

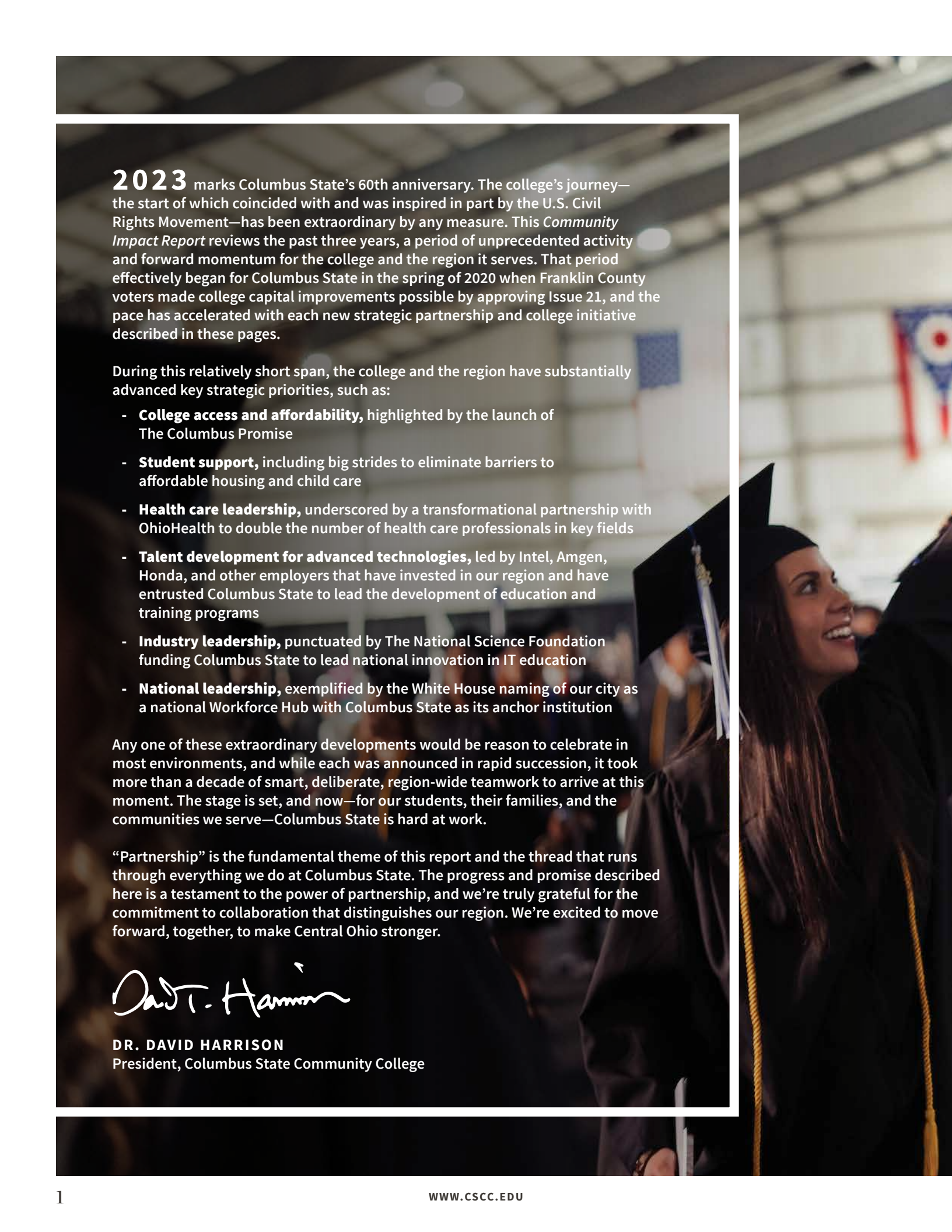


COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT > 2023

Making Central Ohio Stronger.

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE



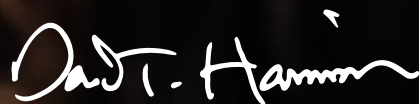
2023 marks Columbus State's 60th anniversary. The college's journey—the start of which coincided with and was inspired in part by the U.S. Civil Rights Movement—has been extraordinary by any measure. This *Community Impact Report* reviews the past three years, a period of unprecedented activity and forward momentum for the college and the region it serves. That period effectively began for Columbus State in the spring of 2020 when Franklin County voters made college capital improvements possible by approving Issue 21, and the pace has accelerated with each new strategic partnership and college initiative described in these pages.

During this relatively short span, the college and the region have substantially advanced key strategic priorities, such as:

- **College access and affordability**, highlighted by the launch of The Columbus Promise
- **Student support**, including big strides to eliminate barriers to affordable housing and child care
- **Health care leadership**, underscored by a transformational partnership with OhioHealth to double the number of health care professionals in key fields
- **Talent development for advanced technologies**, led by Intel, Amgen, Honda, and other employers that have invested in our region and have entrusted Columbus State to lead the development of education and training programs
- **Industry leadership**, punctuated by The National Science Foundation funding Columbus State to lead national innovation in IT education
- **National leadership**, exemplified by the White House naming of our city as a national Workforce Hub with Columbus State as its anchor institution

Any one of these extraordinary developments would be reason to celebrate in most environments, and while each was announced in rapid succession, it took more than a decade of smart, deliberate, region-wide teamwork to arrive at this moment. The stage is set, and now—for our students, their families, and the communities we serve—Columbus State is hard at work.

“Partnership” is the fundamental theme of this report and the thread that runs through everything we do at Columbus State. The progress and promise described here is a testament to the power of partnership, and we're truly grateful for the commitment to collaboration that distinguishes our region. We're excited to move forward, together, to make Central Ohio stronger.



DR. DAVID HARRISON
President, Columbus State Community College



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SECTION 1: A STRONGER WORKFORCE

✓ **MARCH 2022:** President Harrison welcomes Governor DeWine to the Mitchell Hall podium during Intel's higher education investment announcement.



ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Tech talent starts here

INTEL, HONDA, LG, AMGEN, ANDELYN BIOSCIENCES, AND OTHER INDUSTRY LEADERS are building their futures in Central Ohio. Columbus State is building the diverse, well-prepared talent pipeline they need.

