

The background of the cover is a photograph of the Columbus State Community College campus at dusk. The main building has a distinctive red brick tower and large windows that are illuminated from within. In the foreground, there are lush green trees and a paved plaza area. In the background, the city skyline of Columbus, Ohio, is visible with several skyscrapers lit up against the twilight sky. The title text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, serif font.

Making Central Ohio Stronger

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Greetings,

2019 has been a watershed year for Columbus State. In January, we were honored to receive the Leah Meyer Austin Award from Achieving the Dream, a national network of community colleges committed to closing performance gaps for low-income students and students of color. This is the highest honor the organization confers, and it set the tone for what has followed.

We're transforming more lives than ever before. In May, we graduated our largest and most diverse graduating class in the college's history, putting thousands of students on the path to a high-growth career or bachelor's degree success at one of our partner universities. This fall, we will open the Mid-Ohio Market at Columbus State, an innovative partnership with the Mid-Ohio Foodbank that will address the growing issue of food insecurity for our students, their families, and the neighborhoods surrounding our Columbus Campus.

We're responding to a mandate to keep workforce strong. Significant grants awarded this summer by the U.S. Department of Labor and the National Science Foundation, combined with investments from AEP and JPMorgan Chase, have positioned us to address critical regional IT talent needs.

We're partnering to amplify our resources and impact. Following 18 months of construction, we dedicated Mitchell Hall, a new home for our School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts. This project is a case study in collaboration between employers – led by Cameron Mitchell and his team – state and local government, and Columbus State.

While we are pleased with our momentum, we believe that we're just getting started in helping our community address important issues such as workforce innovation, economic opportunity and mobility, and student debt.

We will meet these challenges as we always do – with great partners in the communities we serve.



David Harrison

Dr. David Harrison
President, Columbus State
Community College

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bachelor's degrees
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\$40
million+
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1,125
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60+
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162.5%
rise in
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65%
big goal
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10,000
small businesses
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\$4
million federal
funding for IT
apprenticeships
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Performance improvements earn 'dream' award

COLUMBUS STATE IS THE PROUD RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 LEAH MEYER AUSTIN AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR AWARDED BY COMMUNITY COLLEGE REFORM LEADER ACHIEVING THE DREAM (ATD).

The award recognizes our graduation rate improvement and also improvements in course completion rates for all students, along with enhanced outcomes for both African-American and low-income students.

Columbus State joined the Achieving the Dream Network and earned ATD Leader College status in 2015. Achieving the Dream leads a national network of more than 200 community colleges dedicated to helping their students, particularly low-income students and students of color, achieve their goals for academic success, personal growth, and economic opportunity. ■



College leaders pose with the Leah Meyer Austin Award at Achieving the Dream's national 2019 conference.

THE LEAH MEYER AUSTIN AWARD RECOGNIZES THAT:

162.5%

Columbus State more than **doubled our graduation rate** over the past seven years. More than 40 percent of our students either graduate or successfully transfer to four-year institutions.

22 > 13.7%

The **course completion success gap** between African-American students and white students has narrowed from 22 percent in 2011-12 to 13.7 percent in 2017-18.

81%

By engaging students in three or more success initiatives, Columbus State has **improved semester-to-semester retention rates** for those African-American students (81 percent) to nearly the same rate as white students (84 percent), as of fall 2017.

73.8%

In total, Columbus State has moved **course completion success** from 67.1 percent among all students in 2011-2012 to 73.8 percent in 2017-2018.

28.1 > 10%

Columbus State has also **narrowed the success gap for our incoming financially neediest students** down 18.1 percent from 2011-2012 to 2017-2018, standing at 10 percentage points.

Flexible IT apprenticeships

NEW \$3.78 MILLION GRANT TO HELP COLUMBUS STATE CREATE NATIONAL IT APPRENTICESHIP MODEL

The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded Columbus State \$3.78 million to work with Collin College in Texas to create a national model for flexible apprenticeships in IT and IT-related industries.

The project will use the resources of Columbus State's Workforce Advisory Council, a Central Ohio group of national employers with IT talent needs convened by Columbus State President David Harrison. Combined with Collin College's Business and Industry Leadership Team, it will create the Employer and Education Consortium to establish the Flexible Learning Expressway for Technology (FLEXTech) Apprenticeship Consortium. FLEXTech will establish new IT apprenticeship pathways and expand existing pathways.

The program will expand opportunities to provide students with apprenticeship training and credentials they need to reach high-skilled occupations, building on Columbus State's momentum in understanding employer needs for entry-level IT talent.

