

TERRA Today

A Newsletter for Alumni and Friends



*The Board of Trustees of Terra State Community College
request the honor of your presence
at the Inauguration of*

Dr. Jerome E. Webster

as the Sixth President of the College

*Friday, the sixteenth of November
two thousand and twelve
two o'clock in the afternoon*

*Terra State Community College
Student Activities Center
2830 Napoleon Road, Fremont, Ohio*

Reception immediately following



The favor of your reply is requested by October 31, 2012. Please register at www.terra.edu/register and use code **ceremony2012**.

For additional information, please visit www.terra.edu/celebrate or call 419-559-2379.

Celebrate Terra State Schedule of Events

Tuesday,

November 13 • 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

THUNDER SHOWCASE

Experience Terra State's campus and explore the college's degree and certification programs at their best! Includes various demonstrations, activities, enrollment information, Battle of the Bands, and "Chili Cook-off!" *Open to the Public!*

Wednesday,

November 14 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

STAND DOWN (Veterans Services)

Student Activities Center (Building C)
Presented by the Northcoast Jobs Connection. *Open to the Public!*

Thursday,

November 15 • 7:00 p.m.

CELEBRATION CONCERT:

"Service, Honor & Dedication"

Student Activities Center (Building C) featuring Terra Choral Society & Orchestra, Terra State Jazz Band, regional high schools choirs, with special guests, tributes and presentations. *Open to the Public!*

Friday,

November 16 • 2:00 p.m.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Student Activities Center (Building C)
Open to the public!

3:30 p.m.

Inaugural Community Reception

(following the ceremony)
Atrium, General Technologies Building (Building B) *Open to the public!*

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Trustees Name Building for Retiring President

Earlier this summer, the Board of Trustees at Terra State Community College honored its outgoing president by dedicating a building in her name.

By a unanimous vote, the board passed a proclamation putting Dr. Marsha S. Bordner's name on the most recently renovated building on campus. It is now the **Marsha S. Bordner Arts and Health Technologies Center**.

At the conclusion of Bordner's final trustee meeting in June, Board Chair Carl Koebel surprised her by unveiling an exterior building sign with her name as well as a bronze plaque, a framed proclamation and a large portrait of Bordner all of which now hang inside the building.

"Dr. Bordner has provided Terra with distinguished service and exceptional leadership for the past nine years," Koebel said. "We had already granted her president emerita status, but felt her contributions to Terra warranted an extraordinary honor. Permanently imprinting her name on campus by naming a building after her was the appropriate step to take."

The proclamation provided a review of Bordner's accomplishments during her nine years as president. Highlights included a \$2 million capital fundraising campaign, construction of the Skilled Trades Center, conversion from quarters to semesters, and creation of new allied health programs.

Bordner's last day at the helm was June 30.



From left, Sandra Berlekamp, Helene Zielinski, Don Nalley, Dr. Bordner, Nancy Grandillo, Susan Starr, Charles Knight, Carl Koebel and Sandra Wise

Terra State Partners with AmeriCorps to Boost Student Success



From left, Sherry Peterson, Raechel Matyas and David Banks

David Banks and Sherry Peterson know the challenges of being a community college student. As 2012 graduates of Terra State Community College, they aren't far removed from the research papers, mid-term exams and 8 a.m. classes.

So they are uniquely qualified for the roles they've accepted this year in the new AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches Initiative at Terra. Banks and Peterson are serving the 2012-2013 academic year supporting first-time students who are enrolled in developmental education classes in their pursuit of a certificate or degree.

The program, at Terra and nine other Ohio community colleges, is a strategic partnership between the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, the Ohio College Access Network and ServeOhio (the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism).

"In this exciting initiative, we are using the leadership skills of recent community college graduates to provide mentoring and coaching to community college students, many of whom are first-generation college students," said Dr. Ronald Abrams, president of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

Terra offers many supportive services, but this program is different from anything else on campus.

"It is an effort to increase student persistence out of developmental coursework for at-risk students through intrusive coaching," explained Raechel Matyas, Assistant Director of the Academic Service Center at Terra and site supervisor for the program.

"The Coaches need to be aware of everything that is happening on campus in order to refer students to different resources such as tutoring, academic advising, student organizations or counseling, but they serve a very different function."

Peterson, of Port Clinton, feels the program is a perfect fit.

"My long-term goal is to run a mentoring cohort on

a community college campus so it almost feels as though this position were created just for me," she said. "I love engaging people, drawing out their strengths, identifying their challenges, and working together to find solutions. Connecting that type of character building with volunteerism just feels natural to me."

Banks, of Fostoria, knows how the students feel.

"The main reason I chose to participate in this program is that I remember how lost and confused I felt when I first started here," Banks said.

The completion coaches have only been interacting with the students for about three weeks.

"I think we're working the kinks out," Banks said. "I have enjoyed communicating and socializing with the new students so far. My main goal this year is to help all students who come in contact with me succeed."

Peterson has similar aspirations.

