Training: Your Way

The launch of Central Ohio Technical College’s Workforce Development Innovation Center (WDIC) in January 2011 not only drew the attention of local media, including a high-profile feature article in Columbus Business First, it also captured the immediate interest of the business community. Two central Ohio corporate heavyweights, Park National Bank and Rolls Royce, have already utilized the WDIC’s services, and potential client interest has been both strong and enthusiastic.

“The new college unit offers businesses customized for-college credit and not-for-college credit training and education, and is definitely filling a growing community need,” noted Lori Crocker, WDIC resource manager. Crocker added that the WDIC specializes in providing cost effective, innovative solutions answering specific business challenges, including entrepreneurial services.

Working in concert with Crocker is Ray Irwin, Ph.D., COTC administrative dean for academic affairs, who will coordinate with faculty to create a modularized curriculum for delivery to businesses. Irwin will also help create career pathways, stackable certificates leading to degree completion, and determine college credit for life experiences and training.

In addition to customized technical training, the WDIC will offer customized soft-skills training in leadership development, critical thinking, communications, and more. Classes can be provided at the business location, a third-party facility, or at any of COTC’s four campus locations (Newark, Coshocton, Knox, and Pataskala).

New sustainable paradigm unites academics and workforce training

Setting the WDIC apart from other workforce development programs is the center’s innovative operational plan which fully integrates WDIC curriculum development with the college’s academic division and places administration with the Office of the President. This seamless integration will streamline the WDIC’s course development, increase the instructor base, and enable the center to quickly respond to emerging workforce needs, explained Crocker.

“The goals of the WDIC are a perfect extension of the college’s mission to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area,” said COTC President Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D. Through the Workforce Development Innovation Center, COTC will improve the skills of the workforce which is helping to grow Ohio’s economic development and increase its competitive edge, Coe added.

For more information about the WDIC, visit www.cotc.edu/aboutcotc/wdic, or call 740.364.9565.
This year marks a significant milestone in the life of Central Ohio Technical College (COTC). Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the institution is a tribute not only to the founders and the community for the unwavering support but to the principle upon which the college was established – accessible education. More than four decades ago, it meant literally building a college. I marvel at the community leaders whose commitment resulted in the vibrant institution of today, meeting the higher education needs of nearly 5,000 students at four campuses.

It is the same sense of responsibility for future generations that once motivated the COTC founding fathers that is now fueling the Next Generation Challenge campaign. Launched in 2010 and running through June 30, 2012, the campaign is our opportunity to ensure access for the next generation of COTC students and to place our fingerprints on the future of our community. Through the generosity of Granville philanthropists J. Gilbert and Louella H. Reese, every gift and pledge will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to $10 million to support scholarships benefiting Licking County students, however, individual gifts may specifically be designated to support students at each of the COTC campuses. As we grow the total amount of endowed scholarships, we ensure access into perpetuity.

Traveling throughout central Ohio and speaking on behalf of the campaign, I have been extremely encouraged by the response. Individuals like Alex Rolletta, a beloved former COTC accounting instructor, and companies such as State Farm, have generously pledged their financial support. In addition, businesses like Licking Memorial Health Systems and Park National Bank are actively working to creatively help engage their employees in the campaign. It will require our collective efforts to reach the $10 million goal and I believe it is possible.

The foundation of the campaign is built upon collaboration. Not only the shared efforts required to achieve success, but in the partnership between COTC and Ohio State Newark. The two institutions together offer the best of higher education in our region and the Next Generation Challenge campaign is evidence of our unified commitment to the students of central Ohio far into the future. Pledge your support to the campus and to the future of your community by giving to the Next Generation Challenge.

Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D., President

How to give

Granville philanthropists J. Gilbert and Louella H. Reese are calling the community to action – their $10 million challenge will raise endowed funds to support scholarships benefiting students attending Central Ohio Technical College and The Ohio State University at Newark in perpetuity. The Reeses will match up to $10 million for all gifts and multi-year pledges made before June 30, 2012, to support the growth of endowed scholarships for COTC and Ohio State Newark students.

Gifts can be made to the Newark Campus Development Fund (NCDF), a permanent, locally controlled endowment that provides funding for innovative projects and scholarships at COTC and Ohio State Newark as well as to COTC and Ohio State Newark directly.

