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CELEBRATING

40
Years

MISSION

Working within the Strategic Plan of The University of Akron, Wayne College provides high quality, accessible credit and noncredit educational opportunities to the citizens of Wayne, Medina, and Holmes counties, and is a partner with and a resource for the communities and organizations it serves.

VISION

Wayne College will be recognized within The University of Akron, the College's service area, and among two-year colleges in the State of Ohio as a center of excellence for teaching and learning. It will be acknowledged via outcome measures and accrediting agencies for the high quality of its teaching, programs, services, and facilities. And, while it effectively utilizes appropriate technology and instructional strategies, Wayne College will continue to provide a teaching-learning environment in which "Where the Student Comes First" remains the chief guiding principle.

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The Dean's Notes



Interim Dean
Neil Sapienza

Over the past few months, I have had the great pleasure of visiting with small business, industry, and community leaders across Wayne County. Predictably, these meetings have included discussions regarding the continued economic prosperity of our region and the challenges of developing and maintaining an appropriate workforce. The greatest workforce challenges expressed by employers is the difficulty in securing entry-level employees who possess fundamental effective oral and written communication, critical thinking, and problem solving skills and who are able to associate with customers, colleagues, and partners in a positive and professional manner.

As The University of Akron's only branch campus, Wayne College is unequally positioned to address these emerging talent gaps and educational needs. Guided by the mission and aspirational goals of UA's recently launched *Vision 2020*, Wayne College will seek innovative opportunities for enriching the lives of our students in ways that foster success in life, including attainment of personal goals, professional achievement, and civic responsibility.

The Akron Experience, a dynamic new initiative embedded in *Vision 2020*, focuses on achieving excellence through academic and nonacademic opportunities that provide students with comprehensive learning experiences focused on critical thinking and communication skills. The Akron Experience will foster life-long learning and the ability to apply newly acquired knowledge to practical problems. It will also support our commitment that every student will understand and demonstrate creative problem-solving, entrepreneurship, and engagement in the community.

This inclusive approach to student success will provide opportunities for all students to excel and become part of the evolving global culture and economy. However, to be successful, our efforts must include the discovery of opportunities to engage with you, our community partners, in new and transformative ways. Only by combining our educational expertise with the wisdom of our community, business, and industry leaders will we be optimally positioned to effectively and efficiently meet the ever evolving needs of the students and communities that we serve.

I look forward to our shared explorations and achievements.

Dean's Scholarship Recipients (\$3,000)

Aleck Halvorson Triway
Miranda Adcock..... Orrville
Hannah Adams..... Wadsworth
Kaitlin Howard..... Norwayne
Anna Steidl..... Medina
Elizabeth Kelch..... Home schooled
Marcy Stoller Orrville
Brad Gasser..... Rittman
Rose Nagy..... Norton
Evan Beery..... Rittman
Courtney Gasser..... Norwayne
Mary Tieche Smithville
Sam Weeman..... Orrville
Carissa Engle Smithville
Heidi Schwanger..... Smithville



The original application date for new freshmen, March 1, is now considered the **priority** deadline. The secondary application deadline is July 1, giving students an additional opportunity to be awarded.

Continuing students' priority deadline is still April 1. However, we will continue to do the second chance awarding in fall for any continuing student that did not receive a scholarship in the first awarding. That award will apply to the spring semester only and vary in amount each year.

Ripples of Impact



Stories can be told by people all over the region about how The University of Akron Wayne College has made a difference in their lives;

I am honored to share the ripples of impact that the College has had in my life and those around me.

As the owner of a local business, RBB Systems, I have learned to rely on many outside resources to help us win in today's ever more challenging landscape. The presence of Wayne College right here in our community has been a great asset for our company.

Many of our employees have learned new knowledge, skills, and perspectives through attending classes at their convenience while maintaining full-time jobs. I love seeing their confidence grow as they tackle real world problems in a more informed way. As individuals they have developed both personally and professionally—and they have helped propel RBB's solid performance throughout the economic challenges of the past few years. I can honestly say that Wayne College is a big reason that RBB is a successful company today.

When asked to describe the learning environment at Wayne, our employee students enthusiastically tell of their knowledgeable and interesting instructors, the opportunities to network with local professionals, and the open class discussions uncovering

great ideas from other leaders on how to handle everyday situations. Whether it is Business Management, Supervisory Leadership, LEAN Mastery, or any number of Continuing Education programs, these folks come to work ready to immediately apply their education—a real advantage over other forms of learning.

