

Connecting with Alumni of Rhodes State and Lima Tech



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

Focus on:



Celebrating 40 years: A Brief History of the Dental Hygiene Program

From the 1940s to the 1960s, the only Ohio higher education institutions to offer dental hygiene training were in Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati. After years of work by an Ohio Dental Association Task Force, dental hygiene programs were established in other locations. In the fall of 1976, the first Lima Technical College dental hygiene students started classes. There have been three Program Chairs: Julianne Boston McCain (1976-79), Linda Robinson Leshner Staley (1979-2006) and Dr. Denise Bowers (2006-present). Today's program continues the tradition of two-years of coursework combined with hands-on training in the Dental Hygiene Clinic. Most of the 700+ Dental Hygiene

Celebrating 40 years: Radiographic Imaging

Radiographic Technology, Medical Imaging, and Radiographic Imaging are names that have been used over 40 years. According to Andy Shappell, Program Coordinator, the curriculum remains similar, but the names defining the technology have changed. The Rhodes State associate degree program is one of the largest in the country with 28 students accepted each year. Eight Rhodes State students enroll through the Northwest Ohio Allied Health Consortium, a distance-education option with Clark State Community College and Northwest State Community College. Program leadership has included Judy Rayburn (1976-1986), Rick Carlton (1986-1995), Dennis Spragg (1995-2015) and Shappell (2015-present). Some alumni

alumni work for Ohio-based dental practices.

will remember the RAD lab in Cook Hall, but the Lab moved to TEL in 2008 during a building renovation. Over 600 Rhodes/LTC Radiographic Imaging alumni are working in hospitals and medical facilities across the region and nation.



RES alumni attended the Fall Respiratory Care Forum.



DHY alumni gathered at the NWODHA meeting held in October.



Assistant Dean Eric Mason, NSG'96 enjoyed showing the nursing labs to Kathy Lukey, NSG'78 during a recent campus visit.



PTA (2nd year) students performing developmental screens and simulated treatment interventions on the children in the Rhodes preschool program.



The second annual PT-PTA Collaboration Workshop between Rhodes State College PTA and University of Findlay DPT students was held in October.



Capstone Projects by the December NSG graduating class were presented during the Wellness Fair.



RES students joined with Activate Allen County to promote healthy living.



OTA Students presented the proceeds of their summer car wash to The Arc of Ohio.

For Medical Assistant Week, MAT students went out into the community to give flu shots.



BSN Scholarship Now Available- Rhodes/LTC Registered Nursing Alumni are encouraged to apply for the [Borra Family Foundation Nursing Scholarship](#) if they plan to complete a bachelor degree in nursing. Established in 2015, the scholarship provides funds for graduates to complete a BSN. As the first “bridge” scholarship offered through the Rhodes State College Foundation, alumni recipients may attend the college of their choice. Interested individuals should contact [Kevin Reeks](#), Executive Director of the Rhodes State College Foundation, to apply. Scholarship materials for the 2017-18 academic year are due by January 31, 2017.

Commitment to Safety - Safety is a concern everywhere in society, and Rhodes State is no exception. Emergency preparations are coordinated by the Campus Safety & Security Department, Student Affairs Division, Campus Counselor and Campus Emergency Response Team. The Security Office, staffed 24 hours a day with “sworn” and “non-sworn” personnel, is charged with the responsibility of insuring the safety and security of students, faculty, staff and visitors. As part of a commitment to safety and in compliance with the 1998 Jeanne Clery Disclosure Act and the 2013 Campus SaVE Act (Violence Against Woman Act), the College provides educational materials and crime statistics in the [Annual Safety and Security Report](#).

A Building Emergency Action Plan (BEAP) is in place and annual training is provided to faculty and staff. In the case of an on-campus or local emergency, the Campus Emergency Response Team will respond. Rhodes Alert allows students, faculty and staff to receive notifications by phone, email, and text message. Alerts will be activated in the event of Weather Emergency, Weather Closure, and/or Campus Security Threat.

Kendra Bermosk, MA, LPCC, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor through the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapy Board, is the Rhodes State College Counselor. [Counseling Services](#) are provided free to enrolled students on a voluntary basis and no referral is needed. All information shared by the student is confidential.

Rhodes State joins #GivingTuesday

Rhodes State College has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. On Tuesday, November 29, alumni and friends of Rhodes State College are invited to make an online donation using the [Rhodes State College Foundation Giving](#) page.

