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**OZARKS TECHNICAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE



▲ Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of Ozarks Technical Community College.

It has been said that every ending is simply a new beginning. This has never been more accurate for Ozarks Technical Community College. Early this year, the college marked the completion of its first-ever capital campaign, an effort that raised more than \$14 million for scholarships, student support programs, the Center for Health Education and the Center for Workforce Development. The campaign concluded with a celebration, but also with a renewed commitment to the daily task of meeting the needs of our students.

Even as the campaign was ending, there were many more new beginnings happening at OTC. The college broke ground for a new 28,000-sq.-ft. facility in Waynesville, which will open in 2013. New academic agreements were signed with Missouri State University, Missouri Southern State University and others. Technological advancements were made across the OTC system, from the new online/seated hybrid classes offered at the OTC Richwood Valley Campus, to the launch of a groundbreaking new website that received national attention.

And every day, we see new beginnings for our students. Whether they are returning to school after a long absence, starting college for the first time, or simply continuing their ongoing pursuit of a better career, every student that passes through our doors is experiencing the start of something.

As we continue to celebrate and support these new beginnings at OTC, we continue to need your support. The local businesses and individuals who invest their time, money, equipment, knowledge and other resources are crucial to the college's ability to meet the needs of its students and its community.

As you will see in the pages of this report, OTC and its students have had an exciting year, with good news at every turn. None of it would be possible without your support. Thank you for the role you play in OTC's continued success. We are proud to share this community with you.

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The College mission is to provide accessible, high quality, and affordable learning opportunities that transform lives and strengthen the communities we serve.



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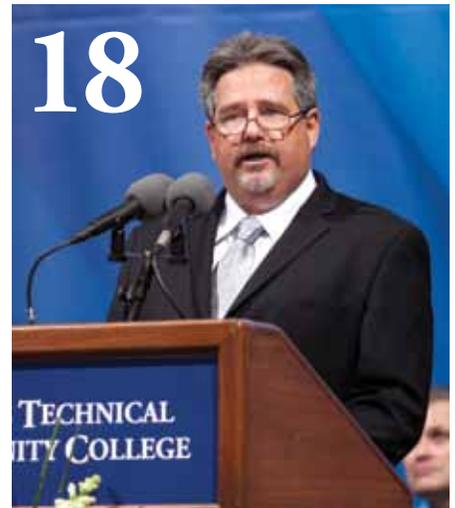
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OTC Foundation receives gift of fire engine and pumper for Fire Science Technology program

January 26, 2012

The OTC Foundation received a gift of a 1979 Hendricks Hammerly pumper and fire engine from Jon’s Mid-America Fire Apparatus and its president, Jim Keltner. The fire engine is being used to train students in the Fire Science Technology program at OTC.

“We are grateful for this gift to our Fire Science Technology program, and for the opportunities this will provide for our students,” said Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of Ozarks Technical Community College. “The hands-on training they will receive through this engine will be invaluable in preparing them for the workforce.”

State National Guard medics test at OTC

February 4, 2012

Medics from the Missouri Army National Guard converged on the OTC Springfield campus to participate in field medical scenarios involving the college’s



▲ Missouri Army National Guard medics use the college’s medical manikins to participate in field medical scenarios.



▲ The OTC Foundation received a fire engine from Jon’s Mid-America Fire Apparatus and its president, Jim Keltner, to be used in training Fire Science Technology students.

manikins. The 50 medics from across the state used the college’s medical manikins that can simulate an array of injuries and maladies to treat as if they were in the field treating soldiers.

The injuries and wounds the medics faced in the scenarios ran the gamut of what they would see in combat, including blast injuries from improvised explosive devices (IEDs), head injuries, gun shots and Sarin gas.

The manikins have the ability to replicate symptoms through computer software that presents medical personnel with various issues, anything from shortness of breath to heart problems to a drug overdose. The manikins can bleed, sweat, roll their eyes, even turn blue in places due to lack of oxygen.

The National Guard plans to use OTC’s manikins and facilities twice a year to train medics.

OTC Founding Trustee Don Wessel passes away

February 6, 2012

Founding member of the Ozarks Technical Community College Board of Trustees Don Wessel passed away at the age of 86. Wessel served on the Board of



▲ Don Wessel

Trustees from 1990 until his retirement in 2008, and was President of the Board from 1992 to 1994. He was named a Trustee Emeritus upon his retirement.

“Mr. Wessel played an important role in the creation of OTC, and was a dedicated member of our Board for many years,” said Dr. Higdon. “We are thankful for the support he provided.”

Wessel was the founder, owner and president of Don Wessel Honda in Springfield, and an active community leader. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio,



he was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and served in the United States Army. In addition to his work on the OTC Board of Trustees, he had also served in leadership roles with a variety of community organizations, including the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Ozarks Public Television.

OTC Foundation celebrates conclusion of Capital Campaign

February 24, 2012

The OTC Foundation concluded its first-ever Major Gifts Capital Campaign, which raised a total of \$14,409,713 in private giving for scholarships, student support programs, the Center for Health Education and the Center for Workforce Development. A Victory Celebration was held at the OTC Springfield Campus.

The grand total raised by the Capital Campaign, which includes several in-kind gifts, such as the two buildings that have become the OTC Lebanon Center, is approximately \$4.4 million more than the original goal of \$10 million.

OTC Foundation receives \$21,000 from Reliable Superstore

February 28, 2012

The OTC Foundation received a gift of \$21,000 from Tony Stubblefield, vice president and managing partner of Reliable Superstore, to be used for scholarships for students in the college's Automotive programs.

The gift was used to establish two endowed scholarships: the Reliable Toyota Lexus Scion Automotive Scholarship, for students in the Automotive Technology or Auto Collision Repair Technology programs, and the Reliable BMW/Audi Springfield Automotive Scholarship, for students in the Automotive Technology, Auto Collision Repair Technology, or Diesel Technology programs.



▲ Dr. Higdon presents award to brothers, Jack and Peter Herschend.
▶ Excellence in Business awards.

Jack and Peter Herschend receive Excellence in Business Award

March 9, 2012

Jack and Peter Herschend, co-founders and co-owners of Herschend Family Entertainment Corporation (formerly Silver Dollar City, Inc.), were presented with Ozarks Technical Community College's 2012 Excellence in Business Award during a ceremony at Hickory Hills Country Club in Springfield.

Jack Herschend is chairman emeritus of the board of directors of Herschend Family Entertainment and previously has served as chairman, president and CEO of the organization. His brother Peter served as executive vice president of the organization for 20 years and then as vice chairman of the board until he retired from that position in 2006.

Over the years, the brothers have expanded the family business interests: Herschend Family Entertainment owns, operates or partners in 26 properties in 12 states. Since the company was founded in the early 1960s, the many properties have received numerous international awards. Jack and Peter have also been personally recognized for industry excellence.

