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OZARKS TECHNICAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE



▲ Dr. Hal Higdon, Chancellor,
Ozarks Technical Community College.

This has been another year of milestones for Ozarks Technical Community College. In its 24th year of offering classes, the OTC system spans six locations to offer life-changing educational opportunities to the region. Inside this year's annual report, I hope you see OTC's mission reflected in every story we share.

In 2014, OTC was named one of the nation's top community colleges by Community College Week. Our faculty and staff have been nationally recognized for their outstanding achievements. We continue to partner with local universities to form new degree programs and articulation agreements. Additionally, the OTC Foundation has received substantial gifts to support student scholarships and emergency funds.

Most importantly, we continue to see our students' dreams turn into realities. You will be inspired by a class that is taking learning beyond OTC's walls. You will read about a graduate who created a popular finance app on iTunes, and you will cheer for another pursuing his passion at Belmont University.

As OTC approaches its 25th anniversary, I find myself thinking about our humble beginnings. It is remarkable to think that nearly a quarter-century ago, Heart of the Ozarks Community Technical College opened its doors to 1,198 students. Today, we are home to nearly 15,000 students. Along the way, we removed the "heart" from OTC's name, yet we've remained the heart of the Ozarks community.

Our student- and community-centered focus is evident in everything we do. By supporting your community college, you support your community. There is no better investment. As OTC continues to grow, we need your continued support. Your involvement is crucial in helping us transform lives and strengthen the communities we serve.

As you will see in the pages of our annual report, OTC and its students had an incredible year. Thank you for the role you play in OTC's continued success and for helping our students turn their dreams into realities.

Sincerely,

Chancellor

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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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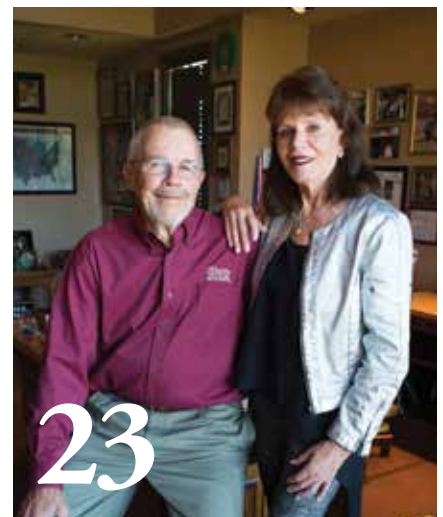
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▲ Former MCCA Director Zora Mulligan awards OTC’s George Lamelza and Chancellor Hal Higdon the Technology Innovation Award for website design.

OTC earns recognition for eLearning

Friday, January 17, 2014

The Instructional Technology Council (ITC) recognized OTC Mathematics Instructor Marylynne Abbott and OTC’s Online Blackboard Support program for Excellence in eLearning — the process by which learning is conducted through electronic media. ITC is an organization that advances distance education through research and collaboration and by sharing best practices among its members.

OTC receives MCCA Technology Innovation Award

Friday, January 31, 2014

George Lamelza, college director of web services at Ozarks Technical Community College, was recognized for his innovative website design by the Missouri Community College Association. OTC’s newly redesigned website was a radical departure from the average college site.

OTC’s homepage design — a single search bar — garnered national attention and was based on nearly five years of analytics and usability testing.

UMB gift supports OTC manufacturing scholarship

Friday, February 7, 2014

UMB Bank contributed to the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Scholarship at Ozarks Technical Community College, a scholarship available for students pursuing a degree in drafting, machine tool technology or welding.

“We hear that companies need skilled labor and students are interested in technology,” said Ann Marie Baker, president of the Southwest Missouri Region of UMB. “This scholarship will help bring more students into the manufacturing field.”

“The support of UMB Bank to train the next generation of skilled technicians is evident in its contribution to this scholarship,” said Chancellor Hal Higdon.

Founding OTC board member Frank Farmer passes away

Thursday, February 20, 2014

Frank Farmer, a founding member of the Ozarks Technical Community College Board of Trustees, passed away at the age of 89. Farmer served on the OTC Board of Trustees from 1990 until his retirement in 2007. Mr. Farmer received the second-highest number of votes among the 21 candidates in the first election



▲ Trustee Emeritus Frank Farmer

of the OTC Board of Trustees, which faced the responsibility of forming the first community college in southwest Missouri.

Mr. Farmer was named a Trustee Emeritus upon his retirement. The OTC Springfield Campus is home to the Frank Farmer Room located in the Information Commons West building.

OTC app allows for increased mobile functionality

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College’s Web Services department created an app to help students connect with the college from a mobile device. The new OTC app allows the college to communicate with its students through push notifications with information about registration dates, financial aid deadlines and campus closures. Students can also use the app’s built-in parking marker, the QR code reader, and links to OTC’s Facebook and Twitter pages.



OTC A+ students grab Missouri Lottery cash prizes

Thursday, April 10, 2014

Three Ozarks Technical Community College students were among seven to win the Missouri Lottery's "Tools 4 School" promotional drawing announced in April. The grand-prize winner was Dylan Hall of Nixa, who won \$2,500. Lindsey Bilyeu of Chadwick won \$1,000 and Jacob Shoemaker of Springfield won \$400. The students entered the contest between February and March and the winners were picked randomly. Each student had to write a short essay on how the A+ program helped them.

Sheppard, Fisk sworn in as Board of Trustees members

Friday, April 11, 2014

The Ozarks Technical Community College Board of Trustees welcomed a new colleague and a returning member to its six-person governing body.

Chip Sheppard, a shareholder and chairman of the Litigation/Dispute



▲ Board of Trustee member Chip Sheppard

Resolution Practice Group of Carnahan, Evans, Cantwell & Brown, P.C., was sworn in as a board member on Friday, April 11. Sheppard replaces

Dr. Maryellen Stratmann. Sheppard served on the OTC Foundation Board from 2011-2014.

J. Howard Fisk, who was first elected to the board in 2008, was sworn in on Monday, April 14. Fisk and his wife Jan are the owners of Fisk Limousines.



