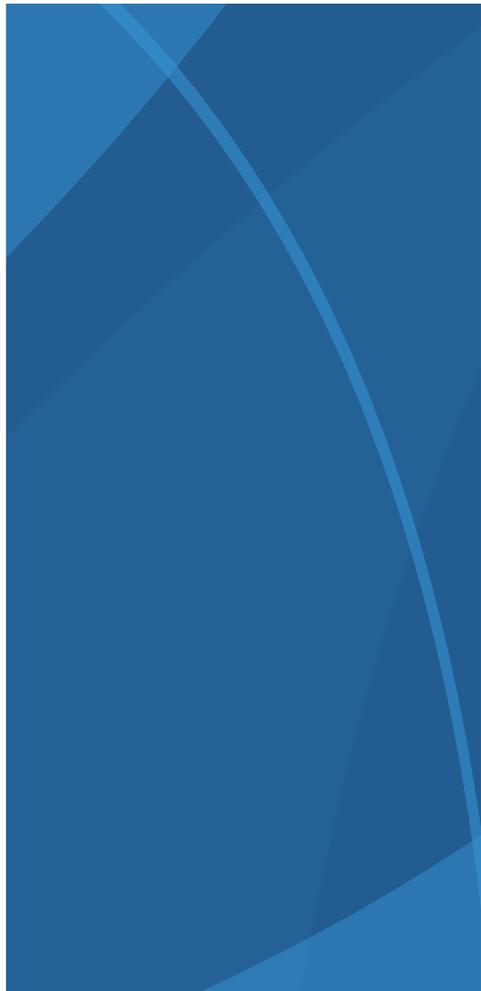




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OZARKS TECHNICAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE



▲ Dr. Hal Higdon, Chancellor,
Ozarks Technical Community College.

Dreams of bringing more educational opportunities to the region became reality this year at Ozarks Technical Community College. Inside this year's annual report, you will read about all that has taken place throughout the OTC System, including new facilities in Hollister and Waynesville.

The new OTC Table Rock Campus and the new OTC Waynesville Center offer students classrooms filled with state-of-the-art equipment. In addition to the new facilities, the OTC Lebanon Center continues to expand with the completion of new classrooms. Additionally, Missouri State University joined our efforts in Lebanon and now offers a seamless transition for students to continue their studies.

And, as always, it's the students' dreams we strive to turn into realities. Inside, you will read about our first graduate to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. You will be inspired by a student who turned tragedy into triumph and another who delivered the Pledge of Allegiance at the OTC graduation ceremony for her fellow veterans.

As we continue to celebrate and support our students, we need your help. The people, organizations, and businesses who give their time, money, equipment, and knowledge are crucial to the college's ability to meet the needs of its students and its community.

As you will see in the pages of this report, OTC and its students had a year for the history books. None of it would be possible without your support. Thank you for the role you play in OTC's continued success and for partnering with us to help us continue our dreams. We are proud to share this community with you.

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The College mission is to provide accessible, high quality, and affordable learning opportunities that transform lives and strengthen the communities we serve.



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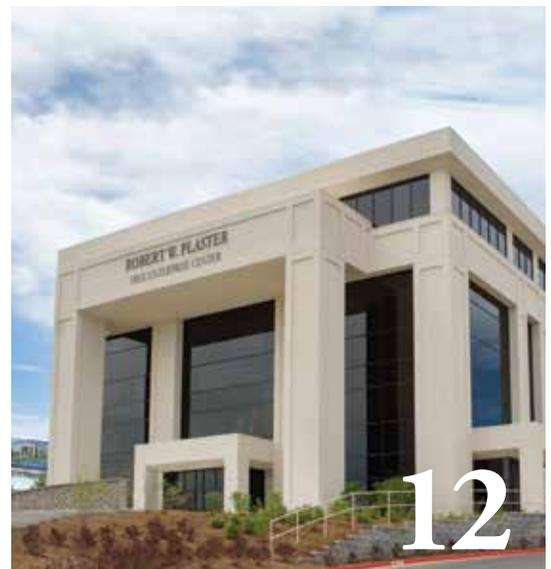
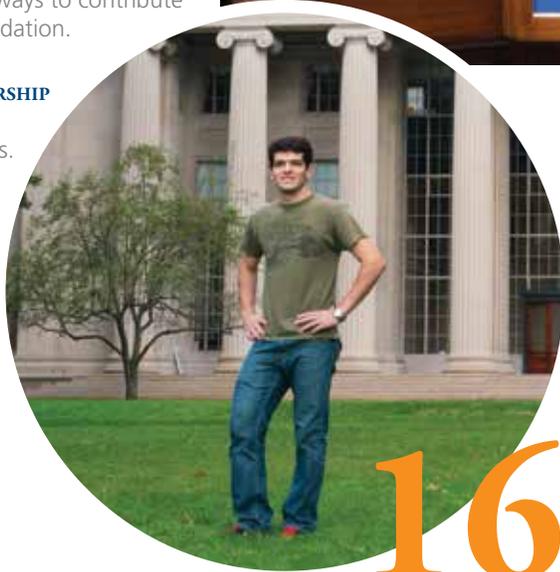
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▲ The new Allied Health Clinical Simulation Center, located in Lincoln Hall, opened in February. ▼ Students from the OTC Middle College will benefit from a challenge grant.

OTC Center for Workforce Development restructured

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Changes took place at the Center for Workforce Development at Ozarks Technical Community College, starting with a restructuring that includes many of the programs previously offered through the Community Enrichment Center. The reorganized Center for Workforce Development (CWD) has an expanded focus on professional development certifications, including a variety of healthcare industry certifications.

OTC Allied Health Clinical Simulation Center holds grand opening

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

The Ozarks Technical Community College Allied Health Clinical Simulation Center held a grand opening event Feb. 5 to introduce the public to the new facility, located in room 200 in Lincoln Hall, on the OTC Springfield Campus. Designed as a simulated



hospital environment, the Allied Health Clinical Simulation Center is a 2,000-square-foot, multi-disciplinary high-fidelity simulation lab that will allow OTC to educate more than 600 students across 12 programs, including all of the college's Allied Health programs. The center will provide training for a variety of healthcare professionals already in the workforce.

Fire Science program moving classes to firehouse

Friday, February 8, 2013

The Ozarks Technical Community College Fire Science program worked to bring its students so close to firefighting training that they could see it and touch it. The program gradually migrated its classes to the Springfield Fire Department's Engine House No. 6 on West Battlefield Road where the city's Regional Training Center is also located. In addition, the program is able to make use of the extensive state-of-the-art training facility located in the same building as the classrooms.

Area colleges hold joint FAFSA Frenzy event at OTC

Sunday, February 24, 2013

Several colleges from around the Springfield area came together at the OTC Springfield Campus to host a free FAFSA Frenzy event on Feb. 24. The event was designed to help prospective college students file their FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

OTC Foundation and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks announce \$50,000 challenge grant

Thursday, February 28, 2013

The OTC Foundation and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks announced a new \$50,000 challenge grant initiative to support the Middle College program. The Middle College was created in partnership with Springfield Public Schools to help underachieving students complete their high school education while earning free college credit. The program, which is the first of its kind in Missouri, now serves over 100 students from the Springfield, Rogersville, Republic, and Everton school districts.



