SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND PUBLIC SERVICE – Ann Theis, Dean

The Department of Information Systems updated the current Information Systems Technology (Associate of Applied Business) by changing the technology courses in the curriculum and the title of the program to more closely match job openings in the Northwest Ohio region. The degree’s new program title will be called, Computer User Support Specialist. The potential jobs resulting from this degree may include: Computer Support Specialist, User Support Specialist, Technical Support Analyst, Information Technology Specialist, Help Desk Analyst, and Help Desk Technician.

The Department of Office Administration received approval to reduce hours to complete a degree to 60 to 61 hours, effective Summer Semester 2016. The goal is to increase program enrollment and degree completion.

Siva Sakthivel, Professor, Business Technology (Findlay) and Janine Rosenthal, Assistant Professor, Accounting served as subject matter experts at the Item-Writing Workshop: Business, Finance, and Marketing, hosted by The Ohio State University Center on Education and Training for Employment in Columbus, March 24 to March 25.

Thomas Marshall, Professor, Business Technology (Findlay) was a judge for the Ohio Academy of Science’s “Believe in Ohio” program. Through the month of March, he judged for competitions of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Commercialization and STEM Business Plans from high school students across Ohio.

Timothy Miesse, Chair, Business Technologies, serves on the Penta Career Center Marketing Education Advisory Committee.

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS – Michele Johnson, Dean

On March 18, the College was notified the accreditation of the Childhood Education Technology (Associate of Applied Science) program was renewed from the National Association for the Education of Young Children Commission on Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation. Based on the Self-Study Report, the Peer Review Report, and Written Response, the review highlighted the program’s use of student assessments and performance data to increase program effectiveness, capacity and innovation. The accreditation period is for seven years. This would not have been possible without the hard work of the faculty, Pamela Chibucos, Professor, Teacher Education and Human Services, Elisa Huss-Hage, Professor, Teacher Education and Human Services Melinda Gray, Professor, Teacher Education and Human Services, Dr. Doug Mead, Associate Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions, and Ms. Deborah Ciecka, Retiree.

The Owens Concert Band performed music from the Civil War to the Beatles on March 8, under the direction of Fred Dias, Adjunct Music Faculty, and more than 500 people attended. The opening piece was a tribute to Abraham Lincoln called “Lincoln Legacy,” in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Dr. Lynda Dunn, Adjunct Faculty, was the featured piano soloist who performed music from “Pride & Prejudice”.

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Scott Deaner, Assistant Professor, Geography, and Physical Geography students toured the University of Toledo's Lake Erie Center in Oregon on March 23, where they learned about a variety of research projects, environmental issues, summer internships and educational opportunities.

Sarah Twitchell, Instructor, Social Work, traveled with 16 students to the State House in Columbus on March 18, to learn about policy issues. Joining almost 400 social workers and social work students from across the state, they had the opportunity to visit with aides from the senators and representatives offices.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS – Dawn Wetmore, Dean
The Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program received notification from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology of the program’s accreditation status on March 31. The program is proud to have received accreditation for three years, which is the maximum award for a new program. Owens Community College is the first JRCERT accredited Associate of Applied Science degree program in the country.

Mary Jo Eiden, adjunct faculty in Medical Imaging, and Dr. Douglas Mead, Associate Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions, accompanied 10 students enrolled in the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program to the Philips Medical Systems campus in Cleveland on March 25. A facility tour was provided, which included imaging equipment manufacturing trends. Philips Medical Systems is a major collaborator with the Magnetic Resonance Imaging program.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS (STEM) – Glenn Rettig, Interim Dean
Transportation Technologies hosted its second annual career fair on March 11. There were over 25 employers looking for alumni and current and future students for the co-op programs starting in the fall semester of 2015.

Transportation Technologies received two donations. The Caterpillar Corporation donated a 428f series backhoe valued estimated at $100,000. The General Motors Corporation donated two 2015 vehicles to the College, a full size GMC Sierra pickup truck and a GMC Arcadia valued estimated at $83,000.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS – Denise Smith, Associate Vice President
SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT - Krista Kiessling, Director
The Owens Harvest Food Pantry is in the process of relocating to College Hall 147, and for the month of March, it served 187 individuals.

