

# President's Report to the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees June 20, 2024

## ➤ President's Office

- I had a successful trip to Washington, D.C. for Senator Sherrod Brown's Ohio College Presidents' Conference. I thanked Senator Brown for helping the College to obtain a federally directed spending grant in the amount of \$900K to fund the startup of our Respiratory Care program. I was also able to connect with Senator Brown's state director regarding additional funding opportunities for our projects.
- The Ohio Senate passed SB288, the capital appropriations bill. Edison State's regular capital funding requests were included, but our OTSCIF projects were not funded. The bill is expected to be approved by the House and signed by the Governor in late June.

## ➤ Academic and Student Affairs

- Enrollment for the Summer 2024 term is up over last year by 11.3% in credit hours and 7.5% in headcount. Thank you and great job to Rachel Carlisle and the Enrollment Management team, as well as the Advising Team, Registrar's Office, Marketing Office, and the Faculty!
- 13 cadets graduated from Edison State's Peace Officer Academy on June 18. Thank you to Commander Joe Mahan, Veronica French, and the many academy instructors for their work with these students.
- OhioLINK has awarded funding to 30 faculty from Ohio colleges in its Open Educational Resources (OER) Course Redesign Grants. The grants help instructors learn about teaching with Open Educational Resources (OER). Congratulations to Edison State's recipients: Dr. Loleta Collins and Karen Korn.
- The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program received a \$1,000 mini-grant from The Edison Foundation and a \$350 grant from the General Fund of The Troy Foundation. These grants, along with departmental funds, went toward purchasing four new residual limb-wrapping models.
- Edison State recently conducted a successful manufacturing camp with 15 participants. The participants visited manufacturers in the area and completed tasks in the Edison State Engineering Lab and classrooms. Thank you to Joe Ratermann and the other faculty and staff who organized and conducted the event.
- Edison State has been announced as a sub participant under a USAID grant in partnership with the United States International University -- Africa (located in Nairobi, Kenya) to provide consulting services and support to technical colleges in Kenya as they work to build their relationships with local employers. Edison State will help the colleges to build their capacity and expertise in providing workforce development. We will receive \$728K in funding over five years to support the work of our Deans and faculty on this project. We anticipate sending a team of experts to Kenya 1-2 times per year.

- Twenty-seven student-athletes from Edison State have received Academic All-Conference honors from the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) for the Spring 2024 semester. To qualify, a student-athlete must have completed at least 12 credit hours with a 3.30 GPA. Congratulations to the student athletes, coaches, and our Athletic Director, Justin McCulla on this accomplishment!
  - We were saddened to learn that Edison State student, Damian Bruns, passed away on May 17. He attended Fort Loramie High School and took CCP classes at Edison State. The College expresses its deepest condolences to Damian's family and friends during this difficult time.
- Advancement, Strategic Planning, and Partnerships
- The 2024 Mosaic Conference for Community Leadership was a huge success. Edison State alum, Shane Meeker, served as the keynote speaker. Congratulations and thank you to Dr. Rick Hanes, Christina Raterman, Naomi Cantrell, and Samantha Wilt for their great work on the Mosaic Conference!
- Finance/Financial Aid
- James Lehmkuhl and Macy Guillozet did an outstanding job of presenting the fiscal year 2025 budget to employees at the All-College Budget Update Meeting on June 17. Many details of the budget were presented, and employees had ample opportunity to ask questions about the College's financial situation. Thank you to James, Macy, and the entire Finance Department for their work on the 2025 budget!
- Human Resources
- Although the Federal Department of Education released new Title IX regulations back in April, a Federal Court approved an injunction on June 17 to stay the regulations for six states, including Ohio. As a result, the College's legal counsel has advised that we do not make any changes to the college's Title IX policy or procedures at this time.
- Trustee Recognitions
- Thank you to Trustees Baker-Baumann, Milligan, Odo, and Dubbs for attending the ODHE/Governor's Ohio Trustees Conference on June 5.
- Upcoming Events
- Edison Foundation's Drive for Scholarships Golf Outing – July 26 (9:00am)
  - Dayton Dragons' Suite for Edison State Trustees – August 11 (1:00pm)
  - Fall 2024 Convocation – August 19 (9:00am)
  - Fall 2024 Semester Begins – August 26
  - Edison State Board of Trustees Retreat – August 28 (8:30am)