□ **JAN 2022**

Intel announces \$20 billion investment to build two semiconductor fabrication facilities in Central Ohio

□ **AUG 2022**

CHIPS and Science Act signed

□ **OCT 2022**

Honda, LG announce \$4.4 billion EV battery plant

□ **JAN 2024**

Semiconductor Fundamentals certificate program launch

2022

2023

2024

□ **MARCH 2022**

Intel announces \$150 million education investment

□ **SEPT 2022**

Intel groundbreaking, Columbus State-led Ohio Semiconductor Collaboration Network announced

□ **JULY 2023**

Workforce Hub announcement

“ What I saw here today is something I want to bottle up and spread across the country. ”

- **Miguel Cardona, United States Secretary of Education**, during April visit to Columbus State engineering technology classrooms

APRIL 2023: U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona visited Columbus State to underscore the importance of fast-turn education programs in bolstering the region and nation’s high-tech manufacturing future. ➤

While on campus, the secretary visited two engineering labs and met with local education and workforce leaders.



▲ **SEPT 9, 2022:** Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor John Husted, and Intel CEO Pat Gelsinger joined other industry, political, and education leaders at a ceremonial groundbreaking for Intel’s leading-edge semiconductor manufacturing facility in Licking County.

LEADING THE WAY

Columbus State is leading a statewide community college collaboration to prepare Ohio’s semiconductor workforce

The Ohio Semiconductor Collaboration Network, bolstered by a \$2.8 million Intel grant, was established to create open, shareable curriculum for integration among all 23 community colleges in the state.

- Columbus State and the Ohio Association of Community Colleges are the network’s principal investigators.
- The network’s focus is the development of curricula designed to prepare a semiconductor technician workforce of 5,000 or more over three years.
- Seventy percent of technician roles will require a community college credential.

Strength in diversity

Driven by the belief that diversity and inclusion are instrumental in driving innovation, Intel has charged the Ohio Semiconductor Collaboration Network with providing opportunities to:

- **Underrepresented minorities.** The network is targeting an enrollment goal of 33% or higher.
- **Women.** Intel is committed to reaching 40% representation of women in technical roles by the end of the decade.
- **Military veterans.** Veterans have comprehensive and highly transferable skill sets.



“ Intel’s commitment to workforce equity and diversity is among the most exciting aspects of this work. The career pathways we’ll build together will result in life-changing economic opportunity for thousands of Ohio students and families and will go a long way toward establishing a new, equitable standard of prosperity for our state. ”

- Dr. David T. Harrison, President,
Columbus State Community College

TRAINING A CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE

The planned \$4.2 billion investment in electric vehicle (EV) battery production by Honda and LG Energy Solutions will generate as many as 2,500 new jobs, many in a new plant scheduled to begin production in late 2025 and others in retooled factories including Honda's four million-square-foot Marysville plant.

Columbus State has taken the first steps in developing curriculum designed to prepare students for jobs in EV battery production. The college is working with Honda and LG Energy Solutions to articulate the expertise and skill sets needed by EV battery technicians and is in the early stages of aligning academic programs accordingly. Columbus State is also invested in supporting a statewide electronic vehicle talent-development framework in collaboration with JobsOhio and the Ohio Manufacturers' Association.



\$4.2 BILLION INVESTMENT

2,500 NEW JOBS WILL BE GENERATED

CREDENTIALS

Semiconductor Fundamentals Certificate

Advanced Semiconductor Fundamentals Certificate

A.A.S. in Electromechanical Engineering Technology



FAST, AFFORDABLE PATHS TO A GREAT CAREER

Columbus State offers three stackable credentials designed to quickly prepare students for the region's rapidly emerging engineering technology roles.

HEALTH CARE

Transforming health care education

THE ASPEN INSTITUTE PREDICTS THAT CENTRAL OHIO WILL NEED 9,000 ADDITIONAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS BY 2028

to serve a growing and aging population. Columbus State is rising to meet the challenge, partnering with OhioHealth to make a \$120 million investment to double the number of graduates in key health care fields.



Dr. David Harrison,
President, Columbus
State Community
College



Karen Morrison,
President, OhioHealth
Foundation and
Senior Vice President,
OhioHealth



Dr. Steve Markovich,
President and Chief
Executive Officer
at OhioHealth

2019-2022
One in five health care workers quits their job (U.S. Bureau of Labor Stats)

JUNE 2023
Columbus State and OhioHealth announce joint \$120 million investment to address critical workforce shortages

2022

2023

2024

NOV 2022
The Ohio Department of Higher Education authorizes the college to develop a bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN), the college's first four-year program