In addition to their business interests, the Herschends have been active in serving their community, devoting their time and resources to a variety of local, state and national organizations throughout their careers.

Past recipients of the Excellence in Business Award include John Q. Hammons, members of the O'Reilly family, SRC's Jack Stack, Great Southern's Bill Turner, real estate icon Carol Jones, and business owner and attorney Sam Hamra.



Students' plays chosen for Playwriting Symposium
March 21, 2012

Betsy Woodsmanssee and Courtney Cook couldn't stop talking about having their plays chosen for the coveted Mid-America Theatre Conference Playwriting Symposium. The symposium, held in Chicago, gave the two OTC students a chance to have their submitted plays used in the symposium's dramatists lab, where veteran actors, writers and directors produce the students' plays.

During the conference, the students were on hand for a staged reading of their plays, which is performed at the conference before an audience of professionals and academics from all over the world.

Woodsmanssee's 10-minute play entitled "You and Me and Them," is about two friends who have to give up mutual imaginary friends. Cook's play, entitled "Last Time," is about a couple going through a relationship breakup.

"It was so different seeing veteran actors doing your play. It was amazing," Cook said.

For OTC, it was a rare moment for the theater arts program.

"Rarely do I see community colleges at this conference and rarely do I see undergraduates invited to present in the dramatists lab. I think it says a lot that OTC consistently sends undergraduate students to this conference," said Jon Herbert, theater arts instructor at OTC.

Appearing at the symposium and having their submitted plays performed has given the two students in OTC's Beginning Playwriting class a shot of confidence.

Said Cook: "To have people who have been doing it for years saying 'you're talented,' is really something I'll remember.



▲▲ OTC leadership and Waynesville officials perform the groundbreaking.
 ▲ Dr. Higdon addresses guests attending the ceremony.

OTC breaks ground for new Center in Waynesville

April 5, 2012

Construction is underway at the site of the new OTC Waynesville Center, located at 600 GW Lane Street in Waynesville. An official groundbreaking ceremony brought a crowd of community supporters to the site, which is visible from Interstate 44 alongside the Waynesville Career Center and Waynesville High School.

The City of Waynesville is building the new facility, and OTC will pay the bond and respective interest to the City over a 20-year lease agreement. OTC will have the option of purchasing the property for \$1,000 plus the required closing costs at the end of the 20-year term. The total cost for the project is



OTC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society brings home seven international awards

April 16, 2012

Representatives from OTC’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa returned from the organization’s 94th international convention with seven awards in hand.

As a whole, the college’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter received awards for Distinguished College Project and Distinguished Honors in Action Project. The chapter also received its second Beta Alpha Continued Excellence award, which is presented to chapters that place in the top 25 for three or more years. In addition, the student leadership team earned an award for Distinguished Chapter Officer Team. One student was recognized as Distinguished Chapter Member, and Chapter Advisor Steve Fritts, OTC instructor of American Sign Language, received an award for Continued Excellence in Advising and was elected Chair of the Association of Chapter Advisors.

OTC SIFE team places first in regional competition

April 23, 2012

The Students in Free Enterprise team from OTC placed first at SIFE USA Regional Competition, held this year in Chicago. This is the seventh Regional Championship for the college’s team. In addition, the team was recognized as a 4.0 Team, a designation given for high quality projects and team operations, and a Club 44 Team, a designation given for excellence in membership recruitment efforts.

SIFE is an international non-profit organization active on more than 1,400 college campuses in nearly 50 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that promote free enterprise.

approximately \$5,000,000.

The new one-story building will be 28,560 square feet on 4.5 acres, with 324 available parking spaces. It will feature 11 classrooms and computer labs, two science labs, a student commons/lobby area, a quiet study space, and administrative offices. The new building will open its doors to students in the fall of 2013.

OTC chancellor receives international Award of Distinction

April 13, 2012

Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of OTC, was chosen to receive the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction from Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year college students.

Out of more than 1,200 Phi Theta Kappa chapters, only 10 presidents or chancellors are chosen for this award each year. The award was presented to Dr. Higdon in Nashville, Tenn., at the organization’s annual international convention.

Recipients of the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction are nominated by their colleges, and chosen by the Phi Theta Kappa Board of Directors. The presidents and chancellors who receive the award have provided extensive support and a variety of resources for their colleges’ Phi Theta Kappa chapters, including faculty advisor release time, a line-item budget for the chapters, financial support for chapters to participate in regional and international events, and scholarships for Phi Theta Kappa members.

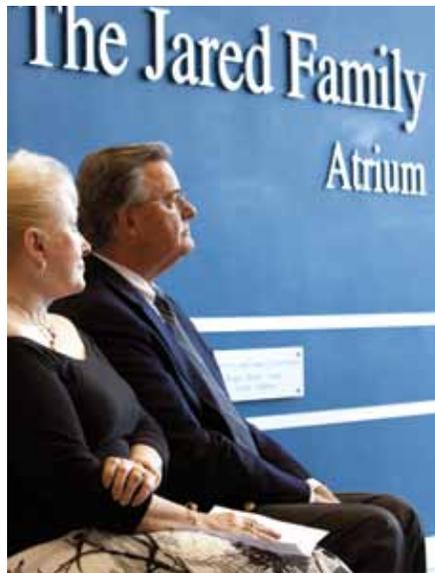


▲ “The Good Doctor” took center stage at the historic Gillioz Theatre.
▶ Jerry and Linda Jared at the naming ceremony for The Jared Family Atrium.

OTC Fine Arts department presents Neil Simon play
April 27, 2012

Neil Simon’s Tony award-winning comedy “The Good Doctor” came to life on the stage of the historic Gillioz Theatre in OTC’s fifth annual spring production, presented the last weekend in April.

Set in Russia in the 19th century, “The Good Doctor” is a series of comic sketches introduced by a Narrator (author and humorist Anton Chekhov) who is searching for his next great story. A man sneezes on his boss and can’t stop apologizing, a dental surgeon’s apprentice tests his skills on a priest with an abscessed tooth, an out-of-work sailor charges admission to his own drowning; these sketches and others drew enthusiastic reactions from the crowds at each of the three performances.



