



CLARK STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

A NEW MILESTONE
IN EDUCATION
FOR OUR
COMMUNITY



Clark State has reached a significant milestone in its history thanks to the support and dedication of donors, volunteers, legislators, staff and faculty. It was an honor and a great pleasure for me to take part in the groundbreaking for the Sara T. Landess Technology and Learning Center.

So many people gathered to share this exciting event, evidence of the broad support for the College and the connections it fosters in the community. We will build on this strong foundation to provide the educational opportunities our community needs. The Sara T. Landess Technology and Learning Center will be the College's new landmark in this ongoing effort.

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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY COMMEMORATES NEW SARA T. LANDESS TECHNOLOGY & LEARNING CENTER



John Landess and Dr. Karen Rafinski unveil the architect's rendering of the Sara T. Landess Technology and Learning Center.

Springfield. John Landess, representing the Landess family and the Turner Foundation, spoke of the legacy of his mother, Sara Landess—her generosity, compassion and contributions to the community.

Sara was a strong proponent of education and gave generously of her time, resources and dedication. She served on the Clark State Foundation's Board of Directors, was instrumental in developing the Foundation's scholarship endowment, and supported the Clark State Performing Arts Center. In 2001 she was honored as a Friend of Community Colleges by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

Andy Bell, Chairman of the Connecting Communities Campaign, thanked all the donors and volunteers who have contributed so much to the campaign, adding that the campaign would continue into

With the first shovelfuls of earth, an exciting new phase in Clark State's history was set in motion. On October 17, 2005, several hundred people gathered in the autumn sunlight to witness the groundbreaking ceremony for the Sara T. Landess Technology and Learning Center on the Leffel Lane campus. The new building is one of the initiatives of the Connecting Communities Campaign.

Kristin Culp, Executive Director of the Clark State Foundation, welcomed everyone and acknowledged the 43 years of community support that culminated in the day's celebration. Dr. Karen Rafinski, President of Clark State, described how the new building fulfills the college's purpose—to provide educational opportunities that respond to our community's needs and increase its prosperity. Richard L. Kuss, Honorary Chairman of the Connecting Communities Campaign, commented on the project's importance to the College and to

Landess family members break ground.





CONNECTING COMMUNITIES MAKES US ALL STRONGER.

December. Then Jennifer Baader, Chair of the Clark State Board of Trustees, announced the designation of the Andy and Cathy Bell Student Success Center suite in the new building, in recognition of their efforts on behalf of Clark State's students. She then recognized local and state leaders in attendance and thanked the Turner Foundation and the Landess family for the privilege of placing Sara Landess' name on the new building.

The crowd then turned their attention to the gleaming shovels bedecked with ribbons and topped by hard hats. The first group to break ground included representatives of Clark State, the Landess family, local and state government leaders, Champion City Scholars, the architects and the contractors. Subsequent groups that participated in the groundbreaking included the Landess family; the Clark State Board of Trustees; the Clark State Foundation Board of Directors; the Connecting Communities Campaign Cabinet; the Clark State Family Campaign team; the Clark State Core Design team; Champion City Scholars; the Arts and Sciences and the Health and Human Services Divisions of Clark State; the Staff, Faculty and Student Senates; Phi Theta Kappa; and the Student Affairs office.



Jennifer Baader surprises Andy and Cathy Bell with a well deserved honor—the designation of the Andy and Cathy Bell Student Support Services suite in the new building.



Dr. Karen Rafinski



A group representing all of Clark State's constituencies turns the first shovelful of earth.

Kristin Culp



Congressman David Hobson



Richard L. Kuss

Champion City Scholars, future Clark State students, take their turn with the shovels.



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

For more information about the Connecting Communities campaign, please contact Kris Culp at 937.328.6087 or culpk@clarkstate.edu.

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