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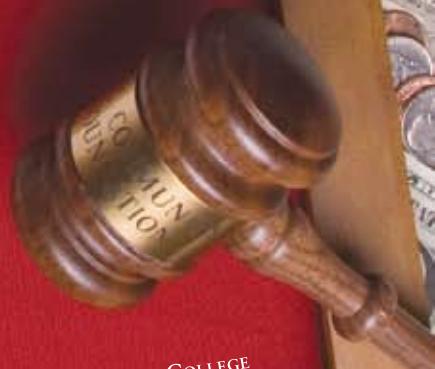
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Owens Employees Give Back To The College



Kim Cook has worked at Owens Community College for twenty years, including eleven in the department of Dental Hygiene and seven in Human Resources. While working in the dental hygiene department, Kim got to know many students who were juggling multiple responsibilities, including family, work and school. She was so inspired by their dedication to their studies that she decided to go back to school herself and earned an associate's degree in business.

Kim exemplifies the college's core values of service and learning. Her personal "giving philosophy" stems from her desire to give back to the community so that students can succeed. She has always participated in Foundation programs and initiatives, buying a brick through the Library campaign and buying chairs through the CFPA Theater campaign. For Kim, giving to the Foundation is her way of saying "thank you" to Owens for providing her with opportunities to succeed.

Kim contributes to the Foundation through payroll deduction because it is "so easy" and it makes her feel good to help others. She likes to see scholarship funds made available not just to the top academic students or to those whose financial need is greatest, but also to students who may fall "in between" and who wouldn't otherwise qualify for financial assistance.



Siva Sakthivel's commitment to Owens' students is profound. She has taught accounting at the Findlay-area Campus since 1996, though her commitment to education began much earlier. Teaching has been part of her life since sixth grade, when she began tutoring fellow students in math and science.

Growing up in India, education was free and an important part of Indian culture. Siva believes that education is valuable and a means to improve student's lives. When she came to the United States, Siva was shocked at the cost of higher education. She also came to realize that students here have more responsibilities than students in India, who tend to be unmarried and living at home. Eventually, she determined that she wanted to make a greater difference in students' lives and for that she needed to do more than teach.

Siva was prompted to establish the Findlay Leadership Scholarship in 2001 after she got to know a single mother who was an excellent student but struggling financially. Siva believes that providing a scholarship benefits not just the individual but has a multiplier effect throughout the community, positively impacting that student's family, employer and other students. Through June 30, 2009, the Findlay Leadership Scholarship had been awarded to 14 students.

Perrysburg Rotary Endows Permanent Scholarship

In November 2009, the Rotary Club of Perrysburg presented the Owens Community College Foundation with a check for \$20,000 to establish an exciting new scholarship program. Speaking on behalf of the Rotary Club, President Ken Robinson stated "The Rotary Club is proud to partner with Owens to endow this scholarship for Penta Career Center graduates. Never before have we made a commitment of this magnitude." Mr. Robinson also announced that the Rotary Club has committed to growing the endowment to \$100,000 by Spring 2013.

Since 2001, the Rotary Club and Owens have partnered through the Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education (STRIVE) Program, providing educational assistance and encouragement to high school seniors. Now, the Rotary Club is expanding this partnership to include this new endowed scholarship program, which will provide a fully paid college education while students attain an associate's degree from Owens Community College.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to Penta Career Center graduates who complete a two-year program at the school, attend Lake High School, Perrysburg High

School or Rossford High School and achieve a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average. The recipient must demonstrate significant participation in community service activities as well as financial need. The Rotary Club will provide each student with a mentor, who will remain in contact with the student throughout the duration of the scholarship.

Ron Matter, Superintendent of Penta Career Center, said "STRIVE has made a difference in students' lives," adding that "Owens and Perrysburg Rotary are touching lives and building futures."

The Rotary Club plans to add to the Penta Career Center Endowed Scholarship Fund each year by committing a portion of the proceeds from their annual Silent Auction, held in February, to the fund.

For more information on supporting the Penta Career Center Endowed Scholarship Fund or other Foundation programs, please call Ann Savage at (567) 661-7143, email elizabeth_savage@owens.edu, or visit www.owens.edu/foundation.

It's Time for Another **Uncommon** Evening

On March 26, 2010, the Owens Community College Foundation will hold its Uncommon Evening Gala at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg. The Gala offers individuals and companies a chance to assist more students with financial need and to expand the Foundation's Success Scholarship Program to additional school districts.

The event will feature an uncommon silent auction in addition to a loud auction, an uncommon dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$100 and proceeds will directly benefit students through scholarships. For more information, call (567) 661-7603.

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New Directors

The Foundation Board of Directors elected four new directors in 2009, bringing a wealth of experience and a passion for education to the Foundation Board.



Sharon Gillespie is Client Manager for Medical Mutual of Ohio. Ms. Gillespie's community service includes board level membership with the Fulton County Health Center as well as the Adopt America Network. She is a member of the National Association of Health Underwriters.



Jack Sculfort is the Chief Executive Officer for Ugly Data and formerly served on the Owens Community College Board of Trustees. His community service includes membership in the Perrysburg Rotary Club, the Perrysburg Rotary Service Foundation and the Toledo Hospital Foundation.



Jeannie Hylant is the Executive Vice President of The Hylant Group. Ms. Hylant's community service includes board-level membership with the Boys and Girls Club of Toledo and the Toledo-area chapter of the American Red Cross, where she serves as a capital campaign member.



Dave Whikehart is the Director of Climate Change and Carbon Management for Marathon Petroleum Company. His community service includes board level membership with the United Way of Hancock County, where he serves on the United Way's Community Solutions Committee.