◀ David Taylor represented the Musgrave, Lelia Heuer Charitable Trust and Roy W. Slusher foundations with scholarship recipients.

Sixth-annual Donor Reception

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

The OTC Foundation hosted its sixth-annual Donor Reception at the Tower Club on April 1, 2014. The event gave donors an opportunity to meet the students they have assisted, and gave the students an opportunity to say "thank you" to their donors.

"The money, faith and trust that you have invested in students here at OTC with scholarships like the one I have received are helping us turn our dreams into reality. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Amanda Garretson

OTC cuts dual credit tuition in half

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College cut its dual credit tuition in half from \$70 per credit hour to \$35 per credit hour in the fall 2014 semester. OTC's Board of Trustees approved the new tuition in April. The dual credit program allows high school students to earn high school and college credit at the same time while taking classes at their high school. Dual credit students are 12 percent more likely to enter college and typically earn higher GPAs compared to non-dual-credit students.

OTC Foundation board announces new leadership, members

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mark Haseltine, a partner of Springer and Haseltine law firm, was selected as the new chair of the Board of Directors

for the OTC Foundation, the fundraising arm of Ozarks Technical Community College. The outgoing chair, Branson Mayor Raeanne Presley, served in the position during the 2013-14 fiscal year.

The OTC Foundation Board also chose John Gentry, president of Positronic Industries, to serve as its vice chair; Jim Towery, owner of Steelman Transportation, to serve as treasurer; and Paul Sundry, restaurateur and entrepreneur, to serve as secretary.

In addition to choosing new leadership, the board also selected four new members: Brad Brown, owner of Missouri Eagle; Voncille Elmer of Megerian Rug Company; Grant Haden, managing partner of Haden, Cowherd and Bullock; and Mark McFatridge, president and CEO of Metropolitan National Bank.



▶ OTC honored Jim Anderson this spring with an award.

Jim Anderson receives Excellence in Business Award

Friday, April 25, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College honored Jim Anderson, then president of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, on April 25, with the 2014 Excellence in Business Award. The ceremony was held at the White River Conference Center. Anderson has since retired from the Chamber post, and now serves as vice president of marketing and public affairs for CoxHealth.

“Jim was most deserving of this award because his passion for southwest Missouri fuels our economy,” said Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of Ozarks Technical Community College. “Most years, Jim is the interviewer at the Excellence in Business event. This year, we turned the tables to learn more about Jim’s motivation and inspiration.”

Anderson has spent most of his career in economic development. Since 1988, he’s been the president of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Before that, he led the Jefferson City Chamber for nine years.

Anderson began his career in education as a teacher and administrator in Jefferson City Public Schools. Under Anderson’s leadership, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce earned Chamber of the Year honors from its professional organization.

Besides his role as chamber president, Anderson is also active in the Springfield community, having served as chairman of the United Way of the Ozarks and president of the Urban Districts Alliance. He is a member of the Springfield Rotary Club and of First and Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Anderson graduated from Missouri State University and also attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He holds an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Drury University.

Anderson is married to Janet, and they have two daughters, Rachel and Rebecca.

Past recipients of the award include John Q. Hammons, the O’Reilly family, Jack Stack, Bill Turner, Carol Jones, Sam Hamra, Paul Sundy, and Jack and Peter Herschend.

OTC hosts Veterans Resource Fair

Friday, June 6, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College hosted its inaugural Veterans Resource Fair at the OTC Springfield Campus on June 6. The fair featured organizations and institutions that provide much-needed services to local veterans and their families. The event also honored fallen service men and women with a ceremonial roll call and the unveiling of an interactive memorial titled “Flag of the Fallen.”



▲ David Lewis was committed to helping students achieve their educational goals.

Foundation receives \$100,000 for student emergency fund

Thursday, June 19, 2014

The OTC Foundation, the fundraising arm of Ozarks Technical Community College, received a \$100,000 donation from the Lewis Family to endow the OTC Student Emergency Fund.

“Mr. Lewis continues to help OTC students even five years after his death,” said Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of Ozarks Technical Community College. “His generosity allows our students to focus on their education and achieve their goals.”

The \$100,000 gift will help students with living expenses including transportation, food, utilities and personal-care products.



OTC electronic media production students excel at SkillsUSA Championships

Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Eight students from Ozarks Technical Community College received gold medals at the SkillsUSA Championships held in June in Kansas City, Mo. More than 6,000 career and technical education students (all state-contest winners from around the U.S.) competed in 99 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

The SkillsUSA Championships took place as part of the SkillsUSA 50th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference, a showcase of career and technical education students.



▲ Thirty-two OTC students competed at the 2014 SkillsUSA Championships. The electronic media production students won eight medals.

Founding OTC Trustee Jackie McKinsey retires

Monday, July 31, 2014

Jackie McKinsey, founding member of the Ozarks Technical Community College Board of Trustees, retired from the board.

“The OTC family is grateful for Mrs. McKinsey’s nearly quarter century of service,” said Greg DeLong, chair of the OTC Board of Trustees. “She has a significant, impactful legacy with the college as a founding trustee.”

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▲ Community Day runners prep for the 5K.
▶▼ The event also featured a car show, plant sale, welding repair and activities for kids.

Fifth year for Community Day Saturday, April 26, 2014

The fifth OTC Community Day featured a 5K run that benefitted the OTC Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Nearly 60 runners participated in the race that started and finished on the OTC Springfield Campus.

In addition to the race, Community Day attendees found that serious science can be fun. Jared Durden, an adjunct physics instructor at OTC, and several science students demonstrated their homemade hovercraft and a second hovering device at the event to introduce science to the community.

The hovercraft, in the shape of a disc and equipped with a seat and unicorn head, was powered by a two-horsepower shop vacuum motor that was capable of lifting more than 200 pounds.

“We created interactive science displays and fun toys to be displayed in public forums to promote a science-based discourse out in the community,” said Durden. “Not everyone is a scientist, and this gives the community a chance to see science in action instead of just in theory. It is a way to get people interested in science and draw in non-science people.”