Within Central Ohio, Columbus State has successfully grown its current IT

apprenticeship program to engage area companies including Accenture, Nationwide, State Auto Insurance, and Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. The College has currently placed software development and cybersecurity students within paid apprenticeships and is working to grow additional IT disciplines and employers for apprenticeship placements locally. ■

"Professional apprenticeship programs, particularly at the local level, are critical to igniting a spark of interest in technology fields and ultimately building a pipeline to help address the skills gap across the U.S. This model creates new career pathways for non-traditional hires, helps employers gain valuable talent, and can help build the next-generation tech workforce."

JOE CHENELLE | OFFICE MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR ACCENTURE IN COLUMBUS



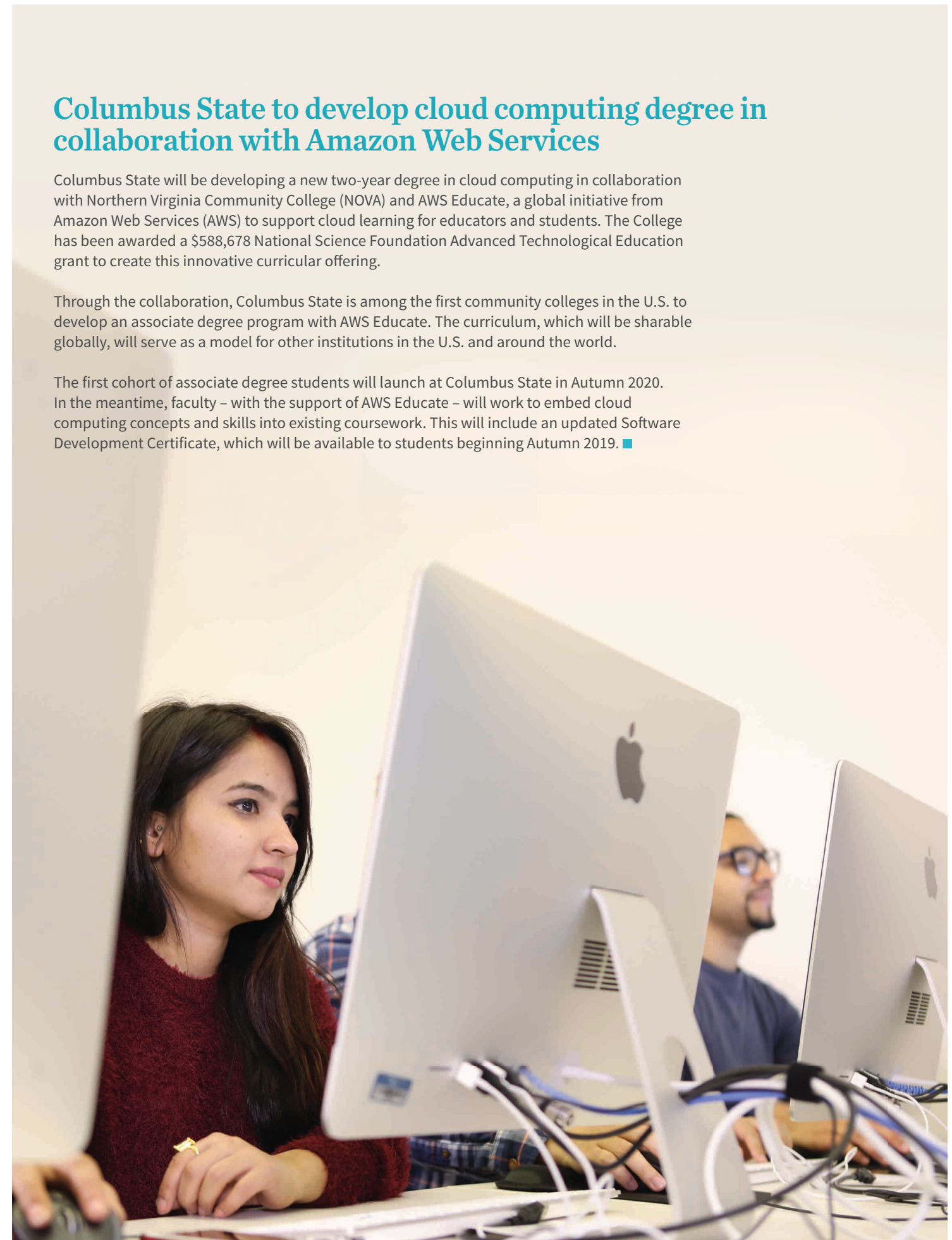
◀ Columbus State's first IT apprentices at Accenture in Columbus have all gone on to full-time jobs with the company.