Similarly, as a family we've had great experiences at Wayne College. Our daughter Kelly took classes in both Millersburg and Orrville until she transferred to main campus. Our son Kirk earned his college freshman year credits for free via the postsecondary program at Wayne/Orrville. He graduated from West Holmes High School this spring, well-positioned and excited to start in the Honors College at main campus in the fall.

Our community is very blessed to have the talents and resources of Wayne College in our midst. We will continue to feel its meaningful, ongoing impact for many years to come.

Bravo and thanks!

Bruce Hendrick
President & CEO
RBB Systems
Wooster, OH
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Graduates Receive New Program Recognition

Three students were recently recognized by The University of Akron Wayne College at a reception honoring graduates of newly established degree programs.

The May 4th reception recognized Rachel Patterson, the first graduate of the Walsh University bachelor's degree program held at Wayne College, as well as two graduates of the Wayne College Exercise Science Technology program, Nena Brierly and James Rutt.

The Walsh program is a 3 + 1 option that allows students to receive a bachelor's degree in business management after taking three years of Wayne College courses and one year of Walsh courses at the Wayne College campus in Orrville.

According to Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of Sport Science & Wellness Education Dr. John Roncone, the Exercise Science Technology program is designed to prepare graduates to enter careers as fitness trainers, wellness coaches, or other health and fitness paraprofessional positions. They can also continue on to a bachelor's degree in areas including exercise science, sports science, or pre-physical therapy.

"It was a pleasure to see the first graduates of the exercise science and Walsh programs at the reception," said Wayne College Senior Director of Student Life and Enrollment Management Gordon Holly. "It's been satisfying to see both of these programs grow and prosper."

Wayne College Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of Sports Science & Wellness Education, Dr. John Roncone (center) with the first graduates of the program, Nena Brierly and James Rutt.



Walsh University adviser, Tiana Leonino (left) with Rachel Patterson, first graduate of the Walsh program at Wayne.



FYI

Summer Enrollment: 600 students for 2844 credits.

Fall application deadline is Monday, August 13.

Class Schedule LINK:
<http://wayne.uakron.edu/courses/>

Upcoming Events

June

- 23 **YMCA Garden Tour**
(Phyllis Wiebe Garden) • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

July

- 4 Holiday observed, College closed
9 Summer III classes begin
11 **SCORE Business Basics Workshop**
12 **Summer Open House** • 6-8 p.m. • SLB patio

August

- 11 **Summer Commencement**
(EJ Thomas Performing Arts Hall)
6-11 **Holmes County Fair**
13 **Fall application deadline**
27 **Fall classes begin**

September

- 3 Labor Day Holiday, College closed
5-6 **WayneFest 40th Anniversary**
Student Celebration
7 **40th Anniversary Celebration**
8-13 **Wayne County Fair**

October

- TBD Spring 2013 registration begins

Save these Dates!

NEA Awards Grant for Annual Shakespeare Festival



Wayne College is excited to announce that the National Endowment for the Arts has awarded a \$10,000 grant to support the College's annual Shakespeare Festival. This is the second consecutive year for the award and the 14th year of the festival. This year the NEA awarded 162 Challenge America Fast-Track grants to support projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved audiences, whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability.

The American Shakespeare Center on Tour will perform its *Tempt Me Further Tour 2012* and showcase the timeless classics *Twelfth Night* on Friday and *Love's Labour's Lost* on Saturday. Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the J.M. Smucker Multipurpose Room in the Student Life Building. The schedule includes a Friday matinee for area high school students followed by workshops that teach staging conditions and other elements that are specific to Shakespeare. With the NEA grant and support of other donors, the College is able to offer these workshops free of charge to area students.

This year's festival will also include a dinner and a show option prior to Saturday's performance when the Marketplace in the SLB will be host to another madrigal feast.

Reserved seating tickets on sale Sept. 4.

Help Us Celebrate 40 Years & 40 Thousand Students

Remember the Past—

Celebrate the Present—

Imagine the Future!



September 2, 2012, marks the 40th anniversary of the first day of classes at The University of Akron Wayne College. You are invited to join us on Friday, Sept. 7, from 4-6 p.m. in the Student Life Building for a community-wide event where we will remember the past, celebrate the present, and imagine the future.

We are looking for input from you! Alumni and interested community

members are invited to help plan this memorable occasion. We are also interested in borrowing vintage items, photos, and other interesting items you may have on hand. They will be part of a timeline display in The Gallery area of the SLB. All items will be returned after the event. If you would like to be involved or have items to share, please contact Debbie at 330-684-8729 or dmuniak@uakron.edu by July 2.

