advice to anyone wanting to try COTC’s Basic Police Academy program is to not let anything get in the way of them achieving their dream. “If you want this badly enough, you will accomplish your goal.”

When Karen Keller graduated from Watkins Memorial High School, she had already earned 27 hours of college credit and saved more than $2500 in fees and two quarters of class time. Thanks to Central Ohio Technical College’s Tech Prep program, which Karen attended while still in high school, she was well on her way to earning an associate degree.

“Tech Prep really got me ready for college,” said Karen, a Hebron resident. “The savings in time and money are outstanding, and I felt so comfortable and prepared for college classes.”

Now Karen is finishing her associate degree in Digital Media Design at COTC.

High school students who choose Tech Prep in their junior year enter a seamless curriculum for two years of high school, moving into an associate degree program at COTC or one of the other consortium college partners. Students benefit from hands-on experience within a college environment. College Tech Prep programs are currently offered in the following areas: Accounting, Allied Health and Nursing, Business, Computer Assisted Drafting and Design, Computer Support, Digital Media Design, Engineering, and Networking.

In addition to saving time and money, Karen enjoys the campus environment at COTC. “I love the professors at COTC,” she adds. “I didn’t want to attend a large campus. COTC is friendly and the people are great.”

If you would like to learn more about Tech Prep possibilities, contact the Heart of Ohio Tech Prep Consortium at 740.364.9596 or at www.cotc.edu.
Newark’s *A Call to College* program recently honored Faith Phillips with the organization’s Distinguished Service Award. Phillips, Director of Financial Aid at Central Ohio Technical College and The Ohio State University at Newark, has volunteered her skills with the association for the past 10 years.

*A Call to College* was founded in 1991 for Newark High School students by school alumni with the support of the community and the Newark City School system. The organization’s goals are to counsel and advise Newark High School students and their parents regarding the financial aid process and also awards Last-Dollar Grants to qualified students who cannot meet the cost of college through family funding.

Phillips earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Ecology from The Ohio State University. She has worked at the campus of COTC and Ohio State Newark for 10 years.

“It is an honor to receive this award and recognition,” said Phillips. “I enjoy helping the staff and students of *A Call to College* on this very important step to higher education.”

Digital Media Design Program Director and Instructor William F. Sattelmeyer has been selected for the COTC Teaching Excellence Award.

The award is presented annually to a COTC full-time faculty member in recognition of and to promote teaching excellence. Faculty are nominated by students, staff, fellow faculty or alumni, with the winner selected by a faculty committee.

Remarked Sattelmeyer after receiving the award, “I was completely surprised. Then when I learned who else had been nominated – incredible teachers, all – I was speechless. I love our students; their eagerness to learn makes it a thrill for me to come into class every day. I feel incredibly privileged to be able to teach.”

Sattelmeyer has more than 25 years of industry experience in film, multimedia production, computer animation and graphics design. He spent a decade working in California’s Silicon Valley, where he produced multimedia projects for companies such as Intel, Sega, AMD, General Electric, Hewlett Packard and Microsoft, while also lecturing on the computer convention circuit and co-authoring a textbook on multimedia. Sattelmeyer still maintains his company, Interactive Engineers, in order to stay current with digital media trends and is also working on a 3-D animation textbook for designers. He holds a B.S. in Telecommunications from Kent State University.

At COTC, Sattelmeyer has been instrumental in creating a project-based Digital Media Design Program that provides students with training in cutting-edge technology as well as relevant, real-world experience. In winter quarter 2007, three students and teams from COTC won Honorable Mentions, a larger number than any other college, in the national EDUCAUSE Computer Security Awareness Video Contest.

**WE’VE GOT GAME**

In fact, we’ve got GAMES.

COTC’s Digital Media Design program will be adding a Game Design option to our plan of study beginning with the 2007-2008 academic year. Starting in autumn 2007, students will be able to enroll in an Associate of Applied Science degree program that can start them on the way to a possible career in the continually expanding video and computer game industry.
Campus Events - Open to the public!

Tuesday, September 18
Ohio State Newark Convocation; keynote by Michael Medved, best-selling author, film critic, radio host
Reese Center Auditorium, 11 am – 1 pm

Thursday, September 20; Friday, September 21
Auditions! Long Day’s Journey into Night.
Black Box Theatre, LeFevre Hall, 7 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, September 27
Autumn Reading - Richard Wilbur (translator of Moliere) - Theatre Department
Founders Auditorium, 7:30 pm

October is Disability Awareness Month

Sunday, October 14
Joel Harrison & Ensemble – Jazz guitarist/composer from New York
Reese Center Auditorium, Time TBA

Wednesday, October 17
Chad Crittendon - “From Surgery to Survivor”
Reese Center, 6:30 pm

Construction progresses on the John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center, slated to open in summer 2008.

Autumn Quarter begins Sept. 19

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