OTC recognizes Jared family with naming ceremony
May 4, 2012

Ozarks Technical Community College held a ceremony to recognize Jerry and Linda Jared and family with the official naming of The Jared Family Atrium. The event was held in the newly-designated Jared Family Atrium, located in the Information Commons at the OTC Springfield Campus. *See page 20 for full story.*

Third annual Community Day offers something for everyone
April 28, 2012

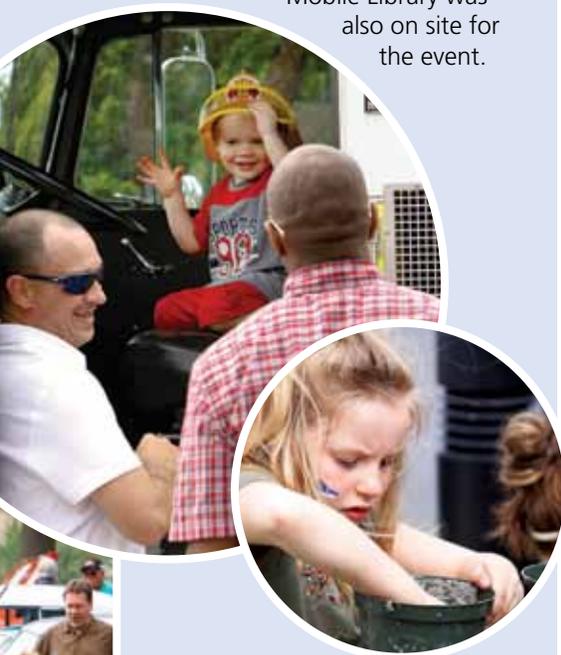
The third annual Community Day event at the OTC Springfield Campus, drew crowds of area residents who may otherwise never have visited OTC.

Highlights of this year’s Community Day included the annual car and motorcycle show, welding repairs, and the spring plant sale. The event also included the unveiling of an electric car built by the OTC Automotive and Industrial Maintenance departments, plus tables and booths offering demonstrations, health screenings, hands-on projects and other information. The new OTC fire engine was on display, and robots programmed to recognize color and respond to voice commands were operating. There were live demonstrations of ice carving, sign language, stained glass making, cake decorating and Spanish language instruction. Health screenings available included blood pressure checks, hearing tests and oral hygiene exams.





In addition, there were activities for kids, including a bounce house, face painting, portrait drawing, and papercrete flower planter making. The Springfield-Greene County Mobile Library was also on site for the event.



◀▲ Community Day visitors enjoy a number of activities at the OTC Springfield Campus.

Mayor Raeanne Presley and Steve Presley donate to OTC Table Rock Campus

May 8, 2012

Steve and Raeanne Presley donated funds to purchase the first classroom naming at the new OTC Table Rock Campus. Raeanne Presley is the mayor of Branson and vice chair of the OTC Foundation Board; Steve is a member of the Presley family that performs in Branson at the Presleys' Country Jubilee.

Construction on the new facility, located in Hollister along Highway 65, is expected to be complete in the fall of 2013. *See page 21 for full story.*

OTC, MSSU sign academic memo of understanding

May 9, 2012

Graduates and alumni of OTC can now transfer seamlessly to Missouri Southern State University to continue their education. Leaders from the two institutions signed a memorandum of understanding Wednesday, May 9, that allows OTC students and alumni with an Associates of Applied Science or Associate of Science to transfer to MSSU to earn their Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

"We are pleased to enter into this partnership with MSSU. It allows OTC graduates and alumni to continue their educational career at Missouri Southern State University," said OTC Chancellor Dr. Hal Higdon. "We are constantly looking for new educational opportunities with four-year institutions that benefit our students."

Commencement ceremony honors graduates, distinguished alumnus

May 17, 2012

More than 600 graduates took part in the 2012 commencement ceremony, held at JQH Arena. Approximately 7,000 family members and friends

looked on as commencement speaker Dr. David Russell, Missouri's commissioner of higher education, commended the graduates for their hard work and challenged them to commit to a vision of their future.

OTC's Distinguished Alumni award was presented during the commencement ceremony to Rick Hughlett for his accomplishments and professional success as owner of Rick's Automotive. *See page 18 for full story.*

OTC reaches out to military, veterans and families for first-ever Military Open House

June 9, 2012

Ozarks Technical Community College hosted a Military Open House event at the OTC Waynesville Center, designed as an opportunity for veterans, active members of the military, and their families to learn more about opportunities provided by OTC.

Information was provided on the programs of study available, the enrollment process, and how to pay for college. Additionally, potential students and their families were able to tour the facility, and to learn more about some of the many resources offered through the college, including Financial Aid options, Disability Support Services, and Career Employment Services.



▲ More than 600 graduates and their families took part in this year's commencement ceremony at JQH Arena.



Fine Arts' Wishing Wall project a hit in community

June 10, 2012

Kat Allie had no idea people would be so enthused when she unveiled her community wishing wall project.

"I thought visually it would be cool, but it was something the way each person has interacted with the piece and the wishes they put down," said the OTC Fine Arts instructor.

The wall that Allie developed is a large painting of Vincent Van Gogh's famous "Starry Night." The painting is on a large piece of cardboard perforated with holes. People write their wish on a piece of colored paper that matches the color of the painting and insert it into the small opening.

There are 12,000 holes in the painting. After the wall made the rounds at OTC's Community Day and the ArtsFest community event in the spring, about 1,500 holes had been filled.

Allie plans to circulate the wall at community events and when it is filled, she will seal the wall and display it at the gallery. She estimates it will take about a year to fill all the holes.



OTC, MSU sign articulation agreements for two programs

June 12, 2012

Ozarks Technical Community College and Missouri State University signed two articulation agreements providing a seamless pathway for OTC students to transfer their Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees to complete a bachelor's degree entirely online with MSU.

Specifically, a Bachelor of Applied

◀ Members of the community help fill in the OTC wishing wall art project, created in part by instructor Kat Allie, at ArtsFest.

▼ OTC Chancellor Dr. Hal Higdon and MSU President Clif Smart sign new articulation agreements.

Science in technology management can be completed online for OTC students who have earned an Associate of Applied Science. OTC students may transfer their credits for junior status with Missouri State University. Similarly, a Bachelor of Science in criminology can be completed online for OTC students who have earned an Associate of Arts.

OTC receives \$500,000 for OTC Lebanon Center through USDA Loan Program

June 26, 2012

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Ozarks Technical Community College will be the ultimate recipient of \$500,000 for expansion at the OTC Lebanon Center. The funds will be presented to the Laclede Electric Cooperative, the organization that applied for the loan, and then passed on to OTC.

The funds, provided through the USDA Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program, are designed to assist with economic growth and development in rural communities across the country. OTC will use its \$500,000 loan to add six general education classrooms, one of which can be used as a science laboratory, to Reuben and Mary Lou Casey Hall at the OTC Lebanon Center. This expansion will help to serve the anticipated enrollment increases over the next five years.



▲ Members of the Musgrave Foundation present a \$15,000 grant to the OTC Foundation during a press conference held at OTC.

OTC receives \$15,000 grant from Musgrave Foundation

June 27, 2012

The Springfield-based Musgrave Foundation presented the OTC Foundation with a grant for \$15,000. OTC will use the funds for scholarships for students in Allied Health programs. The grant was presented during a press conference held by the Musgrave Foundation at the OTC Springfield Campus to announce the recipients of 35 grants totaling nearly \$200,000.

