Final donor pushes campaign over goal

The Next Generation Challenge scholarship campaign at Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) and The Ohio State University at Newark has surpassed its $20 million goal making it the most successful fund-raising effort in the history of the two institutions. The campaign began in April 2010 and culminated on June 30, 2012, with a final donation that propelled the grand total past the $20 million goal to a final total of $20,950,410.32.

Unique about this scholarship campaign was the matching opportunity, a rare chance to double the impact of every donation. Granville philanthropists J. Gilbert Reese and Louella H. Reese challenged the community in April 2010 by personally matching all gifts, multi-year pledges and planned gifts dollar-for-dollar up to $10 million to support the growth of endowed scholarships at both schools. It was through a tremendous outpouring of community generosity that the Next Generation Challenge achieved its profound success.

Culminating the campaign was the final gift, a combined $2 million from Ariel Corporation and Ariel Foundation, headquartered in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Karen Buchwald Wright, President and CEO of Ariel, has a long-standing relationship with COTC and was instrumental in establishing a permanent home for the COTC Knox Campus in downtown Mount Vernon. She is a dedicated philanthropist with a passion for improving the quality of life and opportunity in her hometown. The $2 million gift will benefit Knox County students attending either COTC or Ohio State Newark.

“Ariel Corporation and Ariel Foundation are honored to offer the KBW Scholarship opportunities for Knox County residents who attend Central Ohio Technical College or The Ohio State University at Newark. We are proud to be involved in a partnership dedicated to the preparation of Knox County students now and in the future for a strong and prosperous community,” commented Jan Reynolds, director of Ariel Foundation.

“I am absolutely thrilled to be able to say that the Next Generation Challenge was not only met, but exceeded its $20 million goal,” said COTC President Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D. “We are so appreciative to the Reeses for their tremendous generosity, to Karen Buchwald Wright for pushing us past our goal, and to the many, many community partners who have made the Reeses’ vision to grow endowed scholarships a reality.”

The Newark Campus Development Fund, a permanent locally controlled endowment that provides funding for innovative projects and scholarships at COTC and Ohio State Newark, served as the primary recipient of scholarship gifts for the campaign. Donors were able to designate their gift to benefit students at either COTC or Ohio State Newark or they could make an unrestricted, cost-shared gift to benefit students of both institutions.

“Today, more than 50 years since its founding, the campus remains true to ensuring accessibility to an Ohio State education,” said William L. MacDonald, executive dean of the regional campuses and dean/director at Ohio State Newark. “I am so grateful to Lou and Gib, and to all of our donors, for their incredible generosity and foresight in helping to create a better future for our community.”

“The vision of Gib and Lou Reese with their scholarship match and the community call to action truly represented a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our communities,”

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Someone once said, “The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.” This sentiment is the foundation of the Next Generation Challenge campaign, launched in April of 2010 and concluded on June 30, 2012. The campaign addressed the growing need for student scholarships in a time of diminishing funds at the state and federal level for students pursuing higher education. Its focus was to provide an opportunity to “pay it forward” to the next generation of students and to make a collective statement about the importance of educating tomorrow’s workforce.

In an unprecedented local demonstration of generosity, Granville philanthropists J. Gilbert and Louella H. Reese, called our community to action with a $10 million matching fund challenge to support the growth of endowed scholarships for COTC and Ohio State Newark students. Over the life of the campaign, it has been my privilege to partner with Dean/Director of The Ohio State University at Newark, Dr. William MacDonald, and Campaign Chairman William T. McConnell, as we worked toward the goal of raising $10 million in the community. With the Reeses’ generous dollar-for-dollar match, this campaign offered a rare moment in time to double the impact of every dollar donated and we could not be more pleased that the goal was exceeded.

I would like to express a sincere thank you to all campaign donors. Due to your generosity, scholarships will be available in perpetuity for COTC and Ohio State Newark students. Through the contributions of more than 1,000 donations, the success of the Next Generation Challenge represents the power of the partnership between COTC and Ohio State Newark and solidifies a region’s commitment to accessible quality higher education.

Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D.
President

Goodbye quarters – hello semesters!

It’s been several years in the making, but COTC officially kicked off its new semester calendar system on August 22, 2012. The transition from quarters to semesters will allow the college calendar to align with other public colleges and universities in Ohio, as well as more than 90 percent of higher educational institutions nationwide.

The quarter system divides the academic year into 10-week periods. The semester system divides the year into fall and spring semesters, each with 14 weeks of instruction and a final examination week. Starting in May 2013, COTC will run a full summer term of approximately 13 weeks and two shortened sessions of about six weeks each.