Ms. Kiessling presented The Connect2Complete Model of Student Engagement at Bowling Green State University PRISMS of Possibility Conference, hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning on March 5.

Three new Civic Ambassadors joined the team: Stuart Puckett, Liza Perry and Andre Bacila-Langer.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS – Thomas Perin, Associate Vice President
Mr. Perin attended the Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference in Chicago, March 27 to March 31. Mr. Perin also facilitated the Ohio AQIP Coalition’s semi-annual meeting that was held at the HLC Annual Conference.
The second Spring Semester 2015 AQIP VIP award was presented to Denise Smith, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs for her outstanding work. Each semester the AQIP Planning Council nominates an employee/employees for their commitment to continuous quality improvement at the College.

LIBRARY – Thomas Sink, Dean
The Findlay Campus Library featured the artwork of Owens students, faculty and staff in a show sponsored and managed by the Findlay Campus Rotaract Club. Artists, campus friends, and community guests mingled at a reception given by the club in honor of the artists on March 4.

WORKFORCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Dr. Brian Paskvan, Executive Director
In March, WCS provided 40 contract training programs serving a total of 766 participants. The following 22 companies were served: The Andersons, Buckeye CableSystem, Cambridge Plumbers & Pipefitters, Cincinnati Insulators, Clay High School, Cleveland Sheetmetal Workers, Cleveland Insulators, Columbus Plumbers & Pipefitters, Faurecia, Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, GM, Great Lakes Contractors, Kuss Filtration, Libbey, Inc., Lima Plumbers & Pipefitters, Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority, Magna T.E.A.M. Systems, NTN Law Enforcement/Fire Testing, Nissen Brake, PBF Energy, ProMedica Health System, Toledo Area Metroparks
WCS also delivered 30 open enrollment non-credit classes in March, serving a total of 236 students. Highlights for the months included: Conflict Management, Practical Permaculture, CPR, ACT Boot Camp, and Microsoft Excel.

WCS partnered with the U.S. District Court of Northern Ohio to bring Columbus-area business owner Daniel Hardiman to speak about hiring supervised ex-offenders and how it may benefit businesses in terms of tax incentives and reduced employee turnover. This event was held on March 4 and 30 business and community representatives attended.

WCS started the second Stationary Steam Engineer licensing class at the PBF Toledo Refinery. This class will run for 128 hours preparing apprentices for the Ohio Licensing Exam. Owens has been providing this service for approximately ten years to this refinery resulting in a 99 percent first time pass rate with their employees taking the exam.

Dave Siravo, Director of Business Development and Skilled Trades, met with Nature Fresh Farms to discuss training needs for maintenance personnel. Nature Fresh will be building an indoor farm in Delta, Ohio, providing about 300 employment opportunities when completed in 5 years.

Dr. Paskvan attended the Regionally Aligned Priorities in Delivering Skills (RAPIDS) grant meeting. The focus of the grant is to purchase equipment using funding from the Ohio Board of Regents. The equipment will be used to provide training to incumbent workers and to promote manufacturing jobs to students in grades 7 – 12.

Dr. Paskvan attended the Wood County Economic Development dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn; the State of the County address for Wood County; and, the State of the State Diversity conference at Owens Community College.
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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC SERVICES
Dr. Thomas Passero, Professor, participated in two webinars related to the use of personality type in teaching. The webinars were held in February and March and sponsored by the Consulting Psychologists Press.

Teri Pratt, Associate Professor, Heather Bachman, Associate Professor, and Brenda Beck, Assistant Professor, Office Administration faculty members, attended the Cengage Computing Conference in Phoenix, AZ from March 18-20, which was funded from a Perkins “Improving Student Retention” Grant. The professional development sessions included, assessment strategies, student retention, online teaching, the newest trends in software and hardware, workforce development, and upcoming MS Office software.