According to Kevin Reeks, Executive Director of Development, “#GivingTuesday is a great opportunity to support student scholarships at Rhodes State. Donors are truly impacting students, who appreciate their help. It’s another reason Rhodes State is the #1 Choice.”

[#GivingTuesday](#) is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving to kick-off the holiday giving season. It seeks to inspire people to improve their local communities and to give to the charities and causes they value.

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 29, 2016

Honoring Veterans



A special display traveled around the campus November 1-7 to encourage faculty, staff and students to show support for the military.



A Field of Remembrance is on display until November 11 as a tribute honoring all Veterans and Active Duty Military for their dedication and service to our nation.



The campus community was invited to write cards of encouragement.

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

- **Mark Cisco**, ACC'84 - Owner of CPA firm in New Bremen
- **Robbin Clark**, NSG'77 - Recognized by Johnny Appleseed Parks for ten years of volunteer service
- **Shelly Diepenbrock**, MGB'13 - 2016 Ohio Association of Realtors President's Sales Club
- **Karolyn Eversole**, MGB'11 - Owner of Eversole Pool and Spa, Lima
- **Mark Goedde**, CPT'78 - President of Denovo-us
- **Megan Hunt**, DHY'05 - Owner Megan Hunt Photography
- **Rick Kohli**, LAW'89 - Recognized for five years of volunteer service with Johnny Appleseed Parks, as well as receiving the Rhodes State College Professional/Administrative Leadership Award
- **Samantha (Blinn) Mangan**, EHS'12 - Safety/Training Manager for Wyandot, Inc.
- **Robert Meier**, NSG'82 - Retired
- **Steve Mericle**, EET'76 - Completed 2016 class of Allen Lima Leadership
- **Brian Scheid**, MIT'05 - Director of Heart & Vascular Center for Wilson Memorial Hospital
- **Nicole Smith**, LEG'06 - Assistant Prosecutor for Lima Municipal Court
- **Marcy Stevens**, LEG'99 - New position as an attorney with Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation

Memorials

Della Gaskins, NSG'76
Ruth (Brinkman) Klima, NSG'85
Joanne (Honegger) Lott, LEG'02
Trenna (Goedde) Rose, FMS'07
Edith Shilling, LEG'96

Featured Alumna

Kathy Lukey, NSG'78

finished her Nursing degree at the age of 39 and started a twenty-year career serving in Miami and Shelby counties. After working one year as a staff nurse in a psychiatric unit, she moved to a school nurse position for Upper Valley JVS. While balancing work and family responsibilities, she completed a B.S. in Psychology and M.S. in Social Agency Counseling. Lukey transitioned into a Prevention Consultant position for the Miami-Shelby Consortium and coordinated substance abuse prevention efforts for schools in a two-county area. While in this position, she established S.A.D.D. and G.R.A.D. organizations, educated students and parents about substance abuse, and trained teachers and other consultants as an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant. She also served on the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees.

During a recent "homecoming" visit, Lukey was impressed by the Rhodes State College Nursing Labs and simulation equipment. Walking the halls of Cook Hall brought back memories and her conversation showed her passion for Substance Abuse Prevention Services. She is a great example of how Rhodes State College (and LTC) "changes lives, builds futures and improves communities through life-long learning." Lukey is a "Proud Alumni" and proud that one of her grandchildren is a Rhodes State Nursing graduate, too. She lives in Sidney, OH and is an active retiree, enjoying her thirteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grands and husband of 63 years, Jack.



Featured Alumna

Stacy Hubbard, RES'96 coordinates teams of specially trained nursing and respiratory personnel who are capable of stabilizing the most critically ill newborns, infants, children and adolescents for Dayton Children's Hospital. As the Transport and Communication Center Manager, she was invited to speak at the Fall Respiratory Care Forum to share information about preparing for pediatric transfers. Hubbard encouraged the attendees to continue to work with the patient until the transfer team is introduced and ready to take over; this will comfort the child and family during the stressful time.

After completing her Respiratory Care degree, Hubbard completed NPS and C-NPT certifications, a B.S. in Respiratory Therapy and a Master of Health Administration. This additional education allowed her to move into healthcare administration. Hubbard still enjoys patient care and works occasional shifts at St. Rita's Health Partners. She has been involved in training NICU nurses in Guyana, South America, as well.