Wayne College Garden and Trails Part of Orrville YMCA Benefit Garden Tour 2012

The University of Akron Wayne College will be one of five stops on this summer's Orrville YMCA Garden Tour! The tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes a free breakfast for ticket holders from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Orrville YMCA. Tickets are \$10 each and available at all Buehler's locations and the Orrville and Dalton YMCAs. In case of inclement weather, a rain date has been scheduled for June 24 from noon to 5 p.m.



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New Faces at Wayne



Allen Darr is a new full-time employee in the facilities department at Wayne College. Allen has been self-employed in the construction industry and began at Wayne at the end of April. Allen lives in Marshallville and enjoys fishing, camping, and gardening.



Shon Enos is the new assistant facilities manager at Wayne College. He has an extensive background in electrical work and holds a license as a journeyman electrician. He has worked on several Wayne College electrical projects in the past, including assisting with electrical work for the Student Life Building. Shon currently lives in Akron and in his free time enjoys being outside hunting, shooting, and traveling.



Tami Mosser is the new secretary at The Holmes County Higher Education Center. She will be helping with special projects and administrative tasks at the Millersburg location. Her previous experience includes working as a reporter, editor, columnist, administrative manager, and projects coordinator. Tami is a graduate of Otterbein College and currently lives in Wooster with her husband and 12-year-old son. She enjoys reading, antiques, writing, movies of all kinds, writing a column for Graphic Publications, and playing in a bell choir.



Kim Schlue is the new coordinator of continuing education for the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development. Kim comes to the position with 16 years of work experience in the training and development field. For the last several years, Kim has had her own business, Advanced Workforce Development, where she has conducted contract training for colleges, including Wayne College CEWFD, in the area of leadership, compliance training, and interpersonal communication. Kim earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from The University of Akron in psychology and technical education, respectively.



Dave Rubens, the new game assistant for the College, will be handling the scheduling of games and workers for the Wayne Warriors teams. He is an assistant lecturer at The University of Akron, where he prepares and delivers lectures to both undergraduate and graduate level students in the Sports Science and Wellness Education Department. Dave received his master's degree in education from The University of Akron with a major in sport science/coaching. He also has a bachelor's degree in leisure studies/sport management and an associate degree in community services technology. Dave lives in Firestone Park with his wife of five years and their dog, Roo. He enjoys reading about the sport and coaching fields, playing softball and golf, and traveling to places he has never seen.

Alumni Corner Tina Romig



When Tina Romig graduated from Wadsworth High School in 1993, she didn't have a clear idea of what she wanted to do with her future. In the end, she took her father's advice and started at Wayne College. She's happy she made that decision.

"It allowed me to figure out what I wanted to do in a comfortable environment, without the distractions of a large campus," Tina said. "There was also a lot of individual attention that helped with the transition."

An example of that personal attention was the Wayne College counselor who recommended Tina take a career aptitude test. The test results showed that Tina would be well-suited for a teaching career, which eventually led her to her current career as a speech and language pathologist, teaching stroke victims to improve skills affected by a stroke.

Tina says, "she likes to be busy," and her college schedule proved that to be true. During her first semester at Wayne, she took 20 credit hours, worked part-time, and was named a distinguished student. Tina's strong work ethic continued to be evident as she finished her last two years of undergraduate studies at UA. In addition to commuting to Akron as a full-time student, Tina says she always worked from one to three part-time jobs.

In 1997, Tina graduated from The University of Akron with a bachelor's degree in fine and applied arts with a major in language disorders. In 1999 she received her master's degree in speech and language pathology.

Tina currently works in the sports and physical therapy department at the Akron General Hospital Health and Wellness Center in Montrose and says she loves her job. The center is the first of its kind in the United States and is in an expansion phase, which will lead to more administrative duties for Tina. In preparation for her expanded role, Tina is back at UA working on her MBA degree.



Tina lives in Akron, where she enjoys running, gardening, and spending time with her two elementary-age daughters, who she hopes will someday attend Wayne College.

"I would love for them to go to Wayne," Tina said. "There are no worries about finding your classes, getting lost, or paying for parking. It's a perfect transition into college!"

