

Connecting with Alumni of Rhodes State and Lima Tech



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



**Call for Outstanding Alumni** - February 17<sup>th</sup> is the nomination deadline for the 2017 Outstanding Alumni Award. Each year the College honors one of our alumni who demonstrates exceptional career advancement

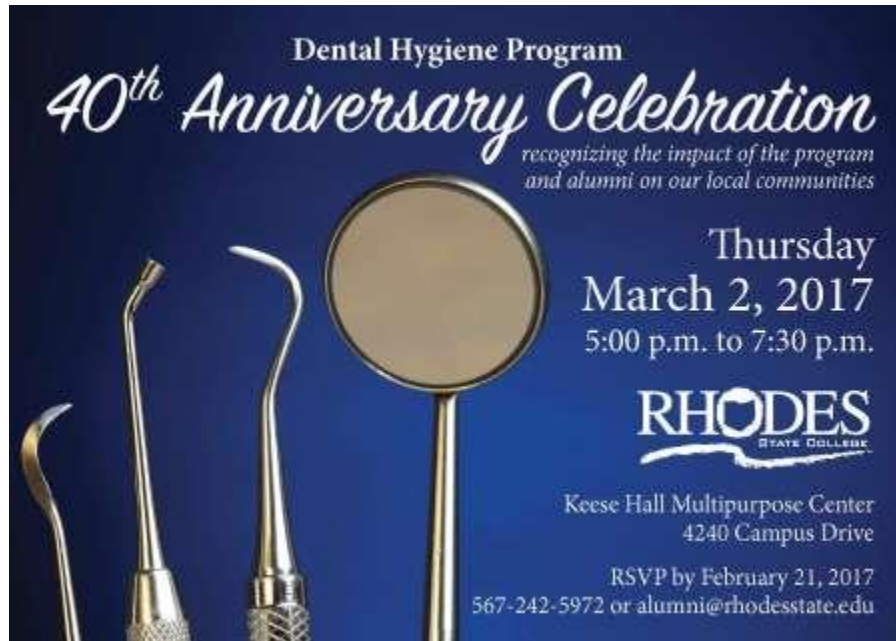
and service to the community or College. [The nomination form is online.](#) Nominees will be asked to submit additional information for the selection committee. The recipient will be recognized at Commencement on May 6, 2017.

**College Open House on February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Prospective Rhodes State students and their families are invited to learn more about the College on Monday, February 20. The program starts at 1 p.m. with an overview of financial aid and student services. Students will then meet with faculty in their intended majors. Campus tours and an information fair will be included. [Pre-registration is requested.](#)

**Spring Job & Internship Fair available to Alumni** – The Lima Campus Spring Job & Internship Fair will be held on Thursday, March 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Cook Hall gymnasium. The fair is coordinated by Career Services of Rhodes State College and The Ohio State University at Lima. It is open to current students and alumni. [Register through CCN](#); resumes may be uploaded prior to the event, even if unable to attend. Contact Krista Richardson, Director of Career Services, at (419) 995-8352 or by [email](#) for more information.

**Alumni Celebration for Radiographic Imaging graduates coming in April** - Invitations will go out soon for a weekend event that will include a Lab Open House and social time. To update your address, contact [Alumni Relations](#); more details will be posted on the [Radiographic Imaging Alumni Facebook page](#).

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhodes State College Tee-off for Scholarships set for July 28<sup>th</sup>** – It is not too early to put a team together for the Friday, July 28 golf outing. The Rhodes State College Tee-off for Scholarships is a four-person scramble held at Colonial Golfers Club in Harrod, Ohio. Alumni have been well represented in the past, and new teams and sponsors are always welcome. Cost is \$360 per team or \$90 per golfer, with discounted rates if paid by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Last year's event raised over \$62,000 for student scholarships. To become involved in this year's event, contact the [Development Office](#) at 419-995-8044 or [visit the website](#).



**Dental Hygiene Celebration in March** – The Dental Hygiene program will celebrate its 40 year history on Thursday, March 2. Established in 1977, the first class of twenty-one women graduated in 1978. Graduates (totaling over 750 men and women), area dentists and past faculty have been invited for a CE session, celebration reception and clinic tours. For more information or to RSVP, contact [Alumni Relations](#).



2017 Souper Bowl for Scholarships raised over \$600 for the Rhodes State College Scholarship Fund.



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**Success Stories** - Click to [share your own update](#).

