

## **Congratulations on being a Choose Ohio First Scholar!**

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Our goal is to assist you in achieving academic success. We hope that along the journey you achieve milestones beyond academics, including lifelong friendships, a passion for continued learning, and enthusiasm to make a difference in your chosen profession.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has changed many things for us, but it has not changed our commitment to our students. If you are struggling with your studies, technology, or anything else, we stand ready to assist. Here are a few of the things we are doing:

- Embedded tutoring is available in all gateway English and mathematics courses. In addition, online tutoring, counseling, and career services are available at <https://ncstatecollege.edu/resources-for-students-online/>
- Academic advising
  - Brandon Stover ([bstover@ncstatecollege.edu](mailto:bstover@ncstatecollege.edu)) is available to assist bioscience, pre-health, and nursing students
  - Brandel Boyd ([bboyd@ncstatecollege.edu](mailto:bboyd@ncstatecollege.edu)) is available to assist engineering, graphic design, and information technology students
  - Brian Wirick ([bwirick@ncstatecollege.edu](mailto:bwirick@ncstatecollege.edu)) is able to assist with transfer to partner universities for the completion of a bachelor degree
- Opportunities for research, service work, and recognition through the Honors College, the Sigma Alpha Pi Leadership and Success Society, and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

We hope you will take advantage of all of the resources to assist you. Please get to know your advisor and the staff in the Health Sciences and Kehoe Center offices.

Sincerely,

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## **Congratulations, STEM Graduates! Aid is automatic for continuing STEM students.**

Many Choose Ohio First scholars completed their training this spring. We congratulate them on their accomplishments! If you are continuing your studies, your COF scholarship will continue to help you prepare for a future in your STEM field of study – graphic design, networking, cyber security, integrated engineering, mechanical engineering, bioscience, mathematics, registered nursing, and pre-registered nursing.

If you satisfy these guidelines, your COF scholarship will continue:

- Register and earn at least six credit hours in both fall and spring semesters
- Maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade average
- Continue to major in one of the approved STEM fields

Those with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.9 can still receive the scholarship if they participate in tutoring as they continue their studies.

If you have questions about your COF award, please contact the Financial Aid office. Your success is important to us!

## **STEM Graduates on the front lines of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Many Choose Ohio First graduates in our health programs are serving our communities on the front lines of the current emergency. Registered Nurses are in huge demand.

Kelly Gray, Dean of Health Sciences remains in contact with many graduates and proclaims, "We are extremely proud of all of the health sciences programs alumni working during this crisis and serving our communities!"

In addition, the College donated thousands of pieces of Personal Protective Equipment to area workers, "Our donation of PPE from health sciences is personal to all of us, because the workers in our communities are not only essential workers, they are our graduates."

At NC State, you matter as students, and as future leaders in numerous industries -- like health care!