"My goal for this year's program is to see 100 percent of my students successfully complete their developmental education coursework while building a foundation of service work they will carry with them throughout their lives," she said.

The two have the right idea, according to Matyas, a Sandusky resident.

"I hope this program will simply give students that extra bit of support they need to progress into college-level coursework and show that having individuals who can focus on student success can have positive impacts on student persistence," she said. "The grant runs for three years, but hopefully the institution and the students will find the extra support beneficial and institutionalize the program after the pilot phase."

Participating coaches receive a modest living allowance and a \$5,500 education award to help with college debt at the successful completion of their 11-month service term. Because they are not receiving a living wage, they are considered volunteers, much like the Peace Corps but in the States.

Terra's Color Matching Program Featured in National Newspaper

The color matching program at Terra State Community College received a huge boost when it was featured recently on page one of a national publication.

Plastics News, a weekly newspaper based in Akron, carried an extensive piece on the one-of-a-kind plastics program in its August 6 issue.

"This article really showcases what we have been doing here at Terra for more than 20 years, providing trained people for the coloring of plastics industry," said Terra professor Jamie Przybylski. "It's an industry which is somewhat obscure, but definitely important."

While the article, written by Bill Bregar, chronicled the history of the Terra program dating back to 1988, it also



Terra grad Anthony Artino, who now works for Revere Plastics, stopped in to the plastics lab recently to evaluate some color samples.

contained first-hand accounts by several of the college's 200 color matching graduates who are working in the field.

- Steve Esker, a 1994 graduate who is technical sales manager at Paramount Colors Inc. in Elk Grove Village, Ill., said that others in industry could benefit by taking online color matching courses.

"You have shift supervisors who know nothing about color," he said. "I think if you give them basic knowledge there can be a lot less rework."

- Dustin Bowersox, who graduated from Terra in 1998 and is now a senior manager of color at retailer Target Corp, said people need to be willing to relocate from the Fremont area.

"If somebody, on their resume, had a color background of any sort, they would have a huge advantage," he said.

- Mark Tyler is a 1992 graduate who is a color technologist at Ticona Engineering Polymers in Florence, Ky.

"Sometimes you have people dealing with color who don't know anything about it. You see this color all around you; you don't think about it," he said.

- Steve Foos, a 1994 graduate, is one of eight Terra alums who work at American Colors Inc. in Sandusky.

"There's one thing about the color industry – it is still not widely understood," he said. "We still have people who don't understand color. Terra graduates people who speak the language and understands the industry."

"The comments of our graduates give some great insight to what they have learned at Terra and how it applies to what they do now," Przybylski said. "Unfortunately, most people locally are completely unaware of what we do. I think we are better known nationally throughout the industry than we are here at home."

The Society of Plastics Engineers and its Color and Appearance Division have historically been a major

supporter to the program, both in equipment and scholarship funds. And the organization continues to assist in a variety of ways today.

Unfortunately, enrollment in the color matching program has tapered off in recent years. But now, in addition to recruiting students from area high schools and adult career centers, Terra is offering three introductory classes online. Students from as far away as Portugal, Italy and New Zealand have taken these courses which can lead to a certificate.

Publicity about the program, such as the article in *Plastics News*, also helps.

“Hopefully, this article and the buzz surrounding it will encourage local students, as well as students from across the country, to enroll in our program and graduate into a fulfilling and lucrative career,” Przybylski said.

For more information on the color matching program at Terra, call Jamie Przybylski at 419-559-2459.

To view the entire article in *Plastics News*, visit <http://www.plasticsnews.com/headlines2.html?id=26185>.

New Physical Therapist Assistant Program Officially Launched



Terra State’s new Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program has been officially launched after being granted Candidate for Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

“Our program fills a long-standing community, regional and statewide need for qualified Physical Therapist Assistants, particularly in light of growing health trends such as that of the aging Baby Boomers,” said **Bruce Wassung**, *Director of the Physical Therapist Assistant* program at Terra State.

Ohio Labor Market Information (LMI) projects the employment growth for PTAs in Ohio to be 31.5 percent through 2018 with total annual openings of around 220.

“In addition, for many of our students, this represents a significant career change offering personal and professional reward along with an opportunity to give back to the community after having experienced lay-off or dissatisfaction in another field,” Wassung said.

To date, 14 students have met the program’s rigorous admission requirements and been accepted into the charter class, which will begin on January 14, 2013.

Admission to Terra’s PTA program is limited to 20 students and the charter class is expected to be near capacity.

With student and community interest generated by the recent achievement of Candidate for Accreditation, the next program start – Fall 2013 – is expected to be highly competitive.

CAPTE is the only accreditation agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation to accredit entry-level physical therapist and physical therapist assistant education programs. The Commission will return to Terra during the Spring 2014 semester to complete the on-site review for final accreditation.

For more information regarding the Physical Therapist Assistant program at Terra State, please contact **Bruce Wassung**, PTA, MSPH, Program Director at 419-559-2185.

