Connecting with Rhodes State College and Lima Technical College Alumni

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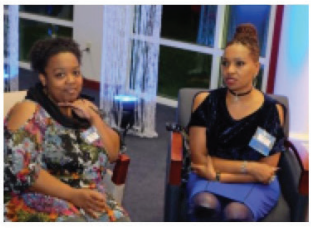
We CARE (Connect, Advocate, Recognize, Engage) about You!

Warm wishes for a Happy Holiday!

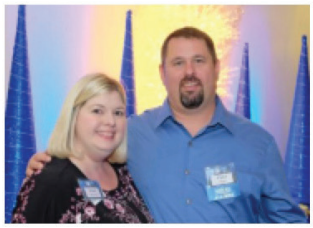
Members of the Health Sciences faculty provided the creativity for this year's Rhodes State entry in the Christmas Tree Festival at the Allen County Museum

Criminal Justice Officers and K-9, who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2017, were recognized on the night of the Annual Memorial Tree lighting by program chair, **Rick Kohli**, LAW'89

Photo: Richard Parrish/ The Lima News



Kesha Drake and **Andrea Guice**, HUM'99 enjoyed the President's Holiday Reception



Vance Poteet, EET'15 and his wife and Career Services Director, Krista Richardson attended the President's Holiday Reception

President Dr. Debra McCurdy is joined by staff members, **Diana Spellman**, CPT'84 and **Lynette Goodwin**, OAC'96 on the night of the President's Holiday Reception

Andy Shappell, RAD'80 and **Paula Siebeneck**, SEC'89 visited with Alumni Coordinator, Carole Enneking (center) at the President's Holiday Reception

Tim Turnwald, MGT'85 and his wife, Cherie posed for a photo at the President's Holiday Reception

Jesse Pope and **Rick Kortokrax**, MGT'82 visited at the President's Holiday Reception

Small Business Development Center Director Recognized

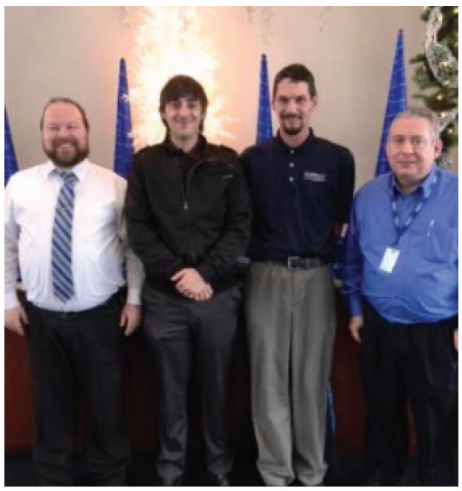
Kathy (Buschur) Keller, MGB'08, Center Director for the Lima Small Business Development Center located at Rhodes State College, received the 2017 Ohio SBDC Peer Recognition Award for Collaboration. This statewide award recognizes innovation, advocacy, collaboration, marketing, and mentoring. The nomination was based on her involvement with the YEA! Program and the Bluffton Center for Entrepreneurship's Ropp Triplett Business Plan Competition, among numerous other smaller projects. "The nominations are reviewed by a statewide committee comprised of my SBDC peers and I am honored to be chosen as the recipient of the award," reported Keller.

Photo: Keller and James Laipply, Ohio Small Business Development Centers Director, Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Support Annual Giving

Many donors are "Taking the Lead" in growing student scholarship funds by supporting the **2017-2018 Annual Giving Campaign**. As of December 19, 2017, over $28,000 in gifts and pledges had been received. Thank you to those alumni who have supported Rhodes State scholarships through "Giving Tuesday" and the Annual Campaign. Of the total gifts received, 38% have come from alumni! The endowing of the **Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund** is an on-going process; several donations have been received.

There is still time to donate! Call the Development Office (419-995-8044) by Friday, December 22 to make a gift by credit card OR download the Community Brochure and Pledge/Gift Form and mail your donation. All contributions postmarked on or before December 31, 2017, will be acknowledged as 2017 donations.



Shawn Fairburn, CPN'07; **Zach Donley**, CPS'17; **Cory Marks**, CPS'16; and **Omer Calvelage**, CPN'01, alumni-employees on the Rhodes State Institutional Support team, posed during the Employee Holiday Gathering

Rita Totty, HRM'11 recently joined the Admissions Team of Rhodes State College

The Dental Hygiene Class of 2018 presented research-based poster presentations at the 94th Annual Session of the Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA)

Second year Dental Hygiene student, Abigail Stapleton was awarded the Christopher Simmons Memorial Scholarship from ODHA for demonstrating academic achievement, a commitment to lifelong learning, community service, professional association involvement, rapport of faculty and a future vision through the development of personal and professional goals

Borra BSN Scholarship Application Deadline Approaches

Established in 2015 through a gift from the Borra Family Foundation, this scholarship is awarded to Rhodes nursing graduates (ADN) who are pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Awards are based on GPA and financial need.