JAN 2024
Anticipated launch of BSN



ANNOUNCING THE OHIOHEALTH CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

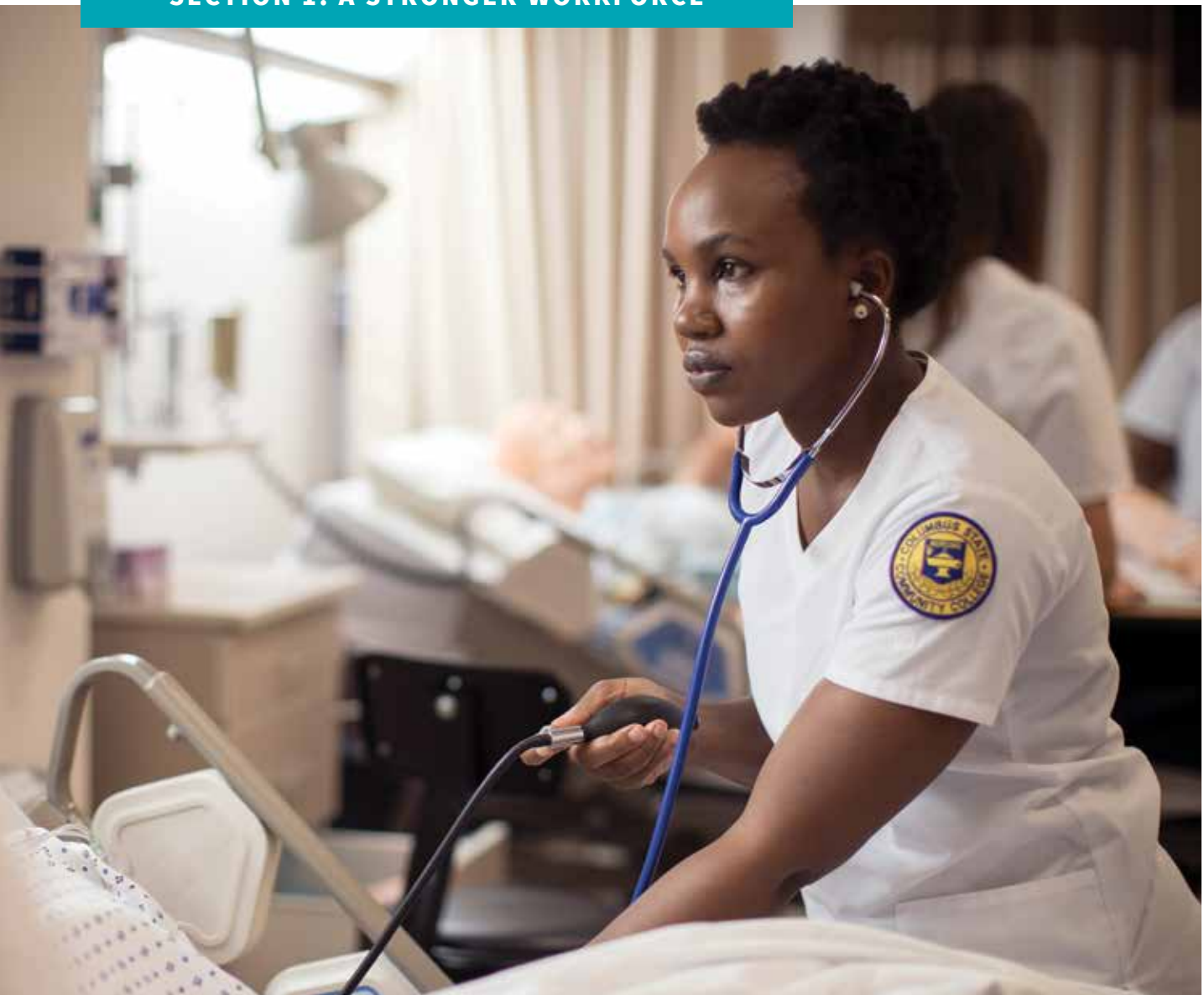
In June 2023, Columbus State and OhioHealth announced a joint investment totaling \$120 million to address workforce shortages faced by provider networks in the region. The college will invest \$67 million in voter-approved bond proceeds for a new, state-of-the-art building to be named The OhioHealth Center for Health Sciences. OhioHealth’s \$25 million gift—believed to be one of the largest ever to support a U.S. community college—will establish an endowment to fund faculty and staff who train health care professionals in five targeted growth areas: nursing, surgical technology, medical imaging, respiratory therapy, and sterile processing.

“ This bold partnership will ramp up the talent pipeline within key professions that form the backbone of our health care community. Together, we will increase the pool of homegrown talent, keep regional health care strong, and address health disparities by attracting a workforce prepared to care for our diverse community. ”

- Dr. Steve Markovich, President and Chief Executive Officer at OhioHealth



LEARN MORE about this extraordinary partnership.



Partnership highlights

- Columbus State will build a new 80,000-square-foot academic building—to be named The OhioHealth Center for Health Sciences—and renovate existing health care classrooms and labs using \$85 million in voter-approved bond funding.
- The college will double the number of graduates in these areas over the next 10 years. On average, Columbus State currently enrolls about 1,500 students each year in the high-demand fields targeted by the partnership.
- The Columbus State Foundation will raise at least \$12 million in additional funding for student support and specialized equipment for medical simulation and other hands-on training.

COMING SOON: HIGH SCHOOL TO OHIOHEALTH IN DUBLIN



Columbus State, Dublin City Schools, and OhioHealth are partnering on a pathway to health care careers that will engage students as early as their junior year of high school. Participating students will complete coursework for Clinical Laboratory Assistant certificates and fulfill requirements for Medical Laboratory Technology degrees during their last two years of high school through College Credit Plus at the college’s Dublin Regional Learning Center. Students will also experience clinical settings in OhioHealth’s outpatient labs.

Upon high school graduation, students will move into paid phlebotomy or laboratory assistant positions with OhioHealth, whose tuition-payment benefits will allow students to complete associate degree and industry certification requirements at no cost. Students will also have options to continue on to bachelor’s and master’s degree programs, utilizing the same generous OhioHealth benefits.

The program is expected to launch in 2025, with the potential to extend programming into the event to accommodate adult learners.



Columbus State graduates are well prepared for work, passing certification exams at rates that exceed state and national averages. For example, **88% of registered nursing program graduates have been certified for employability since 2020**—the highest rate among Ohio’s community colleges that produce at least 50 yearly graduates.

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COLUMBUS STATE LEADS OHIO’S TWO-YEAR COLLEGES IN REGISTERED NURSING EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Chosen to propel national innovation in IT education

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION WILL FUND
A MULTI-COLLEGE IT EDUCATION INNOVATION
CENTER TO BE LED BY COLUMBUS STATE



JULY 2019
\$3.78 million U.S. Department of Labor grant launches national IT apprenticeship model

AUG 2023
Columbus State is awarded a \$7.5 million NSF grant to lead a national IT innovation center

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

MARCH 2019
Columbus State designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education

2018-2022
IT program enrollment at Columbus State grows 48%

ANNOUNCING THE NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTER

In August 2023, Columbus State was awarded a five-year, \$7.5 million federal grant to launch a new center focused on creating and scaling up the high-demand training needed to fuel the country's technology-enabled economic growth.

The National Information Technology Innovation Center (NITIC) will work with employers and community colleges across the country to prepare highly skilled technicians through credential programs that take two years or less. Columbus State is the lead institution in the NITIC, joined by partners from Collin College (McKinney, Texas, in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex), Lone Star College (Houston, Texas), Maricopa Community Colleges (Phoenix, Arizona), and Sinclair College (Dayton, Ohio).

Key components of the NITIC include:

- The development of a national Business Industry Leadership Team to align future community college curriculum with employer demand, scaling up relationships at super-regional levels to national collaboration.
- The creation of an IT Innovation Network to benchmark best practices and emerging ideas to advance IT education nationally and to serve as an incubator for leading-edge curriculum.
- The syndication of instructor training resources to address current and future IT competencies.
- The promotion of recruitment best practices to increase the participation of women, underrepresented minorities, and veterans in IT careers.



THE NSF'S MOST-AWARDED COLLEGE

The National Science Foundation is an independent federal agency that funds science and engineering advancement projects at U.S. colleges and universities. With the NITIC grant, Columbus State has received 16 NSF Advanced Technological Education awards since 2013—more than any other individual college in the country.