OTC dental students head to Nicaragua

Monday, March 4, 2013

Ozarks Technical Community College dental students got an intense lesson in providing patient care as they treated hundreds of poor villagers in a small Nicaraguan village. Six dental students and four dental program alumni, along with several faculty members and other supporters, traveled to Nicaragua as a part of dental mission trip. The trip was organized by Rebecca Caceres, OTC's dental hygiene program director.

OTC instructor receives Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Ozarks Technical Community College instructor Daniel Kopsas received the 2013 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award, which was presented by the Missouri Community College Association at a ceremony in Jefferson City, is given to the top community college teachers in the state each year. The Excellence in Teaching award included a proclamation from Missouri Governor Jay Nixon.



▲ Daniel Kopsas was awarded the 2013 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.



◀ David Taylor with the Roy W. Slusher Foundation poses with recipients of the scholarship.

5th annual Donor Reception

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

The OTC Foundation hosted its 5th annual Donor Reception at the Tower Club on April 9, 2013. The event gave donors an opportunity to meet the students they have assisted and gave the students an opportunity to say "thank you" to their donor.

"You have greatly affected my life by helping me make my dreams become a reality. There is a lot of work ahead of me, but I will never forget those who helped along the way. Thank you again."
Sincerely, Traci Gentry

OTC students named to All-Missouri Academic Team

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Four Ozarks Technical Community College students were named to the 2013 All-Missouri Academic Team, an honor bestowed on the state's top community college students. The Missouri Community College Association honored the students during a ceremony in Jefferson City.

OTC and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks partner on Veterans Loan Program

Monday, April 1, 2013

Ozarks Technical Community College and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks finalized a plan for a new loan program to help veterans with the cost of pursuing higher education. The Veterans Loan Program allows veterans to apply for an interest-free loan to help with living expenses while they are enrolled at OTC.

TLC tutors offer helping hand to BBBS kids

Monday, April 1, 2013

Thanks to a new outreach pilot program, tutors from OTC's Speckman Tutoring and Learning Center expanded their services to younger students in need of a bit of assistance. Working in conjunction with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Springfield, a number of tutors spent several hours on Tuesdays helping students in grades 6-12 with their math, science, writing, and study skills.

OTC Enactus team places first in regional competition

Thursday, April 25, 2013

The Enactus (formerly SIFE) team from Ozarks Technical Community College placed first at the Enactus USA Regional Competition, held in Rogers, Ark. It was the ninth Regional Championship for the College's team.



▶ Paul Sundy, Restaurateur/Entrepreneur

Paul Sundy receives Excellence in Business Award

Friday, April 12, 2013

Paul Sundy, the recipient of the 2013 OTC Excellence in Business Award, started his entrepreneurial career in 2003 in downtown Springfield, and has opened and operated 16 different eating/drinking establishments over the last 10 years.

His businesses have included Big Whiskey's American Bar & Grill, Parlor 88 Lounge & Eatery, Opus Cigar Bar, and Dublin's Pass Irish Pub & Restaurant. In addition, Sundy brought the Whole Hog BBQ and Einstein Bros. Bagels franchises to Springfield, and opened locations in Little Rock, Ark., and Chicago, Ill.

Sundy is a member of the OTC Foundation Board of Directors and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Ozarks Technical Community College in 2010. He was the recipient of the 2013 Missouri Community College Association's Distinguished Alumni Award.

He credits Ozarks Technical Community College with sending him on his way to professional and personal success. Sundy said OTC was "the stepping stone that gave me the ability to move forward in my life."

"When I attended OTC, I really started to fall in love with the Springfield area," said Sundy, a graduate of Marionville High School who earned his Associate of Arts degree from OTC in 2001.

In 2011, Sundy ventured into new territory with the development of English Management, a business focusing on restaurant and event management. Under English Management, he played an integral role in the proposal and approval of the Springfield city ordinance allowing alcohol to be served on Park Central Square for approved community events. Sundy soon found himself involved in the creation of downtown's Oktoberfest Village and Craft Beer Bash, and in a new management role at the historic Gillioz Theatre.

Sundy's future plans include the continued growth of his existing brands and community events, as well as the development of English Apparel and Promotional Materials.

Alpha Psi Tau finishes fourth in international competition

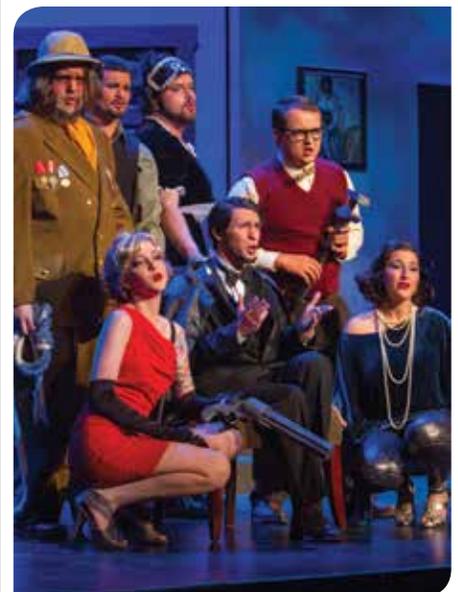
Friday, April 26, 2013

Alpha Psi Tau, Ozarks Technical Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, placed fourth in the world among more than 1,300 chapters of the International Academic Honors Society at the 95th annual International Convention in San Jose, Calif.

OTC Fine Arts department presents first-ever musical production

Friday, April 26, 2013

A popular board game came to life in the interactive production "Clue: The Musical," the first-ever musical presented by Ozarks Technical Community College. The internationally-known game is now a fun-filled musical, which brings the world's best-known suspects to life and invites the audience to help solve the mystery. The musical was presented at the historic Gillioz Theatre in downtown Springfield April 26-28. It was the OTC Fine Arts Department's sixth annual spring production.



▲ "Clue: The Musical" took center stage at the historic Gillioz Theatre.



OTC holds fourth-annual Community Day

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Ozarks Technical Community College hosted the 2013 Community Day April 27 at the OTC Springfield Campus. The Community Day event served as a thank you to the community for its continued support and offered an opportunity for citizens to visit the OTC Springfield Campus and learn more about the college's role in the community.

OTC students bring home 56 medals from state SkillsUSA competition

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

More than 100 students representing the various technical programs of Ozarks Technical Community College participated in two days of competition at the state SkillsUSA Skills and Leadership Conference, held on the campus of Linn State Technical College. In the end, OTC's students brought home 34 first place medals, 16 second place medals, and six third place medals, for a total of 56 medals.

Surgical Technology students win state competition

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

A team of students from the Ozarks Technical Community College Surgical Technology program took first place at the Missouri Association of Surgical Technologists' Annual Scrub Bowl. The competition consists of a written examination made up of questions taken from the Surgical Technologist Certification exam. It was the fourth time OTC's Surgical Technology students have taken first place in the competition. A total of nine students attended the event, which was held in St. Louis as a part of the Missouri Association of Surgical Technologists' Annual Convention.



▲ Mr. Casey points to the land he donated to OTC.
▶ Donors Reuben and the late Mary Lou Casey



Caseys' gift benefits OTC Lebanon Center
Thursday, May 9, 2013

A gift of 50 acres adjacent to the existing OTC Lebanon Center was presented in May to the OTC Foundation, the fundraising arm of Ozarks Technical Community College.

The property, which is valued at more than \$500,000, was gifted to the College by Reuben and the late Mary Lou Casey of San Clemente, Calif. The Caseys previously presented the College with the two buildings and more than 13 acres of land that became the current OTC Lebanon Center; the couple's original gift is the largest the college has ever received, with a value of approximately \$2.6 million.

