

# SUCCESS Report

Spring 2008



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# The Measure of *our* Success: \$500,000 in Scholarships

April was Community College month and as part of the general celebration, we measured the success of the Owens Community College Foundation since 2002. At the Foundation, our success is determined not just in terms of the funds we raise, but in terms of how we impact our students. Since 2002 more than \$500,000 in scholarships has been awarded, including more than \$108,000 this fiscal year.

**Here is what some of our students have said about how the scholarships have effected their education and their lives:**

*"Thank you for investing in my college education. Without your financial support, continuing my education would be extremely difficult,"* said Stephanie Reinhart, Owens student and scholarship recipient.

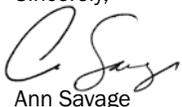
*"My education is something that can never be taken away. Thank you for this investment in my future,"* said Monica Kleman, Owens student and scholarship recipient.

We could not have this impact without the support of our wonderful donors. During the past six years more than \$1.5 million was raised for student scholarships and programs. That includes \$317,379 as of March 31 this year. The Foundation's 2007-2008 Annual Giving Campaign raised over \$75,000, a gain of 66 percent more than our previous highest campaign.

Much of this was due to gifts from our dedicated faculty and staff who contributed more than \$44,000 to the campaign, including a generous \$10,000 endowed gift from the Owens Faculty Association. Nearly 50 percent of the faculty and staff at Owens Community College gave to the Foundation in the last annual giving campaign.

It is our goal to help more students than ever before. The need for financial assistance for students is increasing greatly. This year the Foundation had 450 scholarship applications, an increase of 25 percent over last year and a 50 percent increase from two years ago. You can continue to help us through your donations to the Foundation. Every donation, no matter what the size, can make a huge impact for a student or a program.

Sincerely,

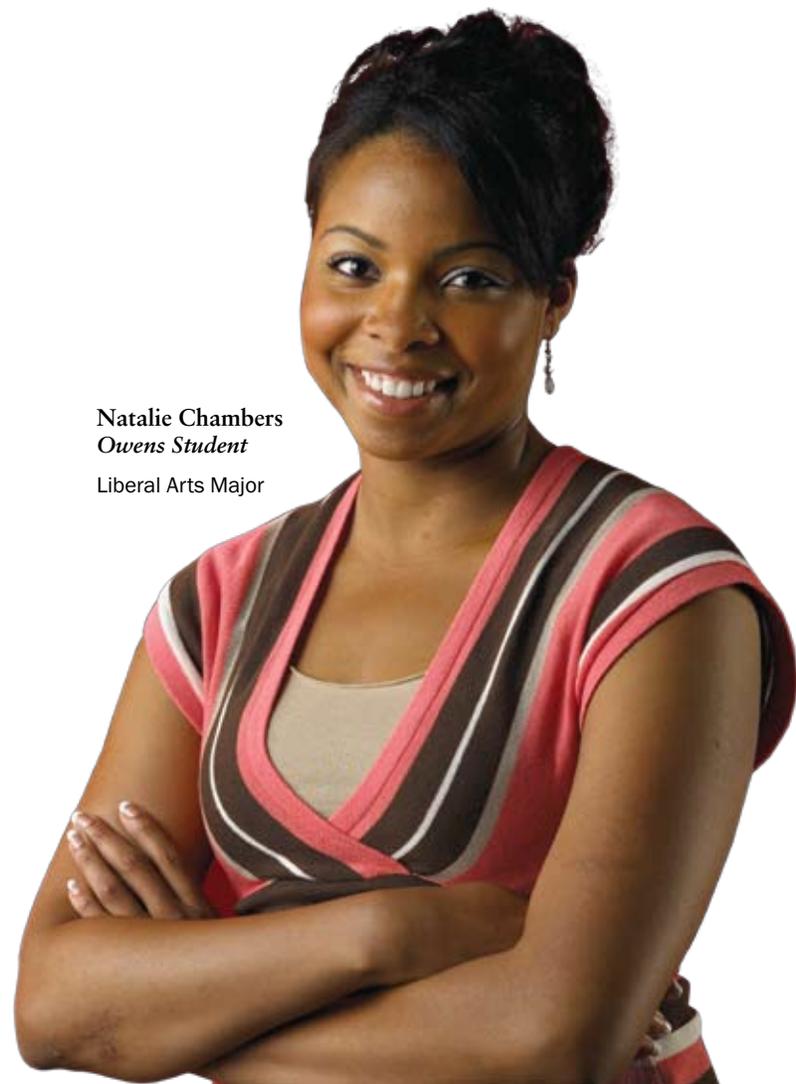


Ann Savage

Foundation President/CEO

## How Far Do Your Dollars Go:

- \$375 pays for one course for any student.
- \$600 buys one year of books for any student.
- \$1,500 funds one year of college for a student in the Success Program.
- \$6,000 funds an associate's degree for one student.



