



**President's Report
March 8, 2004**

Priority - Developing Partnerships

- The college continues to pursue strategic partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the partners. We have reached an agreement with **St. Elizabeth's Medical Center** that will provide funding for four nursing faculty members, some operating funds for the new nursing program, and priority use of their facilities for clinical practice sites. In addition, they will make available scholarship funds for some students. This will be a five-year commitment of considerable dollars and will be announced this month, if the written agreement can be finalized. This will be the largest single gift in the college's young history. (We will need to secure an additional \$150,000 to \$200,000 to purchase classroom equipment and modular classrooms and offices for the program).
- **Chairman Jordan**, Foundation Chairman, **Wade Halsey**, and I attended a KCTCS meeting of Board Chairs on February 19th. Later that evening, we met Governor Fletcher at a reception in the Governor's mansion. We had the opportunity to meet briefly with the Governor and establish a beginning "partnership" for the college.
- The college has been presented the opportunity to secure additional space in the Chamber center at no cost through the end of the year. We have decided to accept the offer and will relocate several offices to the second floor. One small office area has been offered to the Governor's Office for use as the site for the Governor's Regional Liaison, John Stanton. They have accepted our offer and will locate John in that area in about three weeks.

Priority - Investing in Employees / Celebrating Excellence

The college is supporting faculty and staff members who have been selected to present workshops and/or papers at national conferences in their fields of expertise. The following individuals will be representing GCTC at national meeting:

League for Innovation Conference, San Diego

Kim Turner, Medical Office Technology Coordinator

Dr. Michelle Deeley, Associate Academic Dean

National Institute for Staff and Organization Development, University of Texas

Paula Kuhnen, Instructor of Nursing

Gwen Davis, Instructor of Information Technology

Terry Mayo, Coordinator of Nursing

National Career Development Association

Cindy Sproehnle, Assessment Center Director

The following employees have been notified that their presentation has been accepted at the KCTCS New Horizons Conference in May:

Carolyn Ballinger , Nursing Instructor	Carol Bethel , Business Technology
Gordon Clark , Massage Therapy	Gwen Davis , Information Technology
Jackie Freeman , Medical Assisting	Ed Hughes , President
Colleen Kane , Disability Services	Amy Monson , Co-op Coordinator
Carol Sayre , Assessment Center	Hugh Stocks , Library Services
Angie Taylor , Business & Industry Services	Kim Turner , Medical Office Technology
Mike Tucker , Math Instructor	

Priority - Strengthening Regional Economic Development/Celebrating Excellence

- The college did not win the final Bell Wether Award from the Futures Conference in Orlando, FL. The college competed against some of the best (and largest) two-year colleges in the nation in the workforce development category. **Dr. Angie Taylor**, Vice President of Business and Industry Services, **Carole Reed-Mahoney**, Interim Provost, and two employees of Citigroup made the presentation about the Gateway/Citi partnership. The winning program had been considered three previous times.
- Part of the college's programming for business and industry is to assist employers and employees during crisis times. The college's Business and Industry Services division will provide major assistance with the 110 Dana Corporation (Grant County) employees who will be laid off in the next several months. GCTC will collaborate with numerous partners to help with relocation and retraining of dislocated employees.

Priority - Increasing Access

- As previously reported, the Kentucky Board of Nursing has granted approval to the college to initiate the two-year nursing program that leads to the Registered Nurse licensure. The program will begin in the fall.
- The North Central Area Health Education Center and GCTC will co-sponsor a workshop on March 10th with area school counselors regarding the preparation students will need in order to be successful in health careers. Representatives from UK's schools of medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, NKU, GCTC, and Cincinnati State will participate. The goal is to help students get the information needed to become successful applicants in these fields.
- GCTC hosted 200 seventh graders from Two Rivers School (Covington Independent Schools) on February 27. The students visited at least three different program areas during their visit to the campuses and were given hands-on experiences in order to get them interested in the subject. This is an effort to reach into the public schools at an earlier grade in hopes of motivating students toward career decisions that can keep them engaged in learning.

Priority - Building Capacity

- The Boone Campus Phase I is continuing with work on the foundation and roadway systems. The final roadway and parking lots will be completed in the spring. Completion of the project is anticipated for March 2005.
- The S.O.A.R. process was initiated with a college-wide workshop on February 13th conducted by **Phil Accardi**. Priority teams have begun their work which will yield specific activities that will bring to life our strategic plan.
- The Park Hills Center is now open and the North Central Area Health Education Center (AHCE) is occupying new offices there. The Business and Industry Services Division will relocate their offices there in the next two weeks. Classes will begin to utilize the center once furniture has been moved in. Some furniture has arrived.

Priority - Securing Financial Resources

- The Urban Learning Center, a partnership with NKU, Thomas More College, the Covington Community Center, and the schools systems in Covington, Newport, and Dayton received the following grants: \$500,000 (via NKU) from the US Department of Education, \$50,000 from an anonymous donor and \$50,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. These funds will help keep the program operational for another three years and is the major way we get disadvantaged urban students to start in college.
- The Governor's budget request contains \$15.1 million in capital funding for an expansion of the Edgewood Campus. The budget is making its way through the General Assembly.
- The Clements Group, consultants in fundraising, will be conducting a feasibility study for GCTC's anticipated fundraising campaign. The feasibility study will help determine the interest, willingness, and readiness for a campaign that might begin in late 2004.

Priority - Celebrating Excellence

- The college has been informed that **Mike King**, instructor in the adult education program, has been selected as the National Teacher of the Year for the COABE (Council on Adult Basic Education). He will receive the award at the national convention in Columbus later this spring.

Priority - Maximizing Student Success

- As reported in the news media, NKU, GCTC and TMC participated in a session with public school leaders around the issue of student preparation for success in college. About 115 individuals from across the region including principals and superintendents met at NKU to learn more about what the colleges and employers expect of students entering our institutions. We all emphasized the need to have students prepared in math, English, communication and reading. We expect to see between 400-500 students in need of remediation coming to GCTC next year as a result of NKU changing some of its admissions guidelines.

Future Activities

The President's Leadership Team will be involved in the following activities next quarter:

1. Completion of the Listening and Learning Forums
2. Implementation of the S.O.A.R. process
3. Preparation of 2004-05 budget
4. Complete the year-end evaluation process and offer employee contracts for 2004-05
5. Preparation for SACS visit

The President will focus attention on the following:

1. Advocate for Northern Kentucky Partners for the Future in the General Assembly
2. Implement S.O.A.R. process
3. Complete Listening and Learning Forums
4. Finalize strategic partnership with St. Elizabeth Medical Center
5. Continue regular communication to board and employees
6. Continue to build Foundation assets and prepare for the feasibility study
7. Secure additional resources (modular classrooms) for the Nursing program.