Fall classes begin August 27

Student Spotlight



Jackie Hunter has been vice president of Associated Student Government for the last three semesters and will be going into her fourth term in the fall. She is

an exceptional student representative, always there to help her fellow students. As a wife, mother, and student, she gives freely of her time, helping all over campus, wherever she is needed, while also working part-time as a student assistant in the student activities department. In the fall, she will serve as a student assistant to the senior director of student life and enrollment management at Wayne. Jackie credits her success to the caring professors and staff who have helped her reach her full potential and keep her spirits up, even when she was in doubt that she could do it. She is working on a degree in social work with the hope of helping families in need. "I would like to help bring families together who have had some trying times," Jackie says. "Wayne College has truly brought out the best in me, and I hope to share that with others."



Julie Yockey, president of Associated Student Government, is a sophomore at The University of Akron Wayne College. She is going on her fourth term

as president following one semester as vice president. A member of National Collegiate Scholars and the Honors College, Julie was also part of the Distinguished Student Program in 2011. Majoring in public relations, she writes for the College's student newspaper, *Wayne Mirror*; and her photography and poetry have been published in *Waynessence*, the College's literary magazine, most recently on the publication's cover. Julie works as a student assistant in the community relations department where she helps with event planning. After her studies conclude at Wayne, she plans to continue her education at main campus and one day open her own public relations firm. "I love Wayne College and am here because of the love and support of my family and friends," she says. "I have the distinct pleasure to work with the people I do. I have not only found amazing mentors and great friends, but Wayne has become a second family to me."

Spring Awards for Student Clubs & Organizations



Members of Associated Student Government (ASG), (l to r) Jackie Hunter, Jackie Ashbaugh, adviser, Aaron Allison, Sarah Roesser, Matt Carafelli, Jackie Ranallo, and Julie Yockey.



Staff of the "Wayne Mirror," Matt Carafelli, Theresa Rabbitts, adviser, Sarah Roesser, and Julie Yockey.



Julie Yockey and Yani Frederick.



Dean Neil Sapienza, student Brice Howell, and "Wayne Mirror" adviser Theresa Rabbitts enjoy the festivities.

You're invited

Picnic on the Patio

Summer Open House
Thursday, July 12 • 6 p.m.
Student Life Building

Bring the family or just yourself out to enjoy a delicious cookout! While you are here, learn about:

- Admissions
- Degrees
- Financial Aid

If you are thinking of starting classes this fall, you won't want to miss out. You will learn everything you need to know to get started for Fall Semester 2012.

R.S.V.P. online at wayne.uakron.edu/webforms/rsvp/open-house.dot by July 5.



Holocaust Speaker Engages a Full House

Just about every seat was taken in the auditorium on Thursday, April 19, as Holocaust survivor Eva Weissman told her personal story of fleeing to the Netherlands to escape Nazi capture during World War II. For years she and her sister were separated from their parents and each other, until after the war, when the family was reunited in the United States and settled in Indiana.

Ms. Weissman's engaging personality endeared her quickly to the crowd. Although many of the stories were tragic in nature, she was quick to lighten the mood with jokes about her Hoosier accent, in her distinctly German voice. She also emphasized the positive side of her story, sharing her gratefulness to the brave people who risked their own lives to save her and others, who

might have otherwise perished in concentration camps.

Author of *The War Came to Me: A Story of Endurance and Survival*, Ms. Weissman quickly sold out of the 25 copies she brought along. She was noticeably humbled that so many people cared to hear what she had to say and thanked everyone repeatedly for the opportunity to share her story.



Students from Chippewa High School enjoyed time with Ms. Weissman after her presentation, when she answered their individual questions.

Orrville Chamber of Commerce Banquet: Where the Grass Really Is Greener

The Orrville Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet on April 10, 2012, in the J.M. Smucker Multipurpose Room at Wayne College.

With over 300 in attendance, this year's banquet celebrated the 500 new jobs in the city last year, with \$238 million in investments.

The winners of the Paul Powell 2011 Citizen of the Year Award were the city's "Dream Team," Bob Ellis, Don Dreher, and Dean Reusser. Each expressed appreciation to the community for their support.

Speaking for the group, Ellis said, "The biggest reward is watching the faces of the students." He also noted that "surrounding yourself with good people" is one component for success.

The 2012 Worthy Works Award and a \$1,000 grant were presented to OrrViews for its "consistent and positive impact on our city," according to Orrville Chamber President Jenni Reusser.

Winning the third annual Dr. Andrew

Naumoff Healthy Habits Champion Award was Dr. Jason Suppan, DPM. Suppan was nominated by his staff for his unique program and his continued commitment to health and wellness.

