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GOVERNOR'S MID-BIENNIUM BUDGET REVIEW IN SENATE

While OACC staff continues to advocate on Gov. John R. Kasich's Mid-Biennium Budget Review bills, many of the bills that have passed the Ohio House and are pending in the Ohio Senate appear to be favorable for Ohio's community college sector.

The State Share of Instruction formula recommended by Ohio's community college sector for Fiscal Year 2015 was incorporated into the main MBR bill, HB 483, as recommended.

Also, according to the bill, there appears to be an additional \$3.1 million included in the main MBR bill in stabilization funding to assist institutions losing dollars in the coming fiscal year in the transition.

A provision recommended by the OACC's chief fiscal officers that would permit treasurers from state community colleges to be either bonded OR insured instead of both was incorporated into the Higher Education MBR, HB 484.

That bill also includes the Course and Program Share proposal (SB 69, sponsored by state Sen. Bill Beagle, R-Tipp City, which has passed the Senate and which was crafted with the primary input of the OACC). This provision would allow institutions of higher education to share courses and programming, thereby allowing an efficient response to the local educational marketplace while holding down costs for new program development.

This legislation also calls for a task force with appointees including a representative of the OACC to make recommendations for the next biennial budget on the future of State Needs-Based Aid, thereby keeping the conversation going on this very important topic.

In the main MBR, community colleges are eligible to compete for \$2.5 million in pilot program funding to work with adults who lack a high school diploma. The intention of this pilot program funding is to identify innovative ways to help adults without a high school diploma to achieve that credential and hopefully go on and receive additional education. The

program is called the Adult Career Opportunity Pilot Program.

The education MBR, HB 487, also includes the "College Credit Plus" proposal that reforms dual enrollment. For more information on any of these pieces of legislation, please contact the OACC. The OACC will continue to monitor and advocate on, as necessary, these and other pieces of legislation as they continue to receive consideration in the Senate.

On the Capital Bill (HB 497, sponsored by state Rep. Ron Amstutz, R-Wooster), which has been passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. John R. Kasich, the community college sector received about \$8 million more in projects recommended by the Higher Education Funding Commission than was recommended in the last capital bill.

The OACC will continue to aggressively champion the interests of Ohio's community colleges before the state Legislature.



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COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT: EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Now in its fifth decade of continuing success, Edison Community College is recognized throughout the Darke, Miami and Shelby county region as a premiere higher education institution. As a comprehensive community college with a distinct heritage, Edison offers students opportunities designed to result in university transfer, career advancement or general workforce education, through its broad range of academic programs, courses and workshops.

In keeping with its tradition of excellence, Edison is continually striving to enrich the lives of the communities it serves. By including the perspective of business, industry, health care, educational partners and alumni, Edison's faculty and administration has become better equipped to meet the ongoing needs of the northern Miami valley region.

In addition to gaining insights through innovative strategic planning processes, Edison has created partnerships with some of the region's leading employers to provide students with hands-on experience and knowledge applicable to industry needs.

"All Engineering and IT students are required to complete either an internship or a capstone experience course before graduation and over 90% of our engineering and IT students are offered full-time positions before graduation," said Shirley Moore, Dean of Business, Engineering and Information Technology.

Edison faculty works closely with engineers from partner industries, creating new degree options available in Operations Management and Electro

Mechanical fields. Edison has a commitment of forty \$1,500 scholarships annually through 2015 for students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine (STEMM fields), and are exploring additional scholarship funding for students enrolled in additional programs.

Among the top programs offered at Edison, the Registered Nursing (RN) program continues a strong tradition of preparing top quality nursing graduates. A recent Annual Employer Survey stated Edison nursing graduates are consistently judged by employers to possess the top qualities and skills most important for new employees.

The RN program has recently implemented a change to the application process that provides greater flexibility for interested students. Edison's RN program now accepts applications during two periods, instead of one, during a calendar year. The program is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

The program also has agreements in place with numerous 4-year institutions across the state, which allows students a seamless transition from a Registered Nursing degree obtained at Edison to a Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) program at another university.

Following Edison's strong commitment to excellence, the Business and Industry Center has been contributing to the economic success of area businesses, industries and private sector organizations by providing their greatest asset—*employees*.

The Business and Industry Center accomplishes this every day by offering an array of needed services, including market-driven training, workshops and seminars geared toward professional growth and

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skill development. Areas of training include Employee and Supervisor Development, Technical Training, Professional Development and Office Productivity. Courses are delivered through a variety of methods, including traditional classroom, a blend of online and hands-on learning and fully online. Training is offered through open enrollment courses held at the Piqua campus or onsite at the client's location at days and times, which are most convenient to the client.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY GRANT RECIPIENTS NAMED

From the Ohio Board of Regents

Nine community colleges and three universities will receive grant funds to expand and develop new workforce development education and training programs. The nearly \$3 million will be used to purchase equipment that will enable students and incumbent workers to improve their skills to advance their careers in regional industries.

The grant funds are part of Gov. Kasich's workforce development strategies to align Ohio's higher education curriculum and investments with skills in demand by Ohio's businesses. The funds will help students and incumbent workers be better positioned for jobs and career advancement. Ohio's businesses benefit by helping identify areas of need and preparing pathways for future employment in a region.

"We want our students to be well prepared for the jobs that are out there, and we want our businesses to continue to grow and succeed, which in turn will strengthen Ohio's economy. These grant funds will help us accomplish those goals," said Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor John Carey.

The state funding comes from higher education bonds used for capital investments.

For a list of institutions, the amount received and a description of the project, please click [here](#).

OACCPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS JUNE 26 AND JUNE 27

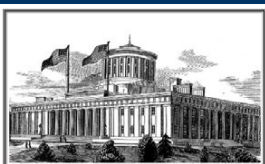
This June marks the tenth anniversary of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges Presidential Assistants Annual Conference! Mark your calendars!

