
October

- Hillsboro City Schools Business Advisory Committee Meeting
- Rotary Club
- Inauguration of Cincinnati State President
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- OVRDC Annual Full Commission Appreciation Banquet
- Brown County Fair
- Buckeye Association of School Administrators Conference
- National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship Conference
- Highland County WIA Board Meeting

Academic Affairs

Fayette Campus hosted the third annual Business Education Advisory Council (BEAC) Career Expo Sept. 2, for the eighth-grade students of Miami Trace Local Schools, Washington Court House City Schools and Fayette Christian School. Around 400 students participated in the event and attended sessions with local business professionals from the areas of communications, law enforcement, manufacturing engineering, healthcare, retail and finance. follows: A partnership linking community to business and education in Fayette County, addressing the concerns for the quality of workforce by promoting awareness of employment opportunities, developing life skills and remaining action-oriented.

The time between the end of summer quarter and the beginning of fall quarter is an extremely busy time in the Information Technology department. The following items are only a small portion of all the work completed by the IT department in the last few months in preparation for the new academic year.

The student email service project is completed, and students are online with this service. This service provides students with access to email and Microsoft Office products anywhere with internet access, and allows them to save documents on a cloud server.

Blackboard 9.1, the learning management system for online, hybrid, and supplemental instruction, is also in service. The process of migrating class content from Blackboard CE8 onto the new server will continue over the next few months until all content is removed from CE8. Some classes are using Blackboard 9.1 for fall quarter classes. Completion is expected for the spring quarter 2012.

All computer labs and Learning Resources Centers have been upgraded to Windows 7. Work is still ongoing to complete the upgrade of staff and faculty computers, but this should be complete by the end of the calendar year.

Network upgrades are complete. The new SSCC Wireless network is operational and in use. Some minor tasks remain (such as performance adjustments), but the overall task is complete.

During summer Ben Filla, distance learning coordinator, conducted eight workshops to provide introduction and training on the new learning management system, Blackboard 9.1 (Bb 9.1). A total of 82 full-time and adjunct faculty completed the training. Beginning with fall semester 2012, all courses with an online component will be utilizing Bb 9.1.

Six out of six Lindsey Wilson College (LWC) students have passed the National Counselor Examination given by the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board on the first attempt. These six students are part of the first graduating class from LWC Professional Counselor Program. The 100-percent pass rate exceeds the 79-percent pass rate for all of Ohio counselor trainees who took the test. This program is approved by the national accrediting body, Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

SSCC partners with LWC to provide a B.A. and M.A. in Professional Counseling. Students who graduate from SSCC Human and Social Services program can go into the LWC program and complete a B.A. in Human Services and Counseling in 18 months by taking face-to-face classes on weekends at the Central Campus in Hillsboro. They can finish an M.A. in Professional Counseling two years after finishing their B.A. at the same campus. This is a great opportunity for local working professionals who want to complete a degree but do not have time to travel to Cincinnati, Dayton or Columbus.

The SSCC Education Department hosted a very successful weeklong conference in August for local teachers. More than 100 educators from six counties attended the conference, "Building Bridges: Birth through Grade Three." All conference sessions were approved by the Ohio Department of Education for continuing education units. Anne Benninghoff was the featured speaker for the event. SSCC collaborates with the Ohio Region 14, formerly Hopewell Center, to sponsor the conference on an annual basis.

The Higher Learning Commission has approved the use of Manchester High School as a new location for redesign the electromechanical engineering program to train students for work in the power generation industry. This redevelopment and redesign were done in response to requests from the power generation industry. The power generation industry will experience a large turnover in personnel in the coming years as a large percentage of its workforce retires. However, the college lacked the equipment necessary to launch the redesigned program. Manchester High School received several pieces of equipment from neighboring power plants to use with the high school students. This very costly equipment replicates what employees in the power generation industry would utilize. Through the

collaboration with Manchester High School, the college was able to launch the program in a condensed time frame and will allow college students to utilize the industry-specific equipment housed at the high school.

Twenty-eight participants enrolled for CDL training during September. This compares to 32 for the same month in 2010, and 46 in 2009. Customized driver training for MAC Tool/Bush Leasing was provided on Sept. 27.