Fall semesters will begin in late August and end in mid-December. Spring semesters will begin in early January and end in late April. Summer terms will begin in early May and end in early August.

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said Next Generation Challenge Campaign Chair William T. McConnell. “I am completely overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from so many across our community. Words cannot adequately express my pride at this moment, and my heartfelt appreciation to you all.”

The first Next Generation Challenge scholarship awards have been allocated for autumn semester 2012. With over $10 million in community gifts, matched by $10 million from the Reeses, COTC, Ohio State Newark and NCDF will ultimately be able to award the equivalent of 500 $2,000 student scholarships annually in perpetuity.
**HandsOn organization presents award to Julie Maurer**

This past spring, Pataskala Campus Administrator Julie Maurer was awarded a 2012 Agent of Change Award from HandsOn Central Ohio for her work as a board member for Employment for Seniors (EFS). Maurer is currently serving her third three-year term on the board, where she has been instrumental in fund raising and promoting community awareness. EFS is a non-profit organization providing free employment referral assistance to clients age 50 and older.

**COTC receives award**

Central Ohio Technical College was named “Large Business of the Year” at the 2012 Heritage Centre Association’s Annual Awards Banquet in Mount Vernon. During the presentation, Master of Ceremonies Thom Collier said, “COTC chose downtown Mount Vernon to locate its Knox County campus and we are all very happy they did. COTC took a building that was designed for a very specific purpose, a theater, and transformed it...”

**Campus hosts Energy Summit**

COTC and The Ohio State University at Newark, in conjunction with the Licking County Port Authority, hosted a day-long Energy Summit on March 22nd. Participants heard panel discussions and presentations from experts who focused on the field of energy and its potential impact on Licking County. The role of COTC will be critical in preparing a workforce to enter what has been a dormant industry in Ohio.

**COTC celebrates first Summer Commencement**

COTC held its first Summer Commencement Ceremony, on Friday, August 17, in the Adena Hall Gymnasium on the COTC Newark Campus. A total of 201 graduates were eligible to receive associate degrees and certificates, while COTC President Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D., presided over the ceremony. COTC has traditionally held two commencement ceremonies annually, during June and December. To coincide with the college’s conversion from a quarter system to a semester academic calendar, college officials have instituted a third commencement to enable summer graduates earlier participation in commencement.

**Robi Rhodes named 2012 Teaching Excellence recipient**

COTC has announced Assistant Professor of English and Communications Robi Rhodes, Ph.D., as the recipient of the 2012 COTC Teaching Excellence Award. The award is presented annually to a COTC full-time faculty member in recognition and promotion of teaching excellence. Faculty members are nominated by students, staff, fellow faculty, or alumni, with the winner selected by a faculty committee. The Columbus resident has taught at COTC since September of 2010.

“One of my favorite things about teaching at COTC is that I’m always learning something new,” said Rhodes. “I strive to learn from the examples of hard work, community and compassion my students and colleagues demonstrate every day.”

She holds a Ph.D. in English and an M.A. in English from The Ohio State University. Rhodes also earned a B.A. in English from Oklahoma State University. She was previously an adjunct faculty member at Franklin University and Columbus State Community College.

**Sandra Walker named Vice Chair**

Sandi Walker, Nursing program administrator, was named vice chair for the Ohio Council of Associate Degree Nursing Education Administrators. Membership is open to administrators at each Ohio Board of Nursing approved associate degree nursing program.
Central Ohio Technical College celebrates a commitment to education with the dedication of Ariel Hall, March 20, 2012

Bright sunny skies and warm temperatures welcomed more than 300 people who participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication activities for Ariel Hall, COTC’s Knox Campus located in downtown Mount Vernon. Mayor Richard Mavis; COTC Board member, Ohio Cumberland Gas Company President Mark Ramser; and Divelbiss Corporation President Terry Divelbiss offered comments and congratulations as did COTC Board Chair Cheryl Snyder. Rich Fredrick, Executive Director of Governor Kasich’s Office of Workforce Transformation, also participated in the program, commenting on the important role technical colleges play in workforce development.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments were served in Ariel Hall and the renovated building was open for self-guided tours and interactive exhibits. A specially commissioned mural in The Ramser Family Community Board Room was painted by local artist Taylor Leaman.

Leaman’s painting has two main focuses, the first and most obvious is the perspective that very few people will ever see – an aerial view of Mount Vernon. The second is the nature of its unintended aesthetic. The community was built over time, building by building, creating a very specific visual pattern and without the idea of unifying the town visually as a whole. This has created a very unique and attractive scene that otherwise could not have been designed.

