



CLARK STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

CLARK STATE'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOCUSES ON OUR COMMUNITY'S QUALITY OF LIFE



Thanks to the efforts of dedicated staff and volunteers, Clark State's Connecting Communities campaign is making tremendous

progress. As I continue to share the Clark State story with people in our community, it is gratifying to hear their enthusiastic support for the campaign initiatives.

This campaign will enable Clark State to respond to community needs in workforce development, education, the arts, and healthcare. In order to meet the growing need for healthcare professionals, the new Learning Technology Center on the Leffel Lane campus will provide additional training and clinical practice facilities.

Building on its 40-year history as "the community's college," Clark State is working to provide greater educational, economic, and cultural opportunities for the community. With the support of individuals and organizations throughout our area, we will achieve these goals.

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HEALTH SCIENCES EXPANSION WILL EASE HEALTHCARE SHORTAGES

Our community, like most others across the country, is facing a shortage of healthcare professionals. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that by 2010—just five years from now—more than one million new nurses will be needed. Clark State's capital campaign will provide funding to help address this challenge. Plans for the new Learning Technology Center on the Leffel Lane campus include an expansion of Clark State's health sciences facilities.

New laboratories will accommodate more students, and simulated hospital settings will provide more opportunities for clinical practice. Currently Clark State has a waiting list of 200 people who want training in healthcare professions. Enrollment has increased in programs for nurses, nurse aides, paramedics, laboratory technicians, and physical therapist assistants. With greater capacity, Clark State can supply more needed healthcare professionals for our community's hospitals and continuing care facilities.



Clark State is ideally suited to meet this community challenge. It already provides about two-thirds of the community's Registered Nursing graduates. It is focused on the needs of the local community, offers affordable cost, and also offers the area's only complete evening nursing program. The expanded health sciences training facilities will also be available to our healthcare partners in the community. Groundbreaking for the new building is planned for Fall 2005.

STUDIES REVEAL PATTERNS OF GIVING

If you've ever wondered which Americans are the most generous, recent demographic studies provide some interesting answers.

According to the data in Household Spending: Who Spends How Much on What, households with people 55 or older comprise 52 percent of donors giving cash gifts to educational institutions. Those households also represent 50 percent of donors of cash gifts

to charities and 64 percent of those giving to political organizations.

Geographically, southern and midwestern states rank highest in the Generosity Index for 2004 in the Catalogue for Philanthropy. A state's rank in the Generosity Index is determined by how its average itemized charitable deductions relate to average income.

Mississippi ranked first in the Generosity

Index for the eighth consecutive year. Its average income ranks lowest in the nation, but it ranks fifth in giving. Other states in the top 20 percent of the Generosity Index were Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Alabama and Tennessee—all in the bottom third of the income ranking. On the other hand, New England states rank high in income but low in giving. Our own state of Ohio ranks 32 in average income and 42 in giving, for a middle rank of 28 in the Generosity Index.



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES MAKES US ALL STRONGER.

"I'm a big believer in the community college system in America. I think community colleges can help us address the needs and fill the achievement gap. I know community colleges are market-oriented places of higher education. They're affordable, they're accessible, and they're able to adjust to the demands of the local economy."
—President George W. Bush

ARTWORK GETS STAR BILLING



A new life-size sculpture in front of the Performing Arts Center has caught the attention of Springfield residents. Entitled "See the Art in Me," the sculpture represents a cluster of musicians and dancers

in action. It was designed by members of Project Jericho's Youth Focus Group. The project involves at-risk youth between the ages of 13 and 18 who are interested in the visual and performing arts and who are committed to making their community a better place to live.

The youth began creating the life-size sculpture in April 2004 under the artistic supervision of sculpture artist Jack Mann. After building a life-size model of the sculpture, they presented it to Clark State's Board of Trustees. Upon approval, the model was then sent to Spradlin Bros. Welding Company where it was cut from metal and welded together. In December the sculpture, weighing nearly two tons, was installed in its present location.

SECURITY RECEIVES PHILANTHROPY AWARD



Security National Bank's long history of supporting community projects was recognized recently with a major award. One of Security's four core values is social responsibility, and the bank's philanthropy

has repeatedly put that value into action.

Each year as part of National Philanthropy Day, the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) recognizes outstanding achievement through its Awards for Philanthropy. In November the Miami Valley Chapter of AFP named Security National Bank as the 2004 Outstanding Large Corporation. Bill Fralick, president of Security National Bank in Springfield, accepted the award.

The Clark State Foundation submitted the nomination, with support from Rocking Horse Center, Neighborhood Housing Partnership, Clark State Community College, the Clark County Historical Society, The Livestock Exhibition Center and Expo, The Springfield Foundation, United Way, and Wittenberg University.

Forthcoming issues of *Connections* will feature news and updates about the campaign initiatives and how each of us can help make a difference in the future of our community.

HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY CONNECT WITH THE FUTURE

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