Orrvillon, Inc. received the 2011 Quality Growth Award. The company employs more than 100 people and has invested more than \$8 million in its plant.

The evening ended with a program called "The Grass Really Is Greener In Orrville." Individuals involved in the program gave personal testimonials about why they felt the grass was, in fact, greener in Orrville than anywhere else.

School Superintendent Jon Ritchie summed the evening's festivities up by calling Orrville "an outstanding community."



Zippy Visits Wayne



Highlighting Our Faculty and Staff Honors, Presentations & Publications



Dr. Timothy Vierheller presented *Understanding Instrumentation Concepts by the Examination of Thermal Properties of Elastomers* at the Spring

meeting of the Ohio-Region Section Meeting of the American Physical Society at The Ohio State University on April 14.

Maureen Lerch (2012)

Making the connection: Using technology to organize self-study evidence. *A Collection of Papers on Self-Study and Institutional Improvement*. Chicago, IL: Higher Learning Commission.



Lerch, M. & Vierheller T. (2012) Making the connection: Using technology to organize self-study evidence. *A Collection of Papers on Self-Study and Institutional Improvement*. Chicago, IL: Higher Learning Commission.

Dr. Jennifer Holz presented

a paper, *We're Not Going to Take it Anymore*, at the National Social Science Association annual meetings on April 3. This presentation focused on the emergence and demographics of the Occupy Wall Street Movement, aka the 99% social movement.



Dr. Debra Johanyak, March 28: OSU College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), *Iran: Past, Present, Future* (for Diversity Series,) - sponsored by Ohio Humanities Speaker Bureau.

Dr. Debra Johanyak presented *Writing for Life*. AURCO Conference presentation, April 21.

Dr. Janet Minc will receive the Honors College Service Award at the Honors College Graduation Ceremony on May 4.



Mr. Gary Bays presented a paper, *Institutional Writing: A Cautionary Tale*, at the College English Association of Ohio conference on May 4, at Ohio Northern University.

Melissa Triplett graduated with her Masters in Higher Education in May.



Dr. John Roncone
External Grant/Funding \$750.00; The Ohio College Health Association (OCHA) Mini Grant. One of two recipients awarded for academic year 2011-

2012 for Wellness Program at The University of Akron Wayne College. Will continue Wellness Program that began AY2010-2011. Final report and end of program May 2012.

Presentations

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD)-Midwest, Centennial Convention, Chicago, Illinois, April 25-28, 2012. Academic Research Poster Session, *Winning Combinations: External Grant Funding and College Wellness Program*, Friday, April 27, 2012, 9:00-11:50 a.m.

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD)-Midwest, Centennial Convention, Chicago, Illinois, April 25-28. *Voices of Health Educators: A Panel Discussion*, April 27, 1:00-1:50 p.m.

Leadership, Services/Activities

UAWC, Department of SSWE, Exercise Science Technology program established partnership with the Arthritis Foundation, Great Lakes Region, Mrs. Mary Bird, Manager. Students within the Exercise Science Technology program who are CPR certified and achieve certification with the AF, regarding their exercise program, serve as the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program instructors, which is offered on the Wayne College campus. Spring 2012-present.

Wooster YMCA Board of Trustees. Serve as Board member for the Wooster Y. Ten members on the BOT, three-year term. January 2012-present.

Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (OAHPERD) Editorial Board for Future Focus. March 2011-present.

Board of Directors, Vice President, Health Council, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD)-Midwest. Regional coverage includes Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia. First Term 2009-2011 and Second-Year Term, 2011-2013.

Orrville Area United Way – Board of Directors member, elected January 2010, three-year term and option of three-year renewal. Also, due to this role, serve on the Citizen Review Committee (CRC) and Events Committee (EC). First term expires January 2013.

United Way Campaign, Co-Coordinator, University of Akron Wayne College. Wayne College 2011 Campaign, raised \$3,760.00, 31 donors. College recipient of the “Silver Award,” as recognized by the Orrville Area United Way and accepted award on January 10.

Ms. Carol Pleuss was re-elected to a three-year term on The University of Akron University Council's Standing Committee, Student Engagement and Success.



Re-elected to a three-year term on the Contract Professional Advisory Committee to the President of The University of Akron. She served on the Orrville United Way Citizens Review Committee for 2011 and 2012, was elected to serve for a three-year term on the Board of Directors for Goodwill Industries of Wayne and Holmes Counties, and was reappointed to serve on the City of Orrville's Civil Service Commission, and was nominated to serve on the University Council By-laws Committee of The University of Akron.

