

SUCCESS Report

Summer 2010



Annual Giving Campaign Exceeds Goal, Sets Record



Thanks to many generous donors, including faculty, staff and friends throughout the community, the 2009 Owens Community College Foundation Annual Giving Campaign ended on March 31, 2010 with a total of \$118,547 received in gifts and pledges. The campaign set a new record and easily exceeded the original goal of \$90,000.

The Annual Giving Campaign raises money to fund Foundation Scholarships and programs, initiatives that are not funded through tax dollars. They are funded solely by private gifts from generous supporters who believe that an investment in Owens Community College is an investment in the economic future of Northwest Ohio.

Thanks to the Annual Giving Campaign, during the 2009-10 fiscal year the Foundation provided \$128,178 in scholarship support, an increase of 85 percent since 2006! Moreover, through March 31, 2010 the Foundation had provided more than \$130,000 in program support.

The 2010 Annual Giving Campaign began on April 1, 2010 with a goal of \$125,000. As of early June, the campaign had raised more than \$64,000 in gifts and pledges. To help us meet our goal, please visit www.owens.edu/foundation.



Perrysburg Rotary Adds \$20,000 to Endowed Scholarship Program

In April 2010, the Rotary Club of Perrysburg and its Foundation made an additional donation of \$20,000 to its Penta Career Center Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide Owens scholarships to graduates of Penta Career Center.

The Rotary Club has committed a portion of its proceeds from its annual Silent Auction to grow the endowment, which now stands at \$40,000. Their goal is to increase the endowment to \$100,000.

The new scholarship initiative provides enhanced educational opportunities for high school seniors and is an investment in the future of higher education in Northwest Ohio. The scholarship will be open to Penta Career

Center graduates who attended Perrysburg, Lake or Rossford high schools, completed a two-year program at Penta Career Center and achieved a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Students must demonstrate financial need as well as significant participation in community service activities during high school.

For more information on supporting the Penta Career Center Endowed Scholarship Fund or other Foundation programs, please call Ann Savage at (567) 661-7184, e-mail elizabeth_savage@owens.edu or visit www.owens.edu/foundation.

Energy Systems Group Donates \$10,000; Gala Raises More Than \$55,000



This year's Uncommon Evening Gala was a smashing success, raising more than \$55,000 for scholarships through the Owens Community College Success Program. The evening culminated in a spirited live auction during which guests bid to assist Success Program students with tuition, books, supplies and other necessities. To the delight of the crowd, the auction came to a dramatic conclusion thanks to a \$10,000 donation by the Energy Systems Group.

Throughout the evening, nearly 250 area residents enjoyed performances from Owens faculty and students, including the Owens Dance Company, the Owens Jazz Express, the Owens Guitar Ensemble, as well as TAPESTRY, a well-known local guitar and harp duo consisting of long-time Owens instructor Denise Grupp-Verbon and her husband, Michael.

Performing as a "live" statue, Owens instructor Bianca Marcia greeted guests as they arrived. Gala guests enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and bid on a variety of silent auction items donated by area businesses, organizations and individuals, including artwork from Owens faculty Ruth Foote, Larry Linkous, Margaret Lockwood-Lass and Kevin Schroeder.

The Glassmen Drum & Bugle Corps, featuring performers from across Northwest Ohio, welcomed guests into the ballroom. The stunning ballroom décor featured first- and second-year Success Program students, shown larger than life in huge banners suspended from the ceiling, as well as in letters at each place setting welcoming guests. The Glassmen's stirring music was followed by an uncommon dinner service: dessert served first and the salad course last.

Owens' theatre instructor Jeremy Meier acted as master of ceremonies, ably assisted by Owens students Anthony Hunter and Megan Wasserman, who attended in the guise of "Kyle" and "Serenity," characters from this spring's student production of Mitch Albom's play "And The Winner Is." Following brief remarks by Foundation Chairman Art Smith, guests viewed "The Faces of Success," featuring the stories of first- and second-year Owens Success Program students.

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Student Profile



I'm Courtney Vickers and I'm proud to be a student at Owens Community College majoring in nursing. After graduation, I plan to continue my education at Lourdes College and then to become a pediatric nurse, hopefully at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

I started thinking about going to college even before enrolling at Woodward High School as a freshman. I want to set a great example by becoming the first in my family to earn a college degree. By being part of the Success Program, not only can I afford to go to college, I have made many new friends and am achieving my goals. With one-on-one interaction with instructors and the support of the Success Program mentors, Owens is the right place for me.

Thanks to Owens Community College and the Success Program, I am on my way to achieving my goal of a college education. Thank you for helping me to make my dreams come true!

Sincerely,

