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New Courses Debut this Fall

Stark State's Continuing Education Department is pleased to announce a number of NEW and interesting classes this fall.

[Building Positive Board Relations](#) is for the business professional who interacts with the board of directors in any organization.

[Better Business Writing](#) teaches leaders and support staff how to effectively communicate organizational needs and progress, and assists in developing effective writing skills.

[Delivering Effective Presentations](#) may be for you if you get nervous when asked to make a presentation. This class will teach creative ways of incorporating visual aids to produce a winning presentation.

We are pleased to announce that Stark State is an approved provider of the [Ohio Insurance Pre-Licensing Courses](#). Candidates for an agent's license in life and health, property, and casualty insurance must complete a 40-hour classroom course before taking the state's licensing exam.

On a lighter note, if you've wondered just what a *blog* is, then [Blogging for Fun and Profit](#) is the course for you. This class will teach you several different methods, tools and practical uses for blogging and show you how to set up your site.

[iPods, iTunes and More](#) will show you how to use iPod controls and menus and how to download and access music from iTunes, CDs and other sources. Here's a good chance for parents to keep up with their kids!

Finally, our infamous wine instructors, Dave Baloun and John Ross, are introducing a new wine appreciation class this fall.

[Appreciating California Wines](#) will debut in November and will teach you about specific areas of this great grape-growing state and how flavors of the wines vary accordingly. Get your taste buds ready!

For full details on these and many other classes offered through Continuing Education, please go to www.starkstate.edu/continuinged or call us at 330-966-5455 to request your complete course catalog.



CORPORATE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

Haiss-Fabripart Alliance, Ohio

In September of 2005, *Haiss-Fabripart* made a decision to become certified in the ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management System. Stark State College was selected as the primary training source for this endeavor.

Under the leadership of Moritz Haiss, President, and Valarie Giarrana, controller of document and process creation, the Haiss organization has successfully completed all ISO training requirements and is approaching the registration audit by Smithers Quality Assessments of Akron.

Haiss-Fabripart was founded in 1952 as a part of the Paul Haiss Company. The company produced straps, clamps and brackets for the automotive industry. Over the years, product offerings and capabilities have expanded. A name change was also implemented to better reflect the organization's capabilities while retaining the proud heritage of the founder.

Haiss-Fabripart currently serves the automotive, motorcycle and truck industries, as well as aerospace, consumer products, communications, electrical power generation and the military.

James Linkie, ISO Quality Systems Account Executive from Stark State College's Corporate Service Division, guided Haiss-Fabripart through ISO requirements for process identification and procedures, specifying management responsibilities, controlling documentation, creating a quality policy, establishing measurable objectives and identifying key measurements.

Haiss-Fabripart is a successful, fast-growing organization which looks to Stark State to continue serving its future training needs.



Moritz Haiss, Owner/President of Haiss-Fabripart and Valerie Giarrana, Controller, reflect on the completion of ISO 9000's requirements and company accomplishments.

At Your Service

In the Stark State Continuing Education Department, we strive to provide outstanding customer service to all staff and students. Two of the people most responsible for that service are Diane Wellman and Charlene Grimminger, Administrative Assistants. If you have called to register for courses, complete a student loan application, or get information about classrooms and textbooks, chances are you have spoken with either Diane or Charlene.

Diane Wellman began her career at Stark State after graduating from the College in 1988. She worked in the Registrar's Office for a number of years before joining the Continuing Education Office staff in 2000. Diane's responsibilities include registering students, ordering textbooks, providing numerous services to our instructors and solving whatever problems may arise.

Charlene Grimminger is a graduate of Stark State College and worked as a student assistant while in school. Charlene has been part of the Corporate and Community Services Division since 1995, first serving as Administrative Assistant for the Stark County Labor Management Council and ISO 9000. She joined the Continuing Education Office staff in 2001 and provides assistance to students and instructors in the Ohio Police Academy program, monitors financial aid processes, and coordinates accounts payable and budget reporting.

If you have had contact with Charlene or Diane in the past, you know that they will go out of their way to meet your needs and assist you in your continuing education endeavors. If you are new to continuing education, we are sure that they will make your experience pleasant. Thank You Diane and Charlene for all your wonderful years service!

