

President's Report to the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees August 23, 2024

➤ President's Office

- The events of our Duty Days Week went very well and saw strong participation from faculty and staff. The Convocation on Monday morning gathered all employees to hear my thoughts on the challenges and opportunities in Edison State's future, along with excellent presentations from each Cabinet member. I would like to offer a special thank you to Board Chair Ty Baker-Baumann for attending the Convocation and offering on behalf of the Board a greeting of support and encouragement to employees. Also, congratulations to Dr. Wertz on organizing and conducting many successful meetings during the week.
- The time capsule ceremony on August 22 was a wonderful event. A group of current students was on hand to help me bury the time capsule, which contained many items representing Edison State in 2023-2024. It is to be opened at the College's 100th Anniversary in 2073. Thank you to Rick Hanes, Heather Lanham, Christina Raterman, Naomi Cantrell, and Sam Murphy for their work on this event.

➤ Capital Funding Updates

- Edison State has finalized and submitted its request to the state Controlling Board to move \$839,396 in capital funding away from various lower priority projects in fiscal years 2023 thru 2026 in order to cover the anticipated \$1.6 million cost of construction of our new student-athlete locker rooms. To make the request viable, we reduced the original amount of our funds being transferred by approximately \$730,000 and the overall cost of the project by approximately \$1.1 million. The Director of Finance and Budget for the Ohio Senate Majority Caucus is now supportive of our request, and we anticipate the measure being on the Controlling Board's September 30th meeting agenda.

➤ Staffing Updates

- On July 10, Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Bruce Jamison announced his resignation, effective July 30. Bruce is taking a position at Oberlin College, which is much closer to where his family resides in Northeast Ohio. He will remain with Edison State in a "reserve Chief" role until we find his replacement or until November 30, whichever comes first.
- On July 18, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Rachel Carlisle announced her resignation, effective August 15. Rachel is returning to the federal government system as the Registrar at the Air Force Institute of Technology. Dr. Wertz is currently working on a revamping and refilling of this Dean position.

➤ Academic and Student Affairs

- As of August 19, enrollment for the Fall 2024 term was UP 5.8% in headcount and 3.1% in credit hours compared to last year at the same time. Finalized fall enrollment numbers will be available during the week of September 9th.
- The Workforce Development and Work-based Learning Office was recognized recently in *Miami Valley Today* for its innovative CNC Machine Tool Operator Training Program. This six-month program equips employees with the skills needed to be successful CNC operators by offering a blend of online learning and hands-on validation learning labs. Upon a student's successful completion, a CNC Machine Tool Operator certificate and seven academic credits are awarded; these credits may be applied toward an academic certificate or associate degree under the Mechanical Engineering career pathway. Congratulations to Brandi Olberding and her team on developing this program.

➤ Advancement, Strategic Planning, and Partnerships

- Walmart has provided a \$1,500 local community grant to The Edison Foundation, which it received on behalf of Edison State Community College. The College will use the grant to improve the Veterans' Lounge at the Piqua Campus. Nathan Kelly, Store Manager of the Piqua Walmart, visited campus on Wednesday, July 23, during which he presented the grant check and toured the Veterans' Lounge.
- The Ohio Department of Higher Education recently awarded Edison State \$47,925 in funding to support the Program and Project Support Certificate Courses for High School Students and Adults Program. This program will provide resources to support collaboration with community centers, summer camps, or chartered nonpublic schools to provide certificate courses for high school students and adults.

➤ Marketing

- On August 13, Edison State launched its new website. The Marketing team, with assistance from the IT Services Office, has been working diligently since the beginning of the year to replace the college's website with a more robust one with greater functionality. Edison State's previous website, which was built on a state-of-the-art platform in 2014, had come to the end of its life and needed to be replaced. The new website offers a fresh, modern look and much greater functionality that will serve the College well into the future.

➤ Celebrations

- Congratulations to Andrea Francis, Assistant Director of Marketing and Communication, and Ethan Tauscher, Director of Enrollment Management, on graduating as fellows of the Ohio Leadership Academy for Student Success, organized by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC). Andrea and Ethan were among more than 30 leaders representing all of Ohio's community colleges who graduated in June 2024 as part of the academy. The leadership development cohort program gathers administrators, faculty, and staff for a year of training, exchanging ideas, and immersion in how to promote student success.

- Congratulations to Paige Kiley, Director of Financial Aid at Edison State Community College, on earning the FAAC® designation from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' (NASFAA) accredited Certified Financial Aid Administrator® (CFAA) Program. The CFAA Program is a first-in-the-industry effort launched in 2019 that validates the skills and knowledge of financial aid professionals at postsecondary institutions nationwide. Ms. Kiley joins the ranks of an elite group of over 300 other financial aid professionals who earned the FAAC designation after successfully passing a comprehensive knowledge exam and affirming commitment to the standards of ethical behavior that have long been a hallmark of the financial aid profession.
- Congratulations to Chair Baker-Baumann and her husband Bill on the birth of their third grandchild!

➤ Upcoming Events

- Fall 2024 Semester Begins – August 26
- Edison State Board of Trustees Retreat – August 28 (8:30am)
- Darke County Foundation Sunshine 5K – September 21 (8:30am)
- Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – September 25 (2:00pm)