The master plan for the Lebanon Center includes buildings for the College's allied health and general education programs, administration offices, an agricultural services building, and an arboretum. The center will be enhanced by green spaces throughout the property and a central water feature. It will also include plenty of parking for the growing student population.

"We are honored and excited as we thank Mr. Casey for this generous gift and look forward to the future of OTC in Lebanon," said Dr. Hal Higdon, chancellor of Ozarks Technical Community College. "The additional education and workforce development opportunities that we can now bring to the OTC Lebanon Center will have a significant impact on this community."

"The investment Mr. and Mrs. Casey have made in OTC is incredible, and we are delighted that Mr. Casey was able to be present for today's event" said Cliff Davis, vice chancellor and executive director of the OTC Foundation.

"We are so grateful for the relationship the Caseys have formed with our institution, and we look forward to seeing the fruits of that relationship in the Lebanon community for years to come," Davis added.



- ▲ OTC graduated more than 1,000 students.
- ▶ U.S. Senator Roy Blunt addresses students at commencement.



Record number of graduates walk in commencement

Thursday, May 16, 2013

More than 700 graduates, a record number, participated in Ozarks Technical Community College's 2013 spring commencement exercise held at JQH Arena.

U.S. Senator Roy Blunt presented the commencement address.

The program also served as a tribute to veterans who attended OTC. The 65 veterans who graduated wore special red, white, and blue honor cords designating their status.

In addition to veterans wearing the honor cords, Jacqueline Griffin, a student from the OTC Waynesville Center and U.S. Army veteran who spent a year in service in Afghanistan, led the audience and graduates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Griffin said it was an honor to say the pledge.

"When I say it, I think about the troops who are still deployed," she said.

Missouri State Representative Diane Franklin received the college's fourth-annual Distinguished Alumni Award. Franklin, a Republican, represents parts of Camden and Laclede counties (District 155) in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Nigel Holderby, who recovered from a serious car accident, delivered the student address. Holderby was seriously injured in an accident two summers

ago while working as a paramedic on an ambulance that was hit head on by a dump truck traveling at highway speed. While at OTC, Holderby made the Dean's List and joined Phi Theta Kappa. He became the OTC Honor Society's president and regional vice president.



▲ Students await to receive their diploma.

Agriculture students bring home awards from national competition

Friday, May 3, 2013

Students from the Turf and Landscape Management program at Ozarks Technical Community College brought home several awards and a scholarship from their field's national competition. The students competed against 62 other colleges and universities at the 37th annual Student Career Days, informally known as the "Landscaping Olympics," an event sponsored by the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET).

OTC graduate numbers rise by more than 50 percent

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Ozarks Technical Community College awarded degrees to 1,420 graduates in the spring 2013 semester, an increase of 51 percent over the spring of 2012, when 940 students graduated. A number of factors contributed to the increase in graduates. Many were among the record number of students who initially enrolled in OTC during the recession.

John Q. Hammons passes away

Sunday, May 26, 2013

John Q. Hammons, the iconic business pioneer and entrepreneur who helped steer Ozarks Technical Community College to its current location in downtown Springfield, passed away May 26.

Mr. Hammons was the first-ever recipient of OTC's Excellence in Business Award. His gift to OTC made possible the picturesque fountain on the south side of the campus along Chestnut Expressway.

Mr. Hammons was a the honorary chair of the OTC Foundation Board of



▲ OTC Chancellor Hal Higdon poses with the new chair of the OTC Foundation Board of Directors, Branson Mayor, Raeanne Presley, outgoing chair Jeffrey Gower, and Vice Chancellor and Executive Director of the OTC Foundation, Cliff Davis.

Directors from 1995-2013.

In a 2008 interview, Mr. Hammons said he offered advice early on in the planning of OTC.

“OTC was necessary for Springfield. It was planned to go way out in the country. I suggested they locate the campus in the city,” Mr. Hammons said. “I knew what to do with the land (where OTC is now located). It was close to all the other schools. I wanted them to pay attention to that location. We needed to fix up our own city.”

And the success of OTC did not surprise Mr. Hammons.

“I said that in 10 years there would be 10,000 students. I knew what they could do and we hit it.”

Mr. Hammons was considered one of the nation’s premier developers of upscale luxury hotels and resorts. Throughout his career, Mr. Hammons was committed to improving the community and providing funding for a variety of endeavors, especially in the field of education.

Mr. Hammons will be missed by the education community and especially OTC.

OTC Foundation Board of Directors announces new leadership, members

Thursday, May 30, 2013

Branson Mayor Raeanne Presley was selected as the new chair of the Board of Directors for the OTC Foundation, the fundraising arm of Ozarks Technical Community College. Outgoing chair Jeffrey Gower, president of Wil Fischer Companies, served in the position from 2012-2013. The transition was finalized at the May meeting of the OTC Foundation Board of Directors.



OTC tutoring center wins Teaching and Learning Award

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

The Speckman Tutoring and Learning Center at Ozarks Technical Community College was named the winner of the Blackboard Catalyst Awards program’s Teaching and Learning Award, which honors outstanding use of technology for instructor efficiency and learner engagement.

Mobile lab hits the road for summer sessions

Monday, June 3, 2013

With the opening of summer semester classes, the OTC mobile hearing lab prepared to go on the road to offer hearing instrument science training to students at St. Charles Community College and at OTC. The mobile lab was developed through a grant from the federal Department of Labor. A grant from Gov. Jay Nixon’s Training for Tomorrow initiative paid for the design of the program’s curriculum. Both grants were designed to educate Missourians in high-tech fields and get them working in growing industries.



▲ OTC HIS student administers a hearing test.

◀ The OTC mobile hearing lab RV traveled the state, training students on how to examine people with hearing issues.



▲ OTC Chancellor Dr. Hal Higdon and MSU President Clif Smart sign articulation agreements.

► President Emeritus Dr. Norman K. Myers (right) and, Director for the Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Campus Policy, Ty Patterson, celebrate the anniversary of the OTC Tobacco-Free Initiative.

OTC students earn medals at national SkillsUSA

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Ozarks Technical Community College students brought home 11 medals in the national SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City. The national competition awarded 978 medals in over 100 categories won by competitors from across the country. Missouri finished fifth overall in the medal count with 41.

MSU, OTC sign articulation agreements for four degree programs

Monday, July 22, 2013

Missouri State University and Ozarks Technical Community College signed four articulation agreements for OTC students to transfer their Associate of Arts degree toward completion of a Bachelor of Science in General Business, Communication, Finance or Health Services - Clinical Services degree entirely online with Missouri State University.



OTC marks 10th anniversary of tobacco-free initiative

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

Ozarks Technical Community College marked the 10th anniversary of its tobacco-free initiative with a celebration Aug. 14 in the Jared Family Atrium on the OTC Springfield Campus. Capt. José Belardo of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services was the keynote speaker, along with OTC Chancellor Dr. Higdon, OTC President Emeritus Dr. Norman Myers, and other community and college leaders.

Boot Camp prepares students for English
Monday, August 5, 2013

Jennifer Dunkel insists on preparing students for their next English class instead of just passing them along without the necessary skills to take the class.

As a result, the OTC instructor has developed an English boot camp that helps incoming students prepare for testing to see what level of English instruction suits them best.

