



REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – April 11, 2023 – Exhibit No. 9

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ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

Preparation of the portfolio report for the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) mid-cycle visit, September 18-20, is underway. Report templates, a data collection process and communication plans are being developed. Members of the executive leadership team and others attended the HLC annual conference, March 25-28. A college-wide launch in early April is anticipated. The focus of the September visit will follow up on student assessment reporting, and the portfolio report will document how the College meets the criteria for accreditation.



Higher Learning Commission

Criteria for Accreditation

1. Mission
2. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct
3. Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources and Support
4. Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement
5. Institutional Effectiveness, Resources and Planning

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Vascular Sonography programs have a new affiliation agreement with Parkview Health System in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Three Diagnostic Medical Sonography students and one Vascular Sonography student have committed to jobs at Parkview and will be completing final clinical rotations at the facility.

Radiology Technology students and Magnetic Resonance Imaging students and faculty participated in an interprofessional educational activity. Students in each of these disciplines shared arthrography imaging procedures, anatomy demonstrated, and pathology with each other during a presentation and debrief. Interprofessional education in health education sets the foundation for interprofessional practice in the health care setting.

Catherine Ford, Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions, and Irene Jones, Chair, Nursing with nursing leaders from ProMedica and the University of Toledo are exploring options to increase the number of nursing program graduates to better meet the critical nursing shortage.

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

The Cyber Security degree was approved by the State of Ohio. In the past months, eight new IST Certifications were added to the College Catalog for students to earn significant endorsements and to provide nontraditional students from business and industry a path to seek additional education to support their careers in the IT field. Also, in ten different IST courses students may earn IT industry certifications as part of the course work.

Ohio Department of Higher Education approved the transition of all of the IST degree programs from Associate of Applied Business (AAB) degrees to the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees and approved the renaming of those programs:

- Computer Programming & Development AAS
- Computer Networking & Systems Administration AAD
- Computer Systems Technologies & Support AAS
- Cyber Security AAS

STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2022

GOAL 1: Increase enrollment, completion and student success

Admissions hosted the following events for prospective students:

- Toledo Tomorrow and Toledo Public Schools – six high schools with more than 100 student visitors over a two-day period. A campus tour, lunch and programs featured: transportation technologies, business, criminal justice, culinary, technical arts, social work, humanities, and other Owens programs.
- President's Day Preview on February 20 – with 62 prospective students and 147 total guests who took a campus tour, attended a selective health admissions information session, completed applications, learned about financial aid, academic programs and support services.
- School of Nursing and Health Professions Expo Day – with more than 200 prospective students. Whitmer, Northview, Southview, Scott high schools and Horizon Science Academy students visited health facilities and met faculty and staff on the selective health admissions process and a presentation about careers in health care.
- With Career and Transfer Services, welcomed and hosted the Hancock County College Night with representatives from more than 50 colleges, and 54 prospective students, and 133 total guests. The College and Career Preview Night at the Toledo-area Campus with representatives from more than 60 schools, 167 prospective students and 352 total guests.
- Fine and Performing Arts department's Networking Fair and Symposium featured dynamic speakers and professionals in careers with an arts focus, including: graphic design, animation, photography, recording arts, broadcasting, theatre, music, music business and fine arts.

Student Financial Services and Student Accounts diligently worked and made outreach to 500 students, who were at risk of being dropped from classes due to non-payment of tuition and fees, over a four-week period. At the end of the period, there were 174 students who were dropped due to nonpayment of tuition.

Congratulations to the graduates who earned a total of 299 associate degrees and 316 certificates for Fall Semester 2022. Of the 299 degrees awarded, 77 were academic honors, achieving at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Owens Express Women's Basketball

Women's basketball captured the OCCAC and Region XII Championship Titles; and their second consecutive District Title, the team advanced to the NJCAA DIII National Championship in Rochester, MN, March 15-19; however, was not able to defend its national title.



Owens Express Women's Soccer – planning to return ~ Fall 2023!



GOAL 2: Improve and enhance the student experience

Teacher Education and Human Services faculty and staff are proud to sponsor *The Week of the Young Child* (April 3-7) in collaboration with Penta Career Center, Owens Childcare Center (Findlay Campus), YMCA Childcare Center (Toledo Campus), and the Owens Library. The kick-off starts with Family Friday with *Little Kiddo Art Show* and *Family Movie Night*. Then a visit to each childcare center by faculty, staff, including President Somerville, and volunteers to read books, share musical talents, and work together on a collaborative art and literacy project.

Dental Hygiene first-year students provided free dental care for community children as part of the Access to Care Days. The second-year students provided free dental care for the community as part of Give Kids A Smile day to improve access to dental care for the community children.