Joann Gruner, Chair of Food, Nutrition and Hospitality, Dr. Angela McCutcheon, Chair of Information and Office Support Technologies, Janine Rosenthal, Assistant Professor and Carol Buser, Professor, Information Systems (Findlay), attended the Ohio Association of Community Colleges Workshop on “Why Redesign… and Getting Degrees to under 65 Credit Hours in Length.” The workshop was held at Columbus State Community College on March 6, and featured Dr. Jim Simpson, a nationally known innovator and leader in higher education.

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS
Fifteen Owens students in EDU 215 (Family, Communities & Schools) spent March 21, with Ms. Margo Dinkens, a social worker and state-authorized trainer, for 6 hours of professional development on Child Abuse Recognition, Identification and Prevention Training.

Michael Sander, Chair of the Fine and Performing Arts Department, attend a workshop on “Applying the Quality Matters Rubric” hosted by Bowling Green State University on March 11. This workshop was open to all members of the BGSU, Owen, Rhodes Community College and Findlay teaching faculty and instructional designers. It was underwritten by the Bowling Green State University Faculty Development Committee and presented by Quality Matters.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Margaret Ludwikoski, Lab Faculty, Anne Helm, Professor of Nursing, Janet Pinkelman, Professor of Nursing, and Luann Snyder, Professor of Nursing attended the "Intraosseous" presentation on March 19, at Gradkowski's, Toledo, presented by the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Association for Nursing Professional Development.

Julia Popp, Professor of Nursing, and Jan Cook, Nursing Lab Instructor, attended the Jobst Vascular Conference on March 13, in Perrysburg. The topic of the conference was on Vascular Disorders and Treatment.

Michelle Shephard, Clinical Coordinator, and Amy Richcreek, Coordinator, Human Patient Simulator Lab, attended a conference titled "An Alzheimer's Disease Update" at the Firelands Regional Medical Center on March 16. The topics covered included: nutrition information for the Alzheimer's patient, effective strategies for managing challenging behaviors, contingency planning for the Alzheimer's patient, ways to prevent senior scams and identity theft of the elderly client and developing a plan of
care. The conference was sponsored by the Sandusky/Firelands Alzheimer's and Related Support Group as well as Firelands Regional Medical Center.

Julie Lohse, Professor of Nursing, Eileen Alexander, Clinical Teaching Faculty, and Janet Pinkelman Professor of Nursing attended a Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Risk reduction and Infant Safe Sleep Educational workshop presented by the State of Ohio Department of Health. The workshop was held at Mercy St. Vincent's Medical Center. The program provided statistics regarding the number of infants in Ohio and nationally with SIDS each year and the number of deaths that are from asphyxiation versus SIDS. The new terminology for this syndrome is Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) and includes asphyxiation cases. Interventions were discussed that can be taught to health care professionals and parents to decreased the risk of SUID. This information will be included in course content in Obstetrics and Pediatric Nursing classes.

On March 25, Teresa McGaharan, Associate Professor, attended the Ohio Health Information Management Association’s Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The topics presented included implementation of The International Classification of Disease tenth revision (ICD-10), which is a system of coding that notes various medical records including diseases, symptoms, abnormal findings and external causes of injury. Ms. McGaharan also attended the Ohio Board of Regents, Ohio Articulation & Transfer Network, and Articulation Workshops on March 26, representing Owens Community College and the Health Information Technology Program.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS
Tom McRitchie, Instructor, Transportation Technologies and Tracy Campbell, Interim Faculty Chair/Instructor, Transportation Technologies attended the Ohio Board of Regents’ Articulation workshops for Automotive Technology at Marion Technical College on March 26.
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BUSINESS AFFAIRS – Laurie Sabin, Treasurer
On March 13, Ms. Sabin joined the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) Fiscal Officers teleconference. Topics of discussion included an update by Jack Hershey, OACC President, on the FY2016-FY2017 Biennium Budget timeline, proposed changes to College Credit Plus rules and funding and a proposal on a five percent reduction to community college cost of instruction through a reduction of credit hours.