Alumni-Friendly Business

CentraComm, located in Findlay, Ohio, is an industry leading managed IT solutions

Staff Alumnus

Omer Calvelage, CPN'01 is a Systems Network Analyst for Rhodes State College; he helps faculty, staff and students navigate



provider. Established in 2001, they have built a reputation of offering premium network security, routing and switching expertise while nurturing a culture of engineering and customer service excellence. Lynn Child, President, is a strong advocate for Rhodes State College and shows it by hiring graduates. Child thinks that Rhodes State provides a great foundation in IT. The program is well-rounded emphasizing analytical thinking, promoting strong communication skills and training graduates to apply their computer knowledge in a variety of business settings. CentraComm has been hiring graduates for ten years, currently employs six to eight alumni (15% of employees), and looks forward to the continuing relationship.

the College's computer systems. In 1999, he returned to school when Philips© in Ottawa closed. He had worked for the company for 24 years as a technical trainer, developing training and job procedures for new employees. While on-campus, Omer worked as a work-study student, taking calls at the Help station in Tech Lab 129. As he was finishing his degree the Analyst job was posted, he applied, and has been working for Rhodes for the past 15 years.

Omer lives in Fort Jennings with his wife Mary Ann, daughter Sarah and awesome grandchildren Anessa and Daxton. Sarah completed her LPN through Rhodes State College. Son, Adam, started at Rhodes then transferred to the University of Findlay to complete a degree in Environmental Health and Safety.



Alumni ambassador, Mike Hicks, FMS'93 helped at the Rhodes booth during Makerfest in October.



Jackie (Hines) Drury, NSG'84 led one of the sessions during the RES Fall Forum.



Nursing instructor, Tammy Segovia, NSG'94 reviewed Capstone Projects at the Wellness Fair.



Scott Conway, FMS'16 enjoyed seeing the Scramble game, his Capstone Project, at Makerfest.



Taria Emerson, RES'04 was one of the speakers for the RES Fall Forum.



Alumni employees, Betty Blumenstein, MGT'95 and Meena Gupta, CPN'01 provided snacks during the Wellness Fair.



IT students provided systems support during Makerfest.



MAT alumni gathered during the West Central Ohio Medical Assisting Fall training.



Roger Newhouse, Trisha Kroeger, Rhonda Sparrow and Omer Calvelage were a few of the alumni employees honored for their service to Rhodes State College.

Employee Awards Announced - Rhodes State College recognized 22 faculty and staff (including 8 alumni) during the annual Employee Recognition Dinner on October 20, 2016.

Five Years: John Davis, Physical and Biological Sciences; Tony Dickman, Financial Aid; Jeff Engle, Financial Aid; Melissa Griesdorn, Student Affairs; Theresa Kremer, Mathematics; **Trisha Kroeger**, OAE'08, Division of Health Sciences; Brad Kunz, Distance and Innovative Learning; Margo Meyer, Advanced Manufacturing Initiatives; Jen Motter, Human Resources; Jack Schlosser, Safety and Security; John Schutt, Physical and Biological Sciences; **Merry Shaffer**, OAE'97, Testing Center; **Bonnie Smith**, ATS'11, Arts and Sciences; and Mike Young, Safety and Security

Ten years: **Kristin Martin**, HUM'04, Financial Aid

Fifteen years: **Betty Blumenstein**, MGT'95, Human Resources; and **Omer Calvelage**, CPN'01, Information Systems

Twenty-five years: Sean Lause, Humanities; **Roger Newhouse**, EET'88, Integrated Systems Technology; and Sue Osmon, Dental Hygiene

Thirty years: Tom Beery, Humanities; and **Rhonda Sparrow**, NSG'78, Division of Health Sciences



The Outstanding Faculty Leadership Award was presented to Cheryl Grant, Interim Chair and Assistant Professor, Mathematics.



Richard Kohli, LAW'89, Chair and Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, received the Professional/Administrative Leadership Award.



Dawn Bell, Instructor, Medical Assisting, received the Adjunct Faculty Award.



Sandy Kortokrax, Office Operations Specialist, Office of the President, received the Outstanding Support Staff Award.



Carole Enneking, Coordinator of Alumni Relations, received the President's Compass Award.

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
- Be Proud of Rhodes State College by referring potential students
- Make a donation - [Contact Kevin Reeks](#), Executive Director of Development, to discuss how your financial support can lead to Student Success

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