GOAL 2: Improve and enhance the student experience ~ continued

Students in the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) Student Chapter/Community volunteered and made presentations at:

- ✓ Arcadia Local Schools-three kindergarten classes; two special needs preschool classes
- ✓ Immanuel Lutheran Preschool
- ✓ Jack and Jill Preschool
- ✓ Liberty Benton Preschool and Elementary-five second grade classes; four fourth grade presentations
- ✓ Morenci Fire Department
- ✓ Northwood Local Schools-five kindergarten classes
- ✓ Toledo Dental Hygienist Association Fellowship Matters Downtown Picnic- Serving food to the homeless
- ✓ YMCA @ Owens Development Center-several classes

AthletiCon Spring 2023 took place as Owens OutComm Student Media Center presented with students from Fine and Performing Arts Broadcast Media, Music Business and Commercial and student-athletes. The program students utilized technical skills in a practice setting with student-athletes for print, broadcast and/or digital distribution. Student-athletes developed their communication skills in media relations and media events.

Oregon Road Film Series and Black Student Union collaborated to show *Soul* (2020). A discussion was led by Dr. Marian Moore, Professor, Sociology, after the showing. Jodi Gore, Instructor, Social Work, supported students online during this event.

Students participated in the Oregon Road Film Series 48-hour film challenge on the weekend of March 24. Teams have a 48-hour period to create, write, shoot and edit a short film with a specific theme. Winners will be announced at the May Oregon Road Film Series showing.



April 27 - Author Visit ~ Stephanie Foo

- 10 a.m. at the Center for Fine and Performing Arts Theatre and **Livestreamed**
- 3:30 p.m. at the Education Center 111 on the Findlay-area Campus

Thank you to the Findlay Hancock Library in helping to support the author visit.

The BIG Read hosted the Human Library on the Findlay-area Campus. Participants had the opportunity to “check out” human books to better understand someone who has experienced prejudice or has been stigmatized and ultimately, “unjudged.” The Human Library is an international organization founded to help address people’s prejudices by inviting them to conversations with people they might not have met outside of this experience.

The Big Read(ing) Shelf project will distribute two fully stocked bookshelves to two Findlay agencies: Findlay City Mission and Open Arms. The idea is for the patrons of these agencies to take books with them when they leave to start or enhance their own home library.

“Confronting Biases,” panel discussion was presented by Andrew Erickson, Instructor, Philosophy; Jodi Gore, Instructor, Social Work; Kristin Price, Professor, Psychology; Keri Kovacsiss, Adjunct Instructor, Sociology; and Shannon Holleran, Adjunct Instructor, Psychology. The panel explored unconscious biases that revolve around race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, etc. that are in the background of our minds.

A trauma workshop was led by Jodi Gore, Instructor, Social Work, R.J. Johnson, Director, Counseling Services, and KaJuan Willis, Intern, Counseling Services, as part of The BIG Read semester activities. Counseling Center staff volunteer for the Junior Achievement national organization two times per month to teach Toledo Public Schools’ students about emotion regulation and control.

GOAL 3: Develop workforce and labor market outcomes

School of Nursing and Health Professions, in partnership with the Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities, is inviting students, high school students and health care professionals for a full day of free continuing education, Assistive Technology Fair on April 21 at the Center for Fine and Performing Arts. Keynote topics and speakers are 1) Disability Etiquette with Katie Shelley, Manager of Access Initiatives at the Toledo Museum of Art, and with Dawn Bentley, founder and consultant for CAIRE, LLC; and, 2) Promoting Independence for Persons with Disabilities via Technology with ambassadors Brittany Joseph, Nathan Turner and Renee Wood.



GOAL 3: Develop workforce and labor market outcomes ~ continued

Career & Transfer Services hosted a Cookies and Careers table near the Library and provided students with cookies and information on Career & Transfer Services. Lori Owens, Advisor, Career and Transfer Services, presented Resume Building and Cover Letter Writing Workshop or Interview Skills Workshop to students in classes in the School of Nursing and Health Professions and the School of Business, Hospitality Management and Public Safety.

Advising and Career and Transfer Services staff attended the Bowling Green State University Community College Advisor Day to hear about programs, services, and facilities at BGSU. Yasmine Bachar, Director, Advising, attended the Ohio State University Transfer Advisor Board on the Findlay Campus. During this event, Ohio State worked with community colleges in the northwest part of the state to discuss transferability for students and to better service their needs.

Veterans Services in collaboration with Hancock County Veterans Services held a Veterans Empowerment Fair on the Findlay-area Campus, February 25.

GOAL 4: Cultivate community image and advancement

City Paper's Best of Toledo awards were given in the Media category: Randomosity won best radio show and best local podcast. Randomosity, Toledo's only vinyl radio show, broadcasts live on Owens Community College Radio at 1 p.m. every Thursday.