Dr. Dimitria Gatzia presented *Fact, Fiction, and Pretense* (co-authored with Eric Sotnak – he was not present) at the Ohio Philosophical Association in April 2012.



Stephanie P. Livengood and Kathryn L. Venditti (Ashland University) published the article, *Financial Literacy: A Primer for Librarians, Educators, and Researchers* in the February 2012 issue of *College and Research Libraries News*. The article can be viewed online at: <http://crl. acrl.org/content/73/2/88.full.pdf+html>.



Dr. Jack Kristofco: In the past several months, Dean/ Professor Emeritus Jack Kristofco has had 15 poems accepted for publication in 12 different journals/ reviews: *Sierra Nevada Review* (Nevada), *Avocet* (New York), *Abbey* (Virginia), *Straylight* (Wisconsin), *Iodine* (North Carolina), *Home Planet News* (New York), *The Chaffin Journal* (Kentucky), *The California Review*, *Illya's Honey* (Texas), *The Bryant Literary Review* (Rhode Island), *The Fox Cry Review* (Wisconsin), and *Poem* (Alabama). He has also had two short stories published; one in *Praxis Online Magazine* and another in *The Rockhurst Review* (Missouri). In June, *The Aureorean* (Maine) will be publishing two of Jack's poems in its special 15th anniversary "best of" edition.



Dr. Jerry Obiekwe presented the paper: *Challenges Facing Calculus for Business Students: A Course Required of All Undergraduate Business Majors Before Graduation* at the American Canadian Conference for Academic Disciplines. Toronto, Canada, May 21-24.



Mr. Scott Hartman: In March 2012, participated as a mayoral appointee in a review for abatements in Seville, and "Every six weeks, plays *Taps* at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery with Marine Corps League Det#569."

Amy Mast Presentations:



Improving Selection Through Objective Assessment, March 2012, at the Ohio Continuing Higher Education

Association Annual Conference, Dublin, Ohio.

With two colleagues from Washington State Community College and Pickaway Ross Career Center on *Helping Employers Improve Hiring Process Using Talent Management Solutions*, Ohio ACTE spring conference, Dublin, Ohio.

Wayne College's Office of **Continuing Education and Workforce Development** is a subrecipient of a \$5 million Department of Labor H-1B Technical Skills Training Grant Competition awarded to The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Wayne College's amount awarded is \$1 million and will be used to recruit and train 96 people over a four-year period in Network Security. The grant will also pay a portion of on-the-job training for those who are successful in the program with the intent that these individuals would be hired by the company.

2012 Service Awards

NAME	YEARS OF SERVICE
Matthew Coffey	5
Dimitria Gatzia	5
Gary Harper	5
Joyce Juersivich	5
Ann Martin	5
Michele Norman	5
Ellen Pfaff	5
Georgia Pinis	5
Patrick Rufener	5
Rodney Lee Thompson	5
Linda Treap	5
Anthony Williams	5
Vicki Craig	10
Darcy McBride	10
John Roncone	10
Tom Hammond	15
Kathryn Popio	15
William Wade	15
Thomas Wykoff	15
Alicia Broadus	20
Scott Hartman	20
John Maroli	20
Amy Mast	20
Paul Weinstein	20
Russ Wilson III	20
Neil Sapienza	25
Georgia VanderArk	25
Timothy Vierheller	25
Tamara Lowe	35

Fond Farewell

At the end of spring semester, Wayne College bid a fond farewell to four associate professors: Tom Andes, Tyrone Turning, Helen Walkerly, and Denise Uitto.

Three of the four retiring faculty members remember the early days of Wayne General and Technical College (now The University of Akron Wayne College), having started at the College in its second decade of existence.

Tom Andes, associate professor of business technology, developed the Accounting Option Program at the College and started his career at Wayne in 1983. He has served as a member of the Akron OSCP Communication with Educators Committee where he initiated a \$1,000 annual scholarship fund.

Associate Professor of Speech Tyrone Turning was dean of the College from 1980 to 1995 and taught Effective Oral Communication as well as Introduction to Theater.

Helen Walkerly, associate professor of social service technology, attended Wayne College as a student from 1982 to 1984 and began teaching at the College in 1991. She has served on the Wayne Holmes Mental Health Coalition Board as well as the Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Denise Uitto coordinated the College's Paraprofessional Education Program since it was founded in 2006, and was recently promoted to associate professor. She taught courses in educational psychology, exceptionalities, and special education.