**Natalie Chambers**  
*Owens Student*  
Liberal Arts Major



ALAN M. SATTLER



RANDI BELLNER



R. JEFFREY BIXLER



EDWARD REITER



SHARON SPEYER

## New Directors Elected

At their meeting February 21, 2008, the Foundation Board of Directors elected Alan M. Sattler as a new Director and approved four new Emeritus Directors: Randi Bellner, R. Jeffrey Bixler, Edward Reiter and Sharon Speyer.

Sattler is Senior Vice President of Finance at ProMedica Health System, Central, South regions and Health Education and Research Corporation, where he oversees finance and business development. Sattler is a member of Health Care Financial Management

Association (HFMA) as well as the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). He also is an active faculty member of ProMedica University and teaches a Win/Win Negotiation class.

Bellner, Bixler and Speyer are all former members of the Foundation's Board of Directors, while Reiter is a former chair of the College's Board of Trustees, as well as a former member of the Foundation Board of Directors.

## HIGHER EDUCATION. Free Tuition.

The vision of the Owens Foundation as articulated by its Board of Directors is that higher education should be available to everyone. The Foundation is dedicated to removing barriers to education by providing student scholarships and supporting growth and innovation at Owens.

**I am very excited and thankful for this opportunity. If it wasn't for this program I do not think I would ever attend college."**

– Jarina Meyers  
Woodward High School senior

On February 7, 2008, the Owens Community College Foundation and Toledo Public Schools announced a new partnership providing Woodward High School graduates the opportunity to pursue a free college education through the Foundation's Success Program initiative.

Members of the 2008 Woodward High School graduating class are the first recipients of this unique program, designed to bridge the gap between the grant aid a student receives and the cost of an Owens education. Woodward students must graduate from high school, be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours each semester at Owens and complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine financial aid and receive some federal/state grant funding. Recipients must enroll at Owens during the first semester following graduation and will have three years to complete their associate's degree through the Success Program initiative.

The Success Program will also be piloted at Findlay High School during the 2008-09 academic year. The Foundation is currently raising funds to implement the Success Program in Findlay and expand the program to other Toledo Public Schools as well as communities throughout Northwest Ohio. In the meantime, the first Success Program participants already are enrolling at Owens for fall classes beginning August 18, 2008.

## *Invest in Success Campaign*

The Foundation's annual giving campaign, Invest in Success, kicked off April 1, 2008 with a presentation by Ann Savage, Foundation President/CEO, at the Board of Trustees meeting. Savage noted that \$5,500 was received in gifts and pledges even before the campaign officially began.

Donations received through the annual giving campaign are used for program and scholarship support. Individuals may choose to invest their gift to help specific schools, academic departments, other College departments, student organizations or athletics. Or they may elect to make an unrestricted investment, allowing the College to utilize the donation wherever the need is the greatest. Among the various levels of support are the Michael J. Owens Leadership Society (\$5,000 and above); 1965 Founders' Class (\$2,500 - \$4,999); President's Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499); Success Club (\$500 - \$999); Red and White Club (\$100 - \$499); and Friends of Owens (\$25 - \$99).

The 2007-08 Campaign raised a total of more than \$75,000, which was 66 percent more than our highest previous year. The Foundation has established a goal of \$80,000 for this year's campaign.

You may invest in success online at [www.owens.edu/foundation/investinsuccess](http://www.owens.edu/foundation/investinsuccess). Owens Community College also accepts gifts of stock. A gift of appreciated stock can reduce your taxes, depending on your individual situation (please consult your tax advisor). Giving stock is easy. **For more information on supporting the Foundation's programs please call Ann Savage at (567) 661-7184, e-mail [elizabeth\\_savage@owens.edu](mailto:elizabeth_savage@owens.edu), or visit [www.owens.edu/foundation/index.html](http://www.owens.edu/foundation/index.html).**



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