Hoffman Supply Co., Inc., establishes scholarship
July 11, 2012

The OTC Foundation received a gift from the family of William N. Bunselmeyer to establish an endowed scholarship in memory of their father and owner of Hoffman Supply Co., Inc.,

now doing business as Johnstone Supply. The scholarship will benefit students in the college’s Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning program.

OTC and CFO announce \$50,000 challenge grant

July 18, 2012

Ozarks Technical Community College and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks announced a new \$50,000 challenge grant initiative to

support OTC’s Allied Health Clinical Simulation Center, a 2,000 square-foot, multi-disciplinary high-fidelity simulation lab that provides training for students in 12 programs at OTC, as well as for a variety of healthcare professionals already in the workforce.

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks will match every dollar raised by the OTC Foundation, up to \$25,000, by June 30, 2013.

OTC launches groundbreaking new website

August 20, 2012

An innovative new way to find information about OTC arrived on the first day of the fall semester. Beginning that morning, visitors to www.otc.edu found a new homepage featuring a logo, a search bar — and not much else.

Believed to be the first webpage of its kind among higher education institutions, the simple new start page was developed after statistics showed that the search function was the most-used piece of OTC’s current website. More than 80 percent of the college’s website visitors find what they are looking for through an outside search tool or OTC’s Google search server.

Fox KRBK hosts “American Idol” auditions at OTC Richwood Valley Campus

July 14, 2012

This summer, American Idol fever came to the OTC Richwood Valley Campus. Local Fox affiliate KRBK held auditions at the OTC Richwood Valley Campus, located between Nixa and Ozark. The winner received a guaranteed audition in front of an “American Idol” producer at the Oklahoma City auditions, along with travel expense money.

The top performers at the local audition event performed at the end of the day in the atrium of OTC Richwood Valley’s Life Science Technology Center. The winner was presented with a check for \$300 for his trip to the next round of auditions.

► Top local vocalists give it their all during the FOX-KRBK “American Idol” auditions held at OTC.





▲ OTC students receiving the Lewis Family scholarship attended the dedication ceremony.
▶ Long-time family friend Jerry Redfern speaks on behalf of the Lewis family.

OTC holds dedication ceremony for Lewis Family Early Childhood Education Center

August 29, 2012

Ozarks Technical Community College recognized the late David Lewis this summer, when a ceremony was held to officially dedicate the Lewis Family Early Childhood Education Center. Lewis gifted \$1 million for student scholarships to the OTC Foundation, the fundraising arm of the college, through inclusion in his will.

The event also included recognition of the OTC students who have benefitted from the scholarship fund established by Lewis' gift. The scholarships are designed to primarily assist students from Lewis' home communities of Stone and Taney County who are pursuing their education in the college's business and technical programs.

Originally from Rockaway Beach, Mo., Lewis earned his wealth by working at Sears in Springfield for nearly 40 years, living a frugal lifestyle, and investing wisely. He had no dependents and wanted to make sure his legacy could help others. At the time it was received, Mr. Lewis' gift was the largest in Ozarks Technical Community College's history.



◀ David Lewis

OTC Richwood Valley offering new hybrid courses

September 3, 2012

OTC is now offering a new opportunity for students at the OTC Richwood Valley Campus: hybrid courses, a combination of online and traditional classroom learning.

Hybrid courses are typically divided into 50% classroom work and 50% online interaction. Students taking hybrid classes at OTC Richwood Valley will participate in on-campus instruction on Fridays, while staying connected with their instructors and fellow students through discussion forums, email and virtual meeting rooms throughout the week.

"Students are now able to complete a full-time schedule of hybrid courses every Friday at the OTC Richwood Valley Campus. This a great option for someone wanting the traditional classroom environment while maintaining a full-time or part-time job the rest of the week," explained College Director of OTC Online Matt Harris.

MSU now offering evening business program tailored for OTC students

September 4, 2012

Missouri State University's College of Business Administration (COBA) is offering a two-year, two-night-per-week evening general business program designed especially for OTC students.

The program provides maximum flexibility through a combination of evening, online, and "blended" courses.

The courses are sequenced so that OTC students who enter the program (either in fall or spring) with an A.A. degree and appropriate business foundation coursework can graduate with a Bachelor of Science in General Business degree within two years.



Chairman of OTC Foundation Board of Directors passes away

Monday, September 17

John Lambert, chairman of the OTC Foundation Board of Directors, passed away in a plane crash on Saturday, September 15, along with his three children and local businesswoman Robin Melton. Lambert was the owner and president of Missouri Insulation & Supply, Inc.

“The loss of John Lambert will be felt not only at OTC, but throughout the community,” said Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of OTC. “He was a leader in his industry, and was committed to making Springfield a better place to live, work, and raise a family.”

In addition to his service on the OTC Foundation Board of Directors, Lambert served as president of the Young Presidents Organization, was on the board of Big Brother Big Sisters and a member of the Home Builders Association, and was Webelos Den Leader for Pack 197 of Sequiota Elementary School. The Springfield Business Journal included Lambert as one of its “40 Under 40” honorees in 2005.

“John was a good man and a good friend, and he will be missed,” said Cliff Davis, vice chancellor and executive director of the OTC Foundation. “His dedication to OTC and its mission was merely one piece of his dedication to improving Springfield as a whole.”

Lambert served on the OTC Foundation Board from 2009 until his passing; he had been elected chairman in July 2012. Wil Fischer Companies President Jeffrey Gower was chosen to succeed Lambert as chairman in November.



▲ Chairman John Lambert during the dedication ceremony for the Lewis Family Early Childhood Education Center in August.

OTC, universities collaborate on academic, service projects

September 18, 2012

The five Springfield-area universities and colleges are coming together to collaborate on two projects. The leaders of Ozarks Technical Community College, Drury University, Evangel University, Missouri State University, and Southwest Baptist University signed agreements regarding creation of a Foreign Languages Institute, and announced plans to work together on an annual community service project.

Missouri State University will establish the Foreign Languages Institute at the Jim D. Morris Center.

The university presidents/chancellors also announced that they would join together on a fall service project, which they plan to do annually. This year’s project was to provide more than 1,000 volunteers for Meals a Million, a three-day event during which volunteers would package 1,111,111 meals for impoverished people.

OTC named to national list of military-friendly schools

September 20, 2012

Victory Media, an organization designed to provide information for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, named OTC to the annual Military Friendly Schools list. The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans, and

spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

The 1,739 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year’s list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience. These schools have world-class programs and policies for student support on campus, academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility, and other services to those who served.

The list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research

and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide.



◀ OTC was named to the 2013 Military Friendly Schools list which honors the top institutions in the country for military service members, veterans, and spouses as students.



