

# President's Report to the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees April 17, 2025

## ➤ President's Office

- Senate Bill 1, The Advance Ohio Higher Education Act has become law. Its effective date is June 26, 2025. The OACC and the ODHE will hold an implementation meeting for community college leaders on May 16.
- The OACC gave opponent testimony on House Bill 62 on April 8. The bill is currently sitting in the House Education Committee. There is no word on when or if the bill will be voted out of that committee.
- We had a successful Legislative Day on April 8. Joining me in the meetings with Senator Steve Huffman and Representative Tim Barhorst were Trustee Milligan, Trustee Oda, and Heather. We were able to present our opposition to House Bill 62, as well as our support for the budget bill. Thank you to Trustee Milligan and Trustee Oda for their support!
- The Federally Directed Spending (Senate) and the Community Project Funding (House) processes have been announced by our senators/representatives. Edison State will submit a request for \$2 million to fund the Engineering and Manufacturing Lab and Classroom Renovation Project. The deadline for applications to Congressman Mike Carey's office is April 25.

## ➤ Academic and Student Affairs

- We are presenting the following faculty members to the Board of Trustees for promotion:
  - Associate Professor to Professor
    - Elizabeth Hartwig
  - Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
    - Elizabeth Bingham
    - Yvonne Koors
    - Sara Young
- Congratulations to Brandi Olberding and Leah Wells on being selected as Edison State's representatives to OACC's Leadership Academy for 2025-2026!
- On April 11 at our Piqua and Troy campuses, Edison State hosted 140 juniors from several of our partner career tech centers. These students are all in a health science related career tech program from the following schools: Upper Valley Career Center, Piqua HS, Greenville HS, and Tri-Star Career Compact. Students rotated through 6 different sessions featuring our health sciences programs. Thank you to Erica Wentworth, staff members, and health science faculty for their efforts to make this event a success!

➤ Human Resources

- Edison State has selected C & A Benefits Group, based in Dublin, Ohio, as our new health insurance broker. C & A is recognized for their innovative business model and strategic approach to managing healthcare costs. Their proposal best supported the College's objectives of quality coverage, affordability, and rate stability. Thank you and congratulations to Kara Myers and the teams from HR and Finance for their tremendous work in finding this new benefit option for our employees. Additionally, we are pleased to share that there will be no increase in health insurance premiums for the FY2026 plan year.

➤ Workforce Development and Work-based Learning

- Edison State's Office of Workforce Development and Work-Based Learning will offer the Health Care Pathways Summer Camp at the Troy Campus this summer (June 2-18, 2025) with support from the Ohio Department of Higher Education. This program allows students to earn their Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) credential at no cost, with uniforms and incidentals included for scholarship recipients.
- The 2025 Spark Force Manufacturing Camp at Edison State will take place on June 2-5, 2025. The camp is open to students aged 12-16 years.

➤ Operations/Facilities

- On Monday, April 21, Edison State will have \$2.28 million in capital spending on the Ohio Controlling Board agenda for approval. These funds are for the following projects slated to start this summer:
  - New Locker Rooms for Student-Athletes
  - North Hall and East Hall Boiler Replacement
  - West Hall Renovation (Phase 1)

➤ Staffing Updates

- Upcoming Retirements and Resignations
  - Macy Guillozet, Controller (May 1)
  - Todd Brittingham, Director of Institutional Research (May 1)
  - Eileen Thompson, English Faculty (May 20)
  - Joe Ratermann, Career Pathways Advisor (January 16, 2026)
- Positions in the search process
  - Campus Police Officer
  - Director of IT Services
  - Dean of Professional and Technical Programs
  - Industrial Technical Training Manager
  - Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
  - Controller
  - Director of Institutional Research and Data Processes
  - Facilities Services Technician – 3<sup>rd</sup> shift
  - Director of K-12 Partnerships

➤ Upcoming Events

- Edison State Administrative Professionals Day – April 23 (11:30am)
- Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – April 23 (2:00pm)
- Edison State Alumni Experience Series, Featuring Dalton Hesson – April 24 (5:30pm)
- Edison State All-Faculty Professional Development Day – April 26 (9:00am)
- All-College Meeting – Employee Celebrations – April 30 (3:00pm)
- Edison State Commencement Ceremony – May 16 (1:00pm)
- Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – May 28 (2:00pm)