The mural represents Phase I of the artwork planned for the building. Artwork planned for Phase II will be unveiled on September 7, 2012, during a community First Friday event. Phase II will commemorate COTC’s partnership with the communities in Knox County with a mural representing the communities of Fredericktown, Gambier, Danville, and Centerburg.

Through the generosity of local benefactors, Ariel Hall, once known as the local movie theatre, was purchased and donated to the college in 2006 for the purpose of establishing a full-service campus in downtown Mount Vernon. Despite challenges of an economic downfall, the community pledged $5.8 million in 2008 for the total renovation of the former theatre in a state-of-the-art 35,000 square foot teaching and learning facility.
Earn the first two years of your bachelor’s degree at any COTC campus

When COTC began offering the Associate of Arts (A.A.) and the Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees in autumn 2010, students’ options for higher education greatly increased in central Ohio. The A.A. and A.S. degrees are designed to provide students the opportunity to complete the first two years of a bachelor’s degree at relatively low cost and to transfer seamlessly to any public college or university in the state of Ohio.

Students pursuing the A.A. or A.S. may take courses that fit a variety of four-year majors’ pathways. Curriculum for both degrees includes a menu of courses in English composition and literature, social and behavioral sciences, the arts and humanities, and sciences and mathematics. As with other degree programs at COTC, many of the courses in the A.A. and A.S. programs are conveniently offered both day and evening at all four COTC campuses, and/or online.

Generally speaking, the A.A. degree is designed for students wishing to pursue a four-year degree in the humanities or liberal arts. The A.S. degree is designed for students wishing to pursue a four-year degree in areas of study such as mathematics, the sciences, or professional programs that require strong math and science backgrounds.

Area high school students earn college credit at COTC

COTC is committed to providing high school students the opportunity to expand curricular options by earning college credit while still in high school. Through the High School Options programs, students can engage in higher learning by enrolling in a college course on one of COTC’s four campuses (Newark, Coshocton, Knox, and Pataskala) or earning college credit for a course taken in high school.

“I really like the COTC campus and have referred a number of students to consider their programs and attend. Taking college courses while students are still in high school is a win-win for everyone!”

School Counselor

Students have the opportunity to enroll at COTC through one of the following options:

• Dual Enrollment Program – Earn high school and college credit. Courses are taught by the high school teacher at the high school. Tuition is free! COTC has a growing list of high school partners throughout central Ohio, including Reynoldsburg High School and Watkins Memorial high School.

• Concurrent Enrollment Program – Earn college credit. Half-price tuition. Take classes at COTC.

• Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program – Earn high school and college credit. Tuition and textbooks are provided at no cost. Program requires school district approval. Take classes at COTC.

• Tech Prep Program – Enroll in a Tech Prep Program through a local career center and earn college credit through a partnership with COTC.

Admission requirements vary. If you have questions about the program or how to get started, contact the High School Options staff at 740.755.7507 or email to hsoptions@cotc.edu.
New majors at COTC

Advertising Technology offered at all four campuses

COTC’s new Associate degree in Advertising Technology offers students a unique blend of Digital Media Design and Business Management courses. Combining coursework from these two in-demand fields allows students to gain a valuable advantage in the advertising arena. Students develop Digital Media skills such as drawing, web design, photography, and video creation. At the same time, they gain valuable business experience in marketing and advertising. Students also complete general education courses to provide a well-rounded college experience.

Advertising has a strong presence in the virtual world. Students will draw upon innovative and creative skills as they prepare for future positions in this fascinating field.

Kimberly Goudy
Associate Professor
Business Management Technologies

Advertising is a growing field in today’s business environment. An advantage for students enrolled in the Advertising program is the unique support from the Advertising Advisory Board, which is comprised of leaders and mentors in their field. With the Board member’s input and valuable knowledge, the design of the Advertising program introduces current trends while building upon past theories. With the interesting blend of courses in business and digital media design, Advertising Technology graduates can look forward to rewarding jobs in the advertising arena. Graduates of the program who have thought of starting their own business will find that they have the necessary skills to take this step with confidence.

COTC’s Advertising Technology degree is offered at all four COTC campus locations: Newark, Coshocton, Knox, and Pataskala. Students have the option of completing certain courses in an online format.

Earn a degree in Emergency Medical Services

For those seeking a career in Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Central Ohio Technical College’s new Associate of Applied Science in EMS Paramedic program brings graduates a solid professional foundation with the potential for promotion and advancement.