Additional ways to give:
- **IRA Charitable Rollover until December 31, 2011** – persons 70.5 years or older can make an outright gift directly from their IRA to a qualified charity of up to $100,000 per year without paying income tax on the distribution.
- **Other gifts** – cash, stocks, multi-year pledges, Charitable Lead Trusts, Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Bequests, Retained Life Estate, Retirement Plan Assets and Life Insurance. Some of these types of gifts will allow a donor to earn income for the duration of their life. Some businesses are working to establish payroll deduction.

If you would like more information about giving, or would like a campaign representative to speak to your business or group, please contact Jennifer Roberts, director of development, at 740.364.9644.
COTC kicked off a 40th anniversary celebration with a free public reception on Saturday, January 29, in the John Gilbert Reese Center at the COTC Newark Campus. Close to 600 alumni, former faculty and staff, as well as friends of the college and community members joined in celebrating the college’s forty-year journey.

Five long-time COTC employees and two highly regarded community visionaries were recognized with COTC’s inaugural Legends of Loyalty award during the college’s public 40th anniversary celebration in January. “The individuals who will be honored this evening have devoted themselves, and many, their entire careers, to the college and its mission,” said COTC President Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D. Legends of Loyalty award honorees are: Alex Rolletta—first faculty member to teach in COTC’s Accounting program; John Merrin—recently retired director of enrollment; Kay Duncan—retired registrar; Cathie Clippinger—resource planning analyst; Amy Bishoff—resource planning analyst; J. Gilbert Reese—recognized as one of COTC’s founding fathers and an inaugural member of the COTC Board of Trustees, Sarah Reese Wallace accepted the award on her father’s behalf; Howard E. LeFevre (presented posthumously)—The late Howard E. LeFevre was relentless in his pursuit of ensuring educational access to all of central Ohio, the tangible results of his vision stand today in COTC’s four campuses in Newark, Coshocton, Knox, and Pataskala. Ann Fryman accepted the award on behalf of her late father.

A $1,000 donation in the name of each honoree will be given to the Next Generation Challenge scholarship campaign. Through the generosity of J. Gilbert and Louella H. Reese, all contributions will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to $10 million until June 30, 2012. The Legends of Loyalty Award will be presented annually to an individual or group of individuals displaying the qualities of dedication and commitment to the college displayed by this initial group of honorees. The names of award recipients will be engraved on a perpetual plaque to hang in the Office of the President; each honoree also received a personally engraved award.

A must have for COTC alumni and friends! Purchase your copy of COTC’s 40th anniversary history book, Celebrating the Journey. Available for $29.95 in the Newark campus bookstore or online at www.cotc.edu, click on Bookstore or look for the book cover icon on the home page.

History book purchase details

Bookstore hours and location:
John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center
1219 University Drive, Newark 740.366.9277
Monday & Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.     Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.   Saturday & Sunday: closed
Coshocton Campus

The Chautauqua Civil War Teachers’ Institute, scheduled for July 19 - 23 at the COTC Coshocton Campus, is another wonderful example of the partnership between COTC and Muskingum University, as well as the campus and the community. In commemoration of Coshocton’s bicentennial, the Ohio Chautauqua will visit the community in July for a staging of first person narratives by characters from the Civil War. The Coshocton Campus, through a grant from the Ohio Humanities Council, will host a Teachers’ Institute in collaboration with the Ohio Chautauqua visit. Designed for elementary, middle, and high school teachers, the Institute will award participants with two graduate hours through Muskingum University. The Institute will feature presentations by Ohio Chautauqua scholars portraying Mary Chestnut, Major Martin Delany, Mary Edwards, Abraham Lincoln, and Harriet Tubman, as well as presentations by historians and a variety of lectures. A guided tour of Roscoe Village will be part of the last day’s activities. Response to the Institute has been extremely positive.

In April, COTC President Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D., presented Kirby Hasseman with the Coshocton County Young Leader of the Year award at the Coshocton County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. It was the inaugural presentation for the award, sponsored by COTC, which will become an annual Chamber award. Hasseman is a businessman in Coshocton currently serving as president of City Council and was recognized for his role in the recent creation of the Coshocton Business Development Fund.

The COTC Coshocton Campus continues to serve as a vital link to educational access for the community. A recognition ceremony was held at Coshocton High School on March 20 to honor 21 winter quarter 2011 graduates receiving the Practical Nursing Certificate. All received COTC nursing pins. In addition, COTC’s Basic Police Academy and the college’s Emergency Medical Service Training class for the EMT Basic Certificate both began during spring quarter 2011 at the Coshocton Campus. The college’s Saturday morning Digital Photography course has proven to be so popular that it has filled to capacity for two consecutive quarters.