Nursing and Clinical Lab Graduates Pass Licensing and Certification Exams

Terra State recently received two rounds of great news.

All spring graduates in the nursing program have passed their licensing exams and all students in the clinical laboratory science program have earned their national certification. One nursing student has yet to take her exam, the National Council for Licensure and Examination (NCLEX).

The good report includes seven nursing and four clinical laboratory science students.

“We are so very proud of our nursing students,” said **Cindy Hall**, the *Dean of Allied Health, Nursing and Science* at Terra. “They work hard and the results they received on their NCLEX are a justified reward.”

Lisa Aaron, the coordinator and lead faculty of the clinical laboratory science program that Terra State offers in partnership with Lorain County Community College, also gives credit to her students.

“We have consistently had a 100 percent passing rate with our students, and I think it shows how committed our students are,” she said.

The clinical laboratory science graduates must pass the American Society for Clinical Pathology Certification Exam.

In 2013, Terra State will assume control over the clinical laboratory science program from Lorain County Community College. College officials are looking forward to continued success by students in the program.

For more information on Terra’s associate degree nursing program, call **Cindy Hall** at 419-559-2371. Call **Julie Amrine** at 419-559-2107 for more information on the clinical laboratory science program.

Hospitality Management Degree Receives Approval

The Ohio Board of Regents has officially accepted an updated **Hospitality Management** degree program at Terra State Community College.

"The hospitality program was designed with both the student and prospective employer in mind," said **Dennis Gnage**, instructor, who assisted in developing the program. "Employers expressed the need for candidates with post-secondary degrees in hospitality and food service disciplines so their new hires can hit the ground running instead of needing weeks of basic training."

In researching for the program, Gnage consulted with area employers and formed an advisory board that will continue to guide the program.

The hospitality program is designed to build a strong foundation in supervision, food, beverage, sanitation, management and food, beverage and labor controls.

"Terra State is becoming a very progressive college with a solid focus on real-life, hands-on training for our students. With our students receiving this training, it improves both their career successes and the success of hospitality employers in our region," said **Michael Shirtz**, *Dean of Business and Creative Arts*. "We are excited to offer this program next semester."

Laboratory courses for both "front and back of the house" will be offered. The emphasis on hands-on, practical application balanced with a blend of courses in hospitality management and theory will give the student an edge in the ever-growing hospitality job market.

Students will receive hands-on training in:

- Lodging front desk, auditing, food and beverage, housekeeping and maintenance
- Event planning, set up and serving
- Restaurant operations – kitchen management and operation, scheduling, directing and training

The emphasis will be on management, not culinary, even though there will be basic food labs in which students will learn common terminology and techniques.

In support of the program, Building G on the Terra State campus will be renovated into a state-of-the-art facility for hospitality management. College officials expect the new building to open in 2013.

With Terra State's Associate of Applied Business in Hospitality Management, graduates can pursue careers in hotel, restaurant or marina management, assistant food and beverage manager, dining room supervisor, guest services manager, banquet sales coordinator, event planner, front desk supervisor, housekeeping supervisor and more.

The program is also designed for students who want to transfer to a four-year college or university.

For more information on hospitality management, contact **Dennis Gnage** at 419-559-2120.

ElderCollege Fall Schedule

ElderCollege of Terra Community College is a peer-led group serving mature learners 55 or older by broadening intellectual interests, physical activity and social interaction.

Classes, outings and lectures aim at stimulating an interest in lifelong learning.

The remainder of the fall schedule is:

Educational Outings

- **Tour of the Mansfield Reformatory**

Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every year, tourists, movie buffs, thrill seekers and paranormal investigators walk through the halls of this majestic structure. Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members.

- **Maxwell Art Glass**

Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. Jim Maxwell will demonstrate glass blowing and engraving. (Class size limited to eight) Cost: \$10 members/\$15 non-members

- **Winter Golf**

March 3-8, 2013. Leave the winter doldrums behind and work on your swing for the upcoming golf season in Manning, S.C.

Cost: which includes motor coach transportation, four days of golf, two meals each day and lodging: \$690.

- **Savannah, Jekyll Island and Beaufort**

April 7-13, 2013. Tour Savannah, Jekyll and St. Simon's islands, Beaufort and Paris Island.

Cost: which includes seven days/six nights, motor coach transportation, 10 meals and tours: \$599 double occupancy; \$749 single. Deposit of \$75 is due by Dec. 1 with final payment due by Jan. 4, 2013.

Day Classes at Terra State

- **The War of the Ohio Frontier**

Facilitator: Randy Buchman. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 25. Cost: including lunch: \$60 members/\$65 non-members

- **Popcorn and a Movie**

Facilitator Bob Gamble. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 24. Donation to ElderCollege fund encouraged.

Evening Classes at Terra State

- **T.O.S.S** (The Ohio Spirit Searchers)

Facilitators: T.O.S.S. members. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24. Cost: \$10 members/\$15 non-members

For more information, call Marsha at 419-559-2255 or for a complete description of classes, visit www.terra.edu/learning.