Zane State College will host the OACCPA on June 26 and June 27 for professional development and networking. Registration is free. Link and additional information will be forthcoming!

CURRENT AND FORMER COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTS RECEIVE HONOR

Dr. Kevin Boys, President of Southern State Community College, has received the 2014 Ohio School Boards Association Southwest Region President's Award.

Meanwhile, retired Cuyahoga Community College president Jerry Sue Thornton has been announced as the Diverse: Issues in Higher Education Diverse Champions Award.



CAPITAL INSIDER

A Perspective on Ohio Politics from the Viewpoint of Key State Leaders



Each quarter, The Forum invites state leaders to share their views and opinions on policies and issues that have a direct impact on Ohio's community colleges.

Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor John Carey offers his insight in this issue's "Capital Insider" column

As I approach my one-year anniversary as Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, and look back at past year's accomplishments while looking forward to what lies ahead, I can say with confidence that our community colleges are more vital than ever to developing successful students, who in turn will strengthen Ohio's place in a global economy.

It is gratifying to hear Ohio mentioned among the country's leaders when it comes to higher education, and to have other states asking how our forward-thinking initiatives have become reality.

The most recent example of this is the performance-based funding formula for our community colleges, which is making its way through the legislature as part of Governor Kasich's Mid-Biennium Budget Review. This formula is the result of all of our community college presidents working together with one goal in mind – to put more degrees and certificates

of value in the hands of more students.

Ohio's success depends on a skilled workforce, and that starts with a quality education. Education is important not only to the economy but also to the quality of life for all Ohioans. While Ohio has some of the best institutions of higher education in the world, Complete College America data shows that only about 36 percent of adults in Ohio have a postsecondary credential, a figure that does not meet the needs of our economy. That shortage of qualified workers places Ohio at a competitive disadvantage compared to the rest of the nation. Governor Kasich has a vision for helping Ohio achieve long-lasting economic growth, and a skilled workforce is paramount to our state's ability to attract job creators.

Having a skilled workforce means that we cannot have students who enroll at a community college only to drop out before earning their degree or certificate. The new funding formula gives community colleges the incentive to help their students move toward completion, providing State Share of Instruction funding for such milestones as course completion; degree completion; success with adult,

low-income and minority students; and successful transfer to a four-year institution.

This performance-based funding should add another level of appeal to community colleges, which already draw traditional and nontraditional students with their flexible scheduling, customized training and lower tuition rates. Going forward, Ohio's community colleges can continue to prepare their students for successful careers in a variety of ways. Along with offering a wide range of one-year and two-year programs that allow students to earn a degree or credential of value, community colleges serve as an important first step along what we call our low-cost pathways to a bachelor's degree. Many University System of Ohio (USO) four-year and two-year schools have partnerships that allow students to start their bachelor's degree at a less-expensive community college and finish it on a main university campus. And our Transfer to Degree Guarantee allows them to earn credits at a community college and transfer them anywhere within the USO.

A high-quality community college education is complemented by the

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real world experience offered by a co-op or internship. We recently announced that Ohio's community college students are among those who will benefit from new or expanded co-op and internship programs thanks to a state investment of close to \$11 million over the next two years, with matching dollars from key industries across the state. Campuses will create new or expand existing co-op and internship programs to better serve students and businesses. The grants are part of Governor John Kasich's workforce development strategies to align Ohio's higher education curriculum with skills that are in demand by Ohio's businesses so that students are better positioned for jobs in Ohio after graduation.

I enter my second year as Chancellor spreading the word about how Ohio's community colleges can lead to lucrative careers in high-demand fields. Their ability to educate students and provide them with the skills needed to fill Ohio's jobs will only become more valuable to our state as we progress through the 21st century.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS HONORED AT 2014 ALL OHIO ACADEMIC LUNCHEON

Sixty of Ohio's highest achieving community college students were honored April 30 in the Statehouse Atrium as part of the 2014 All Ohio Academic Luncheon.

Generously supported by Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc., the All-Ohio Academic Team program provides statewide recognition and scholarships to outstanding students at Ohio's 23 community colleges. Since the program began in 1997, more than \$250,000 in scholarships has been awarded to hundreds of outstanding two-year college students.



For a list of those honored, please click [here](#).

The All-Ohio Academic Team program is co-sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honors society for two-year colleges, and its Ohio Region. Funding has been made possible through the generous support of donors like Honda.

To be eligible for the All-Ohio Academic Team, students must be nominated by their college president. Nominees must be eligible to graduate during the current academic year and have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.25. The rankings for the All-Ohio Academic Team are determined by the scores nominees receive in the All-USA Academic Team judging. Winners are selected on the basis of academic performance, demonstration of leadership, and community service involvement. Ten First Team members and ten Second Team members and Third Team members receive cash scholarships, as well as, Medallions, certificates, and pins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates are subject to change. For more information, or to use the OACC Conference Room for your next meeting, contact Brittany Hlavin at bhlavin@ohioacc.org or (614) 221-6222. Additional information is available online at www.ohiocommunitycolleges.org.

May 2014

9 CFO Meeting, 10 a.m., Columbus State Community College

16 Presidents Meeting, 10 a.m., OACC Offices, Columbus

26 OACC Annual Conference Pre-Meetings, Columbus. Please visit

www.ohiocommunitycolleges.org for details.

29 OACC Annual Conference, Columbus. Please visit

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June

12 CAO Meeting, 10 a.m., OACC Offices, Columbus

13 CFO Meeting, 10 a.m., Columbus State Community College

20 OACC Presidents Meeting, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., OACC Offices, Columbus

July

No Events Planned.

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