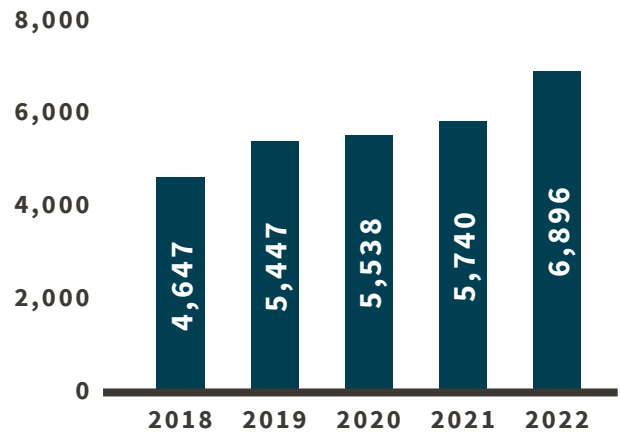
16 NSF AWARDS
SINCE 2013

IT programs on the rise

Enrollment in Information Technology programs at Columbus State has grown nearly 50% since 2018. Growth highlights include an 87% increase in undergraduate students pursuing Cybersecurity programs and a 97% increase in K12 students enrolled in Computer Science, Information Technology, and Design courses through College Credit Plus (Ohio's dual enrollment program that provides students the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses).

While industry demand is a key driver of enrollment growth, the adoption of innovative approaches to course delivery and the expansion of IT career pathways through industry apprenticeships have helped the college to attract, retain, and graduate more IT talent each year.

IT PROGRAM GROWTH
ENROLLED STUDENTS



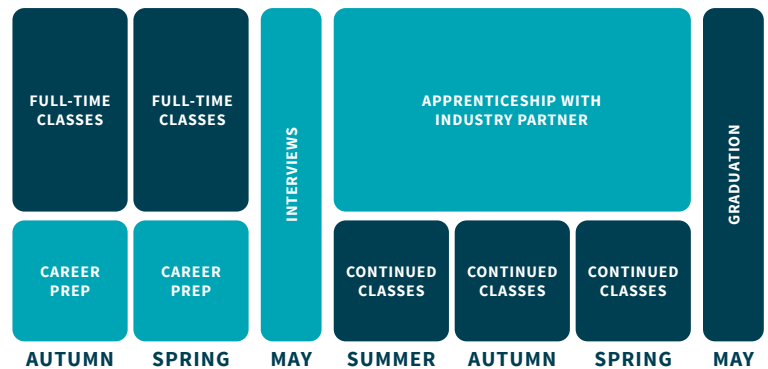


IT STUDENTS LEARN AND EARN IN FLEXIBLE APPRENTICESHIPS

IT Flexible Apprenticeships (ITFA) allow students to apply classroom learning—in real time—to work in paid positions with top regional employers.

Funded by a \$3.78 million U.S. Department of Labor grant and a \$560,000 NSF Advanced Technological Education Grant, the ITFA program has reached maturity, engaging more than 400 students since its introduction four years ago. ITFA is a partnership between Central Ohio employer partners and Columbus State that provides a paid work experience where students apply what they are learning in the classroom in a real-life work experience.

- The program was launched in 2018 for students enrolled in Cybersecurity, Software Development, and Data Center Technician majors and has since expanded to other IT programs.
- Apprentices average an hourly wage of \$22.50.
- Participating employer partners include Accenture, AEP, Buckeye Innovation, Crane Group, GBQ, Grange Insurance, Honda of America, IGS Energy, Nationwide, Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Star Seven Six, CORE HCM, and G2O.



▲ The ITFA program is a two-year, five-semester program focused on integrated learning. Students complete their degree while making a living wage—helping them finish their Columbus State credential debt free.



ITFA's pilot employers were Accenture and Nationwide.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

Tackling the child care crisis

ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE is among the region's biggest needs—shortages of skilled professionals have forced child care programs to close, preventing parents from joining (or rejoining) the workforce. Columbus State is working to address both the problem and its cause.

□ **2019-2021**

One in six regional child care centers closed during the pandemic

2021

2022

2023

□ **FEB 2023**

Construction begins

□ **JAN 2023**

Columbus State announces \$3.5 million investment in new downtown child care center

□ **JUNE 2023**

Operator partner announced

“ This is one of the first projects out of the gate as part of our \$300 million bond issue supported by Franklin County voters. Access to child care is in crisis in our community. We wanted to be part of the solution for that. ”

- Dr. Rebecca Butler, Executive Vice President, Columbus State Community College



BUILDING THE FUTURE OF CHILD CARE

Columbus State’s new child care center will set a new standard for early childhood education while adding badly needed care capacity.

In January 2023, Columbus State announced an investment of \$3.5 million to construct the Center for Early Learning, designed to train the next generation of skilled child care professionals in Central Ohio. The center is expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2023 adjacent to the Center for Workforce Development, on Columbus State’s downtown campus.

- The new center will serve Columbus State student-parents, Columbus State employees, and other parents in the community for whom access to child care remains a barrier.
- With capacity for nearly 100 children, the center will have six classrooms: three infant-to-toddler rooms and three for pre-K instruction.
- Construction is funded by proceeds from a \$300 million bond issue approved by Franklin County voters in April 2020 intended to modernize classrooms, labs, and campus infrastructure for the benefit of regional workforce development.
- The Childhood Development Council of Franklin County, Inc., (CDCFC) was selected to provide child care services at the new center. The CDCFC has provided high-quality, comprehensive services for 38 years and is committed to an affordability focus, offering sliding-scale fees based on family income.



Built for this moment

A HUB—AND A NATIONAL MODEL—FOR WORKFORCE TRANSFORMATION

The White House designation of Columbus as one of five U.S. Workforce Hubs—and of Columbus State as the Hub’s anchor institution—is national recognition that Central Ohio is poised for a transformation that will elevate the region on the global stage and unlock economic mobility for thousands of underrepresented families.



May’s Workforce Hub announcement speaks to the tremendous importance of our region’s explosive growth in vital and emerging industries, including semiconductor production, clean energy, biotechnology, high-performance computing, and health care.

The national significance of the moment is big. But the significance for regional students, families, and households is bigger.