Columbus State to develop cloud computing degree in collaboration with Amazon Web Services

Columbus State will be developing a new two-year degree in cloud computing in collaboration with Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and AWS Educate, a global initiative from Amazon Web Services (AWS) to support cloud learning for educators and students. The College has been awarded a \$588,678 National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education grant to create this innovative curricular offering.

Through the collaboration, Columbus State is among the first community colleges in the U.S. to develop an associate degree program with AWS Educate. The curriculum, which will be sharable globally, will serve as a model for other institutions in the U.S. and around the world.

The first cohort of associate degree students will launch at Columbus State in Autumn 2020. In the meantime, faculty – with the support of AWS Educate – will work to embed cloud computing concepts and skills into existing coursework. This will include an updated Software Development Certificate, which will be available to students beginning Autumn 2019. ■



10,000 Small Businesses partnership with Goldman Sachs

Columbus State is now partnering with Goldman Sachs to provide free training to small business owners in Central Ohio. Goldman Sachs’s “10,000 Small Businesses” is an investment to help entrepreneurs create jobs and economic opportunity by providing greater access to education, capital, and business

support services. Participants receive a free 10-week training program taught by Columbus State instructors on how to grow their business, as well as one-on-one business advising and the opportunity to learn from other like-minded business owners. ■

Central Ohio and statewide leaders gathered for the local kickoff of “10,000 Small Businesses” at Columbus’s North Market.



2018 Central Ohio Compact Summit emphasizes critical need for equitable career opportunities

In fall 2018, Columbus State celebrated the 10th Central Ohio Compact Summit, which brings together regional leaders across education and economic development sectors to focus on the “Big Goal” of 65 percent post-secondary

degree or certificate attainment in the Columbus region by 2025.

The 2018 Summit convened leaders including the heads of United Way of Central Ohio, the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, and The Columbus Foundation to address the need for economic mobility in the region to meet the demands of the current and future workforce. Speakers focused on the need for supportive services to meet basic living standards as a means to ensure sufficient workforce participation that keeps Central Ohio’s growing economy strong. ■



Governor joins Columbus State to experience navigation system for blind students

Ohio Governor John Kasich joined us in summer 2018 in celebration of Columbus State’s installation of BlindSquare audible navigation for blind and low-vision students at our downtown campus. Through state funding, the campus is now navigable by smart phone app utilizing Bluetooth technology and GPS beacons at key locations that guide users by supportive audio instruction around the school and to adjacent public transit.

“Universities and community colleges across this state ought to fund this immediately,” Kasich said at the event. “There is a lot of progress that can be made, but we’ve got to do this together and make sure this is just the beginning. With Columbus State here, you’re looking at the future of education.”

BlindSquare works by determining a user’s location using an iOS device’s GPS capabilities and looking up information

about the surrounding environment, which at Columbus State is provided by a series of beacons around campus and in select buildings. After finding directional information, the app speaks it in a clear, synthetic voice. It can track the user’s destination and periodically announce the distance and direction while traveling, as well as mark locations so they can be found more easily later on. ■



Ohio Governor John Kasich advocated for more state colleges and universities to adopt supportive navigation technology for blind and low-vision students. Columbus State is the first community college in the country to offer such a system.

A new home for hospitality and culinary programs

MITCHELL HALL IS A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS STORY.



Doubled enrollment capacity
1,500
students



Columbus State, Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, and elected leaders were joined by School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts faculty, staff, and students for the celebratory ribbon-cutting at Mitchell Hall's dedication.

The 2018-2019 academic year saw Columbus State's new Cameron Mitchell Hall emerge from the ground up. The new home for the School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts, construction of Mitchell Hall has been a labor of love for the College – it's our first new building downtown since 2006.