For four days, Dunkel puts students through some quick and intense “mental jumping jacks,” reviewing everything from punctuation and spelling to grammar and writing, in an effort to prepare them for the COMPASS placement test that determines their English skill level.

“It’s for new students out of high school or those who have been out of the classroom for a decade,” she said.

Dunkel said students who came in disliking English finished the class appreciating the opportunity to see what their skill level actually was.

“A student told me the class knocked the rust off their brain. One day, I hope this is the kind of class that is offered year-round.

Students come out of the class with confidence that that’s why their score is higher,” she said.



▲ Jennifer Dunkel engages students during “Boot Camp” class.



Adult Education and Literacy classes offered by OTC

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

Adult Education and Literacy classes were held at the OTC Table Rock Campus and in Bolivar during the fall semester. Students were tested when they enrolled and assigned to classes as a result of the testing. When students were ready to take the high school equivalency test, practice tests were administered that told the approximate score a student could achieve on the actual test.

High-school students, parents invited to Discover OTC event

Monday, September 23, 2013

Parents and high-school students reviewed academic and career options during Discover OTC at the College's five campuses and centers. Students and parents visited with current OTC students and instructors and checked out student clubs and organizations, along with participating in games and booth activities.



▲ Students flock the plaza at this year's student picnic and Discover OTC event.



▲ Proud staff members, Erika Petty, Virginia Schnabel, Selina Taylor, and Rosalind Pride, Director of the OTC Waynesville Center, stand in front of the new OTC Waynesville Center.

Meet the Pride of Waynesville
Thursday, August 22, 2013

Rosalind Pride couldn't wait to welcome everyone to the new OTC Waynesville Center this fall.

As the one and only director of the center since it opened in 2008, Pride was excited to see the center move into a more spacious building located just west of Waynesville High School along Interstate 44.

"Having a place to call our own is amazing. The new center added to the student's college experience. It allowed us to continue to grow and expand to serve the needs of the community."

Pride has been with OTC since she started as an adjunct instructor at the OTC Lebanon Center in 2005.

The spouse of a retired soldier, Pride and her husband moved to Fort Leonard Wood in 1992 and lived on post for five years.

When Pride became director of the OTC Waynesville Center, she became responsible for day-to-day operations of the center. She hires office staff, adjunct faculty, and other support staff.

In the time Pride has been in charge of the center, it has experienced some of the best enrollment growth of any of the College's centers or campuses.

"The Waynesville community has embraced OTC above and beyond my expectations," she said.

Many who attend classes or work at the location point to Pride's friendly, outgoing manner as one of the reasons for the center drawing large numbers of students.

"I try to promote a family atmosphere with a focus on student learning, student engagement, and student retention. At Waynesville, our motto is S.A.V.E. (Simply About Valuing Everybody)," she said.



▲ The new OTC Table Rock Campus opened for classes Aug. 19.
 ▶ White River Electric Cooperative provided a grant for the building.



OTC opens new Table Rock Campus

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

The new OTC Table Rock Campus sits like a jewel high above the magnificent Ozarks vista and within sight of the iconic Table Rock Dam.

From its vantage point on historic Highway 165, the \$12 million, state-of-the-art Campus serves as home to many in the region who will attend classes there.

“Thanks go to a lot of people who made OTC Table Rock a reality, beginning with the people of Hollister for their enthusiastic endorsement with their vote and also to the city, civic, and school leaders in the Hollister area who were big supporters of the effort. We are also grateful to the faculty and staff at OTC for their months of planning and hard work to bring everything online in time,” OTC Chancellor Hal Higdon said.

OTC Table Rock opened for classes Aug. 19. An overflow crowd attended the grand opening celebration the next

day with a large number of community and education leaders, along with the general public, in the standing-room only audience.

The four-story Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center features classrooms and state-of-the-art labs, a student services office, a library, and student lounge/study areas.

The new facility is a full-service Campus, giving students a full range of educational opportunities.

The Campus offers a variety of general, technical, workforce, and adult education and literacy courses, as well as complete degree programs that include a transfer degree, teaching, nursing, biological clinical science, biology, and chemistry.

The building sits on 8.25 acres located between Highways 65 and 165 that once was home to Crockey’s Restaurant. The structure was razed to make way for the Campus.

The College bought the land in December 2010. In addition to the purchased land, the City of Hollister donated a contiguous .83 acres, bringing the total land now owned by the College to 9.08 acres.

Citizens in the Hollister School District voted to join the Ozarks Technical Community College district in April of 2010.

Among other community benefits, joining the OTC district allows Hollister residents to pay the in-district tuition at the College, which is significantly lower than the cost for students living outside of the district.

“We are looking forward to being a part of the Stone and Taney County communities for many years,” Dr. Higdon said.



▲ Stephen Plaster and Dr. Dolly Plaster Clement stand in front of the Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center, named for their late father.



- ▲ The new OTC Waynesville Center opened for classes Aug. 19.
- ▶ A ribbon cutting was held to celebrate the grand opening of the Center.

OTC opens new Waynesville Center

Thursday, August 22, 2013

The final piece of “education row” is now in place thanks to the opening of the new OTC Waynesville Center in August.

Taking its place just west of Waynesville High School and the Waynesville Career Center, the new OTC Waynesville Center opened Aug. 19.

The one-story building has 28,560 square feet and sits on 4.5 acres, with 324 available parking spaces. The \$5 million, state-of-the-art structure offers a variety of general, technical, and non-credit courses. It features 11 classrooms, computer labs, two science labs, a student commons area, and a quiet study space for students.



The City of Waynesville built the new facility, and OTC is paying the bond and respective interest to the city over a 20-year lease agreement. OTC has the option of purchasing the property for \$1,000 plus the required closing costs at the end of the 20-year term.

“Having OTC in our community has been valuable to our citizens and our economy for years,” explained Waynesville Mayor Luge Hardman.

“This is an opportunity to bring the College to a larger facility in a more prominent location, and we are confident that it will be a

beneficial move, both for OTC and for Waynesville.”

A large crowd was on hand for the grand opening of the facility that included a ribbon-cutting after hearing local and state dignitaries welcome the

new Center to the city.

Rosalind Pride, director of the new Center, said plenty is available for students.

“OTC offers a great Associate of Arts transfer degree and several classes in the technical field (including welding). We have had many military dependents successfully transfer their courses from OTC to other colleges and universities,” she said.

The new Center will not only improve the academic lives of hundreds of students, but also have an impact on the region.

“There was definitely a need in this area for a community college. We have received a tremendous amount of support from the citizens of Waynesville and the surrounding areas,” Pride said.



OTC receives \$2.3 million grant from U.S. Department of Labor

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Ozarks Technical Community College was notified in September by U.S. Senator Roy Blunt’s office that it was awarded a \$2,228,414 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The grant came from the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant program. It is being used for the College’s Technology-Enabled Pathways in Healthcare program that supports innovative approaches to current and future workforce needs in the health services and sciences industry.

OTC will work with area employers as it develops hybrid opportunities in health services in addition to creating a Biomedical Equipment Technician focus in the Industrial Maintenance path that will lead to qualifications for repairing and maintaining medical equipment in health service institutions. The initiatives included in the grant are:

- Creating hybrid classes for Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) and Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA).
- Adding hybrid Biomedical Equipment Technician option to the Associate’s degree in Industrial Maintenance.
- Enhancing veterans services through evaluation for credit for prior learning.
- Expanding options to underserved counties in southwest Missouri, including Laclede and Taney counties.