If you are currently (or planning on) completing a Bachelor Degree in Nursing, contact Kevin Reeks, Executive Director of the Rhodes State College Foundation, to apply. Scholarship materials for the 2018-19 academic year are due by January 31, 2018.

Outstanding Alumni Award Nominations Welcome

The 2018 Rhodes State College Outstanding Alumni Award nomination period opens in January. Community members are encouraged to nominate associate degree graduates of Rhodes State College or Lima Technical College who have made achievements in their chosen profession, performed service to the community and/or made outstanding contributions to Rhodes State College. The recipient will be honored with a student scholarship in their name and be recognized at the Rhodes State College 2018 Commencement in May. For more information, contact Carole Enneking, Alumni Relations Coordinator.

Congratulations to the December 2017 Nursing class!

Click below to view the Nurses Pinning Ceremony photos taken by faculty member, **Jim Hoffman**, NSG'83

ADN Pinning

Class members gathered before the Pinning Ceremony

Paula Stout, NSG'06 proudly pinned her daughter, **Chelsi Siefker** after she completed her RN coursework

Sonia Bonifas was pinned by her daughter, **Evania (Bonifas) Moser**, NSG'14

Including Key Achievements In Your Resume - Gavin F. Redelman

If I had a dollar for every resume I saw that did not include "key achievements", I would be a very wealthy resume writer!

Failing to include key achievements throughout your resume is a recipe for disaster and will cause your resume to be put straight in the deleted folder and never to be seen again.

The job market is competitive, and if you're going to prove to the hiring manager that you are the best candidate for a job, you need to show off every key achievement and skill that will stand you out against all the other job candidates. Remember the golden rule of resume writing—your resume is a marketing document and, as such, needs to market all the great things that you can bring to a potential job. Providing achievements that are backed up with quantitative evidence will guarantee that you will stand out from the other job seekers.

Register for CCN services to read the full article. Alumni, as reminded by **Krista Richardson**, Director of Career Services, are eligible to use Career Services at any time in their career without charge.

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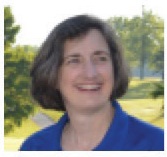

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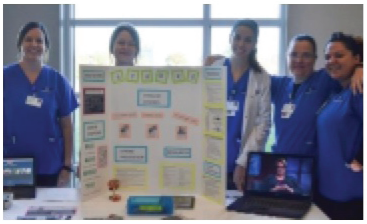
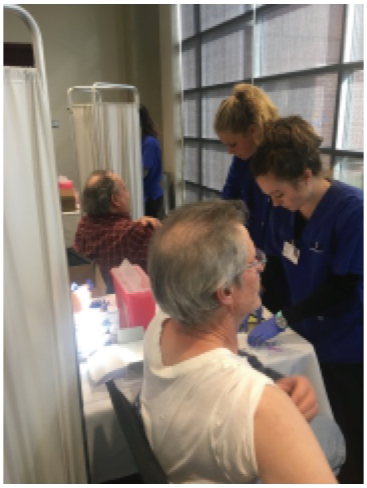


The December 2017 Nursing Class presented their Capstone Projects to the College community in October.

Students in the December 2017 Nursing class were eager to answer questions at the Faculty & Staff Health Fair.

A Jeopardy-style game was one of the creative Capstone projects offered at the Health Fair.



Medical Assisting (MAT) students offered a Flu Shot Clinic at Stillwater Family Care in Versailles, Ohio.

MAT students decorated their scrubs to celebrate Medical Assistant Week.

The Respiratory Care student organization hosted a bake sale in recognition of Respiratory Care Week in October. These 2nd year students are looking forward to graduating in May.

IT and Law Enforcement students provided support services for Makerfest in October. Faculty members Mike Eilerman and **Steve Stiles**, ACC'86 are joined by some of the IT student volunteers.

Physical Therapy Assistant students volunteered at the Fassett Farm Equestrian Therapy Ride-A-Thon.

Ryan Bullinger, LAW'17, **Skyler Noble**, LAW'17, **Alan Ogle**, LAW'17 and Evans Thomas are congratulated by Allen County Sheriff Matthew Treglia after being sworn in as deputies on November 15. All four completed the Rhodes State Police Academy.

Highlights from **"Emotional Intelligence at Work"**

We're all familiar with IQ, or Intelligence Quotient, which quantifies a person's mental intelligence or intellectual abilities. But have you heard of "EQ" or Emotional Quotient, the measurement of a person's emotional strengths?

Often referred to as "emotional intelligence," EQ is the ability to perceive, evaluate, and manage both your own and others' emotions. EQ helps you see the big picture, behave appropriately, and promote teamwork and productivity.

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