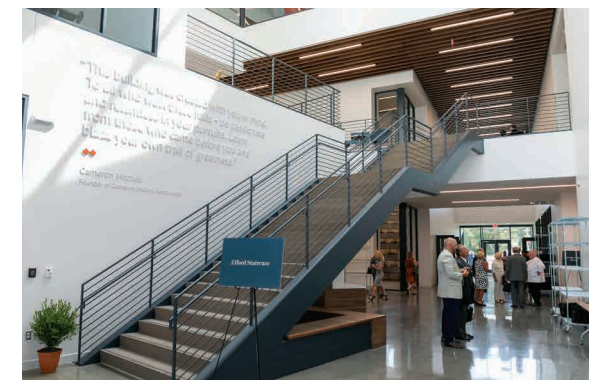
Mitchell Hall creates a new center for the Columbus State downtown campus, extending our presence along the Cleveland Avenue corridor and providing a catalyst for surrounding neighborhood development. It's the future home to our new student-staffed restaurant, Degrees, plus the student-staffed bakery and café Blend, providing real-world education while adding street-level amenities open to the public. The building also boasts a 400-seat capacity conference center for large-scale events.



Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted speaks about the value of public-private partnership at the Mitchell Hall dedication.



In addition to Lt. Gov. Husted, special guests at Mitchell Hall's dedication included Cameron Mitchell Restaurants founder and CEO Cameron Mitchell, CMR President and COO David Miller, Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther, and Columbus City Council President Shannon G. Hardin. The invitation-only event featured the first look at the newly completed building.



Made possible by a \$10 million philanthropic campaign led by lead donor Cameron Mitchell, Mitchell Hall will more than double enrollment capacity in hospitality and culinary programs at Columbus State to 1,500 students in an era where the industry is hungry for new talent. And it also enables the launch of recreational cooking classes for non-credit students looking to learn new skills in the kitchen.

Mitchell Hall is a perfect example of public-private partnership with its funding mix of state, philanthropic and College commitments and the added benefit of aligned streetscape improvements by the City of Columbus. We are proud to see it open in fall 2019 and serve the public for many decades to come. ■



A helping hand

“I find it heroic how many people who are already balancing work and family responsibilities go to school to build a better future for themselves and their children. There is no group fighting harder to make their lives and our community better, and CSS wants to be in their corner with Columbus State to help them be successful.”

RACHEL LUSTIG | PRESIDENT AND CEO OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Case managers provide on-campus student support

With financial stability a key component to student outcomes, Columbus State recognizes that the more supportive services we can make available to our students, the better their opportunities for success will be. That’s why we are thrilled that the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services has joined our one-stop downtown student services center Student Central to provide on-site guidance to supportive community resources including housing, food, transportation,

and childcare assistance. One full-time and one part-time county JFS representative started office hours on campus in winter 2019.

Columbus State is also fortunate to be the beneficiary of a **\$1.2 million Catholic Social Services grant** service project that will place an additional three case managers on our downtown campus. With three years of initial funding, the **“Stay the Course”** program will launch in

fall 2019 and help students address personal, economic, and social barriers to college success through intensive case management and emergency financial assistance.

Initially developed by Catholic Charities of Fort Worth, **“Stay the Course”** has found that when paired with a case manager, students graduate at a rate four times higher than those who don’t receive services. ■

On-campus produce market to combat food insecurity

The College is teaming up with the Mid-Ohio Foodbank to develop a pay-what-you-can produce market on our downtown campus, the **Mid-Ohio Market at Columbus State**, opening in fall 2019. It’s part of our larger strategy to provide non-academic supports to bolster student success by addressing areas of critical need that can interfere with completion.

Food insecurity is a top concern for many community college students,

and is also a significant issue in the neighborhoods surrounding Columbus State. The Mid-Ohio Market will help fill the gap by offering free fresh produce and other staples sourced from Mid-Ohio Foodbank in a convenient and accessible destination for people with qualifying need. The College got creative figuring out space for the market: its home will be a converted garage formerly used to store maintenance equipment. ■

“Addressing life challenges among our students is the next stage of supporting student success. You can’t fully concentrate on your schooling when you don’t know where your next meal is coming from.”

DESIREE POLK-BLAND | EXECUTIVE DEAN FOR ADVISING AND STUDENT SUPPORT



Careers in caring

COLUMBUS STATE WINS \$3.1 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CAREERS

Columbus State has been awarded a \$3.1 million U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration grant to increase the number of economically disadvantaged Central Ohio students entering healthcare-related fields.

The **College's Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)** has a goal within the next five years to place 1,125 students into allied healthcare education pathways serving students from Columbus City, South-Western

City, and Whitehall City schools, as well as undergraduates and adult/nontraditional students. Allied health disciplines include such fields as dental hygiene, emergency medical services, medical assisting, surgical technology, and veterinary technology.