The science demonstrations were among many other programs on display during the event.

The classic car show, plant sale, welding repair, fire truck display, kids art and activities, and health and dental demonstrations were also featured at Community Day.





- ▲ JQH Arena was packed for commencement.
- ▶ Chancellor Hal Higdon and Attorney General Chris Koster led the processional.
- ▼ Dr. Higdon congratulates graduates.

Record number of graduates
Thursday, May, 15, 2014

A record 742 Ozarks Technical Community College graduates participated in the spring 2014 commencement, which was held in JQH Arena on the Missouri State University Campus on May 15.

OTC conferred more than 2,000 certificates and degrees to graduates this year, which included students who completed their course work from the summer 2013 semester through spring 2014.

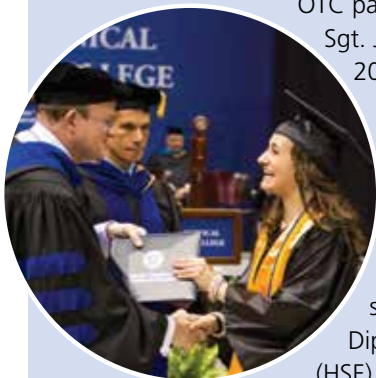
Attorney General Chris Koster was the featured speaker at the ceremony.

“You have placed a bet on yourself and that is a habit you will tap again and again,” Koster said. “Your accomplishment tonight is a bet on your success and a better tomorrow.”

OTC paid special tribute to the late Special Agent Sgt. Joseph M. Peters, who received the College’s 2014 Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award.

Also, for the first time, OTC Career Center high school students, who earned an OTC Certificate of Achievement or Specialization after passing 32 hours of college credit, walked in the college’s commencement.

Prior to commencement, nearly 400 students received their General Equivalency Diplomas (GED) or High School Equivalency (HSE) diplomas from OTC on May 6 at the Gillioz Theatre in Springfield. Also, the OTC Middle College graduated 41 students from the high school program on May 14 at the Gillioz Theatre.



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McKinsey was elected to the OTC Board of Trustees in 1990. Since then, she has served as secretary, treasurer, vice chairman and chair of the six-member board. She also chaired the search for the second president of OTC when Dr. Hal Higdon was hired in 2006.



▲ Trustee Emeritus Jackie McKinsey

The OTC Board of Trustees approved McKinsey as a Trustee Emeritus. She is the fifth person to be named a trustee emeritus, joining the other founding trustees Dolores Brooks, Don Clinkenbeard, Frank Farmer and Don Wessel.

OTC Chancellor named one of Ingram’s 50 Missourians You Should Know

Thursday, August 7, 2014

Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of Ozarks Technical Community College, was named one of Ingram’s 50 Missourians You Should Know in 2014. The honorees of Ingram’s annual tribute were recognized for careers, companies and core values that transformed both local communities and the state.

Ingram’s Magazine declared, “Let the record show that Higdon, the second chancellor in the nearly 25-year history of OTC, gets things done.” The article highlighted Dr. Higdon’s focus on workforce training and online offerings, as well as his expansion of allied health programs. The article praised Higdon for



boosting OTC's significance with area employers and increasing the college's enrollment 44 percent since his arrival.

"I am truly honored by Ingram's recognition of OTC's growth and significant achievements," said Dr. Higdon.

OTC Board of Trustees welcomes new member

Monday, August 11, 2014

Former President and CEO of the United Way of the Ozarks, Jennifer Kennally, was sworn in as the newest member of the Ozarks Technical Community College Board of Trustees. Kennally replaced Jackie McKinsey who retired from the board in July. Ms. Kennally will serve out the remainder of McKinsey's term, which expires in April 2016. At that time, Kennally will be eligible to run for the seat.



▲ Board of Trustee member Jennifer Kennally

▼ Members of the OTC administration accepted the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.



OTC accepts the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Chancellor Hal Higdon and OTC's Cabinet took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge to raise money and promote awareness for the ALS Association. OTC's Ice Bucket Challenge was shared with the community through OTC's social media accounts. In the video, Dr. Higdon challenged Zora Mulligan of the Missouri Community College

Association, Jon Bauer of East Central College and Mark James of Metropolitan Community College to complete the challenge.

OTC ranked among nation's best

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College earned national recognition as one of the nation's Top 100 Associate Degree Producers by Community College Week. The publication analyzed data from more than 1,200 community colleges nationwide to determine its rankings, which appeared in the Aug. 18, 2014 edition of the magazine.

OTC appeared in more top lists than any other college in the state of Missouri. OTC was ranked 36th in the nation among community colleges for associate degrees awarded (the number of degrees awarded by OTC increased by 43 percent from last year).

Several of OTC's degree programs were highlighted in the publication's list of Top 50 Associate Degrees.

"OTC works hard to meet our community's needs by offering flexible, affordable, high-quality programs," said Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of Ozarks Technical Community College. "I'm truly honored by this recognition. Our top-notch faculty and staff will continue to ensure OTC degree programs are among the nation's best."



▲ OTC Chancellor Hal Higdon addressed faculty and staff at College Development Day. Higdon was named one of Ingram's 50 Missourians You Should Know.



▲ Current and future students enjoyed the Fall Picnic and Discover OTC activities.
 ◀ Freshman Seth Swango earned OTC a Cadillac donation with his performance at SkillsUSA this fall.

OTC welcomes veterans counselors to campus

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Counselors from the Springfield Vet Center, an arm of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, began providing a variety of counseling services to eligible veterans and bereaved family members of Ozarks Technical Community College. Counselors are available from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons at the OTC Springfield Campus.

OTC receives Cadillac donation from GM

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

The General Motors Training Center in Ardsley, N.Y. donated a 2013 Cadillac ATS to Ozarks Technical Community College's automotive technology program.

General Motors pledged to donate vehicles to the top automotive winners of the 2014 SkillsUSA Championships, a national competition of career and technical education students. OTC freshman

Seth Swango placed sixth in the Automotive Service Technology competition at SkillsUSA, which earned OTC the Cadillac donation.

