

# President's Report to the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees January 18, 2024

## ➤ President's Office

- The state capital budget process continues to take shape. We had a great meeting with our representatives on campus on January 5 to present our requests for funding from the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund. We have indications that the House may pass the capital budget in February while the Senate intends to start their work in April.
- Our work on the HLC Comprehensive Re-accreditation documents is nearing completion. The 78-page narrative is done, and Kim Zornes, Dean of Accreditation and Academic Effectiveness, is in the process of finalizing the documents in our evidence file. We also have a team working on the Bachelor's of Nursing HLC site visit. Please note the following tentative HLC sessions with the Board of Trustees:
  - Bachelor's of Nursing Visit – February 12 at 10:45am via Zoom or in-person in the Board room
  - Comprehensive Visit – February 27 (tentative) – time is TBD

## ➤ Academic and Student Affairs

- On the first day of the Spring 2024 semester, enrollment is up by 1.5% in headcount and 1% in credit hours compared to Spring 2023. This is another outstanding accomplishment by our Enrollment Management team, Advisors, Faculty, and every employee at the college (because enrollment and student success are parts of everyone's job). Congratulations especially to Rachel Carlisle, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, and her team!
- The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department has received three grants to purchase a virtual reality (VR) training program that will be used by students in the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic programs. The project is supported by a \$4,525 grant from the General Fund of The Troy Foundation, a \$4,525 grant from the Miami County Foundation, and a \$1,000 mini-grant from The Edison Foundation.
- We have 32 student-athletes who earned All-OCCAC Academic Honors from the Fall 2023 Semester. 12 of these 32 student-athletes earned a 4.0 GPA. Congratulations to the students, coaches, and our Athletic Director, Justin McCulla! A few interesting facts about the student-athletes are as follows:
  - All five of our teams earned a team GPA over a 2.1. Three of our teams earned a team GPA above a 3.2.
    - Volleyball Team GPA 3.33
    - Women's Basketball Team GPA 3.29
    - Men's Basketball Team GPA 2.18
    - Softball Team GPA 3.21

- Baseball Team GPA 2.58
- Out of 81 student-athletes, we had a cumulative GPA of 2.86 with over 1,100 credits attempted.
- The following student-athletes earned All-OCCAC Academic Honors:
  - Volleyball
    - Heidi Anderson
    - Brooklyn Bourne
    - Abigail Jenkins
    - Carsyn Meckstroth
    - Mackenzie Singer
  - Men's Basketball
    - Devonte Curry
    - Mouhamed Sidibe
  - Women's Basketball
    - Raegan Beverly
    - Aminata Dicko
    - Dana Evans
    - Allison Hughes
    - Lydia Kimmel
    - Ania Pearson
    - Taj Pewett
  - Baseball
    - Brock Adams
    - Luke Brockman
    - Caleb Lambin
    - Bladin Malone
    - Austin Montz
    - Ben Randall
    - Troy Taylor
  - Softball
    - Kaycie Albers
    - Alison Cox
    - Allison Davis
    - Audrey Fyffe
    - Erika Gostomsky
    - Kaela May
    - Elise McCann
    - Alli Milanese
    - Kyah Moore
    - Maliyah Simpson
    - Jaycee Taylor

➤ Advancement, Strategic Planning, and Partnerships

- Thank you to Dr. Rick Hanes, Christina Raterman, and Naomi Cantrell for their efforts in kicking off the 21st Annual Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership 1.0 on January 17. The Academy has a strong class of 18 participants,

who will meet four more times this spring term, culminating with the 21st Annual Mosaic of Community Leadership Conference on May 22.

➤ Facilities/ Department of Public Safety

- Thank you to the Facilities staff and the DPS staff for their efforts in dealing with the cold weather and snow leading up to and during the first week of the spring term, which included a two-hour delay on the first day of classes.

➤ Finance/Financial Aid

- Per state guidelines on tuition incentives for students and upon the advice of the Attorney General's Office, we are converting several college-funded scholarships to tuition waivers as of the Spring 2024 term. We will continue to honor as tuition waivers those scholarships that have already been awarded; however, we will refrain from issuing new college-funded awards (in the form of tuition waivers) in future semesters. We are considering ways to replace this support for students in the future. The scholarships include the following:
  - Thomas Alva Edison Scholarship
  - Thomas Alva Edison Renewal Scholarship
  - President's Scholarship
  - Trustee's Scholarship
  - Diversity Scholarship
  - GED Scholarship
  - ESCC Foundation Scholarship
  - Adult Learner Scholarship
  - Opportunity Scholarship
  - Summer Advantage Scholarship

➤ Human Resources

- The Employee of the Semester/Team Award Winners for Fall 2023 are as follows:
  - Faculty Award: Dustin Wenrich, Assistant Professor of English
  - Staff Award: Trisha Elliott, Coordinator of Workforce Development, Client Relations, and Program Outreach
  - Team Award: The Library & Tutoring Center Staff which included:
    - Leah Baumhauer, David Benson, Corey Bryant, Matt Cordonnier, Ashley Elsner, Theresa Grilliot, Lisa Hoops, Meme Marlow, Betsie Moore, Kevin Pyers, Bob Robinson, Brian Shuler, Melinda Spivey, Jenette Stark, Doug Streitenberger, Michael Ward, & Dustin Wenrich.
- The Ohio Department of Higher Education recently approved our application for funding to support a part-time Coordinator of Student Wellness position. The primary focus of this position will be to connect students with resources for primary needs, such as food, shelter, and mental and physical health. The Coordinator of Student Wellness will work to build relationships with various

community partners and develop a wellness program to serve the students on campus. Congratulations and thank you to Kara Myers for developing the application to the state.

➤ Upcoming Events

- HLC Assurance System Lock Date – January 29
- All-College Meeting – February 1 (3:00pm)
- ACCT National Legislative Summit – February 4-7
- Employee Ice Skating at Hobart Arena – February 11 (3:00pm)
- HLC Bachelor's Degree Visit – February 12 and 13
- Edison State's Spring Open House – February 19 (9:00am)
- HLC Comprehensive Visit – February 26 and 27
- Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – February 28 (2:00pm)
- 2024 Kids to College Event – March 1 (9:00am)