The quarterly TDA in-service training session for full- and part-time instructors was conducted on Sept. 16. Instructor assessments were conducted covering hazardous materials transportation laws including Ohio Administrative Code, Consolidated Safety Accounting and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. TDA Office Manager Ellen Turner reviewed record-keeping issues and announced the upcoming closing of the Middletown CDL testing site, which will be an inconvenience to our Warren, Clinton, Butler and Hamilton county students. Information regarding the B.A. degree in Logistics/Supply Chain Management offered with Ohio Christian University was provided to the instructors, and the training concluded with a review of the procedures regarding proper adjustment of manual air brake slack adjusters.

The monthly Resource Board meeting of the Highland County Enterprise Initiative (HCEI) was conducted Sept. 21. The client list was 85 in September. There have been 340 introductions of Sid Raisch, enterprise facilitator, to area people with an interest in small business. A client fair is being planned for 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Alley 21 in Hillsboro. All are welcome to stop by and see what this innovative program is accomplishing to create and retain jobs in our area.

John Joy accompanied Chamber Director Katy Farber and me to a Sept. 14 meeting with PAS Technologies management at the Hillsboro plant. Great Oaks leadership was also in attendance, and training needs for the company were discussed. John made arrangements a couple days later for one of their engineers to use an online industrial training product on a trial basis to see if it will assist in meeting their training needs. The trial was provided at no cost to the company.

John Joy met Sept. 15 with Fortis Plastics officials in Wilmington to discuss customized safety training planned for the fall. A potential instructor has been secured and a proposal has been presented to the company. The training is scheduled for Nov. 5 at the company facility in Wilmington.

Stephanie Marshall of Health Care Access Now surveyed John Joy Sept. 22 as part of area healthcare obtain community input on healthcare and those issues affecting healthcare in a particular region.

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Math and writing open labs are in place at all four campuses with general open labs in place at North and Fayette campuses.

The Financial Aid office is registered and attended credit hours.

By the beginning of November, origination and disbursement records are sent to the Department of Education. This process substantiates the dollars disbursed so that the Business Office can pull down the federal funds to cover the disbursements. After the first large disbursement batch, aid is posted every week for students who have completed their files. The process takes place each quarter.

A computerized academic planning system, called Aviso, went active Aug. 26 with a pilot group consisting of faculty and professional advisors from the Advising Center. The pilot group will test the system before it goes live to the entire campus in mid-October. The software will allow advisors electronically to help students plan more effectively as the college gets closer to semester conversion. More effective planning will allow students and their advisors to work through possible roadblocks which will lead to better retention and higher completion rates.

The entire project is expected to take 10 months and coincides with the launch of the new semester calendar. The process has been strategically divided into four critical phases:

Research related to existing perceptions, market trends and analysis of current practice. Within the scope of this phase, students, board members, community members, and our internal faculty and staff will be invited to contribute through surveys, focus groups, and other direct communications.

In this phase, the results of the discovery phase will be synthesized and analyzed in preparation for the development or creative phase. It is in this process that our core message will be revealed which will inform later decisions.

This is where the brand/identity comes to life. Resting heavily on visual aspects of the brand, the logo will be created in this phase. In addition, the accompanying communication style will also take shape.

This final phase is where the brand is woven into the fabric of the organization. The logo will begin appearing on all aspects of Southern State material both promotional and institutional.

Throughout the project, updates will be provided to the college community on a consistent basis and periodically to the Board of Trustees. Opportunities for contribution to the project will be widely available.

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Kari has been hired as Fayette Campus Learning Resources Center manager and One-Stop assistant in the Learning Resource Centers department, filling the opening that recent move to the South Campus Learning Resources Center m include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Learning Resources Center and Fayette County One Stop. Kari will also be responsible for assisting faculty, staff and students to conduct research and search databases, as well as assist the One-Stop manager with job development, training and career on Fayette Campus was Sept. 16.

Fire extinguisher and CPR certification trainings were held at Central Campus during fall quarter opening week. The Highland County Fire Department provided the fire extinguisher training to 18 faculty and staff.