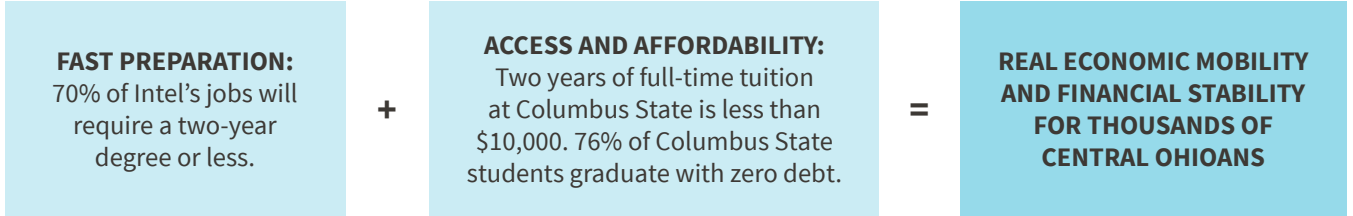


▲ **JULY 2023:** First Lady Jill Biden posed with Columbus State students at an event celebrating the launch of the White House-designated Columbus Workforce Hub.



THESE ARE OUR JOBS

The impending job surge is a game-changer for students, job seekers, and career changers, and signals a dramatic regional shift toward a genuinely inclusive economy. Central Ohio needs a new, more inclusive talent pipeline. Columbus State was made to build it.



NOW HIRING

Thousands of new high-demand, high-pay jobs—each requiring just a two-year degree or less—will be added in the next several years.



MORE THAN **12,000**
NEW ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING JOBS



9,000
NEW HEALTH CARE JOBS



2,500
NEW EV BATTERY JOBS



MORE THAN **10,000**
NEW CONSTRUCTION AND
SKILLED TRADES JOBS

Student success

A commitment to advancing student success and closing equity gaps has earned Columbus State national recognition. We are one of only 20 winners of the Leah Meyer Austin Award, the highest honor a college can receive from Achieving the Dream, a national organization of 300 forward-thinking community colleges committed to ensuring that all students can access learning that propels them into rewarding careers and fulfilling lives.

Our student-success goal: grow the ranks of Columbus State graduates to more than 10,000 each year. In the past academic year, we took important steps forward, partnering to introduce the region's first no-cost College Promise program and strengthening transfer partnerships that can make four-year bachelor's degrees an affordable reality.

**WE PUT STUDENTS FIRST.
ALWAYS.**



PARTNERING TO MAKE A PROMISE

In the years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, City Council President Shannon G. Hardin and Columbus State President David T. Harrison discussed the possibility of introducing a free College Promise initiative in Columbus. In 2021, with the pandemic worsening, along with economic inequities for thousands of area students and families, they committed to making the Promise real.

In November 2021, leaders from the City of Columbus, Columbus State Community College, nonprofit college access program I Know I Can, and Columbus City Schools (CCS) announced the first phase of The Columbus Promise, a three-year pilot guaranteeing a tuition-free education at Columbus State to all Columbus City Schools graduates, beginning with the graduating class of 2022. In August 2022, Columbus State welcomed 694 Columbus City Schools graduates, more than twice the number of district graduates who'd enrolled in the previous two autumn semesters, getting the program off to a very promising start.

COLUMBUS PROMISE PRINCIPAL PARTNERS



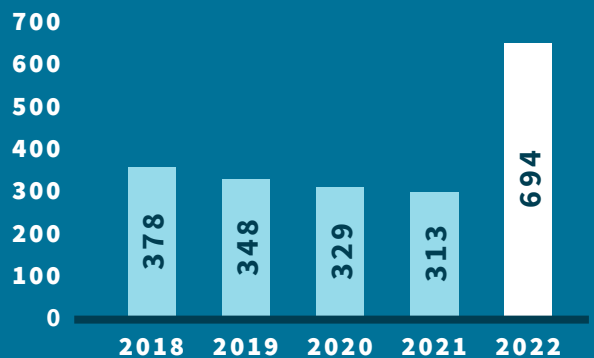
COLUMBUS PROMISE GUARANTEES STUDENTS...

- free tuition plus a \$500/semester scholarship for up to six semesters for Columbus City Schools (CCS) graduates
- dedicated student support, academic advising, and academic coaching

STRONG RESULTS FOR THE FIRST YEAR INCLUDE...

- a two-fold increase in Columbus State enrollment of Columbus City Schools graduates
- a 38% increase across CCS in students submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a critical milestone for college enrollment
- strong diversity, with 52% of Promise Scholars identifying as Black and 15% as Hispanic

FALL ENROLLMENT
of spring Columbus City Schools graduates





COLUMBUS PROMISE 5K

The OhioHealth Capital City Half & Quarter Marathon renamed its popular 5K running and walking event “The Columbus Promise 5K” during its 20th Anniversary celebration in April 2023 as part of a unique partnership between M3S Sports and the Columbus Promise. The Columbus Promise 5K is open to all Columbus Promise scholars thanks to the support of the Columbus State Foundation. M3S Sports is donating a portion of the proceeds from the 5K to The Columbus Promise Fund.