Knox Campus

Exciting things are happening at Ariel Hall, COTC’s permanent campus in downtown Mount Vernon. To make way for a complete remodel of the building, demolition of the existing interior was recently completed and crews have started construction on implementation of the new design. Construction is currently on schedule, with a tentative completion date of November 2011. While the remodel is underway, COTC has temporarily relocated its Knox Campus to the former Fredericktown High School.

The remodel of the 35,000 SF structure will include the entire building—two stories above grade and a partial
Pataskala Campus

Spring quarter enrollment at COTC’s Pataskala Campus reached an all-time high of 650 students, a powerful confirmation that COTC is fulfilling a need for access to higher education in the area.

This summer, the Pataskala Campus will once again offer COTC’s very highly regarded Accelerated Basic Police Academy (BPA). Designed to meet the requirements of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, the BPA involves classroom as well as hands-on training, including driving, firearms, self-defense, traffic stops, building searches, and training in DUI cases. Successful program graduates are recommended to take the state certification exam. Last September, 23 students graduated from Pataskala Campus BPA courses.

**Lifelong Learning Institute**

Now, COTC is committed to helping another category of student—lifelong learners. The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) provides non-credit educational opportunities for mature learners in Central Ohio to broaden and extend their knowledge, share life experiences, become more attuned to community resources, and interact socially with other lifelong learners. A volunteer advisory Steering Committee of retirees works with COTC staff members to develop guidelines, curriculum, and membership. Courses will be offered in a wide range of areas, including the arts, science, current events, history, language, technology, spirituality, economics, and world affairs. LLI courses will be offered year-round, during the day, at a number of easily accessible locations with free parking. Courses will involve college-level learning, but unlike college courses lasting a quarter or semester, LLI courses will be shorter—usually 3-5 sessions of two hours each. Since the courses are non-credit, they will be free of tests and assignments, although reading will be encouraged. Membership in the Lifelong Learning Institute is available now. Contact Julie Maurer, Pataskala Campus Administrator, at jmaurer@cotc.edu or phone 740.964.7090 if you are interested in participating.

Knox Campus

basement. When completed, the renovation will yield a high-tech education facility with:

- 12 general purpose classrooms
- one non-traditional classroom
- one computer lab/classroom
- a large multi-purpose room
- a digital media design lab
- Center for Academic Success (with double-sided fireplace)
- community/board room
- nursing lab
- student lounge
- science lab
- Gateway admissions and advising area
- faculty and staff offices

The renovation of Ariel Hall would not be possible without the incredible generosity of many in the greater Knox County community. COTC especially wants to acknowledge Karen Buchwald Wright and the Ariel Corporation, as well as the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County for their continued support. Thanks to their additional gifts, COTC will gain an additional seven classrooms and a student lounge area, through renovation of the basement space. The community’s commitment to and support of higher education is extraordinary.

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Logo design leads to scholarship funding

When COTC graduate Kristy Hawthorne’s employer, the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, wanted a new logo for its underground protection service (OGPUPS), Hawthorne quickly turned to her alma mater for expertise. She contacted COTC’s Digital Media Design Lead Faculty Kathleen Kinney, who loved the idea of using the logo design as a real-world class project. Armed with job specifications, a brief description of the organization, and the old logo, Hawthorne and several OGPUPS Board members met with Kinney’s students early in autumn quarter 2010 to discuss the project.

“We were able to give the students a chance to ask questions about our goals and our target audience just as they will need to do someday with a client,” said Hawthorne.

While Hawthorne’s expectations were high, she admits that her Board members were not very familiar with COTC. But when the group reconvened in December to review final presentations by six student teams, the high quality of work and professionalism of the COTC students was immediately evident.

Next Generation Challenge

The OGPUPS Board was so thoroughly impressed by COTC, in fact, that they were moved to donate $1,500 to the Next Generation Challenge scholarship campaign in honor of the Digital Media Design students. Through the campaign challenge, longtime friends and supporters of the campus J. Gilbert and Louella H. Reese will match up to $10 million all gifts and multi-year pledges made before June 30, 2012, doubling the OGPUPS Board’s gift. OGPUPS also awarded a $50 gift card to the winning logo design team, Beth Snider and Billy Hayward.

The college is grateful to the OGPUPS Board members for their generosity in supporting COTC and their willingness to share time in helping students gain such a valuable learning experience. OGPUPS Board members are: Charlotte Pierce, Chair, Dublin; Bill Bennett, Wooster; Mark Jordan, New Albany; Tom Booth, Massillon; and Robert Baker, Killbuck.

