

instructors and high school students. The president was able to attend out of both personal intrigue and strategic interest in further developing our use of technology across disciplines.

Higher Learning Commission Site Visit

On Feb. 23 and 24, the College hosted a Higher Learning Commission site visitor. The purpose for the visit was to review additional locations (Scioto County Career Technical Center and Manchester High School) and ensure the College is conducting the activities stated in our approved proposal. The site visit went very well and the HLC representative was very complimentary of our work and our staff.

The College should be receiving a final report from the visit in the next few weeks. While there are a few things to improve, overall it was a great visit.

Higher Learning Commission Conference

The College sent a team to the Higher Learning Commission conference March 30-April 2. The conference provides opportunities to hear about best practices from other institutions throughout the HLC region. It also provides an opportunity to speak directly with HLC staff and acquire information about upcoming changes HLC may make.

This year many of the team will be attending a day-long workshop on the Open Pathways Accreditation Process. The College has been in the PEAQ accreditation process for a very long time, but now this accreditation pathway is no longer going to be utilized. The HLC has determined the College may participate in the new Open Pathways Accreditation process, which will begin in the 2012-13 academic year. By attending this day-long workshop, the team will gain a better understanding of the requirements of this new accreditation process.

Workforce Development and Community Services

Truck Driving Academy

The partnership with Pickaway Ross Career and Technology Center has produced seven students with three in a weekend class and four in the weekday class.

Ryan McCall, Eddie Mullins, and John Joy hosted Dr. Holly Bennett of Belmont Technical College on March 6 to discuss CDL training. Dr. Bennett was shown the TDA operations center and the Wilmington classroom and skills pad location. Belmont Technical College has requested additional information, which has been provided.

A Memo of Understanding was finalized in March with Tri-County Career Center/Hocking College; it is expected the first class will start soon.

Year-to-date TDA enrollments are slightly ahead of both 2010 and 2011.

Workforce Development

Workforce Development continues to be a matter of concern at the state, regional, and local levels.

Workforce Transformation, to which Rich Frederick has been appointed director. Included in the reports are business partnerships with companies like R & L Carriers, Schneider International, and Dayton Power and Light. Locally, both the Highland Chamber of Commerce and State Representative Oiff Rosenberger hosted meetings in March on the same topic.

Continuing Education & Departmental Notes

Forty-three participants enrolled in free Connect Ohio computer classes at three locations during February; 22 were enrolled in March. Heather Delaney, State Regional Operations Manager, congratulated SSOC on reaching a training milestone. SSOC has provided this free training to more than 500 Ohio residents.

Continuing education training for insurance agents was held February 24, 25, and March 3 with attendees earning ŒUs in five modules.

On Feb. 10, Russ Brewer and John Joy attended a meeting in Columbus sponsored by W.S.O.S. (Wood, Sandusky, Ottawa and Seneca counties) Community Action to discuss a grant application to establish regional training centers for drinking water and waste water operators.

Russ Brewer attended the Ohio Continuing and Higher Education Association annual conference in Columbus in March and participated in the Maysville Open for Business Initiative meeting.

Student Affairs/Enrollment Management

Advising and Retention

Semester Conversion

The Advising and Retention office continues to prepare for semester conversion. The staff is using a couple of pieces of helpful information:

- 1. First is a side-by-side comparison of each program showing what was required under the quarter system and what will be required under the semester system, as well as the changes which have occurred due to the conversion.
- Second is a crosswalk spread sheet showing how each of the courses under the quarter system is going to be labeled and numbered as well as the number of credit hours in the semester system.



Patri-Tots

Discounts in the Patri-Tots Center through March 2012 follow:

Employees Sbling

\$21,079.50











Teams will compete for a bi-weekly prize of \$25 Walmart gift cards





Foundation

Monthly Contribution Report

Jan. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2011	Mar. 2012
\$639.00	\$847.50	\$3,730.50	\$3,552.50	\$350.50	\$392.50

While contributions have remained largely flat in comparison to the previous year, the Foundation is hopeful that some of the recent work related to coordinating scholarship awards will spur renewed activity among existing donors. The C

and consistent donor group. With some scheduled communications later this spring, the Foundation is hopeful that this relationship will strengthen and present opportunities for new ones to emerge.

Scholarship Application Season

Working dosely with the Financial Aid Director, the Southern State Foundation expects to award nearly \$48,000 in scholarships for new and returning students this upcoming fall. Many thanks go to the various donors that make these scholarships possible. Special thanks go to Janeen Deatley, Stevetta Grooms, and Jm Buck who have largely kept the scholarship program running in the absence of an Executive Director for the Foundation. While this year will be a good year, it represents one of regrouping. The entire team is confident that next year will be even stronger.

Capital Campaign Feasibility Study

Initial steps have been taken to explore pursuing a capital campaign feasibility study for the purpose of