OTC's automotive program plans to use the Cadillac to teach students about auto diagnostics and repair.

OTC hosts local high school students at Discover OTC

Monday, September 22, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College invited area high school students to attend Discover OTC — an annual, system-wide event that served as a college visit for hundreds of students. Discover OTC allowed students to tour OTC campuses and centers and learn more about the college's specialized programs. Students also had opportunities to meet OTC instructors and learn about admissions and financial aid.



Discover OTC coincided with the college's annual Fall Picnic. The picnic celebrated the start of the fall semester with free food and fun activities for both current and future students.

OTC Foundation held eighth-annual golf tournament

Monday, September 22, 2014

The OTC Foundation, the fundraising arm of the college, held its eighth-annual golf tournament at Hickory Hills Country Club on Sept. 22. The four-man scramble tournament raised approximately \$35,000 for student scholarships.

OTC awarded more than \$1 million for STEM programs

Monday, September 29, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College received more than \$1 million as part of a \$19.7 million grant awarded to Missouri's community colleges and the State Technical College of Missouri. OTC's grant funds, awarded through the U.S. Department of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program, will serve 108 students. These students will have the opportunity to earn an A.A.S. in Chemical Laboratory Technology or affiliated certificate at OTC beginning in the summer of 2015. The college was part of a consortium that chose to focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) jobs because of an identified need for employment and growth in the local STEM community.



▼ Trustee Larry Snyder spoke from a podium he built and donated to the college at the Snyder Atrium dedication.



OTC hosts dedication of Larry and Donna Snyder Atrium

Monday, October 6, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College recognized Larry and Donna Snyder with the naming of The Larry and Donna Snyder Atrium in a ceremony on Oct. 6. The event was held in the newly renovated atrium, located in the Information Commons East building of the OTC Springfield Campus.

Mr. Snyder, a strong advocate for workforce training and local economic development, was elected to a six-year term to the OTC Board of Trustees in April 2006. He was re-elected in April 2012.

During his tenure, Mr. Snyder and his family established the Trustees Scholarship for students with financial need. Mr. Snyder contributed to the OTC landmark sign at the corner of National Avenue and Chestnut Expressway. He also led the fundraising efforts for the sign.

"We are grateful to the Snyder family for their long-standing support and generosity," said Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of Ozarks Technical Community College.

▲ An OTC supporter teed off for scholarships at the Foundation's annual golf tournament.
 ▼ OTC's Mary Vogel led experiments on the plaza at the Fall Picnic.



Cliff Davis named president of OTC Table Rock Campus

Monday, October 6, 2014



▲ OTC Table Rock Campus President Cliff Davis

OTC Vice Chancellor Cliff Davis was named the new president of the OTC Table Rock Campus by the OTC Board of Trustees on Oct. 6.

Davis replaced Dr. Jeff Jochems, who served as interim president of the Table Rock campus since 2013.

Davis served as vice chancellor for advancement, student affairs and strategic planning and as executive director of the OTC Foundation for the past 10 years. He served on the OTC Board of Trustees from 1994-2004.

Excellence in Education award winners announced

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

The Excellence in Education award was created in 1992 to recognize outstanding educators throughout the Ozarks Technical Community College system. Excellence in Education candidates are selected by a college-wide committee and honored at the annual College Development Day.

The recipients of OTC's 2014 Excellence in Education award were as follows: Angela McChesney, Jeremy George, Trisha White, Dave Hoffman and Rachel DeMoro.

Each winner received a plaque and cash award from the OTC Foundation. The Turner Family Foundation funds the awards each year.



OTC's Alice Jefferson receives Senior Service Award

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Long-time Ozarks Technical Community College employee Alice Jefferson received the Missouri Community College Association's Senior Service Award at the opening ceremony of MCCA's annual convention in November.

◀ Long-time OTC employee Alice Jefferson received the Senior Service Award by MCCA.



Jefferson has served OTC as a custodian since 1991. Prior to that, she worked for the Springfield R-12 school district as a custodian at Graff Vo-Tech. When Graff became the new site of OTC, Jefferson joined the college's staff. She is one of 22 original full-time employees still with OTC.

"Alice is known throughout the OTC System for her big heart and incredible work ethic," said Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of OTC. "Her compassionate nature and dedication to the college are truly exceptional."



▲ The 2014 Excellence in Education award winners were Angela McChesney, Jeremy George, Trisha White, Dave Hoffman and Rachel DeMoro.



▲ The College of the Ozarks Color Guard presented the colors at the OTC Table Rock Campus ceremony.
 ▶ Trustee Howard Fisk places a name in OTC's interactive memorial, Flag of the Fallen, at the Veterans Day event.



OTC hosts Veterans Day events at both Springfield and Table Rock campuses

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College hosted Veterans Day events on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at both the OTC Springfield Campus and OTC Table Rock Campus. "OTC has nearly

1,000 veterans in our student body," said Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of OTC.

"We want to honor our students for the sacrifices they have made for our country and publicly thank all veterans for the work they do to ensure our freedom."

OTC hosts 2014 Innovation Showcase

Friday, November 14, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College hosted the 2014 Innovation Showcase Nov. 10-14. The event shared innovative teaching practices in online sessions led by local educators. The Innovation Showcase was offered in collaboration with Missouri Distance Learning Association, Springfield Public Schools, Evangel University, Missouri State University and Drury University.

OTC students honored at MCCA 50th annual convention

Friday, November 7, 2014

Three students from Ozarks Technical Community College were recognized at the Missouri Community College Association's annual convention in November. Each year, representatives from MCCA-affiliated colleges and campuses across Missouri nominate students who demonstrate outstanding leadership skills. OTC's 2014 Student Leadership Award recipients are:

Ashley O'Neal, from the OTC Springfield Campus, is president of the

campus's Phi Theta Kappa chapter. She is working toward an associate degree in teaching and plans to transfer to a four-year university to pursue her bachelor's degree.