CONTROLLER – Pam Beck, Controller
Ms. Beck attended the OACC Controllers Group meeting on March 10. Topics of discussion included College Credit Plus Program, financial aid disbursements, IPEDS reporting, student fees, purging non-payment students, collections and restructuring.

OPERATIONS – Michael McDonald, Executive Director
Requests for Proposals (RFP) - A RFP for Print Scan and Fax Services was posted in March, and a RFP for Custodial Services is in the process of being drafted with the goal to advertise in April.

FACILITY SERVICES – Jim Mahaney, Director
HVAC Renovations – This project, which replaced roof top unit at Administration Hall, a chiller at Bicentennial Hall and a 200-ton chiller at College Hall, is completed. The compressors are installed and will be started and tested when weather permits.

Center for Emergency Preparedness (CEP) HVAC – This project is completed. Two new units have been installed as well as duct work and ceilings have been replaced. When weather permits, the vendor will balance the systems and start the compressors.

Heritage Hall Classroom Renovation – All rough-ins are completed; the drywall is being finished. The old exterior entrances are being removed and closed in. The old unused roof curbs are being removed and the roof patched. The project is close to being on schedule with an expected completion in mid-July.

College Hall Renovation (Admissions Center) – The bid opening was held on March 24, and the successful bidders were for the general contract, Van Tassel Construction; for the plumbing contract, Dimech Services; and, for the electrical contract, Westfield Electric. The request for state funding has been submitted to the Controlling Board for consideration at its regular meeting on May 4.

CAPITAL PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY – Thomas Horrall, Director
A review committee consisting of Mr. Horrall, Mr. Mahaney, Mr. McDonald, David Halsey, Supervisor, Grounds, and Danielle Tracy, Director, Auxiliary Services, interviewed 15 architectural/engineering firms for qualifications for anticipated capital improvement projects for the current biennium.
**CAMPUS RETAIL SERVICES – David Wahr, Director**

**Bookstores** – The textbook adoption process for summer and fall semesters began on March 2, and it is on track with the goal of being completed by April 10 for the summer semester. Following the successful adoption process from last semester, the Bookstore will pre-load textbook adoptions from prior semesters and distribute information via the BOOKMARK report.

Mr. Wahr and Jackson Starr, Course Materials Expert attended the spring National Association of College Stores meeting and workshop at the College of Wooster, and sessions included course materials, marketing and promotion of general merchandise and the determination of the value of the campus store.

**AUXILIARY SERVICES – Danielle Tracy, Director**

**Student Health and Activities Center (SHAC)** - SHAC attendance for the month of March was 2,930, which is an average of 133 people per day. Attendance is down by 18 percent compared to March 2014. Guest passes totaled $362 for the month. New plyometric boxes and a scale were purchased to replace broken equipment.

**Facility Rentals** - Events processed 286 events in March. There were 8 external events that brought in $10,011 of revenue, a 29 percent decrease compared to March 2014, as two major events were scheduled in either February or April. The events staff is in the process of booking all these events again for 2016.
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COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT – Laura Moore, Interim Executive Director
Foundation Scholarships – Over 200 scholarship applications have been received for the 2015-2016 Foundation Scholarships. Approximately $137,000 is available for about 150 scholarship awards. Applications are currently being reviewed and awards will be made in May.

Cultivation & Stewardship – On March 17, Ms. Moore attended the Wood County Economic Development Commission annual meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn.

ALUMNI RELATIONS – Laura Moore, Director
Alumni Association Board of Directors – At the March meeting, two new directors were appointed to open positions – Tracy Seeger, a 2001 registered nursing graduate and Staff/Charge Nurse at ProMedica Wildwood Orthopaedic and Spine Hospital; and Andre Tiggs, a 2007 fire science and 2012 criminal justice graduate and Fire Investigator for Toledo Fire and Rescue Department.

Professional Development
On March 20, Ms. Moore attended Asking for Gifts: How to Never, Ever Get Turned Down, with featured speaker, Gail Perry. Held at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, it was presented by the Center for Nonprofit Resources.