**Sheila Custer**, MGB'10 named Ambassador of the Year by the Lima-Allen Chamber of Commerce

- **Vaughn Hopson**, MKT/MGT'94 recently started a new sales position with the National Cremation Society in Florida
- **Michael Mahaffey**, LAW'95 recognized as Trooper of the Year by the Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol
- **Jason May**, MGB'08 joined First Federal State Bank as Financial Manager
- **Joshua Menke**, LAW'10 recognized as Trooper of the Year by the Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol
- **Glenda Newland**, HUM'15 named interim director of Lima's Family Promise

### Memorials

- **Tracy Ball**, NSG'95
  - **Lori Biddinger**, NSG'92
  - **Bonnie Hoy**, NSG'79
  - **Wendy Breaston Jeffers**, NSG'09
  - **Christine Storer**, NSG'79
  - **Helen Trenkamp**, NSG'92
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**Alumnus John Freed, AA'12**

graduated from Rhodes State College on June 9, 2012, and the next day graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Middle Childhood Education. Freed started at Rhodes State out of high school in 2007. He planned to take Rhodes general education classes and transfer to complete a bachelor degree in education. Working with advisors from both Rhodes and Ohio State Lima, he was able to dual-enroll and take Rhodes courses to fulfill many OSU requirements and complete the Associate of Arts degree. Early Childhood Education courses, Anatomy & Physiology and "Literature and the Holocaust" are examples of his varied course load. Reflecting back, Freed mentioned the great teachers and wonderful support he got at Rhodes.

Shortly after graduation, Freed moved from "Help Desk" student worker to full-time Instructional Technology Technician. While serving in this position, he completed a Master of Education from OSU. His intended teaching path was social studies and language arts, but he currently serves as a Technology Integration Specialist for Allen East Schools, where he enjoys training staff and expanding educational experiences through technology.

John is the son of Kathy Freed, SEC'81 and brother to Andrew Freed, ECE'14.



**Alumna Kathi Stephens, OAE'07**

joined the Rhodes State staff, in a part-time support position, the day before her graduation. She advanced to a full-time position in the Academic Success Center (formerly the Learning Center) and currently is the Office Specialist for Academic Affairs. Having started college in her 30's, she remembers the challenge of balancing coursework and family responsibilities. She appreciated the people who encouraged her and enjoys being a resource for others. The best part of working at Rhodes, according to Kathi, is being a part of something that makes a difference in other people's lives.

Kathi met her husband, **Aaron Stephens, MET'11** in the Academic Success Center. As a dislocated worker returning to college, he took advantage of the tutoring services. He found the services so helpful that he later "returned the favor" and served as a tutor while completing his Mechanical Engineering Technology degree. Aaron is now an Equipment Service Technician for Celina Aluminum Precision Technology (CAPT). Kathi and Aaron live in Harrod; they have two children and two grandchildren.

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## A Focus on Arts & Sciences

The **Arts & Sciences Division** is the backbone of all Rhodes State College academic programs. Each major requires courses in math, humanities, as well as physical, biological, social and behavioral sciences. These courses provide the background, skills, insights and breadth of knowledge pertinent to students, their employers and their community.

In 2008, Rhodes State began offering **Associate of Arts and Associate of Science** degrees, a pathway toward a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from a four-year college or university. The degree requirements include a minimum of 62 credit hours (including 41 credit hours in Arts & Sciences and Computer Literacy) plus a concentration of courses in Business, Pre-Health, Psychology, Education, English Writing/Literature, History, or Sociology. The mix of courses depends on the intended major of the student and requirements of the transfer institution. Rhodes State College academic advisors are available to guide the students through the process.

**Ohio Department of Higher Education Credit Transfer Initiative** - The State of Ohio has developed a comprehensive credit transfer system including the Ohio Transfer Module (OTM), a subset or complete set of a public college or university general education requirements, and Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs), which are courses guaranteed to transfer and apply directly to the major requirements. Knowing in advance that courses taken at one of Ohio's public institutions will transfer around the state gives students the flexibility of accumulating credits at a lower cost prior to transferring to a four-year university. To learn how courses transfer, [click here](#).

**Familiar Faces in the Arts & Sciences Division** – Alumni may remember these full-time faculty members who have been teaching at Rhodes for more than 25 years: Humanities - Dr. Sally Angel, Mr. Tom Beery, Dr. John Fallon, Mr. Sean Lause'; Mathematics – Mr. Rodney Null. Dr. Will Wells and Ms. Judy Giffin have retired from full-time teaching, but still teach some courses.

**College Credit Plus (CCP) Offers Early College Credits** - College Credit Plus was established by the Ohio Board of Regents to allow Ohio students to earn college credit while still in high school. Rhodes State College is proud to partner with high schools to offer courses at the high schools, in addition to on-campus and on-line courses that are open to all CCP students. Interested students must notify their school by April 1 and complete the college application process. Contact Kitt Horn, Director at 419-995-8423 or by email for more information. [Click here](#) for additional information about this state-wide program.

**#GivingTuesday Goal Exceeded** - On Nov. 29, 2016, Rhodes State launched its first #GivingTuesday fundraising effort, a national movement to celebrate giving. An anonymous donor agreed to match up to \$2,500 of the #GivingTuesday gifts. The match was met and an additional \$1,727 was collected for a total of \$6,727. Thank you to everyone who made gifts as a part of this effort!



### Ways to Give Back to Rhodes State College:

- Hire a Rhodes State intern or graduate
- Volunteer in the classroom, with a student organization, or with special events
- Show your Rhodes State College pride by referring potential students
- Make a donation

Contact Carole Enneking to learn how you can become more involved.

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## Let's Keep Connected

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