Catie Myers, from the OTC Richwood Valley Campus, is pursuing an associate degree in behavioral science and plans to transfer to Missouri State University to complete



▲ Ashley O'Neal



▲ Catie Myers



▲ Mindy Martin



▲ President Davis shares his future plans for the campus at his reception.
 ◀ Chancellor Hal Higdon joined host Jeff Houghton for a little fun on “The Mystery Hour.”

Reception held for OTC Table Rock Campus President Davis

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College invited residents of the greater Table Rock Lake area to meet President Cliff Davis at a meet-and-greet event at the OTC Table Rock Campus on Nov. 13.

The OTC Table Rock Campus opened its doors to students in August of 2013. Davis assumed his role as president on Nov. 1, 2014. He previously served as OTC’s vice chancellor for advancement,

student affairs, strategic planning, and as executive director of the OTC Foundation for 10 years. Davis was also a member of the OTC Board of Trustees from 1994-2004.

“A strong community will almost always have a strong community college,” said Davis. “We are fortunate to have a state-of-the-art community college in the greater Table Rock Lake area. I look forward to expanding the reach of the OTC Table Rock Campus and creating more educational opportunities for students in the coming years.”

OTC Chancellor Higdon interviewed on local talk show

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Chancellor Hal Higdon made a guest appearance on Springfield’s own late-night talk show called “The Mystery Hour.” The show’s host, Jeff Houghton, and Dr. Higdon discussed OTC’s mission, history and programs — with a few jokes along the way. The pair also played a game where Dr. Higdon had to guess if OTC course descriptions were real or fake. Backstage, Dr. Higdon was introduced to Oscar-winner Tom Whitlock, the composer of Top Gun’s “Take My Breath Away.” The show aired on FOX KRBK Saturday, Dec. 6.



Community celebrates Lincoln High's 1949 graduating class

Friday, November 14, 2014

The Weller Neighborhood Association dedicated a bench to commemorate the 1949 Lincoln High School graduating class on Nov. 14. The dedication took place on the OTC Springfield Campus at the southwest corner of Central Street and Sherman Avenue. The former Lincoln High School, which was attended by African-American students during segregation, is now part of the Springfield campus and houses many of the college's allied health classrooms.

In 1941, Ms. Mary Tolliver's fourth-grade class — the 1949 graduating class — planted an elm tree at the corner of the property. That tree still stands and the bench sits in the shade of the tree. The bench was inscribed with a portion of the poem "Trees" written by Joyce Kilmer, "Poems are made by fools like me / But only God can make a tree."

OTC Fine Arts department presents "A Christmas Carol"

Friday, November 21, 2014

The OTC Fine Arts department performed Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at the Gillioz Theater Nov. 21-23.

▼ Two of the eight surviving members of the Lincoln High Class of 1949, Edna Adams (left) and Rosetta Clarida (center), attended the bench dedication.



"This classic story reminds us that even the hardest of hearts can be softened - that it's never too late for redemption," said Jon Herbert, director and OTC theater instructor. "Our performance is fun — and often funny — and also a bit heart wrenching at times. In short, it's entertaining."

OTC's "A Christmas Carol" was an original adaptation written by Herbert. The cast featured 26 actors who played 56 different roles.

OTC hosts food drive during National Hunger Awareness Week

Thursday, November 21, 2014

Ozarks Technical Community College hosted a system-wide food drive Nov. 17-21. The



food drive coincided with National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Staff and students were encouraged to bring food to donation boxes located at each OTC campus or center.

The college awarded a trophy to the OTC Waynesville Center for collecting the most pounds per student.



▲ Volunteers sorted food at OTC's food drive. The OTC system collected 5,055 pounds for local food pantries.

◀ "A Christmas Carol" was an original adaptation by Jon Herbert.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT



Taking Learning on the Road

The OTC faculty will take their students almost anywhere if there's a chance it will help them with their education. That was the case when OTC Geology Instructor Kathryn Shade saw the advantage of moving her classroom outside and off campus.



In the fall of 2014, Shade took a group of her students to the Johnson's Shut-Ins and Elephant Rock state parks in southeastern Missouri where they spent several days hiking trails, observing rocks and discussing their formation and the rocks' history.

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park is on the Black River and the river cascades in and around the igneous rocks worn smooth by the water. Elephant Rocks is made up of an outcropping of Precambrian granite boulders that resemble a train of pink circus elephants.

"The purpose of the trip was to introduce students to a part of Missouri's geologic history and more specifically to allow them to observe evidence of the volcanic history of the St. Francois Mountains area in southeast Missouri," Shade said.

"They climbed on, hiked over and observed plutonic igneous rocks (granite) at Elephant Rocks State Park and volcanic igneous rocks (primarily rhyolite) at Johnson's Shut-ins State Park."

Shade took other classes to the area last spring and this trip was as successful as the one last year.

"Students seemed to enjoy it and learn from it. They appeared to gain from the experience on multiple levels — learning geology, appreciating the environment,

getting some good exercise and fresh air, testing their camping skills, and earning some credit for class," she said.

Andy Norton, a student from Springfield who made the trip, said it was good to see the real-world application of what he was learning in class.

"I love science. I've always been a daydreamer. I like studying science in the real world instead of in a book," he said. "I had never seen volcanic material before and all the rocks on the river."

Norton, who wants to study astronomy, said coming to OTC for science classes has been good for him.

"That OTC motto of 'Start here, go anywhere' that you hear a lot works for me," he said.

"I love science. I've always been a daydreamer. I like studying science in the real world instead of in a book."

OTC Geology Instructor Kathryn Shade took her students to Elephant Rock and Johnson's Shut-Ins state parks to apply what they learned in the classroom.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Shayne Jacobian is living the OTC motto, "Start here, go anywhere." The OTC graduate is now at Belmont University in Nashville studying English and music business.





From Springfield to *Music City*

Shayne Jacobian is a perfect example of the OTC slogan of “Start Here, Go Anywhere” and could put his talents to work adding a tune to the college’s catchy phrase.

An accomplished musician, Shayne graduated from OTC in 2012 and is now in Nashville attending Belmont University, studying English and music business. Shayne dreamt of heading to Nashville for some time.

