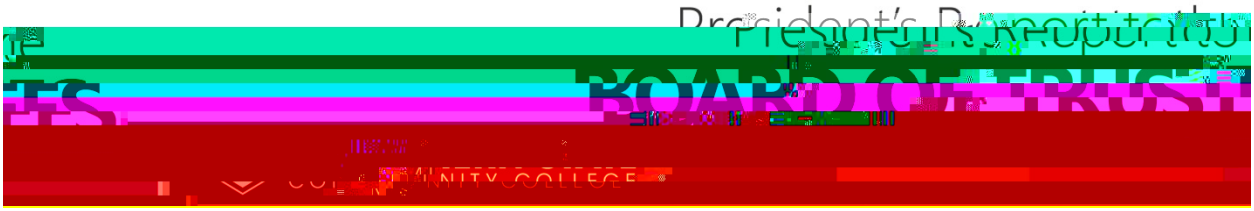

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## Ohio Department of Higher Education Efficiency Report

As a measure of compliance with the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3333.95, state colleges and universities are required to provide the Chancellor with an annual Efficiency Report. Originally designed to address affordability and efficiency, the report aims to sharpen our focus and set a course for increasing efficiency. This work began in 2015 and has continued in similar practice each year since inception.

Highlights of the 2023 Efficiency Report include the following:

- Facilities Planning – Obviously, our most significant efficiency effort has been the reconsideration of our physical footprint. While this efficiency decision is noted in the current report, the priority is to draw attention to the continued need for capital resources to tackle deferred maintenance projects.
- Academic Practices – Textbook Affordab ility continues to be a high priority. Although the average cost for new, used, and rental textbooks has decreased, the College is actively pursuing more substantive reduction strategies, including Equitable Access programs available through Follett. Faculty play an integral part in the decision to pursue such transformation, and alongside the administration, we will work to find solutions that lower the cost for all students.

## Annual Campus Security Report Completed and Emergency Operations Plan Updated

### Annual Campus Security Report

The Clery Act (Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act) was named in memory of Jeanne Ann Clery, a 19-year-old freshman at Lehigh University, who was violently murdered in her dorm room in 1986. This law requires colleges and universities to maintain campus safety and security protocols to eliminate campus crime. As a participating Title IV funding college, Southern State must disclose crime statistics and safety and security policies.

## Peace Officer Training Academy E arns 100% Pass R ate

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) at Southern State Community College is pleased to announce that all cadets have passed the State Certified Exam, granting the program a 100% pass rate on the exam portion and a 100% pass rate on the physical fitness assessments. The State Certified Exam is a 200-question test, and the cadets must earn a score of 70% or higher to pass, with only 2½ hours to complete it. Congratulations to the graduates and Commander Doug Dani els!

## Faculty and Program Updates

The first "Fifth Friday" Faculty/ Program Assessment workshop of the year was held on Friday, September 29, from 9-noon to allow faculty to work on their plans and reports. Thanks to Dr. Jeff Montgomery , Dean of Academic Affairs, for leading the Assessment workshop.

Details are being worked out regarding disburse ment of the Great Minds grant money to HSSR practicum students. Thanks to Charlie Gorman and Suzanne Harmon for their assistance.

English and Communications wil l be presenting to Program Review in October.

## People in the News

SSCC is a member of the Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE). It is a consortium of 22 private and public two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Our own Dr. Jeff Montgomery

| STUDENT CONTACT METHOD | CONTACT IN SEPTEMBER 2023 |
|---|---|
| Emails to financialaid@sscc.edu | 81 |
| Student visitors to office (Central and Brown | 39 |
| Phone calls to FA phone x2515 | 0 |

## Accessibility and Learning Services

The Accessibility office has registered 52 students for services this fall term.

SSCC Accessibility Services has partnered with Amy Rave Bradford, Counselor at the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD); Amy comes to our Hillsboro campus (Room 400) throughout each month to help students learn more about OOD services. If students cannot come to campus, ZOOM sessions are available. These services have been marketed to students in various ways, including social media.