Upcoming Events
- Mud Hens – August 7, 2015
- Golf Classic – September 21, 2015
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ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT, STUDENT SERVICES – Dr. Betsy Johnson, Vice President
On March 5, Dr. Johnson and Steve Robinson, Vice President, Academic Affairs, met with Jim Funk and Dave Misko, representatives from the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, to continue discussion of opportunities for potential programming collaborations.

On March 19 Dr. Johnson with President Bower, Dr. Robinson, Melissa Green, Associate Vice President, Findlay Campus, and Denise Smith, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs, met with representatives from Van Buren School District for discussion of various collaboration opportunities.

ADMISSIONS - Meghan Schmidbauer, Director
The College hosted a Superintendents Breakfast on March 20, and 24 school representatives attended from local public, private, charter/community schools and education service centers. It was an opportunity to network and advance partnerships, and Dr. Steve Robinson, Vice President of Academic Affairs, was introduced.

College Credit Plus (CCP)
The state deadline for signed CCP agreements was March 19. Owens has secured 91 partnership agreements throughout the state of Ohio.

Toledo Campus representatives attended College Credit Plus nights at the following high schools: Bowling Green High School, Bowsher High School, Eastwood High School, Elmwood High School, Fostoria High School, Genoa High School, Gibsonburg High School, Horizon Science Academy, Leipsic High School, Liberty Center High School, Maumee High School, Ohio Connections Academy, Ohio Virtual Academy, Pike-Delta-York High School, Rogers High School, Start High School, Summit Academy, Swanton High School, Sylvania Northview High School, Sylvania Southview High School, Waite High School, Woodmore High School and Woodward High School.

On behalf of the Findlay Campus, Angie McGinnis, Manager of Advising, attended the College Credit Plus nights at the following high schools: Bridges Academy, Carey High School, Gibsonburg High School, Lakota High School, New Riegel High School, Old Fort High School, Seneca East High School, Tiffin High School, Van Buren High School, Vanlue High School.

Adult and Community Outreach
Admissions Representative Gary Walkowiak attended the Rossford Business Association community event on March 28. During the month, Mr. Walkowiak addressed 102 emails, fielded 76 phone inquiries, and met with 47 individuals in the office seeking Admissions information/assistance, which resulted in the completion of 19 applications.

High School Recruitment
Admission Representatives maintained regular office hours at Whitmer High School and the Career Technology Center, Penta Career Center and Millstream Career Center. Overall the Admissions Representatives visited 16 high schools and career technical centers, which resulted in contacts with 185 students: Archbold High School, Bowsher High School, Clay High School, Pike-Delta-York High School, Nexus Academy, Penta Career Center, Perrysburg High School, Polly Fox Academy, Scott
High School, Start High School, Swanton High School, Sylvania Northview High School, Sylvania Southview High School, Waite High School, Wauseon High School, Whitmer High School and Career and Technology Center.

Recruitment Fairs and College Nights
Admissions Representatives have supported registration by speaking with potential students and their families at the following events: Greater Hancock County College Night (March 9), University of Toledo West College Fair (March 10), Northwest State Spring Fair (March 10) and Heidelberg University Education Day (March 12).

The Findlay-area Campus hosted the Greater Hancock County College Night on March 9, with approximately 500 people in attendance. Over 80 colleges were present. The Toledo-area Campus hosted College Preview Night on March 11, with approximately 1,500 people in attendance and more than 100 colleges and organizations present. Presentations were given throughout the evenings at both campuses on the following topics: Preparing for College, Career Trends for the Future, Preparing for the ACT, and Financial Aid for College.

On-Campus Registration Events
Explore Owens sessions were held for 29 prospective students and their families, and individual assistance was provided to several to sought admissions requirements for specific health programs on the Toledo Campus. On the Findlay Campus, Explore Owens sessions were held for 4 prospective students.

In March, 142 students participated in registration events: Registration rocks or New Student Orientation.

The following groups visited the Toledo-area Campus for a tour and presentation: Toledo Technology Academy (March 24) and Sylvania STRIVE (March 27). On the Findlay-area Campus, Mohawk High School (March 31) observed classes and received information on admissions, transfer and student life.