“I chose Belmont a long time ago — early on in high school — because of their music business program, which I was really interested in,” the Logan-Rogersville graduate said.

OTC was the gateway for Shayne to fulfill that dream.

“My time at OTC was great. I went on the Missouri A+ scholarship in order to offset some of the cost of Belmont,” he said.

While at OTC, Shayne worked in the Carol Jones Writing Center and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the honors program where he served as vice president for community involvement.

“Working at the Carol Jones Writing Center under Dave Ball, along with a lot of other English majors, really taught me a lot about writing and working with other people and constantly motivated me to improve,” he said. “The honors program put me in smaller, more challenging classes, and having a couple of those per semester really kept me on my toes.”

While at OTC, he decided he wanted to major in English but still head to Belmont.

“Given that the most popular degree program at Belmont is music business and the school is located in Nashville, the school is full of really great musicians and creative types, which as a musician, I really like,” he said. “I joined the Belmont University Songwriters Association so I can meet lyricists and work with them. I’m focusing on practicing and writing new material for the most part. I’ve played at a few open mics and writers’ nights here.”

Shayne said he drew educational inspiration from OTC faculty and students.

“OTC really taught me the value of education. The diversity of the students was a major part of that,” he said. Having attended OTC helped Shayne in his overall educational experience and left an indelible mark on him that he took to Nashville.

“I’m not around as many non-traditional students at Belmont as I was at OTC,” he said. “I’d say that by not going to a community college for part of your education, you’re missing out on the company of a really diverse crowd of great, hard-working people.”

“My time at OTC was great. I went on the Missouri A+ scholarship in order to offset some of the cost of Belmont.”



OTC graduate Jordan Morgan created a mobile device app that peaked at No. 18 in finance apps on the iOS App Store.

An App(etite) for Success

Like some students who first come to Ozarks Technical Community College, Jordan Morgan wasn't sure what career he wanted to pursue.

Today, he's sure he made the right career choice and chose the right college to help him achieve his career goals.

In May of 2013, Morgan graduated from OTC with a degree in Computer Information Science. Today, he is the proud developer, creator and owner of a mobile device application that peaked at No. 18 in finance apps on the iOS App Store.

The app is called Spend Stack and costs \$1.99. It is designed to help a person know exactly what he or she is spending by calculating local tax rates and keeping a running total of the sales price and the exact taxes owed as items are added to a shopping list.

"My wife and I tried to budget our money and we were always a little over or under of what we budgeted because of all the different tax rates," Morgan said.

Morgan was able to retrieve all the various sales tax rates from tax offices around the country and compiled them into his app. In the summer of 2014, Morgan's app peaked at No. 18 among paid apps in Apple's App Store.

"It was awesome. I was out with my wife one night, and I looked at the category and I was shocked," he said. "The best part is to see people use it and hear how they like it."

The app took about a year to develop. He credits OTC's Computer Information Science program for giving him the know-how to create and develop a financial app.

"I've always been a big fan of the CIS department. When we graduate, we are battle tested.

At OTC, we get in and do it. OTC equipped me with the know-how. If it wasn't for OTC, I don't know if I would be where I am today."

Tiffany Ford, chair of the CIS department, said Morgan was the kind of student the program wanted.

"He was motivated and driven to succeed," she said. "He not only applied himself in his classes but he

also started using these skills in outside projects."

Morgan is working at what he calls his dream job as a programmer and developer for HealthMEDX in Ozark. As part of developing the app, Morgan started his own side business called Dreaming In Binary.

Now that he's tasted success, he's not about to slow down. "I've got thousands of ideas for apps," he said.

"If it wasn't for OTC, I don't know if I would be where I am today."

Fallen but *Never* Forgotten

The late Special Agent Sgt. Joseph M. Peters will never be forgotten by Ozarks Technical Community College.

Sgt. Peters, who was killed from injuries sustained in a series of explosions while accompanying Army Rangers on a raid Oct. 6, 2013 in Afghanistan, received Distinguished Alumni awards from both OTC and the Missouri Community College Association.

Sgt. Peters' father, Dennis, who is OTC's veterans service representative, received a standing ovation as he accepted the award for his fallen son from Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of OTC.

Dennis Peters reminded OTC's graduating students that the men and women of the military helped them reach their goals and dreams.

"Others have made sacrifices to help you reach your dream and graduate tonight," Peters told the packed audience at the JQH Arena.

Sgt. Peters' legacy will live on at OTC. Last year, the Peters family announced a \$7,500 gift to endow the Special Agent Sgt. Joseph M. Peters Memorial Scholarship.

The gift was added to the contributions already made by the OTC family and community donors for a total endowment of \$10,000. The scholarship supports eligible veterans attending OTC.

"Through this gift, we can be sure that our family and Joseph remain connected to OTC," said Peters.

The OTC Board of Trustees also recognized Sgt. Peters' service and sacrifice with a resolution. After his death, the Army awarded Sgt. Peters with the Combat Action Badge, Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart.

Peters was born Dec. 22, 1988 and graduated from Republic High School in 2007. Peters received a certificate in electronic media production from OTC.



▲ Sgt. Joseph M. Peters received the college's 2014 Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award posthumously at its commencement in May. ▲ Dennis Peters accepted the award from OTC Chancellor Hal Higdon on his son's behalf.



Ozarks Antique Auto Club members Dave Freeman (left) and John Piatchek have been leading the club's support of OTC automotive programs.

everything from cars to nearly any auto part imaginable.

The club, with about 110 members today, was founded in the late 1950s in a garage. All members had a common interest in cars. At that time, the cars included mostly Model As and Ts.

Today, the members' collections include everything from Model Ts to Rolls Royces to Corvettes to muscle cars, including a 1967 Pontiac GTO, owned by Piatchek.

In 1961, the club became a full-fledged nonprofit club. Members wanted to give back to the community and enjoy their classic automobiles at the same time.

According to Piatchek and Dave Freeman, two long-time members, the club turned to OTC when it was looking to contribute to the community.