GOAL 5: Improve college culture and quality of life

Recognitions of Students, Faculty and Staff

- **Visual Communication Technology and Commercial Photography students** were recognized at the **American Advertising ADDY Awards** on March 9. Cassandra Watson was recognized with two Silver Student Awards; Abigail Brown, Madilyn Williams, Noah Ackerman, Ramona Wolff, Mackenzie Hoot and Victoria Leu were recognized with Bronze Student Awards. More than 300 advertising, marketing and communications professionals from the Toledo area attended the annual awards show, which features a student component.
- **Photography students** entered a juried photography show sponsored by the Findlay Art League. The seven students had multiple pieces juried in and the following Owens students placed: Christie Lewis won 3rd place. Eddie Phuc Lam won 1st place. Sarah Ransom won Best in Show.
- The student activities group, **Magnetic Radiant Imagers** and program faculty, attended the Ohio State University Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Seminar in Columbus. Students attended events on cutting edge MRI imaging techniques, current best practices and other activities to prepare them for the credentialing exam upon graduation.
- **Rene Downour**, Advisor, Career and Transfer Services, earned the Certificated Career Services Provider credential.
- **Herbey Atkinson**, Station Manager and Music Business Technology graduate, was interviewed by Explore My Town Toledo . Link to story: https://youtu.be/_edSCKgm7qs
- **Irene Jones**, MSN, RN, Chair, Nursing participated as a site team reviewer for the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing site visit at Chippewa Valley Technical College in March. The experience helps with information and best practices that may be applied to programs at Owens.

Recognitions of Students, Faculty and Staff ~ continued

- **Denise Grupp-Verbon**, Internship Manager, School of Liberal Arts, was a presenter for a virtual career fair through Pathful Connect. Students who attended were 9th graders from Skyline High School in California. Ms. Grupp-Verbon had an article published in the Spring 2023 issue of the Folk Harp Journal called "Copyright Law in the United States". The Journal is the quarterly publication of the International Society of Folk Harpers and Craftsmen.
- **Rob Ticherich**, Associate Professor, Music Business, participated in Introduction to Mixing Dolby Atmos training at Sweetwater Studios in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- **Scott Deaner**, Chair, Social and Behavioral Sciences; **Jen Hazel**, Program Director, Humanities; and **Krista Kiessling**, Director, Campus and Community Connections, spoke with Chris Foley, Associate Professor, Landscape and Turf Management 251 class on about creating a campus labyrinth project to support campus mental health and wellness.
- **Jen Hazel**, Professor, English, and **Cory Hoover**, Professor, English, along with **Alex Armstrong**, OER Librarian, **Sarah Long**, Associate Professor, Math, and **David Seeger**, Adjunct Instructor, Business, hosted Open Education Resource week, March 6-9 at the College's Center for Teaching and Innovation. Among the activities was a presentation, entitled "Make It Yourself: How to Build OER from Online Materials and Faculty Generated Content," by Jen Hazel, and Sarah Long, where they shared their experience creating Open Educational Resources for various courses. Steve Ross, Professor, Psychology, took part in the Open Educational Resources Open House
- **Jen Hazel**, Professor, English, was interviewed by Marie Osborne from WJK in Detroit about the Media Influencer Certificate. The interview aired on The Big Story w/ Marie Osborne on March 8 and 9. On March 6, NBC Today ran a story on Media Influencer Education that mentioned Owens's Media Influencer certificate and a picture of the campus.
- **Dr. Steven Culbertson**, Professor, Humanities, was elected Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of the Edison Birthplace Association in Milan, Ohio. The Edison Birthplace Association's mission is to continue Thomas A. Edison's legacy of being "an inspiration to youth."
- **Cory Hoover**, Professor, English, hosted a workshop, entitled, "Celebrating Poetry in Any Classroom: The Doge Festival Poets," on March 28. The workshop focused on working with poetry as another medium for professors to attach the human experience to their academic subjects and inquiry.
- **Beth Tronolone**, Chair, Dental Hygiene department, was selected to serve on the American Dental Association Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) Test Construction Team. She will gain a thorough understanding of the testing practices and test question format used by the ATDH. Sharing this information with faculty will better ensure that the tests the faculty design for Owens students will reflect the format and content of their credentialing exam.
- **Dr. Michelle Arbogast**, Chair, Teacher Education and Human Services, served as a regional judge at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA) competition held at Penta Career Center. Michelle served as a judge in the areas of Early Childhood Education and Teach and Training, with competitors ranging from junior high to high school. Top competitors in each event could earn Bronze-Gold Ratings and medals, as well as scholarship opportunities.
- **Humanities and Fine Arts Departments** are pleased to announce *The Silo*, a creative work journal for Owens Community College students and alumni. *The Silo* is published each spring semester. Volume 2, was published this month at owensooutcomm.com.