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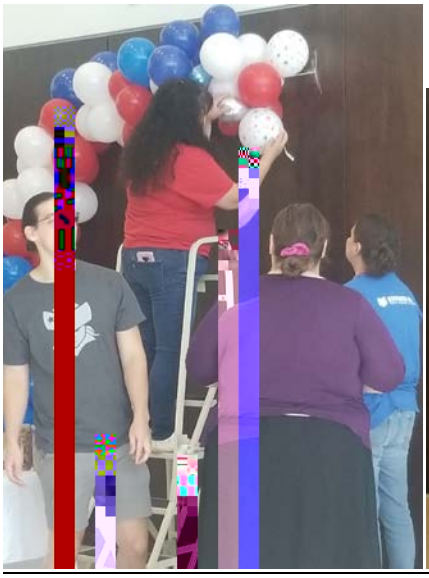
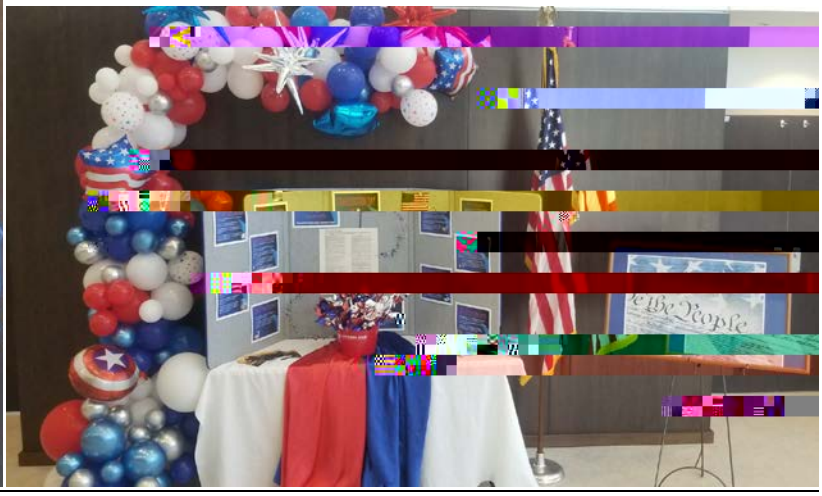
## Constitution Day

Special thanks to Jaime Simmons and her team for presenting an engaging, educational celebration of Constitution Day (and Week) at Central Campus, and a special thanks to Betty Cole, Holly Pegan , and Becky Farley for their efforts at our Brown County Campus.

Central Campus

Brown County Campus





# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Strategic Plan

### Priority Area: Relevance and Excellence

Outlined under the College's Strategic Plan priority area, Relevance and Excellence, the College has identified "Excellence" and "Others First" as key initiatives. The College is dedicated to cultivating a vibrant and inclusive community, embodying excellence, and putting others first. We are working towards making these principles part of our culture.

## Security

Gary Heaton , the College Security and Emergency Response Coordinator, attended a Naval Post Graduate School for Homeland Security roundtable.  Heaton also plans to attend the October Highland, Fayette, Clinton (HFC) Safety Council meeting on behalf of the College.

Heaton attended a Homeland Security Statewide Terrorism meeting at the Statewide Terrorism Analysis & Crime Center (STACC). The STACC center facilitates the gathering, analysis, and sharing of critical information in a timely and effective manner. It operates 24/7, providing first responders, private sector managers, and other partners with quick, accurate, actionable

Mitigating Insider Threats

# INFORM ATION TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

## Infrastructure

### Brown County Campus Façade Remediation Project

The exterior stucco remediation project at Brown County Campus is finished, with a few remaining finishing touches completed on September 29. A water test on September 12 revealed issues with rubber seals around the windows and the fact one of the glass panes was seated too low in the frame, creating a gap across the top. After further inspecting all the windows, many questionable seals were replaced, and we will continue to monitor seals and replace them as needed.

The Exterior Finish and Insulation System (EFIS) cladding holds a Tremco 12year warranty and UV fade resistance for 10 years.

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## Workforce Development

### Truck Driving Academy

Enrollment Comparison Information

| | 2021/2022 AY | 2022/2023 AY | 2023/2024 AY |
|---|---|---|---|
| August | 12 | 25 | 14 |
| September | 15 | 15 | 26 |

- Events/Publications
  - 2023 Highland Co. Chamber Golf Outing (9/22)
  - 2024 Spring/Summer Registration Guides (Enrollment, Student Success)

## Recruitment

### Presence Report

September 1st –