

FASCINATING FACTS

Student Services Newsletter

**Stark State
College of
Technology**

Admissions

Our recruiting efforts have once again been extremely successful. Enrollment for Spring 2006 is up 11% from last year. The approximate head count is 7,009.

We have added new staff. Jane Perkins is the new Administrative Assistant for Career Services and Institutional Advancement, and Sarah Fiddler is the new Administrative Assistant for Student Services. Take a look at the "Employee Profile" section on page 4 to learn more about them.

We have four new Admissions/Financial Aid Specialists at the satellite campuses:

Sarah Grimm and Jessica Grimes, Alliance

Lou Ann Kibler, Carrollton

Cindy Putnam, Downton Canton

They are responsible for increasing enrollment at their respective locations and providing one-stop student services to local students. Read their profiles in the next issue.

Spring Semester Events:

01/19/06 - Streetsboro College Fair

01/20/06 - Tech Prep Awareness Day

01/24/06 - Maplewood Career Fair

01/26/06 - Stark County Library Career Fair

01/27/06 - Tech Prep Awareness Day

01/31/06 - Crestwood College Fair

02/02/06 - Wayne County Career Fair Open House

02/02/06 - Maplewood Career Fair

02/02/06 - Portage Lakes Career Center

02/02/06 - Tech Prep Sophomore Parent Nite

02/03/06 - Portage Lakes Career Center

02/09/06 - Montrose Auto Group Scholarship and Career Fair, Alliance, Louisville, Akron and Medina

02/15/06 - Mahoning County Career & Technical Job Fair

02/16/06 - RG Drage Career Night

02/18/06 - Black Pages

02/20/06 - Citywide College Fair

02/21/06 - Northeast Ohio Spring Fair

02/28/06 - Buchtel High School College Fair

03/03/06 - Buckeye Career Fair

03/03/06 - Aultman Hospital Career Fair

03/14/06 - Firestone High School College Fair

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"School is a building that has four walls—with tomorrow inside."

Lon Watters

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Student Activities

Spring Semester Events

House of Hope-Mile of Quarters – BLAST in conjunction with Interfaith Campus Ministries is sponsoring this coin collection to support the Domestic Violence Project. Collection canisters are placed throughout the college for students, faculty and staff to deposit their change through February 24, 2006.

Welcome Back to Stark State – The Minority Awareness Association will once again sponsor this event on Wednesday, February 8, in the Student Cafeteria. Student clubs and other services the college offers will be featured for our new and returning students.

Phi Theta Kappa Formal Induction Ceremony – On Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. in the college auditorium, the Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter will induct 108 new members from the fall and spring semesters.

2nd Annual Fat Thursday – Mark your calendars! The end of the spring semester bash will take place on Thursday, May 4, in the courtyard. Many fun events and games are being planned for this grand event.

2006 Canton Arthritis Walk – This year's event will once again be held

here at Stark State College on May 21. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with the walk beginning at 1 p.m. This 5k non-competitive walk will benefit the Arthritis Foundation. Anyone interested in forming a team should see Cherie Barth in Room S303.

Student Ambassador Program

Do you know a student who wants to work with college officials and serve as a host, VIP tour guide, student recruiter and facilitator of major college events, and act as a liaison between the college and the community? Then, you know a future Student Ambassador. Prospective Student Ambassadors must have completed one semester with a 2.5 GPA, maintain a minimum of six credit hours per term, and be available to work a flexible schedule. If you know a student or two who might be interested in participating in this exciting program, please have them contact Cherie Barth in Room S303.

Happy Anniversary Phi Theta Kappa

Congratulations to the Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa who celebrated its 10th Anniversary on January 21, 2006. Sixty-two members and alumni along with their families,

Stark State College officials, Ohio Region officers, and special guest Mia Ramos, Division I Vice President from Phi Theta Kappa International, enjoyed the celebration at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. A social/reception followed by a tour of the Pro Football Hall of Fame was enjoyed by all.

Career Services

On Friday, January 27, Rita Ridenbaugh, Director of Career Services, participated in an employer networking event referred to as the Workforce Development Initiative. The event was hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Stark County Collegiate Job Fair Consortium. Approximately 30 employers attended with the objective of discussing how college career service of-

fices can establish better relationships and partnerships which are mutually beneficial.



Disability Support Services

Last semester Disability Support Services (DSS) obtained a small conference room to use for distraction reduced testing. This room has five carrels and a small table. This semester we will be adding two computers to the testing area, which will have adaptive software. DSS has also added to their area a sound reduction booth for adapted testing for individuals who need an even quieter environment.

Adaptive software is probably the most significant advance in the last 15 years in assisting individuals with disabilities to participate in higher education. Some of the adaptive software available through our DSS office includes JAWS, Zoomtext and Kurzweil. The JAWS program is a screen reader for individuals who are blind;

Zoomtext is a program that enlarges the visible text on the screen for individuals with visual impairments; and Kurzweil is a text reader for the learning disabled. Kurzweil also has the capacity to change text into MP3 FILES.



Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)

Stark State College will be holding four informational meetings to explain PSEO admission policies and procedures for the 2006-2007 school year on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 15

Thursday, February 23

"We have 181 students enrolled in classes in the PSEO program this semester."

Monday, March 6

Tuesday, March 14

All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour. They will be held in the Student Services Building on the Stark State College campus.



Other News

- ◆ The Financial Aid Office has temporarily moved to S305a, which is in the Admissions Office, while their space is being remodeled.
- ◆ Beginning Fall 2005 all courses with a D and above will transfer.

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Employee Profile

Sarah C. (Cayton) Fiddler started working as an Administrative Assistant in Student Services in October 2005. She graduated from Stark State College of Technology in May 2003 with two associate degrees, one in Business Management and one in Marketing Management. Sarah is the daughter of Allan and Cheryl Cayton of Magnolia. She also has two brothers, Lucas and Jacob. Sarah is a newlywed; she married Shaun J. Fiddler in September 2005. Sarah loves spending time with family and friends. Her hobbies are softball, euchre, poker and shopping. Sarah and Shaun reside in Jackson Township. Sarah is thrilled to be here and appreciates everyone's encouragement and assistance.

Jane Perkins began full-time employment at Stark State College on October 17, 2005, as an Administrative Assistant in the Advancement and Career Services Offices. Being in two offices affords her the opportunity to learn about the college, the foundation and alumni contributions and to realize the opportunities for students, such as those offered at the Career Services Office. Jane says: "It is a pleasure to be of service to staff and students."

After completing a two-year degree from Kent State University, she was a secretary at Diebold, Inc., for 13 years. Then, she worked at Canton City

Schools for 17 years, beginning as an elementary school secretary and ending her employment as an executive assistant.

Jane enjoys cooking, baking, travel and her family. Jane and her husband, Gary, have two children, Shannon, who will graduate from SSCT in May 2006, and Michael, who will graduate from the University of Akron in August.



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