Selected students will be eligible for mentoring, counseling, and pre-college assistance along with career, academic, and financial aid advising. Workshops will provide guidance on applying for

federal financial aid, scholarships, and essay writing. Rising high school seniors will be able to take part in a special immersive HCOP Summer Camp at Ohio University.

Students considered economically disadvantaged will come from a family with a low-income level. Participants considered educationally disadvantaged are first-generation college students or students in a high school with a low graduation rate. ■



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education pathways
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A strong cyber defense

COLUMBUS STATE CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM NAMED CENTER OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Columbus State Community College has been designated as a **National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education** through academic year 2024 for the Associate of Applied Science in Computer Science with a major in cybersecurity.

The National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) jointly sponsor the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) program. The goal of the program is to reduce vulnerability in U.S. information infrastructure

by promoting higher education and research in cyber defense and producing professionals with cyber defense expertise.

"Selection by NSA and DHS to become a Center of Academic Excellence helps underscore the value of Columbus State's cybersecurity degree," said Larry McWhorter, Computer Science instructor at the college. "With a great and growing need for cyber defense talent within our region and nationwide, Columbus State is dedicated to a high-quality education that prepares our graduates to serve on

the front lines protecting against and preventing cyber attacks."

Columbus State has offered a cybersecurity degree since 2015 and as of yearend 2018, has graduated 60 students through the program. Recognition as a CAE-CD school resulted from a competitive application meeting stringent criteria. The designation makes Columbus State eligible for funding opportunities from the National Science Foundation and other federal grant sources. ■



60
students
graduated with
cybersecurity degrees
in 2015-2018



A day to give back

COLUMBUS STATE
CELEBRATES SIXTH ANNUAL
DAY OF SERVICE

Nearly
1,000
faculty, staff, and
students at more than
100 locations



What began as a 50th anniversary project for Columbus State Community College has transformed into a major annual service day to give back to Central Ohio. With the college campuses closed for business on Sept. 18, 2018, faculty, staff and students took advantage of the option to fan out across Central Ohio to volunteer at social service agencies for a “Day of Service.”

Columbus State President David Harrison first envisioned a service day to give back to the community. In fact, community and civic engagement is a key element of our strategic plan. In 2018, nearly 1,000 faculty, staff and students volunteered to roll up their sleeves and pitch in at more than 100 non-profit locations.

“Since 2013, Day of Service has provided a meaningful way for Columbus State to engage throughout the region,” said Barbara Smith-Allen, 2018 co-chair of the event. “It’s fostered lasting relationships with local non-profits that extend far beyond just a single day. Our faculty, staff, and students connect at a personal level and become inspired to contribute their time and talent with the causes that speak to them.” ■

Columbus State honors fallen officers with badge insignias on training jet

Columbus State Community College has honored three area officers who were killed in the line of duty. A Columbus State-branded training jet used in the college’s Aviation Maintenance program now bears the police badge insignias of Columbus Police Officer Steve Smith and Westerville Police Officers Anthony Morelli and Eric Joering.

Both Smith and Joering trained in law enforcement exercises using the jet to prepare for terrorism incidents, hostage situations, and other aviation-related scenarios. The coordinator for the Aviation program knew both officers through those training exercises and wanted a way to honor their memory.

Columbus State’s student-run marketing group Studio 413 designed the plane’s college-branded exterior and incorporated the badges into the design. The jet is parked at the aviation facility at the College’s Southwest Center at Bolton Field regional learning center.

Attendees at the summer 2018 dedication event included Columbus Police Chief Kim Jacobs and Westerville Police Chief Joe Morbitzer, Columbus State President David Harrison, and Columbus State Police Chief Sean Asbury, along with some family members of the fallen officers.

Chief Jacobs said, “These officers made the ultimate sacrifice. Honoring their memory and their service reminds all of us of the dangers faced by the men and women in law enforcement.”

Chief Morbitzer adds, “The devastating and tragic loss of an officer impacts not only their families and colleagues, but the shock is also felt throughout communities. Remembering them at this training site will forever emphasize their careers and service.” ■

Westerville law enforcement pose below the badges of fallen officers.



“Women aren’t taught enough to be confident. We need to encourage confidence.”

Jane Grote Abel
Chairwoman, Donatos



T. Marzetti Company
Director of Brand
Marketing “Women in
Hospitality” panelist Lee
Halmagy responds to a
question.

Local hospitality leaders headline “Women In Hospitality” event

In winter 2019, Columbus State hosted “**Women in Hospitality: Sharing Our Stories of Success, Challenge and Triumph**,” a panel featuring high-profile women in the industry as a complement to the College’s development of a new building for our School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts.

