

## *From the Desk of the President*

As Spring semester begins, there are important things happening throughout the college:

Capitalizing on the synergy of multiple grants, activities are currently under way to transform the Kehoe Center into a center of excellence for education, training, talent and workforce development. State of the art equipment from MEDAL, RAMTEC, Fab Lab, and the Department of Labor grants will provide automation and robotics capabilities to develop talent, reduce skills gap, and provide employers with the necessary workforce to transform our community. Facility renovation is currently underway to accomplish this objective as well as enhance energy efficiencies.

Multiple projects, courses and activities are underway to enhance the college's information technology infrastructure, human resources technical capability, and students' online mobility. To that end:

- the process of installing upgraded servers for networking, data warehousing and reporting will be started soon,
- several classrooms were upgraded with a fully A/V integrated lectern and projector system in the Health Science building
- new computers have been installed for faculty and staff,
- 19 new courses are being developed for online delivery through the Quality Matters process
- roll out of Office 365 was a success and students are able to install a copy of MS Office 2013 on five personal devices,
- training on Microsoft Office, especially Excel and Outlook, is taking place and will continue over the next few months.

The college continues to strengthen its support to the community as a major partner in economic and workforce development by sponsoring and/or hosting the Economic Forecast breakfast that was hosted by RCDG, Richland Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitor's Bureau, and the annual meeting of the Richland Area Chamber at the Ralph Phillips Conference Center.

***Let's keep the momentum going everyone!***

*Dorey Diab*

## NEWSBITS & HIGHLIGHTS

- **Spring enrollment was flat over last spring. NC State was one of three OACC schools with stable enrollment. Unfortunately numerous schools were down more than 10%. Well done everyone!**
- **Scholarship applications are available now and awards are already being determined by the Financial Aid Office.**
- **Planning is underway for the Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame and Rock-n-Rib events.**
- **Internship placement continues to be strong and interest from area businesses is increasing. Numerous interns have secured permanent job offers.**
- **Student rollout of Office 365 was a success.**

## NC State Sponsors Economic Breakfast



Dr. Diab is pictured here with Dr. Joel Elvery, an Economist with the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland. Dr. Elvery was the speaker for the Economic Outlook Breakfast at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center on January 9th. The breakfast was in collaboration with RCDG and the Chamber of Commerce. NC State was the sponsor. In his remarks Dr. Diab spoke about the importance of education in an improving economy.



## Excitement Continues to Build in Bucyrus

In conjunction with dozens of people in Crawford County, development of the Crawford Success Center is gaining momentum:

- The search for the CSC Director is underway.
- Classes and programs are being aligned to the needs identified by the community.
- Construction bids have been opened. Overall bids seemed favorable when compared to the estimates from the architects.
- Construction is scheduled to begin in March.
- Target for construction completion is July 31st.
- That will give us 3 weeks to move in furniture and personnel before the start of Fall Semester 2015.
- Promotional planning is underway.
- The fund-raising team is nearing its goal to complete construction.



at both the Kehoe Center in Shelby and the Health Sciences Center on the main campus of North Central State College.

**Kehoe Center** – Preview Accounting, Business Management, Electrical Maintenance, Electronic Engineering, Engineering Design, Information Technology, Manufacturing, Marketing, Mechanical Engineering and Visual Communication.

**Health Sciences Center** – Preview Associate of Art and Associate of Science Transfer Degrees, Bioscience, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood, Health Information, Health Services, Human Services, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Paralegal, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiology, and Respiratory Care.

Information available at both locations:  
Career exploration, financial aid, steps to enroll, College Credit Plus participation.

**We're inviting prospective students,  
and the general public to meet our faculty,  
tour our facilities, and  
Plan their Futures!**

## Counselors and Principals discuss College Credit Plus



The conversation with Superintendents, Counselors and Principals from area high schools continue in the New Year. On January 23rd, NC State hosted a second meeting of counselors and principals at the Kehoe Center to continue collaboration on College Credit Plus implementation. Schedules are being finalized to present information to parents about CCP at approximately two dozen area high schools. Planning is also underway to provide CCP information for parents and students as part of the Preview Night on March 5th at both the Kehoe Center and Health Science building on the main campus.



### Chinese Culture

**Non-Credit**  
Classes meet on Tuesday Evening  
from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
March 3, 17, 24 & 31  
Fallerius 127

### Chinese Language for Ages 10-14

**Non-Credit**  
Classes meet on Saturday  
from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
April 4, 11, 18 & 25  
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