

# President's Report to the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees February 21, 2025

## ➤ President's Office

- The team from Edison State (Trustee Milligan, Heather Lanham, and I) had a successful visit to Washington, D.C. for the ACCT National Legislative Summit. We met with Congressman Mike Carey, Senator Bernie Moreno, and Senator John Husted. All expressed support for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) applications from Ohio colleges. Edison State plans to submit a request for funding for our Engineering Lab and Classroom Renovation project during Congress's fiscal year 2026 CDS cycle.
- The President's Office has been tracking the many legislative developments at both the state and federal levels. The most significant is State Senate Bill 1 and its companion bill, House Bill 6. The Senate has passed its version, and the House is now considering that version in addition to its own. These bills are in strong agreement, and they constitute the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act, which lays out requirements for public colleges and universities in the following areas in addition to others:
  1. Trustee Training
  2. Institutional Commitment Statement
  3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Activities
  4. Low-graduate Programs
  5. Faculty Evaluations
  6. Five-year Institutional Cost Summaries (capital and operating budgets)
  7. Civics Course for Bachelor's Degrees
  8. Public Posting of Syllabi

Furthermore, we are monitoring the Dear Colleague letter from the U.S. Department of Education, the Ohio operating budget process, and the many Executive Orders coming from the White House.

## ➤ Academic and Student Affairs

- The "15<sup>th</sup> Day Count" for the Spring 2025 semester indicated enrollment was down by 4% in headcount and 5% in credit hours when compared to the 15<sup>th</sup> Day Count from the Spring 2024 semester. We are currently working on a new enrollment plan for the upcoming summer and fall semesters in response to the spring enrollment data. The plan will be presented to the Trustees at an upcoming Board meeting.
- Edison State was one of 13 new colleges accepted into the Rural Guided Pathways Project, a national initiative of now 28 schools that work together toward student success goals. The National Center for Inquiry and Improvement is providing leadership of the project and describes it as follows: "Colleges that are part of Rural Pathways work with each other — and with community partners in their regions — to implement evidence-based, institution-wide reforms

grounded in the guided pathways framework. The project's rural focus and in-depth participation of community partners set it apart from other guided pathways efforts." The project runs from 2025 to 2027 and includes attendance at 6 Institutes, along with visits and meetings with implementation coaches, leadership coaches, and subject matter experts. The kickoff event is the first Institute, March 19-21 in New Orleans.

- Edison State's Manufacturing and Engineering programs will now be able to offer scholarships to students taking the CNC Programming course thanks to the generosity of the Gene Haas Foundation, which awarded a \$10,000 grant to The Edison Foundation. The scholarships will cover all costs of the CNC Programming class, including tuition, fees, and textbooks. Students will need to have completed the prerequisite course, Survey of Manufacturing Processes, before taking CNC Programming.
- The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) recently awarded continuing accreditation to Edison State's Medical Assisting Certificate program. Congratulations to Yvonne Koors, Medical Assisting Program Director, for her efforts in earning this distinction.

➤ Regional Campuses

- The Edison State Campus at Eaton will become the Preble County site of services offered by The Ohio State University Extension, beginning March 1, 2025. The Preble County Commissioners, OSU Extension Services, and Edison State are working to formalize a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the partnership, which will include Edison State receiving \$15,000 per year toward cost sharing of utilities at the campus. The OSU Extension will have access to classrooms to provide training and educational opportunities to the local agriculture community, including youth through 4-H. Edison State and OSU will work on co-branding and marketing opportunities to highlight the partnership.

➤ Staffing Updates

- Upcoming Retirements and Resignations
  1. Harold Hitchcock, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities (March 1)
  2. Macy Guillozet, Controller (May 1)
  3. Todd Brittingham, Director of Institutional Research (May 1)
- Positions in the search process
  1. Campus Police Officer
  2. Director of IT Services
  3. Dean of Professional and Technical Programs
  4. Staff Accountant
  5. Industrial Technical Training Manager
  6. Manager of Health Science Programs
  7. Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
  8. Controller
- Positions recently filled
  1. Web Administration and Media Design Coordinator – Christina Hughes (February 24)

➤ Upcoming Events

- February All-College Meeting – February 24 (3:00pm)
- Staff Senate Meeting – February 25 (3:00pm)
- SSLI Meeting – February 26 (10:00am)
- Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – February 26 (2:00pm)
- President's Council Meeting – March 13 (3:00pm)
- Edison State Ice Skating – March 15 (12:30pm)
- Rural Guided Pathways Institute #1 – March 19-21
- Charger Athletics Reverse Raffle – March 22 (5:00pm)