7th Annual OTC Foundation Golf Tournament

Monday, September 23, 2013

The 7th annual OTC Foundation Golf Tournament was held at Hickory Hills Country Club on Monday, September 23. Thanks to the contributions of players, sponsors, and volunteers more than \$30,000 was raised for the OTC Foundation Golf Tournament Scholarship.



▲ Kent Lammers of the Great Southern Bank golf team, tees off during the OTC Foundation Golf Tournament.



▲ From left to right: Cindy Tuttle, Deborah Thompson, Joyce Bateman, Jennifer Hartman, and Fran Giglio

Excellence in Education Award winners

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

The Excellence in Education award was created in 1992 to recognize quality individuals throughout the institution. Excellence in Education candidates are nominated by staff members, selected by a college-wide Recognition Committee, and recognized at the annual College Development Day. Each winner receives a plaque and a cash award from the OTC Foundation. These awards are funded each year by the Turner Family Foundation.

Congratulations to this years winners: Cindy Tuttle, Deborah Thompson, Joyce Bateman, Jennifer Hartman, and Fran Giglio.



‘Silent Witness’ program displayed at OTC

Monday, October 7, 2013

The issue of domestic violence was the topic of a powerful display at the OTC Springfield Campus. The Silent Witness Project came to Ozarks Technical Community College in cooperation with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks and had various life-sized wooden silhouettes, each accompanied by a brief narrative that told the story of a real woman, man, or child affected by family violence.

New course credit policy approved to help veterans transition

Monday, October 28, 2013

A new policy at Ozarks Technical Community College gave veterans credit for their skills. The Credit for Prior Learning program applies to students who can demonstrate the required skills of a particular course. The College was planning to build an inventory of military training specialties that match with existing courses.

OTC faculty, staff, students, and alum earn MCCA awards

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

A number of Ozarks Technical Community College students, faculty, staff, and an alum were honored at the Missouri Community College Association Conference held in St. Louis. The award winners included: Kara Woody, Danyal Loftin, and Corey Coffman, who received Student Leadership Awards; Doug Pursley, who received a Senior Service Award; OTC’s innovative website design received the association’s Technology Innovation Award, and OTC alum Paul Sundy was given the Distinguished Alumni Award.



▲ OTC Chancellor Hal Higdon presents Dennis and Debbie Peters with the U.S. flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol in honor of Special Agent Sgt. Joseph M. Peters, who was killed in Afghanistan.

Peters family gives \$7,500 to scholarship in son’s name

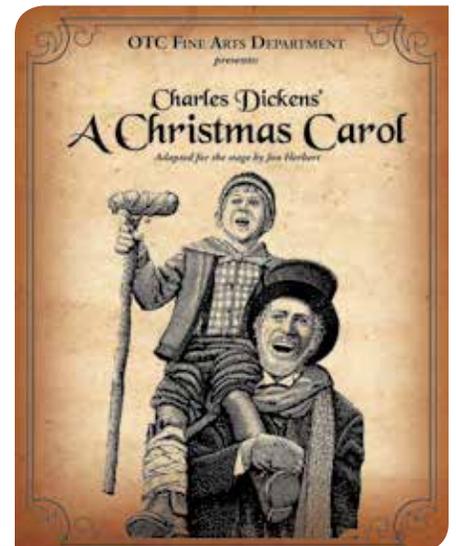
Monday, November 11, 2013

Dennis and Debbie Peters announced a \$7,500 gift to the Special Agent Sgt. Joseph M. Peters Memorial Scholarship at the College’s Veterans Day ceremony. The gift was made in honor of their late son, Sgt. Peters, an OTC graduate, who was killed Oct. 6 while serving in Afghanistan. The gift will be added to the contributions already made by the OTC family and community donors for a total endowment of \$10,000.

OTC Fine Arts Department busy with holiday shows

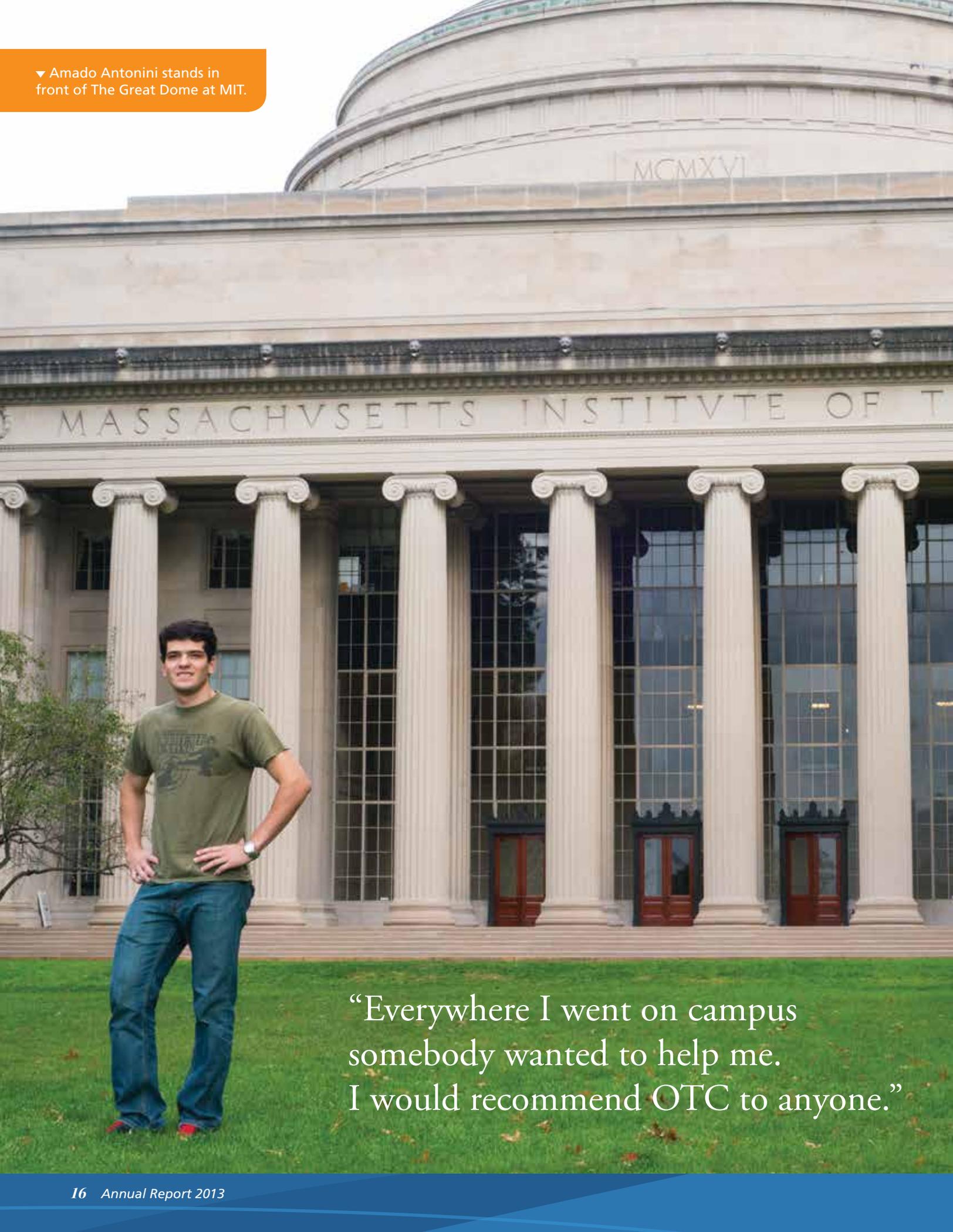
Wednesday, December 4, 2013

The OTC Fine Arts department took center stage during the first week of December with several major productions. On Dec. 3, the OTC Concert Choir and Chamber Singers performed “Christmastime: Music for the Season” program at the Springfield Art Museum. The choir also sang Christmas carols on Park Central



Square during First Friday Art Walk and led Art Walk-goers down Park Central East to the Gillioz lobby for a special pre-curtain Christmas caroling performance. On Dec. 4, the OTC Theater department performed Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” on the Gillioz Theater stage. The ensemble cast of 32 included OTC Theater students and 10 fourth-grade students from Rountree Elementary.