Offered through COTC’s Institute for Public Safety, the EMS associate degree is comprised of the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate and the Paramedic Certificate programs, as well as selected general education courses. Students complete a combination of classroom, laboratory, hospital, and medic unit hours. Graduates will be eligible to apply to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Paramedic exam. Those who pass the National Registry exam are eligible for employment in hospitals, ambulance services, and fire departments. Classes are offered on COTC’s Newark, Knox, and Pataskala Campuses.

COTC’s EMS Program is accredited by the State of Ohio EMS Board, Accreditation #350. To learn more about this program, go to www.cotc.edu/programs.

How do I Start?
If you are a new student, you should apply online at www.cotc.edu. If you are a current or returning COTC student, contact one of the Gateway Offices listed below, send an e-mail to cotcadmissions@cotc.edu or connect with the Gateway website at: http://www.cotc.edu/futurestudents/Pages/index.aspx.

Newark Campus  740.366.9222
800.963.9275 Ext. 222
Coshocton Campus  740.622.1408
Knox Campus  740.392.2526
Pataskala Campus  740.964.7090

www.cotc.edu
Italian experience life changing for students

“It was the trip of a lifetime.”

“Italy was breathtaking.”

“The Italian people are so warm and generous. They not only opened their homes to us, they opened their hearts.”

During summer 2012, 14 COTC students took the trip of a lifetime when they travelled to Italy as part of the college’s third consecutive cultural exchange program. The group departed on July 28 for Regello, Italy, a town in the renowned region of Tuscany, 15 miles southeast of Florence. From a home base in Regello, the group travelled throughout western Italy to directly experience Italian life, language, and culture. The diverse student group, comprised of 10 women and four men, ranged in age from 20 to late 40s.

In addition to visiting iconic Italian treasures including the Coliseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and viewing works of Michelangelo, the group experienced the very heart of Italian culture by living with specially selected host families in Regello.

COTC’s cultural exchange program began in July 2010, when the first group comprised of 10 COTC students experienced the depth and beauty of Italian culture first hand during a 10-day trip similarly based with Regello host families. During summer 2011, the bookend trip for that inaugural experience occurred with Italian students living with Newark-area host families.

The cultural exchange program has been continuously sponsored through the generosity of Granville philanthropists J. Gilbert and Louella H. Reese, who once again graciously covered all program fees, including flight, in-country travel, meals, and all excursions and field trips.

“For three years, the Reeses have supported this incredible program, and we cannot thank them enough for their generosity.” said John Berry, Ph.D., COTC director of student life. “The Reeses have afforded our students a phenomenal opportunity; one that has changed lives forever.”

The trip was truly life changing, said electrical engineering student Trace Johnson.

“What really made the biggest impact was the time I was able to spend with my host family and other members of the Regello community,” said the Newark native. “I learned so much from their way of life, especially from how they treated each other. I was able to truly immerse myself in ways that an ordinary tourist could not and for this I am forever thankful for the extreme generosity of the Reese family and the opportunity presented by COTC.”
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 and www.newark.osu.edu or call 740.366.9355

September 2012
Friday, September 28, 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Buckeye Visit Day  
Register online at www.newark.osu.edu

October 2012
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
October 3, 4, 5, and 6, 8:00 p.m.  
Theatre production - All tickets $5  
*Someone Who’ll Watch Over Me*, by Frank McGuinness  
Black Box Theater, LeFevre Hall  
More information: Director Dave Williams, 740.366.9474 or williams.1343@osu.edu

Wednesday, October 17, 12:30 - 4:15 p.m.  
Buckeye Visit Day  
Register online at www.newark.osu.edu

October 2012
Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
COTC Health Career Expo  
Pataskala Campus  
More information: 740.964.7090

Friday & Saturday, November 23, 24, and Thursday, Friday & Saturday, November 29, 30 and December 1, 8:00 p.m.  
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Great Performers Series - Joel Harrison, string choir project, performing arrangements of Paul Motian’s work.

Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 p.m.  
COTC Culinary Science Open House  
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Attend a Rapid Registration Event at COTC

- One-stop enrollment event
- $20 application fee waived during this event
- Group session with a Gateway Advisor
- Complete a COMPASS Placement Assessment (prepare at www.cotc.edu/compass)
- Meet with a Financial Aid Advisor
- Register for classes

Upcoming Rapid Registration Events

- Wednesday, September 26, 5 p.m., Newark Campus
- Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m., Pataskala Campus
- Tuesday, October 23, 5 p.m., Knox Campus
- Thurs., Nov. 1, 5 p.m., Coshocton Campus
- Wed., Nov. 7, 5 p.m., Newark Campus

College Tech Prep Information Night

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m., Newark Campus

High School Visit Day

Friday, Nov. 16, 9:00 a.m., Newark Campus

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