Communications (3,797 emails) were sent to recruits and applications with information regarding enrollment steps. Student Ambassadors called 992 prospective students regarding Summer Semester and Fall Semester 2015 registration and enrollment.

ADVISING – Verne Walker, Director
Representatives from the Ohio State University-Lima Campus visited the Owens Findlay Campus to collaborate on a partnership to better serve students. Owens representatives will visit OSU-Lima in May.

On March 23, Dr. Verne Walker presented Early Alert to a Rhodes State College faculty and staff utilizing the BANNER Student Information System. This project is a key element of Rhodes’ Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) Completion Plan.

The Nursing and Health Professions Advising team partnered with Elizabeth Tronolone, Department Chair of Dental Hygiene Technologies, to assist with internal marketing for the Dental Assisting Certificate program. The advising team sent emails to 372 active Undecided and Pre-Dental Hygiene students who were registered for 2014 and 2015 classes and who had a 2.0 or above GPA. Students were encouraged to consider Dental Assisting Certificate as a viable option and to consider meeting the May 27 deadline date.
Additionally, the program evaluation for Dental Hygiene students was completed in late February, and there were 56 students who did not enter the program; therefore, the advising team called and emailed the 56 students to address questions or concerns about their status and offered to meet in person to review program competitiveness and program criteria, to recommend courses and to remind students how to “Request a Health Evaluation” if they would like to be included in a future program review.

In order to capture more pre-health students and share valuable information, the Nursing and Health Professions Advising team partnered with the Manager of Health Information Technologies (HIT), to set up visits to the land-based and online HIT 125 Language of Medicine classes. The advising team met with 142 students in eleven classrooms.

In a continued effort of improving communications, two members of the Nursing and Health Professions Advising team attended the Physical Therapy Advisory Committee Meeting in March. This lends the opportunity to share and reflect on information provided by faculty, staff, administration, students, and community members.

In an effort to improve communications across campus and improve student advising experiences, the Nursing and Health Professions Advising team visited and toured program labs for: Catherine Ford, Department Chair, Department of Medical Imaging Technologies, Cynthia Doyle, Department Chair, Department of Health and Wellness, Elizabeth Tronolone, Department Chair, Department of Dental Hygiene Technologies, Teresa McGaharan, Manager, Department of Health Information Technologies, Lori Maynard, Program Coordinator, Department of Surgical Technologies, Irene Jones, Department Chair, Department of Nursing, and Joann Gruner, Department Chair, Department of Food, Nutrition and Hospitality. The advisors were informed of changes to program curriculum, any changes to selective health admission process, as well as provided an opportunity to discuss current enrollment, completion rates, and employment projections.

FINANCIAL AID – Andrea Morrow, Director

A total of 15,781 applications for financial aid have been received for the 2014-2015 academic year. As of April 1, a total of $50,303,690 in grants, loans, scholarships, and federal work study has been disbursed for the 2014-2015 academic year. Currently, 43.6 percent of eligible students enrolled for Spring Semester 2015 are receiving financial aid.

As of April 1, the Office of Financial Aid had begun tracking, budgeting, and packaging for the 2015-2016 academic year. A total of 4,112 applications for financial aid have been received. Students have received their award notification through their ozone accounts.

The College’s internal Default Management Task Force reconvened to review progress on the prevention strategies:
• The Records Office incorporated a financial reference into the terms and conditions, which a student completes prior to online registration each term. This will assist in collections and managing financial aid defaults.
• The Office of Financial Aid developed and distributed an Award Notice Budget Sheet, available on the Ozone financial aid page for current students and mailed to students who do not have an Ozone account. Oserve advocates are able to assist students in completing the worksheet.
• The Office of Financial Aid implemented an email notification to students introducing their loan servicer. As of March 19, a total of 4,187 students received notifications. A notice is sent out fortnightly to students which identify the borrower’s loan servicer and encourages them to set up an account.
• Jeff Hardesty, Professor, Business Technology, has spearheaded the financial literacy initiative by implementing an assignment in the introductory business course, BUS 102, taken by all business majors for the Spring Semester 2015. The Office of Financial Aid has assisted in creating course material to be utilized. As this is a pilot program, results have not been generated. However, all data will be compiled, assessed, and expanded to other courses based on results of the pilot program.
• The Office of Financial Aid is reviewing the draft cohort default rate with EdFinancial to identify potential challenges and to confirm students are in the accurate cohort. Identified challenges will be submitted to the United States Department of Education by the middle of April for review.