"We wanted to do something to be remembered when we are gone. We wanted to find a place that we could sink our teeth into," said Freeman.

OTC Chancellor Hal Higdon said the foundation and college are grateful to have the club's involvement.

"OTC appreciates Ozarks Antique Auto Club for its continued support of our students," Dr. Higdon said. "This ongoing gift speaks to the unique partnership between the club and OTC."

Fueling the Foundation

John Piatchek of the Ozarks Antique Auto Club describes the club's members as old boys with lots of toys — lots of classic cars to be specific.

The members' love for cars has translated into a major benefit for Ozarks Technical Community College and the OTC Foundation's scholarship fund.

Since 2006, the club has been funding an endowed scholarship for students in OTC's automotive program with funds raised from the club's annual swap meet. The meet, heading into its 47th year, is held annually at the Ozarks Empire Fairgrounds. At the event, visitors can buy

"We wanted to do something to be remembered when we are gone."

Piatchek said the club is honored to be associated with the OTC automotive programs.

"We like the people, the kids, the administration and what the college stands for," he said. "We feel like we're helping and feel good about doing it."



Charlie and Mary Beth O'Reilly have established an OTC scholarship for students in need.

Wowed by OTC's growth

Charlie O'Reilly uses one three-letter word to describe the impact and growth of Ozarks Technical Community College.

"Wow!" the vice chairman of the board of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. said without hesitation. "Wow would be the best word I could use. OTC's success has been beyond my expectations and maybe everybody else's, too."

Mr. O'Reilly is in a position to know the impact OTC has had on the region for a number of reasons. First, he was on the fact-finding committee that worked to form the OTC district more than 25 years ago.

And second, as a native of Springfield, Mr. O'Reilly knows what the region's educational landscape was like before and after OTC was formed and what the community college has contributed to the community.

"OTC has had a huge impact. Every business needs trained people. I would go so far as to say that some companies would not have located here or would not have grown as much as they did if OTC were not here," Mr. O'Reilly said.

"In my opinion, without OTC, it would have caused the

relocation of some companies. Companies look real closely at available workforce and trained workforce."

Mr. O'Reilly and his wife, Mary Beth, have been so impressed with OTC that they established the Charlie and Mary Beth O'Reilly Family Scholarship.

"Mary Beth and I had the idea of helping someone who may not have been able to go to school. The students are intelligent, but if they didn't have a scholarship, they would not be able to maximize their abilities," he said.

Mr. O'Reilly said his company makes use of the resources that OTC offers.

"We employ about 4,000 team members here in Springfield and have hired a lot of OTC grads," he said. "We're a good example of a local business taking advantage of the talented technician graduates coming out of OTC."

OTC has earned its spot next to the other local higher education institutions, according to Mr. O'Reilly.

"It's hard to understand how we got along without OTC before," he said. "OTC fills a huge need."



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We would like to extend a special thanks to those who support students and programs at Ozarks Technical Community College by contributing to the OTC Foundation. Your generosity helps provide education, job training and lifelong learning to countless students and is instrumental in ensuring continued student success.

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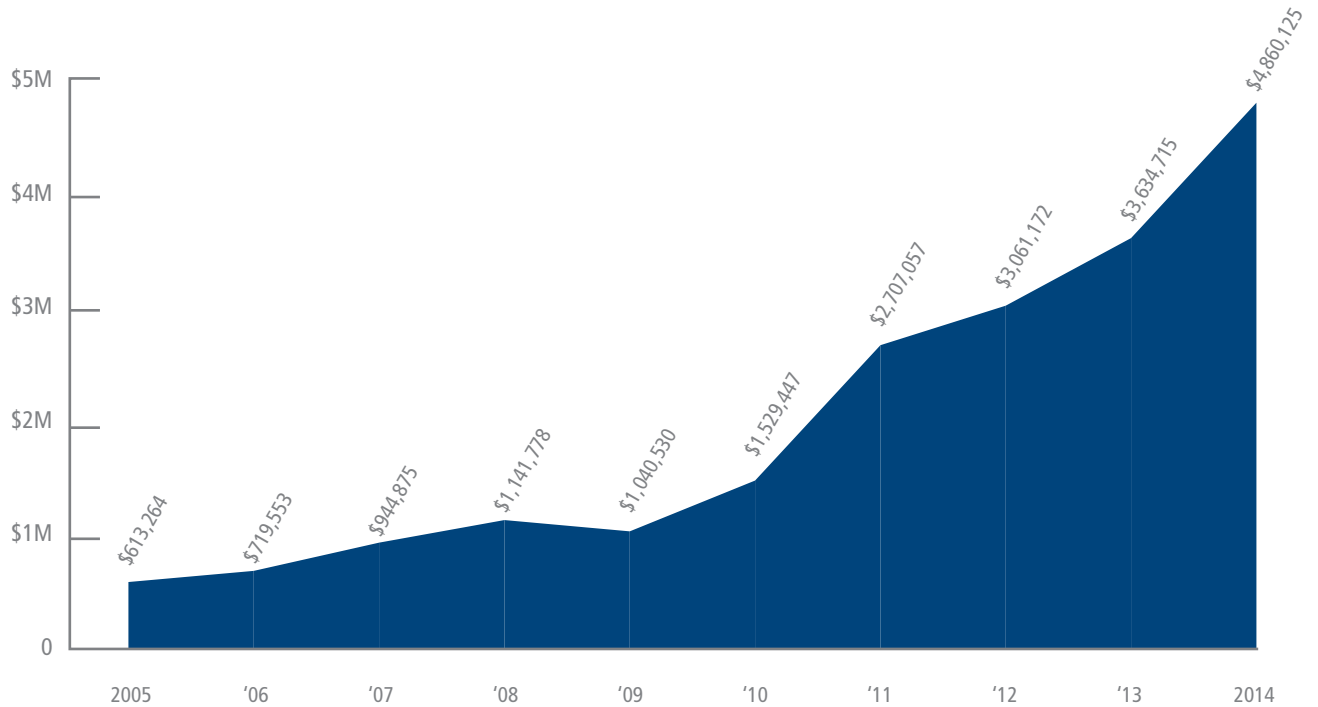
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OTC Foundation Assets Growth