When asked what memories they have of Wayne College, Helen's response was, "How wonderful the students are!" and Tom's was, "Student trips with the Accounting Club." It's clear from their responses that these four professors have been dedicated to the College's mission of keeping the students first, and they will all be missed by their friends and colleagues at Wayne College.



(1 to r), Ty Turning, Helen Walkerly, Tom Andes. Not pictured Denise Uitto.

Mary Ellis Named 2012 Writer of the Year

Medina County resident Mary Ellis was named the 2012 Writer of the Year at The University of Akron Wayne College's Writing Awards ceremony on Saturday, April 14. The ceremony was held during the College's annual Writers Workshop.

Ellis is the best-selling author of seven Amish inspirational novels including *The Wayne County Series* and *The Miller Family Series*. Her debut Christian book, *A Widow's Hope*, was a finalist for the 2010 ACFW Carol Awards and runner-up for the Holt Medallion Award for romantic fiction. She is currently working on her ninth

novel set in the Amish community.

The Writer of the Year award recognizes excellence and achievement by a published writer who resides in Wayne, Holmes, or Medina counties. The achievement is for a lifetime of work or for a recent success. The honor includes a distinctive award and a \$500 cash prize.



Wayne College Athletics

The 2011-12 athletic schedule concluded on the golf course. The highlight of the spring season was May 4, when Wayne golfer, Adam Arman won medalist honors at the Wayne College Invite. Arman shot a two under par 70 at The Pines Golf Club to take home the honor of first place.

The volleyball team will begin their title-defense preparations this summer. The ladies won the state title in the fall of 2011.

We would also like to recognize the 1994 women's volleyball team for their accomplishment in winning the state title.

If you know of any student athletes interested in playing sports at Wayne, please direct them to the athletics page to fill out our online participation request form.

Writers Workshop

High school, college, and community writers recently received awards for their work at The University of Akron Wayne College's annual Writers Workshop. For 12 years, UA Wayne College has recognized exceptional writing with its Writing Awards, and for nine years has offered workshops to help writers sharpen their skills. The competition recognizes students from area high schools, Wayne College students, and regional writers for projects they submitted at the end of the fall semester.

High school and college writers competed in poetry, short story, or personal essay categories, and regional writing competitors submitted poetry, short story, or nonfiction pieces. The winners in each category received a monetary prize and complimentary registration to the April 14 workshop event.

The workshops allowed writers and aspiring writers to meet published authors and participate in sessions about writing Amish fiction, nonfiction writing, self-portrait poems, how to write a humor column, and publishing from the perspective of a writer/editor.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for next year's event, which will be held on Saturday, April 6.

HOLMES COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER



What did you learn over the summer? Thanks to the Wayne College Holmes County Higher Education Center, kids in the Millersburg area may really

have something to talk about when greeted with this question upon their return to school in the fall. Our inaugural "Summer at the Center" catalog of courses should offer something for kids of all ages!

Part of our day-to-day mission at the HCHEC is fostering awareness of the concept of lifelong learning, and since we're always looking for ways to bring more folks into the Center, creating a series of general interest, noncredit classes during the summer seemed like a great way to satisfy both of those goals. For the younger set, in addition to our wildly popular Lego Engineering Camp, we'll also be offering Red Cross Certified Babysitter Training, a Young Photographer's Workshop, and a Young Writer's Workshop.

Opportunities for those 15 and up include Beginning Practical Spanish, a Basic Photography Workshop, an Intermediate Photography Workshop, and a Writer's Workshop. Additionally, several "One Night Wonder" lectures are being planned.

In August, the Center will also play host to an intensive, one-day "ACT Turbo Workshop." The course, underwritten by the Holmes County Education Foundation, is open to students in the Holmes County area seeking to improve upon their ACT scores, and is being offered at a very minimal cost. Students may elect to have the registration fee waived entirely by performing several hours of service within the community.

The summer will also find the HCHEC staff in high gear promoting the most robust list of fall semester credit course offerings yet at the Center, including a much anticipated collaboration with The University's Lakewood Center on a Beginning Spanish I course that will be offered in Millersburg via Distance Learning technology. All in all, this stands to be one busy summer at the Center.

Academic and Graduation Recognition Ceremony Huge Success

On Friday, May 4, Wayne College conducted its thirteenth Academic and Graduation Recognition Ceremony. The event, which recognizes the accomplishments of associate degree recipients, certificate awardees, high grade point averages, and achievements in specific subject areas, has become a highlight of the spring semester. Approximately 200 students, guests, faculty, and staff members attended this year's event.