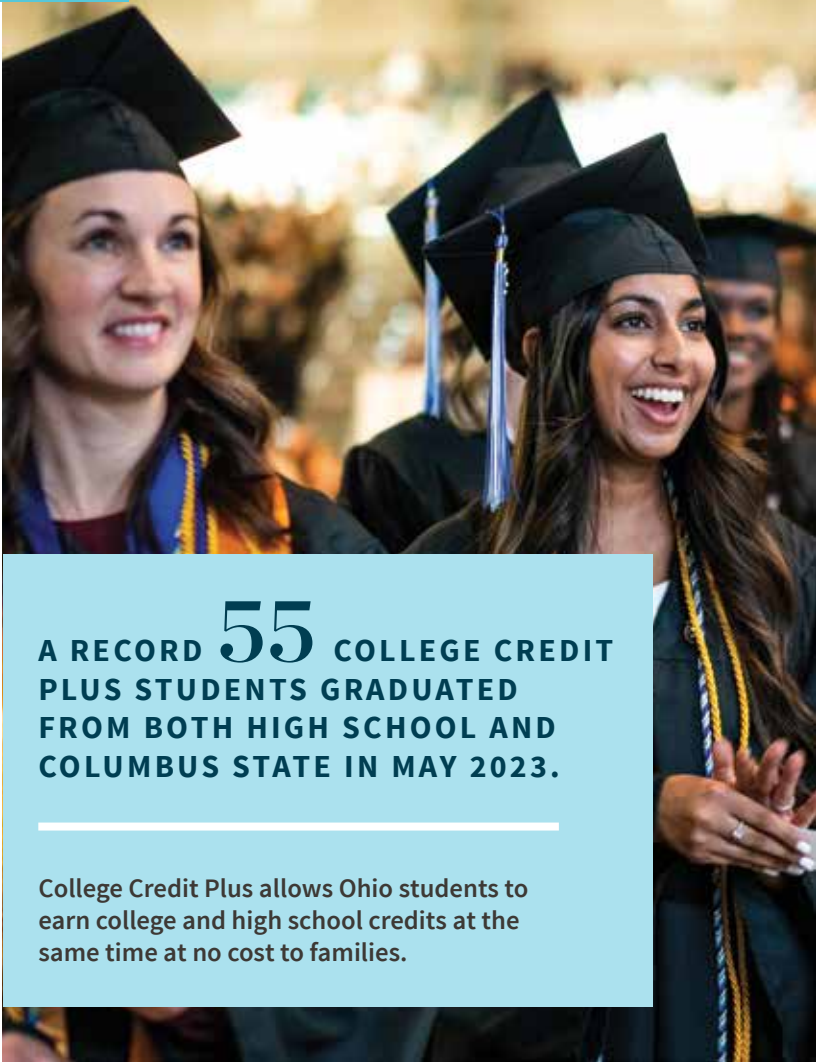
PROMISE CHAMPIONS

The Columbus Promise is funded via a public-private partnership through June 2025. The City of Columbus and Columbus State Community College together with philanthropic and private sector partners invested the seed capital to kick-start the program.



Bath & Body Works®





Graduation day

Advancing the community and transforming lives, 5,000 graduates at a time

In 2022, more than 2,000 students graduated from Columbus State with two-year associate degrees, and even more students earned shorter-term industry-recognized certificates. In total, the college helped prepare nearly 5,000 students last year to launch or advance great careers in high-demand fields that keep the regional economy strong.

An impressive 81% of Columbus State alums remain in Central Ohio to live, work, and contribute positively to their communities while fueling growth in industries like information technology, engineering technology and advanced manufacturing, supply chain management and logistics, construction and skilled trades, health sciences, and more.

“ Exact Track represents a best-in-class model today’s employers should lean into to develop and retain top talent. It is a benchmark example of how deep partnerships between colleges and employers through earn-and-learn programs can advance careers and eliminate student debt. ”

- Dr. David T. Harrison,
Columbus State President

A RECORD **55** COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLUMBUS STATE IN MAY 2023.

College Credit Plus allows Ohio students to earn college and high school credits at the same time at no cost to families.

TRACKING TOWARD SUCCESS:

Celebrating the first Huntington Exact Track graduates



Columbus State and Huntington Bank celebrated the first graduating class of Huntington Exact Track students, three years after the launch of the unique employer-funded partnership. Eighteen Exact Track students earned Associate of Applied Science in Business Management degrees at Columbus State’s 2022 Spring Commencement.

A partnership between Columbus State, Franklin University, and Huntington Bank, Exact Track is an online program in which students earn both associate and bachelor’s degrees in one seamless course sequence. Huntington provides “pre-impbursement” funding up front for all participants, eliminating the need to borrow for college.

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY: INVESTING IN COLUMBUS STATE GRADS

In January 2023, Capital University and Columbus State announced an expanded partnership through which Pell Grant-eligible transfer students may receive Capital's Main Street Scholarship, a combination of funds that will cover the full cost of Capital's tuition and fees for many participating students. The program is a dual admission partnership in which students are enrolled at both Capital and Columbus State, gaining immediate access to the campus resources of both institutions, including campus recreation, library, student organizations, campus housing, and events.

After completing associate degrees at Columbus State, participants are guaranteed transfer to Capital to complete their bachelor's degrees. The partnership marks Columbus State's second dual admission agreement, an approach pioneered in partnership with Otterbein University in 2017.

“ If you’ve already had two years at Columbus State, you’ve worked hard, and you know what you’re doing. I would rather invest in you; it’s an investment in success. ”

- David L. Kaufman,
Capital University President



PREFERRED PATHWAY: COLLEGE DEBT IS AVOIDABLE

Nine top regional universities have joined Columbus State to help students earn low- or no-debt bachelor's degrees through Preferred Pathways transfer partnerships. Program features include:

COST SAVINGS

Completing two years at Columbus State allows students to save nearly 50% off the cost of a bachelor's degree.

GUARANTEED ADMISSION

Our Preferred Pathway partners guarantee admission to students who graduate Columbus State with Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees and maintain a minimal overall GPA.

SEAMLESS TRANSFER

Personalized transfer plans ensure that students take only the courses they need.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Several partners offer special scholarships and financial assistance programs for students transferring from Columbus State to their universities.



Forward together

AS THE COMMUNITY'S TRUSTED PARTNER, COLUMBUS STATE EXTENDS ITS IMPACT BEYOND THE COLLEGE'S BOUNDARIES THROUGH CONNECTIONS THAT BENEFIT ITS STUDENTS AND CENTRAL OHIO. BY CLOSELY ALIGNING ITS BEST-IN-CLASS FOUNDATION AND GRANTS OFFICES, THE COLLEGE HAS EMBRACED AN ADVANCEMENT MODEL TO AMPLIFY THAT IMPACT.



Advancement highlights

The Columbus State Community College Advancement team aligns fundraising with institutional priorities, leveraging individual, foundation, and corporate giving to support the college's students and advance its mission. Extraordinary philanthropic support is described throughout this report; selected additional examples follow below.



BOLSTERING STUDENT SUCCESS

Noteworthy examples of philanthropic and grant support intended to help students pay for college and meet essential needs include the following.

Scholarship support

- Approximately 700 students received nearly \$900,000 in philanthropic scholarship support over the last two academic years.
- Donors established 22 new philanthropic scholarships at the Columbus State Foundation.
- More than 20 philanthropic private-sector partners joined the City of Columbus and Columbus State to make the Columbus Promise possible. In the program's first two years, more than 1,400 Columbus City Schools graduates have enrolled at the college, tuition-free. Read more on page 20.

Funding for basic needs

- In celebration of the company's 75th anniversary, the Crane Group created the college's first endowed student emergency support fund, which provides just-in-time assistance with nonacademic needs, such as transportation, child care, food, and housing.
- The U.S. Department of Education awarded Columbus State nearly \$1 million to support student food and transportation access. The grant also funds new case management and social worker positions to connect students with other supportive services within and outside of the college.
- Donors also established several new funds to focus on specific needs, such as food insecurity and child care.