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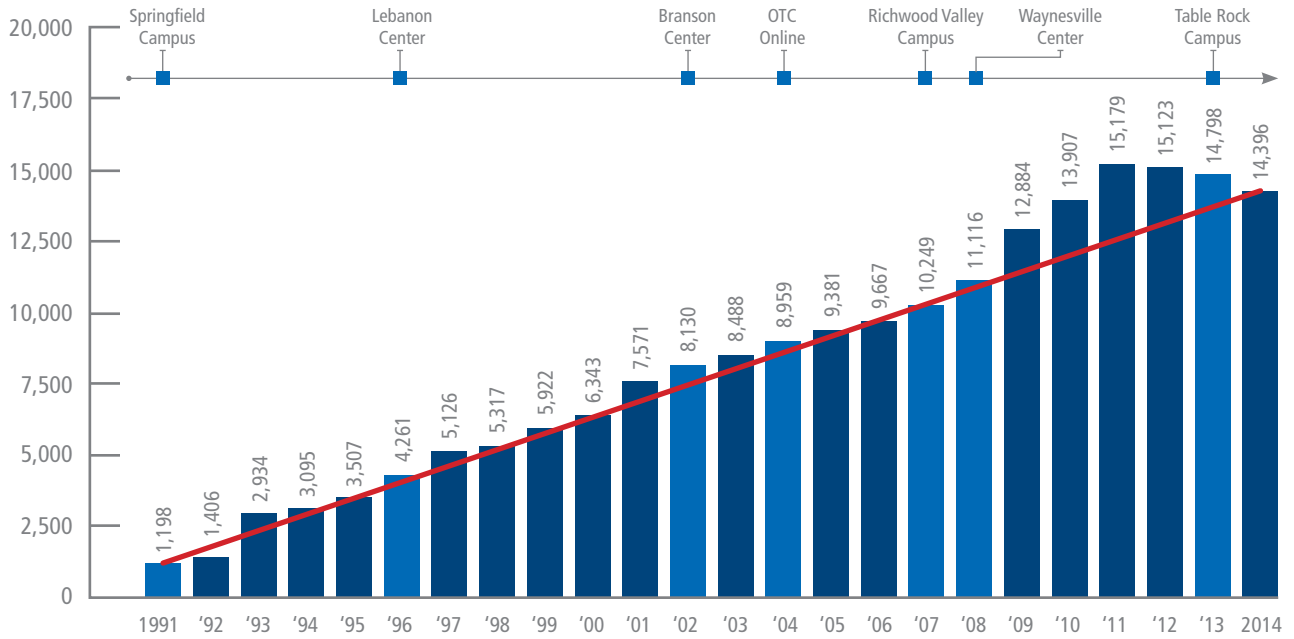
As of June 30, 2014, with comparative totals for June 30, 2013. Based on pre-audit 2014 financial statements.

Assets	2013	2014
Great Southern Bank – Foundation	\$135,470	\$545,816
Community Foundation of the Ozarks	\$3,499,244	\$4,314,310
Total Assets	\$3,634,714	\$4,860,126

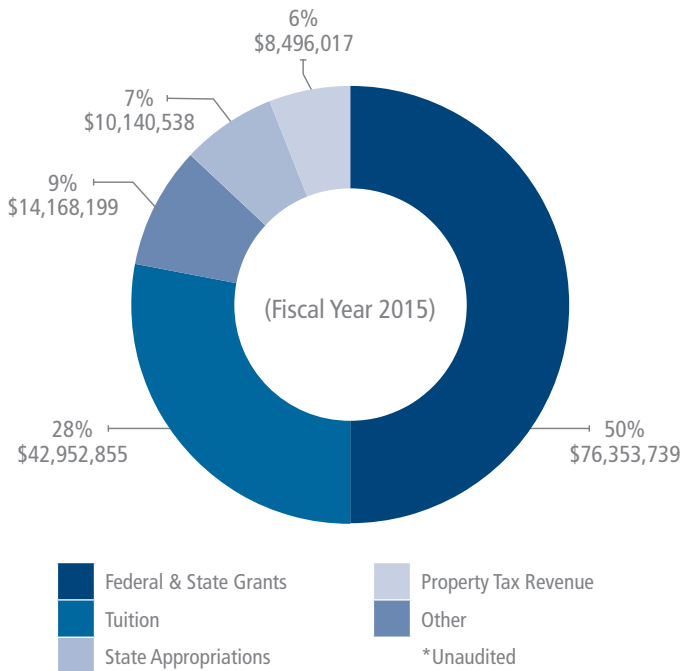
Fund Balance	2013	2014
Unrestricted	\$584,903	\$882,353
Restricted	\$1,255,347	\$1,351,344
Endowment (Revocable)	\$776,558	-
Endowment (Irrevocable)	\$1,017,906	\$2,636,428
Total Fund Balance	\$3,634,714	\$4,870,125



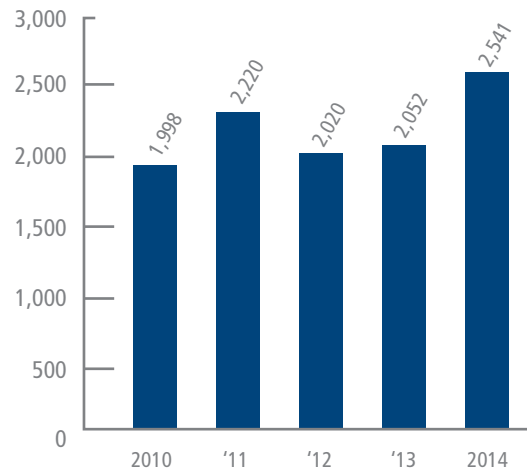
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- A planned gift, such as the following:
 - Bequest
 - Real estate
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ABOUT US

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 nearly 15,000 credit students and an additional 7,900 non-credit students. OTC continues to grow, helping 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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