The invitation-only event featured:

- **Jane Grote Abel**, Chairwoman, Donatos
 - **Lee Halmagy**, Director of Brand Marketing, T. Marzetti Company
 - **Melissa Johnson**, Managing Director, Cameron Mitchell Premier Events
 - **Tanisha Robinson**, CEO, BrewDog USA
- and attracted a who’s who of established and emerging woman leaders eager to learn from the panel’s expertise. Christie Angel, president and CEO of YWCA Columbus, moderated the event at the venue. The primary message? Be confident.

“Do stuff. You’ll get it mostly right. Learn things and just iterate from there. Be curious.”

TANISHA ROBINSON | CEO,
BREWDOG USA

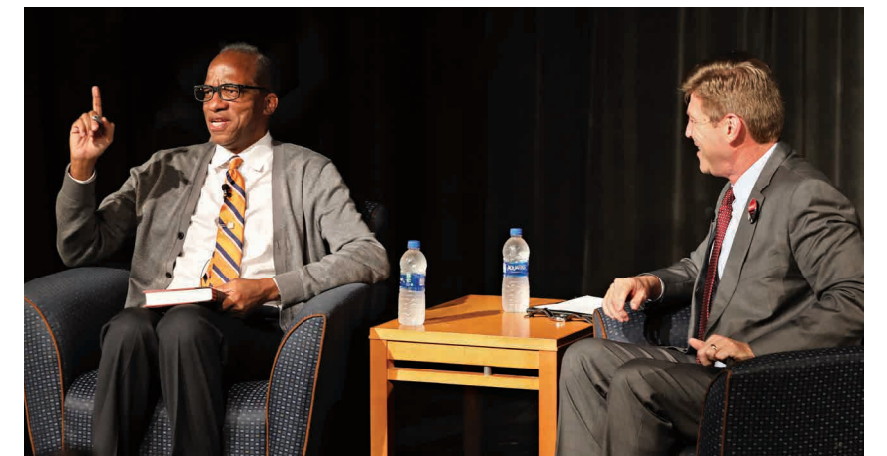
“Nightline” anchor visits campus

ABC News “**Nightline**” co-anchor **Byron Pitts** joined Columbus State in fall 2018 to talk about his professional and personal journey toward becoming an award-winning national journalist. Pitts, author of the memoir “Step Out on Nothing: How Faith and Family Helped Me Conquer Life’s Challenges,” talked with Columbus State President David Harrison about his rise to prominence as an ABC News and CBS News correspondent, overcoming his background of functional illiteracy and a debilitating stutter. ■



Best-selling author and journalist Wil Haygood makes appearance

Award-winning **author and journalist Wil Haygood** stopped by Columbus State in summer 2018 to discuss his latest book, “Tigerland 1968-1969: A City Divided, a Nation Torn Apart, and a Magical Season of Healing,” a nonfiction work detailing state championships by a segregated Columbus black high school in an era of racial turbulence. The appearance marked the best-selling “The Butler” author’s third visit to Columbus State. He talked with Columbus State President Harrison about the historic baseball and basketball championship wins of East High School’s Tigers, some of whom were in the audience for the event. ■



Pathways to Completion

When the American Association of Community Colleges identified 30 two-year institutions to lead the way in adopting *guided pathways* curricular models, the charge to participants was a big one: transform the entire student experience to present college not as a vast cafeteria of options, but rather to use data and systems to inform a more personal, purposeful path to success.

Enter *Career and Academic Pathways*, Columbus State's adoption of the Pathways model, introduced officially in the fall of 2018. Today's students realize big advantages as a result.

1. The organization and presentation of major areas of study is clear and intuitive.

Where majors were previously grouped into three enormous categories, programs are now presented in eight Pathways that closely resemble the "colleges" or

"schools" into which majors are grouped at partner universities.

2. Arts & Sciences students planning to transfer to complete bachelor's degrees can choose majors too.

Historically, most transfer-bound students had two options: broad, undifferentiated Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees. Such students often noted a lack of academic "identity" at the College. Faculty had no easy way to identify "their" students. With the adoption of Pathways, more than 25 transfer majors were introduced – including Biology, Business, Early Childhood Education, Economics, and Systems Engineering – with more to come. The adoption of majors in the Arts & Sciences creates new opportunities for students to align their curricular interests with co-curricular opportunities such as STEM Club participation, and it helps the College identify good candidates for selected

scholarship programs, including Future Scientists of Ohio, a full-tuition award for students planning to pursue Bachelor of Science degrees.