OTC chancellor receives Pacesetter of the Year award

September 26, 2012

Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of OTC, received the Pacesetter of the Year award from the college's district of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR). The Pacesetter of the Year award recognizes a community college president or CEO who has demonstrated excellence in leadership and support of the college's marketing and public relations efforts. The award was presented at the NCMPR District 5 Conference, held in Wichita, Kan.

OTC receives gift from Sunderland Foundation

October 23, 2012

The Kansas City-based Sunderland Foundation presented the OTC Foundation with a gift of \$100,000 toward construction costs for the Allied Health Clinical Simulation Center, a 2,000-square-foot, multi-disciplinary high-fidelity simulation lab that will allow OTC to educate more than 600 students across 12 programs, as well as provide training for a variety of local healthcare professionals.



▲ Practical nursing students train with high-tech simulation manikins that will be used in the new Simulation Center.



▲ Reuben and Mary Lou Casey speak at the Casey dedication ceremony.
▶ Donor Mary Lou Casey.



Donor of OTC Lebanon Facilities Passes Away
Sunday, October 7

Mary Lou Casey, who, along with her husband, Reuben, donated the buildings and land that make up Ozarks Technical Community College's Lebanon Center, passed away following a short battle with cancer. She was 84 years old.

"Mrs. Casey has been a friend to OTC, and has invested a great deal in the education of the Lebanon area community," said Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of OTC. "We are saddened at the news of her passing, and we are thankful for her support and her contribution to the college."

Reuben and Mary Lou Casey have operated a construction and warehousing company in San Clemente, Calif., since the 1970's. They completed two buildings in Lebanon, Mo., in 2007. In 2009, due to changes in the economy, they began searching for an education institution to which they could donate the buildings. They chose OTC after the college presented the couple with a thorough plan for how it would use the facilities.

"In the time since they presented their gift to OTC, I have had several opportunities to visit Mr. and Mrs. Casey," said Cliff Davis, vice chancellor and executive director of the OTC Foundation. "I have enjoyed getting to know this remarkable couple, and I will miss Mrs. Casey."

Mr. and Mrs. Casey donated the two buildings and more than 13 acres of land to OTC in 2009. The total property was valued at approximately \$2.6 million, and is the largest gift the college has ever received. Casey Hall, the first of the buildings to be completed, opened its doors for classes in the fall of 2011.



OTC receives four awards from Missouri Community College Association

November 5, 2012

Representatives from OTC brought home four awards from the 48th Annual Missouri Community College Association Convention. Held this year in Kansas City, the convention drew hundreds of faculty, staff, and administrators from the 12 community college systems across the state.

Jackie McKinsey, founding member of the OTC Board of Trustees, was honored with the Trustee Leadership Award; Michael Pulley, instructor of English at OTC, received the Senior Service Award; and two OTC students were chosen for the Association’s Student Leadership Award.

Davis honored as Outstanding Philanthropic Fundraising Professional of the Year

November 16, 2012

The Association of Fundraising Professionals Ozarks Region Chapter presented the Outstanding Philanthropic Fundraising Professional of the Year Award to Ozarks Technical Community College’s Cliff Davis, vice chancellor and executive director of the OTC Foundation. The award was presented at the 2012 National Philanthropy Day awards program, held in Springfield.

“Cliff Davis exhibits both a tireless commitment to OTC and an incredible ability to spread his enthusiasm to others,” said Dr. Higdon.

OTC named fifth fastest-growing community college in country

December 10, 2012

A report released by Community College Week lists OTC as one of the fastest-growing community colleges in the nation last year. The college ranked fifth among schools with enrollments



▲ Cliff Davis was honored as the Outstanding Philanthropic Fundraising Professional of the Year Award.
▶ MCCA’s Trustee Leadership Award is presented to Jackie McKinsey by MCCA Executive Director Zora Mulligan.



of 10,000 or higher, with a 9.1 percent enrollment increase from fall 2010 to fall 2011. OTC grew from 13,907 to 15,179 students from 2010 to 2011.

Naming ceremony held in honor of J. Howard and Jan Fisk at OTC Lebanon Center

December 13, 2012

Lebanon natives J. Howard and Jan Fisk were recognized with a ceremony to name the J. Howard and Jan Fisk Conference Room. The event was held outside the conference room in Casey Hall at the OTC Lebanon Center.

Mr. Fisk is the owner of J. Howard Fisk Limousine Co. and serves on the boards of more than 25 community organizations. He is a member and past chair of the Ozarks Technical Community College Board of Trustees.

OTC Foundation receives equipment gift from Youngblood Auto Group

December 13, 2012

Youngblood Auto Group has presented the OTC Foundation with a gift of tools and equipment valued at more than \$175,000. The donated items will be used to help train students in the college’s automotive programs.

The gift included fenders, steering and suspension parts, air conditioning units, electrical components, transmissions, and other assorted automotive parts.



“I love being able to represent students at OTC. I’m very proud to be considered one of their leaders and always try my best to keep their interests at the forefront.”

► Fran Ferguson was awarded an Excellence in Education scholarship from Gonzaga University, and a Phi Theta Kappa transfer scholarship. Fran also received the Missouri Community College Association’s Student Leadership Award.



Picture-*perfect* example

If you're looking for the perfect example of a student leader at OTC, you don't need to look any further than Fran Ferguson.

Fran has been heavily involved in student activities at OTC. In addition to serving in key leadership roles here, she has worked toward taking on a national role in one student organization. She was part of the leadership team for the college's Phi Theta Kappa chapter that won a distinguished chapter award at its International Convention.

Fran also ran for International President of Phi Theta Kappa. Although she was not chosen to be president, her leadership did not go unnoticed, and Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, awarded her a \$25,000 Excellence in Education scholarship. She also received a \$2,000 Phi Theta Kappa transfer scholarship.

Additionally, Fran was presented with the OTC Foundation Golf Tournament Scholarship during the 2011-2012 academic year.

Fran, who has been a student at OTC for five years, is past president of the college's Student Government Association.

"I love being able to represent students at OTC. I'm very proud to be considered one of their leaders and always try my best to keep their interests at the forefront," she said.

Recently, Fran was presented with the Missouri Community College Association's Student Leadership Award. Fran earned the award based on both her grade point average and outstanding leadership qualities.

Fran said she was surprised to learn that she had won the top state award.

"I didn't even know I was nominated. I was totally shocked. College hasn't been easy for me all of the time, between working, going to class and being involved as a student leader. It's nice to be recognized," said Fran, who has a 3.74 GPA.

Fran, who is working in the college's bookstore while going to class, said she plans to attend the Walt Disney World College Program. She will also be taking collegiate classes in organizational leadership and creativity and innovation. From there, she will move on to either Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri, or Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia, next fall to complete a bachelor's degree in psychology and communications.

After that, she hopes to first move on to University of Pennsylvania and then to Gonzaga University to finish her master's and doctorate degrees in positive psychology and leadership studies. Her goal is to become a life coach and counselor.

Throughout her academic career, Fran has had an enduring love for education and work in her life.