▼ Amado Antonini stands in front of The Great Dome at MIT.



“Everywhere I went on campus somebody wanted to help me. I would recommend OTC to anyone.”



From OTC *to* MIT

Amado Antonini has taken all of his talents and knowledge that he obtained at Ozarks Technical Community College to one of the finest and most demanding educational institutions in the country – the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

“So far, it’s been great,” Amado said, as he closed in on finishing his first semester there. “I’m learning a lot. I love the people, and I love the place.”

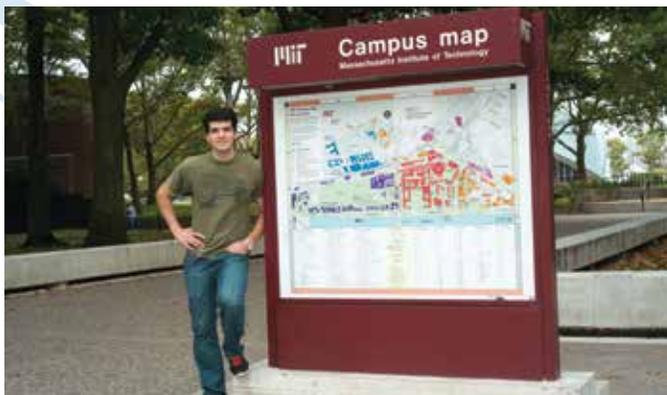
And in case he was getting a little homesick, he got a surprise in the mail recently. “I received a card from OTC’s Speckman Learning Center, which reminded me of how much I enjoyed working there,” he said.

Amado, who earned his GED and transfer degree from OTC, is the first OTC graduate to attend the prestigious Boston institution.

“One of the things I like most about MIT is that there is no way to ever get bored; there’s stuff to do all the time,” he said. The native of Venezuela is taking five classes, four of them in mechanical engineering, which is his major.

“The most amazing thing here is the amount of opportunities students have. There is, for example, a program where we can work with professors on their research projects or under their supervision on our own projects in any department,” he said.

“There’s another program that sends students to countries all over the world on internships or for teaching experiences in high schools.”



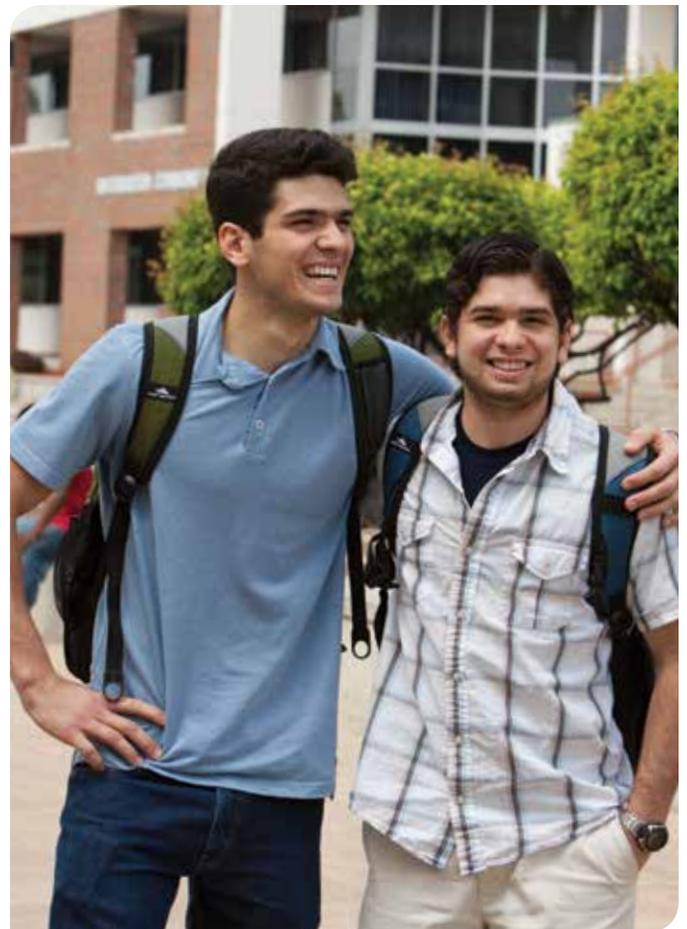
▲ Amado leans on the campus map kiosk at MIT to find his way around. ► Amado with his brother Ronald during their time together at OTC.

Amado, and his brother Ronald, came to OTC several years ago to earn their GED and study engineering. Ronald is still enrolled at OTC and is considering continuing his education at Missouri S&T in Rolla.

Amado, who worked as a tutor in the Speckman Tutoring and Learning Center and had a 4.0 GPA while at OTC, got perfect scores on the SAT’s mathematics and physics tests that led to his admission at MIT.

Amado still has a fondness in his heart for OTC, which was the springboard for his educational future and possible career.

“Everywhere I went on campus somebody wanted to help me. I would recommend OTC to anyone,” he said.





▲ OTC’s Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Representative Diane Franklin.
◀ Diane Franklin addresses students at the OTC 2013 Commencement ceremony.

A statehouse Salute

Missouri State Representative Diane Franklin received the fourth annual Distinguished Alumni Award from Ozarks Technical Community College during the 2013 Commencement Ceremony.

Franklin represents parts of Camden and Laclede counties (District 155) in the Missouri House of Representatives.

“This is an honor to be recognized as the distinguished alumni. It means a great deal to me. I’ve been ever grateful for the time I spent at OTC,” Rep. Franklin said.

Elected to her first two-year term in November of 2010, Rep. Franklin is a third-generation small business owner, presently in health care, and a fifth-generation farmer. She served on the Camdenton R-III School Board from 1993 to 1999, and as board representative to the Lake Career and Technical Center, Camdenton’s Parents as Teachers Program,

and the Dorothy Blair Excellence in Education Scholarship Trust Fund. Rep. Franklin is a member of the Lake area, Camdenton and Lebanon Chambers of Commerce, and has served as both president and vice president of the Lake Area Master Gardeners.

“Laclede County is in the district I represent, which is where Lebanon is located, and OTC is expanding to offer educational opportunities to those folks in my region,” she said. “I made a wise decision to attend OTC.”

A Camdenton resident, Rep. Franklin is a 1974 graduate of Camdenton R-III schools and of OTC, and has completed course work at Southwest Baptist University and Truman State University. She is married to Chris Franklin and has two sons and two granddaughters.

Franklin said attending OTC offered her an opportunity to come from Camdenton and “become educated, trained, and experienced in the profession of dental assisting.”