3. Each academic program has a clear program map.

A core Pathways principle is to provide a clear plan charting the path to completion. With the adoption of Pathways at Columbus State, a uniform, one-page document was created for each of the College's majors, presenting admissions requirements, transfer opportunities, career opportunities, and curricular requirements. Students can find these maps on the front door of the College's website, at csc.edu.

Pathways adoption is ongoing, with an emphasis on creating stronger links between career exploration and major selection and early intervention to circumvent academic or financial roadblocks. ■

Eight years of affordable bachelor's degrees

Columbus State continues to invest in relationships with partner four-year institutions to help students start a bachelor's degree debt-free. At the eight-year anniversary of our first Preferred Pathways agreement with The Ohio State University, we now offer **seamless transfer to nine Ohio four-year partners** enabling students to complete the first two years of requirements within a chosen major at Columbus State before continuing on their way to a bachelor's.

Why is this important? First, completing an associate degree as part of a bachelor's degree pathway produces on average a total savings of 40 percent compared to four years at an Ohio public university and nearly 70 percent compared to a state private university. Second, students who complete the associate degree before transfer complete degrees at a higher rate than those who transfer early, according to Ohio State data. Columbus State students who earned a degree from Ohio State had a graduation/retention

rate of 73 percent, as compared to 56 percent for those who transferred with 12 to 24 hours.

Recent innovations have included the engineering of a dual admission program with Otterbein University that saw our first cohort of freshmen simultaneously accepted into Columbus State and Otterbein begin their associate degrees in fall 2018. The program comes with a built-in Otterbein scholarship so that the private education is attainable for less than a four-year public institution. And, we began steps toward an enhanced relationship with Capital University to increase transfer completion success for Columbus State graduates. The schools are working together to discover what supports work best to consistently deploy to the transfer student population.

The 2019-2020 school year will mark an important milestone in Preferred Pathways as we renew our relationship with Ohio State. ■

COLUMBUS STATE

PREFERRED PATHWAY

The nine Preferred Pathways partners are:

Capital University
Columbus College of Art & Design
Franklin University
Miami University
Ohio Dominican University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Otterbein University

Career and Academic Pathways at Columbus State

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences



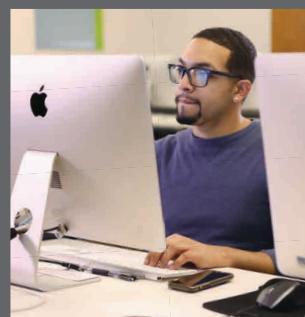
Biological, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences



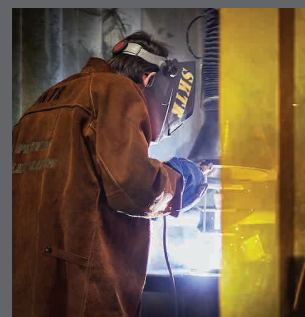
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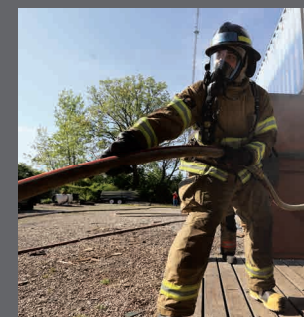
Computer Science, Information Technology, and Design



Construction and Skilled Trades



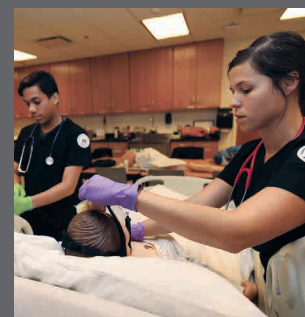
Education, Human Services, and Public Safety



Engineering, Manufacturing, and Engineering Technology



Health Sciences



Columbus State
in the News

The College and its impact on students, the regional economy, and the higher education landscape are highlighted in hundreds of regional and national media mentions each year. Here are a handful of headlines from the past year.

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College-level success



Columbus State Community College, shown here in a photograph from January 2018, has been working since 2010 to improve student success rates and reduce gaps among ethnic and economic groups. (DORAL CHENKOWITH III/DISPATCH)

Columbus State's efforts at boosting student outcomes pay off with award

By Jennifer Smola
The Columbus Dispatch

In 2010, David Harrison was just settling into his new position as Columbus State Community College president. Amid the effects of the Great Recession, he and a handful of



There were troubling success gaps between white and minority students. "It had to be the lens that we looked through for everything," he said. "The college set out to make changes, starting with everything that we did," he said. "It had to be the lens that we looked through for everything."

than doubled that 8 percent graduation rate in 2017, a 21 percent increase. "It was a real success story," he said.