STRENGTHENING PATHWAYS TO ECONOMIC MOBILITY

Support in this category helps students and families realize economic mobility and fills the talent pipelines critical to regional economic success. In addition to engineering technology, health care, and IT support described in the Workforce Development section of this report, noteworthy examples include the following.

- Bloomberg Philanthropies has provided substantial support for the creation of a regional talent ecosystem, with particular emphasis on key emerging industries such as engineering technologies, information technology, health care, and bioscience.
- Grange Insurance's generous gift to the Columbus State Foundation, the largest unrestricted gift in the Foundation's history, supports the development of earn-and-learn employer partnerships for Columbus Promise and other students.
- Gifts from multiple donors, including Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, Michael's Finer Meats and Seafoods, The Wasserstrom Co, and William K. Emery, helped to bring the campaign for Mitchell Hall, home to the college's Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts programs, to a successful conclusion.
- The Ingram-White Castle Foundation's "Giving Renews Our World" (GROW) grant will be used to financially bolster lower-paying and unpaid student internships, develop a new micro-internship program for short-term paid career exploration experiences, and build a dedicated college internship staff team.



ADVANCEMENT WORK

A bridge to housing stability

In July 2023, Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther and City Council President Shannon G. Hardin announced that the city would provide \$2 million to extend the Success Bridge program, which supports Columbus State students who face housing insecurity or homelessness.

The new funding moves the program beyond its initial pilot phase, during which more than 450 Columbus State students received housing support. The 2020 pilot was made possible by \$1.5 million in support from the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and private philanthropy, including Bath & Body Works Foundation, Fifth Third Foundation, and the Beatrice I. and Alan R. Weiler Fund.

Initially launched as a three-year program, Success Bridge offered three tiers of support to students:

- 1. Consultation**, referrals, or other information on options
- 2. One-time or short-term financial support**, including up to three months for rent, utilities, and other housing-related expenses
- 3. Long-term financial support**, including as many as 24 months in one of 22 subsidized housing units



HOUSING INSECURITY AND HOMELESSNESS ARE AMONG THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING MANY WOULD-BE COLLEGE GRADUATES.

- The U.S. Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics recently reported that 8% of undergraduate students experience homelessness.
- Housing insecurity and homelessness have a larger impact on Columbus State students; in fall 2020, 14% of students reported that they were homeless, and 60% reported having experienced housing insecurity in the past year.

▲ Columbus State Vice President Dr. Desiree Polk-Bland (second from left) and partners Michelle Heritage (Community Shelter Board), Scott Scharlach (Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority), Beth Fetzer-Rice (Home for Families), and Carlie Boos (the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio) at Community Shelter Board's Under One Roof event, where the organizations were honored with the inaugural Heritage Innovation Award for collaborative work on Success Bridge.



SUPPORTING ADULT STUDENTS WITH COMPASS

The COMPASS program provides coaching and funding for Columbus residents who finished high school in the last few years and are looking for a career boost. The program provides funding to cover full tuition and fees at Columbus State for eligible students (Columbus residents who completed their high school education between 2019 and 2022 and are not actively enrolled at the college).

COMPASS is a collaboration between I Know I Can, the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio, and Columbus State designed to:

- **Re-engage** high school completers who dropped out or never enrolled in postsecondary education or training
- **Encourage** college persistence for individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- **Improve** college and career readiness and milestone completion while removing financial barriers to enrollment

TASTE THE FUTURE

Taste the Future—an annual celebration of the college’s renowned culinary legacy featuring more than 40 local food-and-beverage partners—is Columbus State’s signature fundraising event, with proceeds benefiting student emergency needs funds and providing scholarships for tuition, books, and supplies. Taste '22 raised \$277,000, an event record that stood until August of '23, when the bar was raised to \$286,000.



Strong leadership

Columbus State is distinguished by the faculty, staff, and administrators who commit themselves each day to student success and the advancement of our community. That commitment is routinely recognized—selected awards and distinctions are noted here.

Excellence Honored

2022 Ohio Association of Community Colleges Leadership Academy graduates:
Dr. Tina Diggs, Dean, Delaware Campus and Regional Learning Centers

Dale Gresson, Executive Administrator, Justice, Safety, and Legal Studies

Leadership Columbus Signature Program participants

- Class of 2022:
 - Royce M. Carpenter, ED.D., Associate Professor, Interpreter Education
 - Charles Noble, General Counsel
- Class of 2023:
 - Dr. Terrence Brooks, Senior Director, Student Life
 - Charvella McKaye, Ed.D. Associate Professor, Early Childhood Development and Education
 - Katy Trombitas, Vice President of Advancement
- Class of 2024:
 - Marcus Jackson, Senior Project Analyst, Administrative Operations

2023 King Arts Complex Anniversary Gala honoree:
Dr. David T. Harrison, President

2023 Columbus Business First Women of Influence honoree:
Dr. Rebecca Butler, Executive Vice President

2023-2024 Aspen Institute College Excellence Program Rising Presidents Fellow:
Dr. Desiree Polk-Bland, Vice President of Student Affairs

2023 Columbus Business First HR Impact Awards honoree:
Kristen Treadway, Associate Vice President, Human Resources

Awarding Academic Excellence

2022 HI-TEC Educator of the Year:
Lawrence McWherter, Assistant Professor, Information Systems Technology

2022 American Council on Education Women's Network Ohio Excellence in Higher Education Leadership Award recipient:
Royce M. Carpenter, ED.D., Associate Professor, Interpreter Education

2022 Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Training Award (presented by the state Attorney General):
Scott Wagner, Professor, Criminal Justice

2023 National Culinary Challenge Award Winner:
Chef David Wolf, Adjunct Instructor, Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts



▲ 2022 Hi-Tec Educator of the Year: Lawrence McWherter



COLUMBUS STATE DESIGNATED A COLLEGIATE PURPLE STAR INSTITUTION

The Purple Star designation, awarded by the Ohio Department of Education, recognizes institutions that demonstrate a significant commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military.

REMEMBERING DR. HAROLD BROWN

Dr. Harold Brown, former technology instructor, department chair, vice president for Academic Affairs, and distinguished military veteran, passed away peacefully at 98 years of age on Jan 12, 2023. A Minneapolis native, Dr. Brown graduated from Alabama's Tuskegee Institute at 19 and was commissioned as an officer in the then U.S. Army Air Corps in 1944. On his 30th flight mission, Dr. Brown's P-51 Mustang was shot down over Linz, Austria—he successfully bailed out of the aircraft and was taken as a prisoner of war.



