

Ohio Transfer Council Newsletter

Winter 2010 Edition



Call for nominations for OTC officers

If you know of an OTC member who would benefit the organization in one of the following leadership positions please contact Kimberlee Avery by email at kam53@uakron.edu with the nomination. Nominations will be accepted from now until March 26th.

*President Elect (three active years on the Executive Board as President Elect, President, and Past President)

*Secretary (one active year on the Executive Board)

*Treasurer Elect (two active years on the Executive Board as Treasurer Elect and Treasurer)

Once nominations are closed ballots will be sent out via email for OTC members to vote on throughout the month of April. The winners will be announced at the OTC annual conference held on June 4th at The Blackwell in Columbus.

If you have any questions please contact Kimberlee either by email at kam53@uakron.edu or by phone at 330-972-8506.

Professional Development

OTC hosted a Webinar on "Transfer Student Success: Building Partnerships Across Departments and Institutions" on Friday, December 11th at Baldwin-Wallace College. Representatives from the University of Central Florida shared their success stories working with over 8,000 transfer students a year.

Look for an upcoming Professional Development Day near the end of March to be held in the Columbus/Southern Ohio area.

Award Nominations

Don't forget to nominate a deserving individual for an OTC Award. Check your e-mail for more information. All nominations are due by March 1, 2010 and should be submitted to Linda Arnest, OTC President-Elect at Linda.Arnest@UC.edu

COMING SOON to a TRANSFER STUDENT NEAR YOU:

The Ohio Transfer Council's David Gall Memorial Scholarship 2010-11

The Ohio Transfer Council (OTC) will award three (3) non-renewable \$1,000 scholarships for the academic year 2010-11 to students who are planning to transfer for the Fall 2010 term. The eligibility guidelines, application, and list of participating institutions will soon be posted on the OTC website. Scholarships will be awarded based on the eligibility guidelines below, with selection from the OTC Scholarship Committee.

Student Eligibility General Guidelines: (1) Completion of at least 24 semester credit hours or 36 quarter credit hours in the undergraduate work taken after high school graduation from the current college/university of attendance as of June 30, 2010. (2) Credits must be taken after the awarding of the high school diploma - PSEO, AP, and IB credits will not be counted; CLEP and DANTES Subject Standardized Test will be counted. (3) Currently enrolled during the 2009-10 academic year with a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 3.00, for at least 6 semester/9 quarter hours. (4) Out-of-state residents who are attending an Ohio Transfer Council participating school are welcome. (5) Graduate students are not eligible, and undergraduates working toward a second bachelor's degree are also not eligible.

For additional information please contact any OTC Scholarship Committee Member:

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Annual Conference Update

The Ohio Transfer Council annual conference is scheduled for June 4, 2010. Feedback on the change of location of last year's conference was very favorable so we will be meeting at the Blackwell Hotel in Columbus again this year. Our conference theme this year is *Change: It Just Makes \$ense*. Given the budgeting issues as well as the conversion from quarter to semester hours many Ohio colleges and universities are facing, we believe that the theme is timely. We are in the process of soliciting members for program presentation suggestions. Any OTC member interested in presenting at this year's conference is encouraged to contact Barb Miller at bmiller4@kent.edu.

Also new this year is the addition of a silent auction. The purpose of the auction is to raise money for the OTC scholarships. This year, in lieu of bringing something from your respective college or university as a giveaway, we are asking members to consider sponsoring a "basket" for the auction. Some ideas of themes for baskets include car care, pet, evening of romance, movie night or anything your creative side comes up with. All proceeds from the auction will go directly to funding scholarships for students.

Mark your calendars for June 4 and please encourage any colleague that is not a member of OTC to consider joining. We'll see you at the Blackwell!

An Update from Your OBOR Liaisons

When attending meetings throughout the state lately, it's hard not to notice the effect and the magnitude of the upcoming change for a significant numbers of colleges, universities and two year schools in Ohio. The change of course is the transition from quarters to semesters. If one stops and reflects on the volume of courses, planning, and educating for everyone involved, the task appears that it could be overwhelming.

However, there is a bright side to all of this.... The opportunity to bring additional unity to the University System of Ohio. What can be the sum of the outcome of this unity? A simpler system for both students and those who work within the system, especially in the area of transfer. One of the outcomes I have seen is the spirit of collaboration is alive and well as different schools begin to work together and realize that there is a "carpe diem" opportunity before them. And what is that moment? To continue moving the University System of Ohio into one of the best university systems in the country.

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