Mr. Stanley Silverman, dean of The University of Akron's Summit College, offered the keynote presentation. He spoke on the topic of arrogance in the workplace, and shared the results of a study he co-authored, "Arrogance: A Formula for Failure." The study showed a strong relationship between arrogance and job performance, with arrogance negatively related to performance and cognitive ability.

Student speaker Deborah Scholl shared her experiences as a nontraditional student in the Computer & Business Technology program, and Associate

Professor Helen Walkerly spoke about the impact Wayne College has had in her life.

The evening was enhanced by the music of Wendy Barlow, a harpist who has played at twelve of the thirteen Academic and Graduate Recognition ceremonies. The coordinator of the successful and enjoyable event was once again Lindsie Webb, senior administrative assistant to the dean.



Keynote speaker, Stanley Silverman, dean of Summit College.



Speaker Helen Walkerly, associate professor, public service technology.



Speaker Deborah Scholl, graduating student.



Wayne College Announces 2012 Distinguished Alumni Recipient

The University of Akron Wayne College Alumni Association is proud to recognize David Lehman as its 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.



David Lehman

Lehman is the President and CEO of Mennonite Mutual Insurance Company, a local company specializing in insurance coverage for churches and farms. Lehman has been with Mennonite Mutual for 32 years and helped the company increase their two primary lines of business by over 20% last year. Lehman says his education equipped him with the analytical and management skills necessary to help the company succeed.

During his college years, Lehman juggled many responsibilities. In addition to working during the day and attending classes part-time at night, Lehman was married and had two children. Lehman credits his supportive family and the availability of local higher education for much of his success.

"My wife allowed me to pursue my goals and finish school, and the convenience of local education helped to build the momentum to complete college," Lehman said. "The drive would have made completing more difficult."

UA Wayne College Interim Dean Neil Sapienza says Lehman is an excellent choice for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

"David is an excellent role model for our students, especially those who must balance work and family responsibilities along with their studies," says Sapienza. "He is very dedicated to the vitality of the local community, and takes a keen interest in helping emerging leaders reach their potential."



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Leaving a Legacy

Planning for important things in the future is a part of life. Many of you probably made plans weeks ago on how to spend your get-away or vacation time this summer. When thinking about your long-term financial plans, estate planning goals become an important priority. Planned giving for the future takes some time and thought.

One of the easiest ways to distribute your estate is through a will. When considering creating a new will or updating an existing one, you may want to remember The University of Akron Wayne College. Having the College in your will is a way of leaving a legacy and supporting the future of higher education. After providing for the financial needs of a loved one, a will may designate a specific piece of property or a percentage of the estate to be donated to Wayne College.

It is a good idea to review your will every few years. An existing will may be revised to reflect your future desires for an institution like Wayne College. Other forms of planned giving include a charitable gift annuity or an insurance plan with the College named as the beneficiary.

Your attorney should be consulted regarding the best way to include Wayne College in your will. It is also appreciated if alumni and friends inform the College that they have included Wayne College in their estate plans or are considering revising their estate plans to include the College. Confidentiality is always held in the utmost regard concerning these types of gifts. If you would like more information about any of these matters pertaining to planned giving, please contact Kevin Engle, assistant to the dean-development at 330 684-8948.

Distance Learning Room Added

Over the summer, rooms C-110 and C-111 will be combined into a single, technology-enhanced classroom. The new C-110 will seat thirty students, which will help us meet the ever-growing need for larger classrooms. As partnerships with other University of Akron facilities, such as Lakewood and Medina grow, this room will give us the ability to bring courses and programs to the Orrville campus that we might not have been able to otherwise.

The construction contract was awarded to C.C.M. Corporation of Wooster, and construction began on June 1, and is expected to take 49 days to complete, making it available for fall 2012 classes. The total budget for this project is \$221,701.

In addition to distance learning capabilities, this room will have laptop computers available for use by the students, making it an even more flexible classroom space. We are looking forward to the increased capability provided by the addition of this new DL classroom to offer programs such as the Saturday MBA program.



“We’re Going Green”...

Beginning with the fall 2012 edition, *Insight* will be delivered electronically. However, you can still receive a printed edition, if that’s what you prefer. Just call Carolyn Freelon at 330-684-8986 or email to insight@uakron.edu with your name and address. Want to “Go Green” with us, but aren’t sure we have your email? Send it to Carolyn, and she’ll be sure to include you in the next electronic mailing.

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