After World War II, Dr. Brown returned to Tuskegee as a flight instructor. He was later transferred to Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio, before serving in Japan during the Korean War.

Dr. Brown retired from the service in 1965. After earning his doctoral degree from The Ohio State University, he channeled his love of aviation into a distinguished career in engineering education.

Dr. Brown and his fellow Tuskegee Airmen were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2007, recognition of the exceptional service that set the stage for the integration of the military. Dr. Brown's remarkable story—and that of the Tuskegee Airmen—is detailed in his memoir, *Keep Your Airspeed Up: The Story of a Tuskegee Airman*, published in 2017.



Progress report: educational facilities and technology plan

Columbus State is grateful to Franklin County voters for their generous April 2020 vote of confidence in Columbus State and its role in helping to ensure a stronger future for Central Ohio. Proceeds generated by the approved bond issue (Issue 21)—in combination with existing college resources and funding provided by the state, city, and private philanthropy—have funded numerous campus improvements, with much more to come.

What follows is a review of bond-funded capital projects completed, scheduled, or announced since the approval of Issue 21. Costs noted here are approximate.



NESTOR HALL AUDITORIUM RENOVATION \$11.4 MILLION

Originally built in 1992, Nestor Hall Auditorium showcases the college's award-winning theatre productions, concerts, and other free performances and special events serving the community. Construction is underway to upgrade this 13,300-square-foot, two-story performing arts education space including lighting and acoustic system modernization, design improvements, finish and furnishing upgrades, and long-postponed maintenance.

The newly restored auditorium will provide professional-caliber systems and spaces for career instruction in fine arts design, production, and performance, and it is scheduled for completion in fall 2024.

THE CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING \$3.5 MILLION

Recognizing the need for supportive child care for student parents, the college is opening The Center for Early Learning on the Columbus campus, with capacity for nearly 100 children. The center will be operated through an innovative partnership with community Head Start provider The Child Development Council of Franklin County, Inc. The center will launch with year-round service weekdays and explore further service options based on initial enrollment feedback.

PARKING GARAGE AND CONNECTING PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE UPGRADES

\$4 MILLION

The Columbus campus's only parking garage has undergone major upgrades to incorporate protective screening on all levels, IT and security infrastructure, and fiber connectivity to the campus data center and police dispatch. Repairs to the garage and connecting pedestrian bridge, originally built in 1998, were completed in 2023.

ROOF REPLACEMENTS

\$5.8 MILLION

Roofs over Delaware, Eibling, and Nestor Halls on the Columbus campus and the Southwest Center at Bolton Field (home to the college's aviation maintenance program) are beyond their usable lifespans and will be replaced during 2023.

DAVIDSON HALL EXTERIOR UPGRADES

\$3 MILLION

In addition to a roof replacement, work to upgrade Davidson Hall's windows and exterior doors to protect its building envelope and prevent any water infiltration will be completed in 2023.

ELEVATOR UPGRADES

\$2.1 MILLION

To ensure accessibility in six older buildings on campus, all elevators in Aquinas, Davidson, Franklin, Nestor, Madison, and Rhodes halls have been updated or replaced entirely over the course of 2022-2023.

SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING SPACE IN EIBLING HALL

\$1 MILLION

Eibling Hall spaces will be renovated to create two labs for hands-on training in mechanical, vacuum, and hydraulic systems and a third lab for direct use by industry partners seeking to upskill engineering tech employees. Labs will be completed in the spring and summer of 2024.



DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, CLASSROOM UPGRADES, AND SMALL RENOVATION PROJECTS

\$4.5 MILLION

This category includes once-delayed repairs to assets and infrastructure, classroom upgrades to incorporate technology for hybrid/flexible course delivery, and small campus improvements not otherwise noted here.

OHIOHEALTH CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

\$67 MILLION

In June 2023, Columbus State and OhioHealth announced an innovative partnership to address health care workforce shortages. Columbus State will use voter-approved bond funding to build a new facility at an anticipated cost of \$67 million. OhioHealth will provide a \$25 million endowment to expand and sustain academic programs and fund health care faculty and staff.

UNION HALL RENOVATION

\$18 MILLION

In addition to the introduction of the new OhioHealth Center for Health Sciences, existing health care classrooms and labs in Union Hall will be renovated.



AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY EXPANSION

**PROJECTED COST:
\$13 MILLION MINIMUM**

Columbus State is expanding partnerships with the automotive industry, and the college is preparing to expand its automotive technology program to meet the growing need. This project will more than double the footprint of the automotive technology program, which is housed in Delaware Hall, to serve additional manufacturers and technologies.

Up next

Columbus State is planning and pursuing funding for the following projects. When finalized, details will appear at www.csc.edu.

OHIO CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

**PROJECTED COST:
\$80 MILLION**

Columbus State is leading the way as the state prepares for an influx of high-tech jobs in the semiconductor, electric vehicle, and biotech industries, along with continuing demand for IT professionals across sectors. The Ohio Center for Advanced Technologies is a central part of the regional effort to quadruple the talent pipeline for these engineering technology jobs.

The proposed center, initially projected to be 60,000 square feet, will be a regional asset located on Columbus State's downtown campus. The center will be home to Columbus State's engineering technology programs and will be used by partners across the state and region for career awareness education, collaborative learning, and industry engagement.

FRANKLIN HALL DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND CLASSROOM UPGRADES

**PROJECTED COST:
\$13.5 MILLION**

Franklin Hall, home to Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies programs, TrIO programs, and the Languages & Communications Department, was identified in a recent study as a top priority for classroom and infrastructure upgrades, with needs including new generators, boilers, chillers, air handling units, and roofing.



1963
Columbus State—then the Columbus Area Technician School (CATS)—is born

Celebrating 60 years of impact

While this *Community Impact Report* is a look back at an extraordinary period of activity, it is also a preview of a tremendously bright future. Central Ohio is poised to make a great leap forward, and Columbus State is both proud to be at the epicenter of the moment and determined to match prosperity with inclusivity.

2023 marks the college's 60th anniversary. Our first classes convened less than a year before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed into law. The Act, the movement that inspired it, and our college were each established for the same purpose: to provide equitable access to opportunity for all. A lot has changed over 60 years (and we have the pictures to prove it), but our commitment to that purpose is constant.



2010
Columbus State's Delaware campus opens



1967
The college is renamed Columbus Technical Institute (CTI)



1979
The college's service district expands to include Franklin, Union, Delaware, and Madison counties



1987
CTI is rechartered as Columbus State Community College



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