

President's Report to the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees September 12, 2024

➤ President's Office

- I am now serving on the OACC's Legislative Committee, which works with the OACC President to set the legislative priorities and strategy in support of community colleges. At our first meeting in August, we discussed the areas we want to emphasize for next year's biennial operating budget process (encompasses fiscal years 2026 and 2027).

➤ Capital Campaign Update

- Edison State has received confirmation that a currently anonymous donor has pledged \$3 million toward the construction of the Nursing Wing Addition. With the other pledge amounts received from the state and from local foundations, the Nursing Wing Addition project has reached \$3.775 million of the \$4.5 million needed. Dr. Hanes and I are making plans to reach out to private donors to fund the remaining amount.

➤ Academic and Student Affairs

- As of the official 15th day enrollment count for the Fall 2024 term, our headcount was up by 2%, and our credit hours were flat compared to last fall's 15th day count. Thank you to Ethan Tauscher and the Enrollment Management team for their efforts to maintain strong enrollment for yet another fall term!
- The Bachelor's degree in Nursing program had a successful start on August 28th with 11 students attending an initial in-person seminar session. Jill Bobb, Provost Wertz, and I were on hand to mark the occasion and offer our well wishes. The remainder of the work in the program will be completed either online or at a clinical site.
- Edison State's Phlebotomy program has been recommended for a 5-year re-accreditation by the NAACLS Program Accreditation Review Committees. The recommendation now goes to the NAACLS Board of Directors for approval. Congratulations to faculty members Vickie Kirk and Hannah Shirk!
- The Workforce Development and Work-based Learning Office conducted a highly successful Summer Symposium for HR Professionals on August 8th. The event profited over \$7,000 and was rated "excellent" or "very good" by 97% of the attendees. Congratulations and thank you to Brandi Olberding, Roger Fulk, and Trisha Elliott for their efforts in organizing and conducting this event!

➤ Facilities

- Thank you to the crew in the Facilities Department for their work in preparing the campus for the beginning of the Fall Semester; everything outside and inside looked great!

- Department of Public Safety
 - Thank you to the staff in the Department of Public Safety for their efforts in making the start of the Fall Semester a smooth one!

- Information Technology Services Office
 - Thank you to the team in ITS for their work in preparing the technology needed for our Duty Days meetings and for the start of fall classes. All of us at the College greatly appreciate it when technology works well, which it did.

- Upcoming Events
 - Darke County Foundation Sunshine 5K – September 21 (8:30am)
 - Edison State’s Annual High School Counselor Conference – September 24 (9:00am)
 - Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – September 25 (2:00pm)
 - Edison State Disc Golf Tournament – September 28 (9:00am)
 - All-college Meeting – September 30 (3:00pm)
 - Charger Country Night – September 30 (5:30pm)
 - Edison Foundation’s Annual Scholarship Celebration Dinner – October 3 (6:00pm)
 - ACCT Leadership Congress – October 22-26
 - Edison State’s Annual College and Career Fair – October 25
 - Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – November 20 (2:00pm)
 - Edison State Board and Foundation Board Annual Holiday Dinner – November 21 (6:00pm)