As the summer fades, the College is picking up momentum for a strong start on August 21. In advance of the term, the College will host its annual Opening Week Activities. Among the topics are a variety of professional development opportunities as well as specific activities aimed at improving affordability and student enrollment.

- Textbook Affordability
- Everyone is a Recruiter
- Title IX Training
- Academic Division Meetings
- Instructional Technology Training
- Special Topics: Artificial Intelligence

Additionally, New Student Orientation returned to face-to-face delivery. Two evening sessions were held Mon. July 31, and Tues., Aug. 1. Special thanks to **Kaylynn Bell** for organizing the activities and to the many volunteers across the College who contributed in various ways.

Finally, while still early, weekly enrollment tracking suggests a modest uptick in our non-CCP student population and continued increases in CCP enrollment. As has been prioritized, the College continues to seek a rebalancing of enrollment in which non-CCP and CCP enrollment are both realizing increases.

Patriot Palooza a Big Hit

Among the four priority areas included in the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan includes enrollment. Strategies in this area, among other things, emphasize **balancing the enrollment profile** and **being deliberate about enhancing our connection within communities where a physical campus no l**

One immediate activity emerging from the Communications Team included a month-long outreach initiative called Patriot Palooza. Joined by 17 volunteers, nearly 50 unique visits to businesses, agencies, county offices, schools, and special events across the five-county region were supported in July. Ranging from a casual drop-in to say, “Thank you for what you do and thank you for supporting Southern State” to sponsorship-like engagements with the broader community, Patriot Palooza was a hit.

Deep Data Dive Schedule Announced

The Deep Data Dive series was launched in 2022 to enhance data transparency across the institution. The series included a variety of relevant topics that connected our college community to the data which defines the institution in various capacities. The Series was well attended and proved to be something worth continuing.

Included in the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan, the College prioritizes promoting **data transparency for informed decision-making**. The series will continue emphasizing some of our core data

President's Activities and Involvement

Since my last report, I have been involved in the following meetings, calls, and events:

- OACC Presidents' Bi-Weekly Meetings
- OACC Annual Conference | Columbus State Community College
- SSCC's Aspire/GED Recognition Ceremony
- Building Bridges To Careers (BB2C) Meeting and Lunch
- SOCHE Board of Trustees Meeting
- Call with Ohio's Department of Higher Education Representatives
- Call with Clinton County Port Authority (CCPA) Representative
- Meeting with Future Plans Executive Director
- Brown County ABCAP Business Meet and Greet
- Presidents and Chancellors Series: Title IV Compliance Overview, Future Act/FAFSA Simplification Overview
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Mt. Orab Safety Project Kickoff Meeting
- SSCC Patriot Palooza | Adams County
- Meeting with Representatives from CCPA and Clinton County ESC
- Lunch Meeting with Dean of the University of Cincinnati – Clermont
- Brunch Meeting with Former SSCC President and Foundation Donor
- Welcome for ADN Orientation
- Scholarship Donor/Recipient Photo Opportunity | Hillsboro Elks Club
- Patriot Palooza | Highland County
- Highland Co Chamber Coffee & Commerce Networking Event | Rocky Fork State Park
- Lunch Meeting with Former SSCC President and Foundation Donor
- Welcome Adjunct and CCP Faculty Orientation
- OVRDC 2nd Round Caucus | Highland County
- Scholarship Donor/Recipient Photo Opportunity | NCB
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Meeting and Tour with Shawnee State University Interim President and Chief of Staff
- Highland County Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
- Jenzabar Communications Module Demonstration
- SSCC New Student Orientation for Fall Semester | Central & Brown Co. Campuses
- Enhancing Professionalis28o tEC

conduct the assessment on its campuses. The Ohio School Safety Center, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, reviewed the campus safety grant applications in consultation with the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

In January, the College was awarded an estimated $149,000; the majority of the funds will be used at the Highland County Campus to replace exterior doors, add additional security cameras, and make other security enhancements. The work is estimated to be completed by the end of the 2022-23 academic year.

Articles related to the safety grant have recently appeared in the TimesGazetteand The Highland County Press.

Gary Heaton, the College Security and Emergency Response Coordinator, was one of the 1,300 attendees at the two-day Ohio School Safety Summit at the Columbus Convention Center, the week of July 25. Governor DeWine opened the Ohio School Safety Summit. Keynote speaker Dr. Dewey Corneel, Professor at the University of Virginia and developer of the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG), covered school threat assessments. Dr. Amanda Nickerson, Professor, and Director of the Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse and Prevention at the University at Buffalo, covered bullying prevention and intervention.

Training and Development

The Human Resource Department continues to build training and learning courses in the Dayforce Learning platform for employees. Required annual employee training is currently being made and scheduled for September 2023.

The Human Resource Department will attend the Dayforce Annual training event the first week in October. Dayforce is the College's Human Capital Management (HCM) software which contains recruitment, talent and workforce management, payroll, HR, and benefits features. This event provides opportunities for cross-training, maintaining compliance, and learning how other customers utilize the platform.

Ashley Barbone, Senior Assistant Attorney General at the Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's office, will be on cam Y3o34.on caorp4poon<617 Td[o11.623 Td[Op.6(tu))]TJ9(r)302 Tc 26(34.o02 Tg W-0.7)1.5(s))]

Compliance

An internal audit of the Nursing Faculty and Nursing Adjunct ACEN/OBN files is being led by **Crystal Howland**

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Employee Health & Wellness Fair. HealthWorks has been secured to provide four technicians for biometric screenings for full-time employees and any covered spouses. The Coordinator is securing additional vendors to include representatives from Horan, Voya, OPERS, STRS, Walgreens, and various other Benefit providers and local businesses. The 2023/2024 Wellness Fair is

Recruiting

In Academics, the College is recruiting

Brown County Campus Facade Remediation Project

Workforce Development

Truck Driving Academy

End of Fiscal Year, Three-Year Comparison Data

	2020/2021	

- ¾ There is still time to register - SSCC Fall Semester begins August 21 (Record-Herald, HCP, People's Defender)
- ¾ SSCC Awards Dylan Phillip Wilson and Nathan Paeltz Memorial Scholarship to Drew Dotson and Audree Howell (HCP)
- ¾ Southern State Invests in Learning Services / Accessibility Support (HCP, Record-Herald)
- ¾ Southern State announces newest graduate from Ohio Leadership Academy for Student Success (HCP)
- ¾ Southern State awards Elks Scholarship to Elena Pickering-Polstra (Times-Gazette)
- ¾ Southern State receives campus safety grant (HCP, Pike Co. News Watchman, WNJ, RH)

x **Advertising/Print/Direct Mail**:

- ¾ Monthly June e-blast promoting Health Sciences Program – Nursing application deadlines (30K+ emails deployed)
- ¾ Monthly July e-blast promoting Aviation Program (30K+ emails deployed)
- ¾ Monthly June e-blast promoting the TDA program and upcoming start dates (25K+ emails deployed)
- ¾ Personalized letter promoting class offerings at Wilmington Savings Bank (333

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