The time to give is now

Alex and Lois Rolletta never dreamed that they would one day endow a college scholarship. But when the couple learned that they could use an IRA Charitable Rollover to fund a scholarship at Central Ohio Technical College they were of one mind – the opportunity was too important to let pass.

“It didn’t make sense to not make the contribution,” noted Alex. “It’s a situation where everyone wins.”

Through the IRA Charitable Rollover which the Rollettas utilized, persons 70.5 years or older can make an outright gift directly from their IRA to a qualified charity of up to $100,000 per year without paying income tax on the distribution. Retirees can choose to make a Charitable Rollover gift until December 31, 2011.

The Alexander and Lois J. Rolletta Scholarship will be awarded annually to benefit COTC students.

Alex, a retired faculty member at COTC, has a very personal perspective on the impact of a college education. Hired as the first faculty member to teach in COTC’s Accounting program, he wrote the college’s first accounting curriculum. Through the years the Newark resident earned a reputation as a tough instructor who passionately cared about his students. In January 2011, he was recognized with the college’s inaugural Legends of Loyalty Award for the legacy he established and the countless lives he has impacted inside the COTC classroom (see article on page three).

“It is so fitting that Alex’s legacy of meaningful impact will continue in perpetuity through this scholarship,” said Jennifer Roberts, director of development.

Scholarship gift matched

The Rollettas also felt that the timing of their gift was a critical factor in their decision. The Next Generation Challenge, which will match the Rolletta’s gift dollar-for-dollar, applies to all gifts and multi-year pledges made before June 30, 2012. Granville philanthropists J. Gilbert and Louella H. Reese have called the entire community to action with their $10 million challenge, and thanks to the generosity of the Rollettas and others, the campaign is gaining momentum.

If you would like more information about giving, or would like a campaign representative to speak to your business or group, please contact Roberts at 740.364.9644.

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For students who are passionate about food, concerned about nutrition, and interested in a career as a chef, food science technician, or food product developer, COTC’s Culinary Science major is a must see among higher education programs. This exciting degree offers a solid core of courses in applied culinary studies. Students will study the science of food, including the chemistry of flavor profiles and the origins and growth of food pathogens. Along with highly valued culinary skills, students learn food safety, nutrition, chemistry, world cuisines, banquet and menu planning, and catering. COTC’s “earn while they learn” program offers students the opportunity to engage in first year internships on campus and second year externships with area businesses.

Graduates will earn an Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Science. For more information, contact the COTC Gateway Admissions Office, 740.366.9222

COTC President Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D., met with Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown while attending the Fourth annual College and University President’s Conference in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by Brown’s office, the conference is aimed at connecting Ohio educators with business leaders to advance regional economic development.

Dual admission allows students to be enrolled both at COTC and another college or university simultaneously. Students can take advantage of programs and services such as library privileges, advising, and academic support at both institutions, while seamlessly earning both an associate degree and a bachelor’s degree.

Reasons to choose Dual Admission:
• attainment of a bachelor’s seamlessly at a lower cost,
• collaborative financial aid,
• academic support services at both institutions (tutoring, library, advising),
• small classes with quality faculty,
• programs that lead to professional advancement,
• student activities (athletics, career counseling).

To learn more, visit www.cotc.edu/futurestudents or contact the Gateway – Office of Advising, dpalmer@cotc.edu, or call 740.364.9545.
Events at Central Ohio Technical College campuses (Newark, Coshocton, Knox, and Pataskala) and The Ohio State University at Newark

Events and times are subject to change. For up-to-date information about events on campus, please visit www.cotc.edu or www.newark.osu.edu or call 740.366.9355.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday – May 26, 27, and 28; June 2, 3, and 4
“Art,” by playwright Yasmina Reza
Black Box Theatre, LeFevre Hall, 8 p.m.; tickets $3/students; $4/general public.
For more information: Director Dave Williams @ 740.366.9474 / williams.1343@osu.edu

Monday, June 20 Summer Quarter 2011 begins
Central Ohio Technical College and The Ohio State University at Newark

Thursday, July 7 & Monday, August 1
Buckeye Visit Day
Ohio State Newark
740.364.9548 for reservations or visit www.newark.osu.edu

Sunday, July 3
Annual Independence Day Concert & Fireworks—FREE
Featuring Sticks and Stones, the Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra and fireworks (display at 10 p.m.)
Sponsored by the Reese Family Foundation
Family friendly event featuring food vendors.