"I am a passionate individual who values hard work and education. I enjoy learning, either in the classroom or on the job. I am a believer in always striving to improve yourself, thus I constantly try and find ways to better myself, either personally or professionally," she said.



▲ As a student leader, Fran Ferguson often held a role in official college events and dedications, such as the Jared Family Atrium naming this fall.



Taking Care of Business

▲▲ Rick Hughlett, owner of Rick's Automotive, offers training to OTC students at his business and often hires OTC graduates.
▲ Hughlett receives the Distinguished Alumni Award at this year's commencement ceremony.

To say that Rick Hughlett has been involved in Ozarks Technical Community College is quite an understatement.

Even before the start of OTC, Hughlett was getting his formal automotive training at Graff Vocational Technical School, which later became OTC. He was on the Automotive Technology advisory board at Graff and then continued to hold the same position at OTC.

He's a member of the OTC Foundation Board of Directors, and received the college's Distinguished Alumni Award at last May's commencement. He and his wife, Karen, have endowed the Rick and Karen Hughlett Scholarship for students in the college's automotive program.

Today, Hughlett, owner of Rick's Automotive, offers training to OTC students at his business, and has hired OTC graduates to fill positions in his 30-year-old company.

A key hire almost 13 years ago was Bill Murcko, an OTC graduate who took second in the nation in the SkillsUSA automotive competition. Today, Murcko is a technician at Rick's Automotive who helps oversee the company's ambulance maintenance and repair work for vehicles in a 16-county area.



He was instrumental in the formation of the Advisory Committee of area automotive service providers to work with the OTC Transportation Department, and he offers a mentoring program for students from OTC's Automotive Repair program.

There may be no better cheerleader for the college and its core mission than Hughlett.

"OTC is here for the community. When a Lily Tulip or Zenith closes, you see the impact close-up. You see the empty parking lots. That's when OTC comes in and does its part," he said.

"OTC has the retraining for those who are looking for another job. OTC is poised to help with nursing training, Middle College, all kinds of training."

Hughlett takes pride when he hears OTC being complimented by residents and local business owners throughout the region.

"OTC has exceeded my expectations of what the college could mean for the region."

"It's not uncommon to hear people on the street talk about how proud they are to have OTC here and what it's done for our community. It has helped raise the level of income here. OTC is now branching out into other communities and offering courses online. It's going to keep growing," he said.

Hughlett knows the kind of impact OTC has on regional business.

"If OTC weren't here to offer training for people to get a good job, we'd all be selling hamburgers to each other. People would have to move to get the kind of training OTC offers," he said.

"OTC has exceeded my expectations of what the college could mean for the region. How lucky are we to have it? It's fun to be a part of and I'm honored to be on the OTC Foundation board."

► Rick Hughlett gives credit to his own technical education for the success he has experienced as a local business owner.





◀ Jerry Jared speaks at the official naming of The Jared Family Atrium on the OTC Springfield Campus. ▲ The Jared family.

Supporting Student Opportunities

When Jerry Jared was asked to join the OTC Foundation Board of Directors, he did so because he was intrigued to find out what the college was all about.

From that moment on, Jared found out plenty, and is now one of the college's biggest backers.

"I have seen its growth and what it is doing for the community. I learned that OTC did more things for people than I ever imagined," he said.

Jared is a Springfield native who was chairman, president and CEO of Consumers Markets and is now chairman and CEO of Jared Enterprises. He is also the former owner of Cody's Convenience Stores. Jared has seen OTC fill educational and technical needs.

"OTC provides people with opportunities through flexible scheduling and important technical skills," Jared said.

"For the business community, OTC has prepared a workforce to draw from. Before OTC, finding skilled folks to fill positions was difficult. OTC has become a real asset."

As a former member of Drury University's Board of Trustees, Jared was happy to see the private university come

on board in collaborative efforts with OTC. Missouri State University has also entered into such articulation agreements with the college.

Jared served on the OTC Foundation board from 2003-2011; his son, Curtis, joined the board in 2012. What Jared learned about OTC while on the board led to his generous gift that resulted in the naming of The Jared Family Atrium on the OTC Springfield Campus in the spring of 2012.

"It came about after seeing a combination of programs and leadership and all of those people who are really dedicated to giving people the opportunity to do something. I like people asking me why I gave the gift," he said.

Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of Ozarks Technical Community College, said the college was grateful to the Jared family for their support and their generosity.

"Their investment in our workforce development programs is vital to the continued success of that important part of the college," Dr. Higdon said.

"The Jared family was among the first to give toward the Center for Workforce Development Initiative," added Cliff Davis, vice chancellor and executive director of the OTC Foundation. "The official naming of The Jared Family Atrium was a great opportunity to thank them publicly for their generous support."

Jared said he's confident the college will continue to contribute to the quality of life in the region.

"Other institutions say some students are not qualified for college and that they don't fit. OTC doesn't say that. They provide skills that give folks a leg up when looking for work. They give people a chance, so I'm proud to be a part of that," he said.

"OTC is giving opportunity and success to folks. I couldn't imagine what we did before OTC was here."



◀ Raeanne and Steve Presley, in front of Plaster Hall at the OTC Table Rock Campus site, purchased the structure's first classroom naming.

Helping Their Community Grow

When Raeanne and Steve Presley look at the steel skeleton that soon will become the OTC Table Rock Campus, the Branson couple are filled with pride.

"The campus is for everyone in the region to use, including our extended Branson community. I'm so glad it's here. It's good for all of us," said Raeanne Presley, the mayor of Branson and a member of the OTC Foundation Board of Directors since 2010.

The Mayor and her husband, Steve, were so impressed with the new campus going up in nearby Hollister that they decided to purchase the structure's first classroom naming. The new campus is expected to open in the fall of 2013.

"This building is going to be so stunning. I think that it's going to be quite a place," said Mr. Presley, a member of the Presley family that performs in Branson at the Presleys' Country Jubilee.

Mayor Presley said the reason she and her husband made a gift to OTC was to make a statement.

"We strongly believe that this campus could help the community and have a positive impact on the region. We

sincerely believe that education can lead to a more fulfilling life. It will be an opportunity for someone who wants to take the steps they need to improve their life," she said.

Mayor Presley was well aware of OTC when she joined the OTC Foundation board two years ago. She had seen the OTC Branson Center grow and was a member of the center's advisory board, made up of local business leaders.

"I was very impressed by the way the college responded so rapidly to the various business needs when it came to training the workforce in this area," Mayor Presley said.

"I don't think people know, until they see the facility going up, how OTC will transform the area and the community."

"The expanded campus may be the difference for someone who is looking to improve their educational situation in life and may not have been able to find it in the past."

The building, which sits high on a bluff above U.S. 65 and Highway 165, stands as an educational beacon for everyone in the region.