She graduated from the program and immediately went to work. “The decision to attend OTC was a decision to enhance my educational and professional opportunities. It was one that provided me with the knowledge and the skills that translated into the real world success that I have been fortunate to achieve in my life,” she said.

Previous recipients of the Ozarks Technical Community College Distinguished Alumni Award have included Rick’s Automotive owner Rick Hughlett, entrepreneur and restaurateur Paul Sundy, and Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management, Ryan Nicholls.



◀ Bob and Susan Beine inside the showroom of their Republic Ford | Lincoln car dealership.

Supporting *Quality* Education

Bob and Susan Beine believe there are few things better to do for your community than to donate to an educational institution. In their case, that place is Ozarks Technical Community College.

“It has a direct impact to the community that you can see working. You can see the people go through OTC and better themselves. OTC helped in their life,” Susan Beine said.

It was Coffeyville, Kan., Junior College that the Beines attended that helped them on their way to a successful business career.

Bob Beine is the owner of Republic Ford | Lincoln dealership and member of the OTC Foundation Board of Directors. Mr. Beine opened his dealership in Springfield in 1983, and at one point had six dealerships in the Midwest.

Mr. Beine made many long-lasting friendships with people over the years who had OTC connections.

“Don Wessel of the OTC Board of Trustees was a friend. I always respected him and always associated him with OTC. If that was a good cause for him, it was a good cause for me. I was honored to be asked to be on the Foundation board,” Mr. Beine said.

To the Beines, OTC stands as a model for what education can do in training a workforce and opening future career paths for graduates.

“OTC is very instrumental for the viability of Springfield; plus it really relates to my business as far as training technicians. We have several OTC graduates who are service technicians. The grads are as good as anyone I’ve ever had come into my organizations,” Mr. Beine said.

Mrs. Beine said she believes everyone needs an education and OTC is a great place to receive one.

“I think it helps all factions of life. I think OTC fits the bill in so many areas. It helps our whole community. We both attended junior college in Kansas. We know what it did for us and we want to pass it on,” she said.

Helping OTC maintain the quality of education that’s needed in the region is a big reason why the Beines donate.

“You can’t go wrong supporting OTC. The Foundation is the place to give for scholarships to help the whole community, the youth and the people needing extra help to better themselves,” he said.



► Sam and June Hamra are supporters of OTC.

The *Importance* of Giving

Sam and June Hamra see Ozarks Technical Community College as an institution that gives opportunity to anyone who wants it.

“I realize the outstanding service that OTC is providing the area. It offers opportunities for students who couldn’t afford to go to college. It convinced me that I needed to be a strong supporter for OTC,” said Mr. Hamra, a member of the OTC Foundation Board of Directors and chairman and CEO of Hamra Enterprises.

“When I was asked to join the Foundation (in 2008), that’s what I wanted to do. It was something that was doing so much good, and I wanted to support them.”

Since then, the Hamras have made generous gifts to the College and plan to continue to do so along with promoting the College among their friends and colleagues.

“It’s such a worthwhile institution for everyone in the area. I always tell people that the best thing they can do for their children is introduce them to OTC,” said Mrs. Hamra.

Mr. Hamra said that the College has had a tremendous impact on the region since it opened.

“Students who couldn’t afford college can now go to college and start furthering their education. A lot of students can learn a trade and be employed. OTC provides an opportunity to students that would otherwise not have an option for additional education,” he said.

Giving students an education and getting them a job helps everyone, according to the Hamras.

“It gives people in Springfield and the southwest Missouri region the benefit of having their children gain a chance to go to OTC and become better citizens by getting a job,” Mr. Hamra said.

That’s why giving to OTC is so important, the couple said. “Anytime you can give, make sure you are giving to someone who can use it to develop people and skills. When you give to OTC, you help with the growth and health of the community,” Mr. Hamra said.

According to Mrs. Hamra, “It’s wonderful to donate to an educational facility like OTC. Not only are you donating to OTC, you are giving to a bigger cause for our community - education. Education keeps growing and it’s the beginning of something very worthwhile.”



▲ Neal Spencer believes in OTC.

A friend of the Middle College

Neal Spencer knows a simple way to convince people to get involved with and donate to Ozarks Technical Community College.

“I tell people to take a step back and think about all of the places you spend your money and all the people who are providing you a service,” he said. “Most of them have come out of a technical or community college. That’s why you need to support what OTC is doing.”

Mr. Spencer, national growth partner and former CEO of BKD, LLP, is a member of the OTC Foundation Board of Directors. He admits that for some time he never thought a lot about community colleges until he was asked to join the OTC Foundation Board.

“When you really think about it, we tend to focus on four-year colleges. A lot of kids can’t afford to go there. OTC gives these kids a leg up in an economical way to advance their education. It’s a stepping stone to a four-year college,” Mr. Spencer said.

“Without OTC training the nurses, auto repair persons, and truck drivers, the world would grind to a halt,” Mr. Spencer said. “OTC provides an opportunity to learn a skill and advance their livelihood.”

Providing a workforce for the region is an important role that OTC plays, according to Mr. Spencer.

“Without OTC serving this area, I would question where do businesses and industries hire their workforce? Where do they get their dental assistants? Truck drivers? People who repair cars? If OTC were to go away, I’m not sure how Springfield would fare,” he said.

That’s why people should be involved in supporting OTC and contributing to it financially.

“For those who are in a position to draw from the local workforce, their contributions will help maintain what OTC is doing so well,” he said.

Mr. Spencer is a strong supporter of the OTC Middle College, which takes high school students with learning challenges in traditional education settings and brings them to OTC for classes and training that builds both their character and educational skills.

“The Middle College got my interest early on. It gives high school students hope. It allows kids to find the right path,” Mr. Spencer said. “It makes you really proud to serve on a board and look back on its history to see where you’ve been and where you are today.”



▲ OTC Middle College students pose in front of Information Commons on the OTC Springfield Campus.