Reprinted from **The Columbus Dispatch** August 7, 2018

Accenture welcomes first class of apprentices to Columbus innovation hub

Professional-services company Accenture has welcomed its first class of apprentices to its innovation hub in Columbus.

Reprinted from **The Columbus Dispatch** August 1, 2018

Columbus State, Facebook teaming up on digital marketing program



Columbus State Community College, you have a new Facebook has added you as a friend.

Reprinted from **The Columbus Dispatch** January 7, 2019

County office on campus to help harried students

By Marc Kovac
The Columbus Dispatch

Jenae Parker's days generally start at 6 or 6:30 a.m., getting her 8-year-old daughter and herself up and out the door for school and work, respectively. The 29-year-old Reynoldsburg native works a full-time job, then returns home in time to pick up her daughter from the bus stop, get supper on the table and handle any number of other household responsibilities before heading out to attend classes of

Reprinted from **The Columbus Dispatch** Sept. 7, 2018

Amazon, Columbus State team up on courses

By Jennifer Smola
The Columbus Dispatch

A new partnership between Columbus State Community College and Amazon Web Services is aiming to get more heads

Solutions Architect certifications, which are increasingly recognized and desired within the IT industry, said Todd Warner, executive in residence for workforce innovation at Columbus State.

offering will help busy IT professionals advance their careers while enabling employers to quickly fill gaps in high-demand jobs through targeted education that builds on existing

"Employers are hungry for this type of innovative solution to meet their workforce needs now and into the future." Columbus State is just one of the

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Tech workforce retraining program expanding after successful pilot at Nationwide

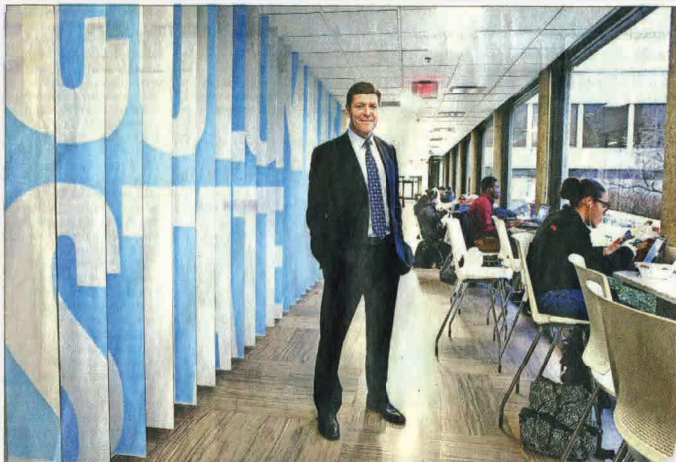


By Tristan Naveira
Staff reporter, Columbus Business First
Aug 16, 2018, 6:28am EDT

A project to help one of the city's largest employers find tech talent could expand to other businesses in Central Ohio.

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Partner in progress



Columbus State President David Harrison has worked tirelessly to establish partnerships with other local colleges, employers, community resources and nonprofit groups. (FRED SQUILLANTE/DISPATCH)

Columbus State chief builds partnerships with students to help

By Jennifer Smola
The Columbus Dispatch

David Harrison was the first in his family to go to college. You might not guess that when the Columbus

president is on stage with a panel of community leaders or brainstorming alongside CEOs from some of the biggest in the U.S. work

background helps him understand the challenges of the many students he oversees at Colum

"A lot of

College Leadership

COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Members of Columbus State Community College's Board of Trustees are appointed by the Governor of Ohio for six-year terms. The board's members as of August 2018 are:



Robert P. Restrepo, Jr.
Chair
Former President, CEO, and Chairman, State Auto Insurance



Corrine M. Burger
CCB Chief Control Officer and Columbus Location Leader, JPMorgan Chase



Richard D. Rosen, Ed.D.
Founder, Indigo Strategies LLC
Instructor, Johns Hopkins University School of Education



R. Anthony Joseph
Vice-Chair
Chief Administration Officer, General Counsel, and Secretary, White Castle Management Company



Lisa M. Gossett, MSN, RN, CENP
Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive, OhioHealth



Poe Timmons
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams



Dianne Radigan
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