"The expanded campus may be the difference for someone who is looking to improve their educational situation in life and may not have been able to find it in the past. Now, they'll have it right at their back door," Mayor Presley said.



◀ Scott Whittaker of the Positronic Industries, Inc., team practices his swing before the tournament teed off.



The 6th annual OTC Foundation Golf Tournament was held at Hickory Hills Golf and Country Club on Monday, September 24, 2012. It was another beautiful day with 96 players and more than 30 sponsors participating in the tournament. Thanks to the contributions of players, sponsors, and volunteers, more than \$17,000 dollars were raised for the OTC Foundation Golf Tournament Scholarship.

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OTC FOUNDATION DONOR RECEPTION

The OTC Foundation hosted its 4th annual Donor Reception at the Tower Club on April 3, 2012. It was a memorable event that brought together scholarship recipients and scholarship donors who have helped make students' higher education dreams a reality. This annual event gives donors and students an opportunity to meet one another and to say "Thank You."

The great view of the OTC Springfield Campus from the Starlight room made this occasion one of the most exciting receptions of the year, with more than 200 scholarship recipients and their families attending.



"Words cannot describe how thankful I am for your help. I am now able to finish my last semester at OTC. Your gift has taken a financial burden off of my shoulders and is helping my dream of being a nurse come true. Thank you so much for your generosity."
—Rachel Schweiss, scholarship recipient





The Excellence in Education Awards were created in 1992 to recognize quality individuals throughout the institution. Excellence in Education candidates are nominated by staff members, selected by a college-wide Recognition Committee, and recognized at the college's annual in-service meeting. Each winner receives a plaque and a cash award from the OTC Foundation. These awards are funded each year by the Turner Family Foundation. OTC has conferred 94 Excellence in Education Awards since the program began in 1992. Below are the last six years of award winners.

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Becky Dalton
Daniel Kopsas
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2011

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Sharmane Arnold
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Marcia Wheeler

2007

Martha Crise
Jennifer Dunkel
Gene Hogue
Justin Pedigo
Diana Penrose



▲ 2012 Excellence in Education Award recipients: Jacob Lewellen, Janet Sell, Becky Dalton, Lawrence Lininger, and Thomas McCune. Not pictured: Daniel Kopsas.



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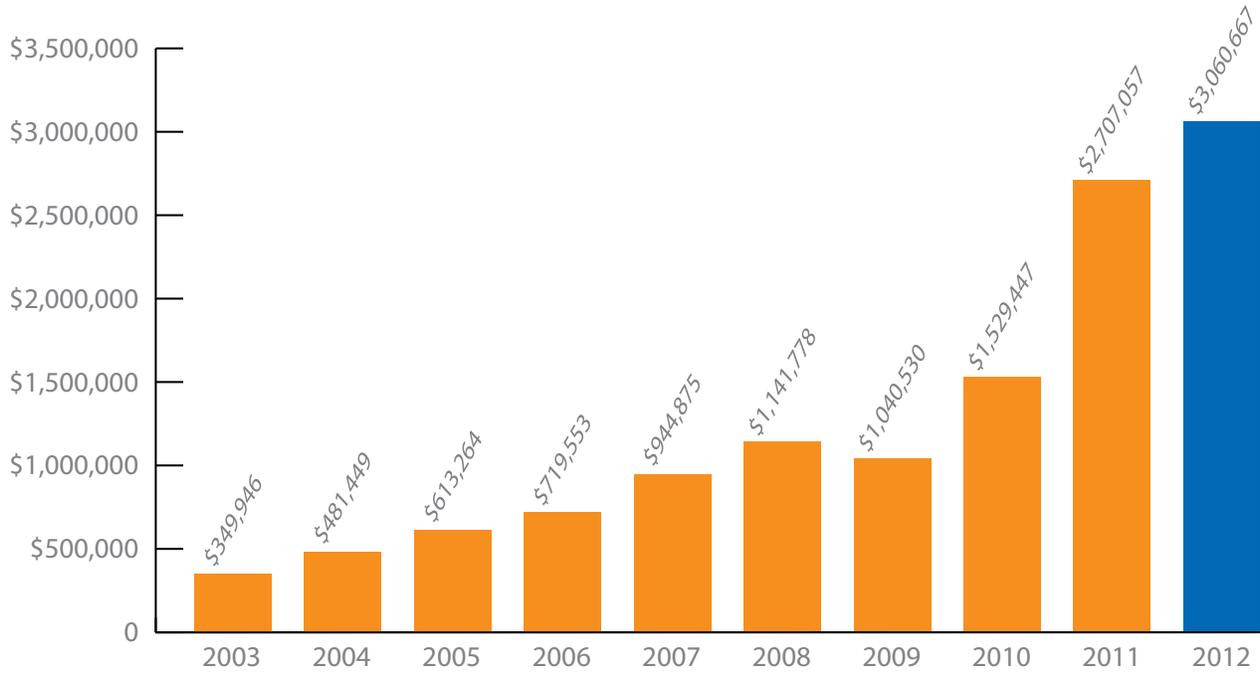
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 Society of Manufacturing Engineers Scholarship
 Southwest Missouri Code Officials Scholarship
 Spine Institute Scholarship
 Students in Free Enterprise Scholarship
 Trustees Scholarship
 Turner Family Foundation Scholarship
 William N. Bunselmeyer Memorial Scholarship
 Workforce Development:

- *Construction Readiness Scholarship*
- *Heavy Equipment Operator Scholarship*
- *Transport Training Institute Scholarship*
- *Welding Scholarship*



OTC Foundation Assets Growth



OTC Foundation Balance Sheet

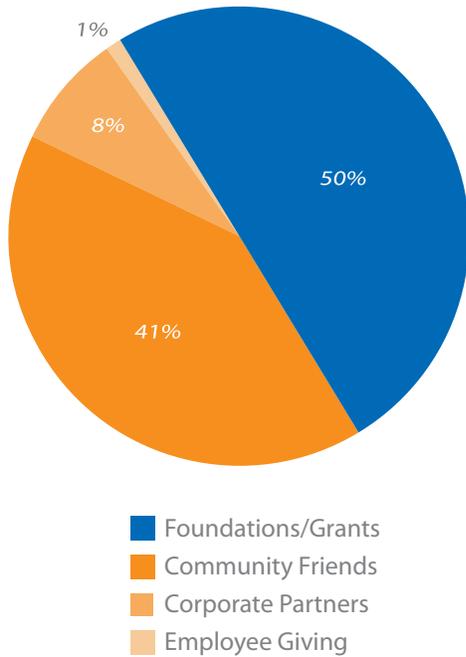
As of June 30, 2012, with comparative totals for June 30, 2011. Based on pre-audit 2012 financial statements.