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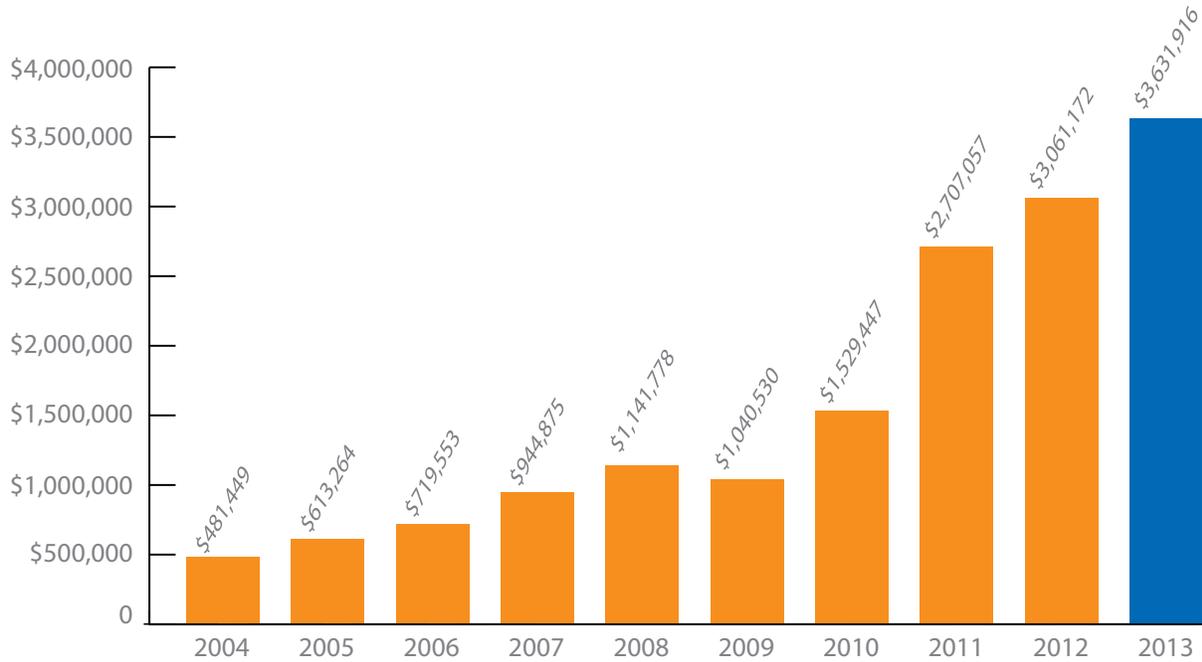
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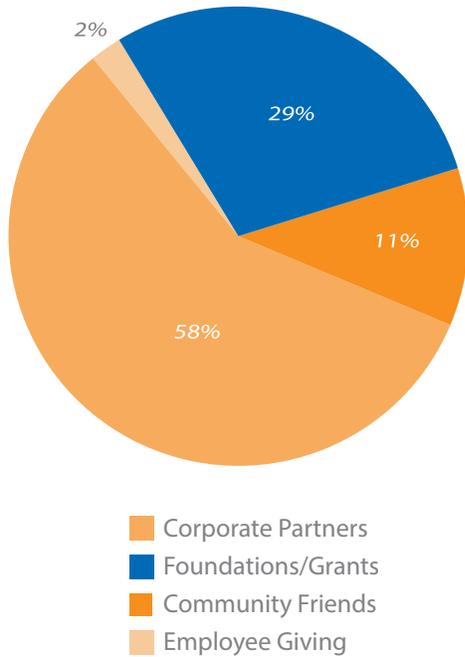
As of June 30, 2013, with comparative totals for June 30, 2012. Based on pre-audit 2013 financial statements.

Assets	2012	2013
Great Southern Bank - Foundation	\$200,455	\$132,672
Community Foundation of the Ozarks	\$2,860,716	\$3,499,244
Total Assets	\$3,061,172	\$3,631,916

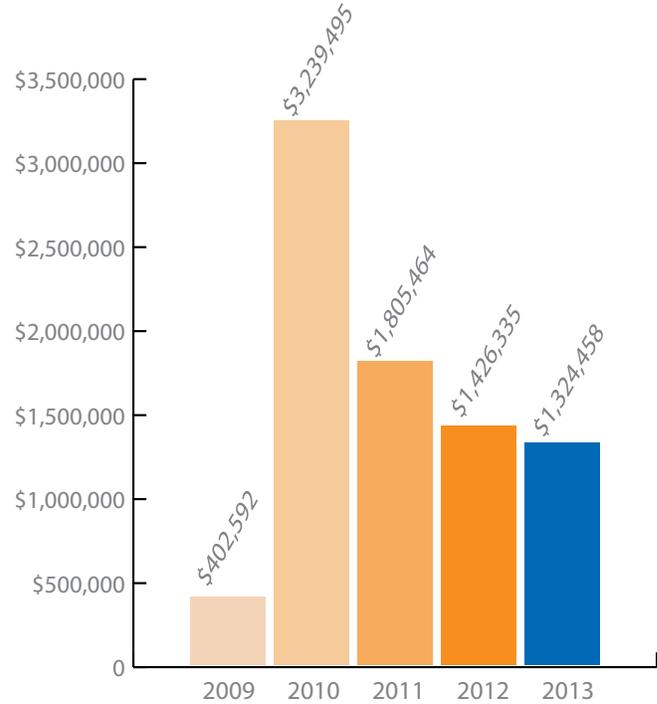
Fund Balance	2012	2013
Unrestricted	\$438,751	\$584,490
Restricted	\$1,090,453	\$1,252,961
Endowment (Revocable)	\$721,815	\$776,558
Endowment (Irrevocable)	\$810,152	\$1,017,906
Total Fund Balance	\$3,061,171	\$3,631,916



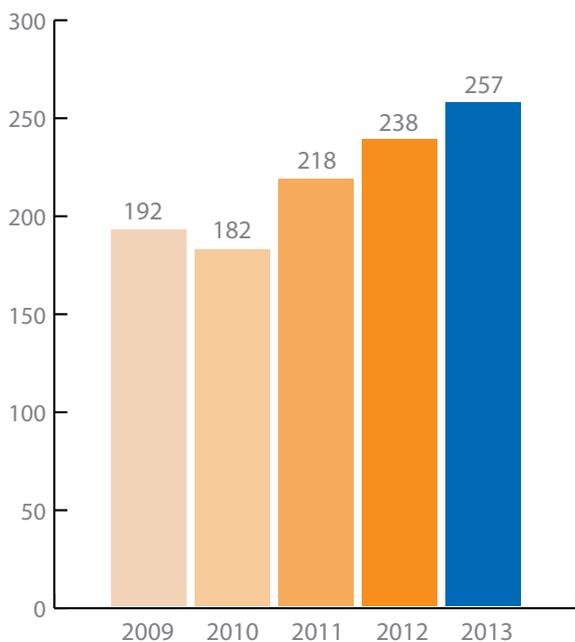
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Scholarship Awards





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Making a charitable gift to the OTC Foundation is an important and personal decision. We invite you to invest in the students at OTC by considering the following ways to make a difference. The information provided below may be useful, but you should not consider it legal or tax advice. You should contact your attorney, tax advisor, or accountant for details.

Ways to Give

- **Unrestricted Contributions:** Contributions can be made to the area of greatest need for student support at the college.
- **Restricted Contributions:** Contributions can be made to a specific area of the college, such as a department, named or endowed scholarship fund.
- **Named Gifts:** Donors can establish an endowed scholarship with a minimum initial investment of \$10,000 or may designate a gift of \$2,500. The fund can be in your name, the name of you and your spouse or the name of another family member, friend or colleague. Each investment will support Ozarks Technical Community College students or programs for eternity.

Types of Contributions

- Cash, check, or credit card
- Appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, mutual fund distributions
- Personal property such as equipment, art, vehicles, or furnishings
- Online gifts at foundation.otc.edu
- Matching gift
- A planned gift, such as:
 - Bequest
 - Real estate
 - Life insurance
 - Retirement plan
 - Charitable gift annuity
 - Charitable remainder trust
 - Charitable lead trust

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ABOUT US

The OTC Foundation was established in 1995 to help meet the growing needs of the College. At the time of incorporation, Ozarks Technical Community College was in its fifth year of operation with 3,507 college credit students. Presently, the College serves almost 15,000 credit students and an additional 7,900 non-credit students. OTC continues to grow, helping to meet the strong demand for job-skills education and workforce training in southwest Missouri.

The OTC Foundation is incorporated as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation independent from the College.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The OTC Foundation Board of Directors is comprised of 29 community leaders representing a broad cross-section of businesses within the College's service area. Board members represent leadership and community service and share the Foundation's value of ensuring opportunities for success at OTC.

OTC FOUNDATION MISSION

The mission of the OTC Foundation is to maximize private gift support for the College while continuously laying the groundwork for future fundraising success, in order to aid the College in fulfilling its own mission of excellence in education, research, and service.



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