The Office of Financial Aid hosted informational sessions on federal financial aid updates for 2015-2016 academic year to the faculty and staff on April 3, Toledo Campus, and on April 6, Findlay Campus. Ashley Foster, Training and Communications Manager, conducted financial aid information night on March 5 at Woodward High School.

RECORDS – David Shaffer, Interim Director/Manager, Graduation Services
In support of the new College Credit Plus program, the Records Office implemented an online application form for participating high school students; the online application will allow students to have immediate access to online tools supporting their application to the College.

TESTING SERVICES – Jessica Ruffner, Manager
For the month of March, Testing Services generated $2,233.13 in revenue from administering PearsonVUE exams in March, which included expanding availability of the exam on the Toledo Campus to three days a week and on the Findlay Campus to four days a week.

VETERANS SERVICES – Yolanda Houle, Veterans Services Advisor
Ms. Houle met with John Modzelewski, Program Coordinator of Ohio Army National Guard, Staff Sergeant Richard Koch and Sergeant Frankie Schaffier, Army National Guard Recruiters with respect to an increased availability on campus and during drill weekends to address questions of utilizing veterans administration education benefits. Additionally, a recommendation was made for the College to serve as a testing site for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.

STUDENT LIFE – Dr. Christopher Giordano, Dean
ATHLETICS
Students Sierra Harley and John Murry have both been named National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-Americans. Ms. Harley, a freshman point guard for the women's basketball team, was named a First Team All-American. She becomes the program's fifth overall All-American and its third First Team All-American. Mr. Murry, a sophomore guard, earned NJCAA Third Team All-American honors. He is a two-time First Team All-OCCAC (Ohio Community College Athletic Conference) and First Team All-Region XII player. He finished in the top three OCCAC Player of the Year voting for both seasons.

The No. 2 Owens Community College women's basketball team won third place in the NJCAA Division II national tournament, Overland Park, Kansas on March 16-21, 2015. The third-place finish was the best finish in Owens’ program history. It is also the second-best finish nationally of any women's sports team in Owens history. The team finished the season 34-2 overall, which is the most single season wins in the program's history.
The Owens Community College softball program achieved the 500th win. The program has thrived for over 16 seasons, capturing 12 conference titles, two regional titles and finishing in the top five in the nation twice.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES – Annette Swanson, Manager
International Student Services, hosted 18 Teaching Excellence and Achievement program (TEA) fellows from Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Cambodia, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Peru, South Africa, Sudan, Vietnam, and Yemen during an evening of Cultural Educational Exchange in the Audio Visual Classroom Center on March 3, 2015. The Cultural Educational Exchange included a presentation on the College, dinner with faculty, staff, and international students and a visit to the Lincoln Exhibit at the Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES/STUDENT CONDUCT – Danielle Filipchuk, Manager, Student Conduct and Jackie Berger, Coordinator
RSO Advisor Christopher Foley, Associate Professor, Science, traveled with 14 students of the Owens Landscape and Turf Crew to North Carolina State University for the 39th Annual Student Career Days from March 12-15, which is an annual three-day competitive event among students enrolled in horticulture programs from approximately 69 colleges and universities. Students who attended were able to participate in a Career Fair with 60 employers from 22 states.

Phi Theta Kappa RSO Advisors Richard Clever, Technical Director, Fine and Performing Arts, and Megan Kerr, Assistant Professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and students Dawn Foster and Venus Wheeler attended the Ohio Regional Awards Convention for Phi Theta Kappa from March 13-15 at Columbus State Community College. Student member Dawn Foster serves as the Northwest District Representative for Ohio Regional Team. The Alpha Omega Pi chapter received a 2-star rating, and Mr. Clever received a certificate of excellence.