Certifications & Announcements

James Linkie. Jim Linkie, ISO Quality Systems Account Executive of Corporate Services was recently recertified as an Internal Auditor by RABQSA International. RABQSA is the U.S. representative of the governing body for ISO 9001 in Geneva, Switzerland!
Congratulations Jim!

From the Desk of the Dean

Frank Tinus, Dean Corporate & Community Services

THE BIG PICTURE

In recent months there has been a growing emphasis on a regional approach to workforce and economic development. Community leaders are interested in increasing collaboration and cooperation that will accelerate the development of capabilities of workers across a large geographic area. These talented employees will enable their companies to be more profitable, successful and competitive in the global economy. Three examples of such efforts can be seen in the work of the *Stark County Manufacturing Advocacy Council (SCMAC)*, *The Employment Source of Stark and Tuscarawas Counties* and the *Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAGNET)*.

The *SCMAC* focuses on issues that affect all manufacturers throughout Stark County, but especially those of small and medium size. Members of the Council represent manufacturing, organized labor, local elected officials, economic development leaders, educators, the workforce investment board and community service organizations. The Council meets each month and exchanges information about events and developing trends that impact all of Stark County. Subjects range from capabilities of the workforce, people available for hire, to operating costs, capital formation and the operating environment (tax structure, laws, trade policy, etc.) By virtue of these discussions, each council member is better able to do his or her job with an understanding of how all of Stark County will be impacted.

The *Employment Source* is working to serve the needs of all businesses and unemployed or underemployed residents of Stark and Tuscarawas Counties. It stays aware of the current and future needs of businesses across the counties, as well as the skill levels and availabilities of those in the workforce. The *Employment Source* matches skilled persons with job opportunities. It identifies and funds education to help people increase their skills and qualify for higher level jobs. Essential to these functions are the partnerships that the *Employment Source* maintains with employers and educators in Stark and Tuscarawas Counties

MAGNET is addressing the needs of manufacturers across the 16-county region of Northeast Ohio. It is a collaboration of manufacturers, community-based advocates, experts in legislation and trade, and educators. Members are working together to create a

network of innovation, coordination, skilled and developing workers, and best practices for manufacturers in Northeast Ohio. The success of *MAGNET* and that of the manufacturing community in Northeast Ohio hinges on understanding needs and using both best practices and collaboration, not competition, to arrive at effective and efficient solutions.

All three of these regionally focused efforts challenge educators to think and act outside of the four walls of their own institutions. Stark State has a history of doing just that. Current regional approaches challenge us to do it at a higher level. We will respond to that challenge.

Quality Construction Partnership



Northeast Ohio Labor Management and the East Central Ohio Building & Construction Trades Council have joined forces to develop an organization of labor/management partnerships for the construction industry. This organization will be established as the *Quality Construction Partnership (QCP)*.

QCP is made up of proactive contractors, owners and building trade crafts persons. *QCP's* primary purpose is to promote economic growth throughout this region.

QCP highlights skilled building-trade persons with expert training and safety knowledge, delivering quality services with a dedication to on-time, within-budget completion.

QCP promotes positive labor relations, working in unison to solve construction-related issues.

QCP provides a forum to discuss topics key to the construction industry.

QCP held its first meeting at the Advanced Technology Center on September 6th and brought together more than 50 contractors and building trade representatives. A follow-up meeting will be held in October.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this partnership, please contact Greg Fuhrer, Executive Director, Northeast Ohio Labor Management, 330.494.6170, Ext. 4505.





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Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

The classes are over and the final test will take place on September 13th for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Class that began at Stark State College in February. These students have completed all the OPOTA requirements. After passing the state final, they will have many opportunities to serve as Ohio Peace Officers. A special banquet and graduation ceremony will be held for this class on October 12, 2006 at the Advanced Technology Center.



The training, while vigorous and challenging, has been completed with the determination and desire to pursue life-long dreams. Classes are held in the Advanced Technology Center at Stark State College beginning in February or August. Day and evening classes are available. The Spring 2007 class will begin in February.

Stark State's students have maintained high percentages on the state examination and most receive their commission with local, as well as federal law enforcement agencies. The academy instructors average over 20 years of law enforcement experience.

To request information or to enroll please call 330-966-5455, Ext. 4495 or 4530.



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