Assets	2011	2012
Great Southern Bank - Foundation	\$191,423	\$199,950
Community Foundation of the Ozarks	\$2,515,632	\$2,860,716
Total Assets	\$2,707,055	\$3,060,666

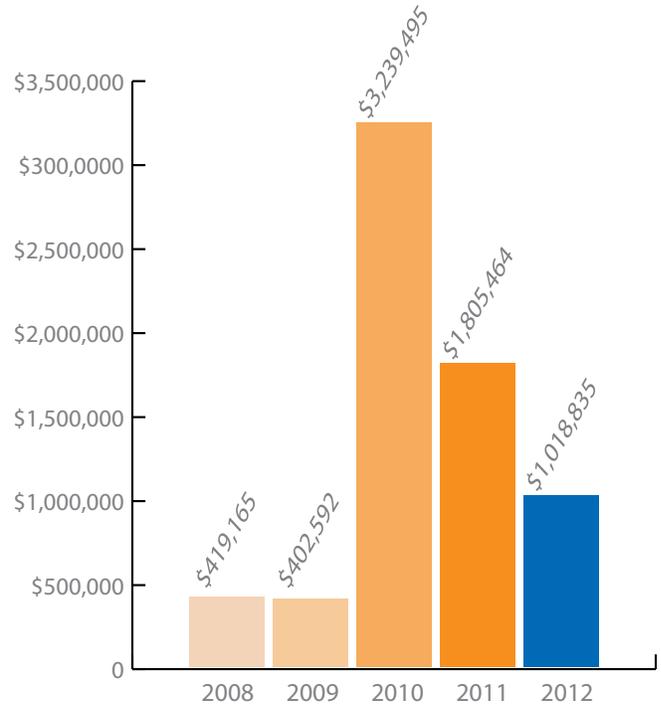
Fund Balance	2011	2012
Unrestricted	\$440,897	\$438,750
Restricted	\$890,866	\$1,089,949
Endowment (Revocable)	\$746,042	\$721,815
Endowment (Irrevocable)	\$629,250	\$810,152
Total Fund Balance	\$2,707,055	\$3,060,666



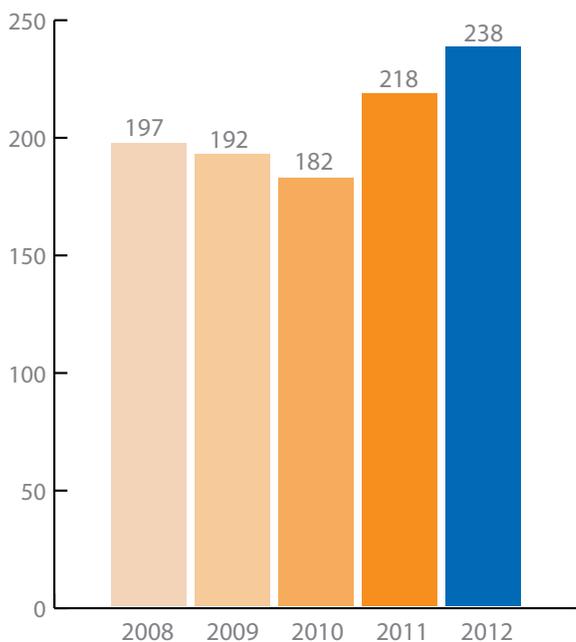
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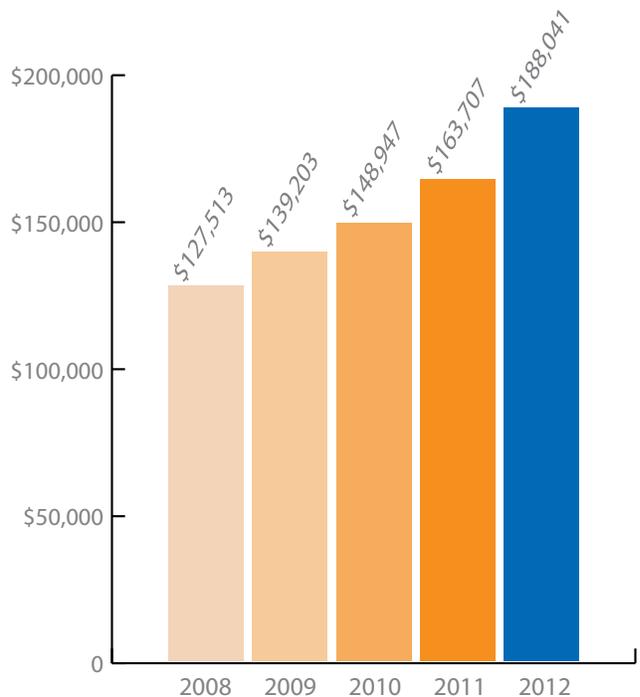
Foundation Gifts



Scholarship Recipients



Scholarship Awards





WAYS TO SUPPORT

Making a charitable gift to the OTC Foundation is an important and personal decision. We invite you to invest in the students at OTC by considering the following ways to make a difference. The information provided below may be useful, but you should not consider it legal or tax advice. You should contact your attorney, tax advisor or accountant for details.

Ways to Give

- **Unrestricted Contributions:** Contributions can be made to the area of greatest need for student support at the college.
- **Restricted Contributions:** Contributions can be made to a specific area of the college, such as a departmental, named or endowed scholarship fund.
- **Named Gifts:** Contributions can be made to establish a scholarship in two ways:
 - Donors can give an annual gift of \$1,000 or more per year for multiple years. This may be done in one's own name or to honor another individual.
 - Donors can establish an endowed fund with a minimum initial investment of \$10,000. The fund can be in your name, the names of you and your spouse or the name of another family member, friend or colleague. Each investment will support OTC students or programs for eternity.

Types of Contributions

- Cash, check or credit card
- Appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, mutual fund distributions
- Personal property such as equipment, art, vehicles or furnishings
- Online gifts at foundation.otc.edu
- Matching gift
- A planned gift, such as:
 - Bequest
 - Real estate
 - Life insurance
 - Retirement plan
 - Charitable gift annuity
 - Charitable remainder trust
 - Charitable lead trust

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ABOUT US

The OTC Foundation was established in 1995 to help meet the growing needs of the college. At the time of incorporation, Ozarks Technical Community College was in its fifth year of operation, with 3,507 college credit students. Presently, the college serves more than 15,000 credit students and an additional 14,000 non-credit students. OTC continues to grow, helping to meet the strong demand for job-skills education and workforce training in southwest Missouri.

The OTC Foundation is incorporated as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation independent from the college.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The OTC Foundation Board of Directors is comprised of 29 community leaders representing a broad cross-section of businesses within the college's service area. Board members represent leadership and community service and share the Foundation's value of ensuring opportunities for success at OTC.

OTC FOUNDATION MISSION

The mission of the OTC Foundation is to maximize private gift support for the college while continuously laying the groundwork for future fundraising success, in order to aid the college in fulfilling its own mission of excellence in education, research, and service.



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