Photography Club RSO Advisors Margaret Lockwood-Lass, Adjunct Faculty, Photography, and Ruth Foote, Professor, Fine and Performing Arts, traveled with a group of six Photography Club members to the 2015 PhotoBlast Conference held in Lewis Center, Ohio. The conference took place from March 13-15 and allowed students to attend professional development sessions and receive portfolio reviews from professionals in the field.

On March 28, student members of the Owens Culinary Association competed in the 23rd Annual Mobile Meals of Toledo Great Chili Cook-Off led by Gretchen Fayerweather, Associate Professor, Food, Nutrition and Hospitality. The group took first place for both the Judge’s and the People’s polls for the Restaurant Team category. All proceeds from the event benefit Mobile Meals of Toledo, a community service agency whose mission is to help clients sustain independence and enhance their quality of life by delivering nutritious food.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (SMHS) – Lisa Sancrant, Director
Students currently involved with counseling services = 60
Following are services provided for March:

Intakes ~ 6
Self-Referred = 5
Faculty/Staff Referred = 1
Consults ~ 8
Crisis Consults = 1
Faculty/Staff Consults = 5
Student Consults = 2

Discharges (13)
  Degree completion/transfer = 3
  Goals Achieved/Enrolled = 3
  Drop out of services/Enrolled = 6
  Withdrew from Owens = 1

On March 18, Jackie Haskins, Counselor, and Claire Hoover, Counselor Intern, presented “Coping and Beyond” to Occupational Therapy Assistant Program students, at the request Cheryl Paeth, Instructor, Occupational Therapy.

Ms. Sancrant and Ms. Haskins attended a conference at Terra Community College entitled “Service Members and Veterans on Campus” on March 19. The training focused on increasing counselor’s competencies in addressing the concerns, challenges, culture, and experience of service members and veterans attending college.

On March 31, Student Activities partnered with Student Mental Health Services for the Lunch and Learn event. Jackie Haskins, Counselor, presented on Test Anxiety and Stress Management techniques to an audience of students. The students learned tricks for reducing stress, as well as techniques for balancing their home, school, and work lives.

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On March 7, K.C. Bailey, Advisor, competed and won the Young Careerist Speak-off as part of Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW) Region 1 contest. She will now compete at the BPW state conference on April 11. BPW is a professional organization committed to the professional and personal growth of women. Their mission is to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information.

On March 27, five advisors participated in the Ohio Academic Advising Association (OHAAA) conference held at the University of Toledo. The meeting was held in partnership with the University of Toledo’s Academic Advising Association (TACADA). Advisors from across the state of Ohio learned more about "Serving Military Students: Academic Advising, ACE credit, and House Bill 488."

On Friday March 27, Ms. Kimberly Lawson-Miesmer, Advisor, Transfer, attended the Ohio Board of Regents Articulation Workshop hosted by Marion Technical College. This workshop provided non-faculty employees and faculty the opportunity to gain a better understanding of state-wide articulation agreements. Participants learned about the process for credit verification and were introduced to the various new CTAGs and how CTAGs facilitate credit obtainment.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
Lisa Sancrant, Director of Student Mental Health Services, and Claire Hoover, Counselor Intern, attended the 2015 University of Michigan Depression on College Campuses Conference, March 11-12, 2015.
On March 26, 2015, Lisa Sancrant, Director of Student Mental Health Services, attend the Wood County Suicide Coalition Meeting at the Wood County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board in Bowling Green.

VETERANS SERVICES

Ms. Houle attended the Ohio Women Veteran Advisory Committee Meeting in Columbus on March 20, 2015. Ms. Houle provided an update on the importance of serving women veterans of their ability to afford college education utilizing veteran education benefits, financial aid options, and veterans vocational rehabilitation. Ms. Houle will be the educational benefits expert for the Ohio Women Veterans Convention in September 2015 in Columbus, Ohio.