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ANNOUNCING ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

For the past several years Dr. Kelly Gray, Dean of Health Sciences and Dr. Greg Timberlake, Dean of Business, Industry & Technology and Mr. James Phinney, Director of Financial Aid, have been communicating fairly regularly with Choose Ohio First Students.

There are a number of changes taking place over the coming months which will result in different people communicating with you about Choose Ohio First issues.

Health Sciences

Dr. Kelly Gray was promoted to the Vice President and Chief Academic Officer for North Central State College on January 11 with the retirement of Dr. Karen Reed, who capably filled that position since 2009.

Ms. Melinda Roepke was promoted to the Dean of the Health Services Division having served since 2017 as the Assistant Dean and Director of Nursing.

Business, Industry & Technology

Dr. Greg Timberlake will retire on March 8, 2021 and Mr. Dan Wagner, Program Director for the Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology, will move into the Dean's position based on his promotion. Dan has served as a past Assistant Dean in BIT and a faculty member.

Dr. Toni Johnson was promoted from the BIT Assistant Dean on January 18, 2021, to Dean of Academic Services. She will be moving from Kehoe to Fallerius. Among her new duties will be coordination of the academic areas and issues with Choose Ohio First in collaboration with the other deans, Student Services, Tutoring Services, and Financial Aid, as well as other stakeholders both within the college and at the State level. We anticipate hiring a new Assistant Dean for BIT in the coming weeks.

Choose Ohio First Funding

We are entering a pivotal time in the grant funding cycles determined by the State of Ohio. Our current grant is ending at the end of this term. We are applying for a grant from the State of Ohio to continue funding for our current Choose Ohio First Scholars who are returning next academic year. We are quite hopeful that we will receive full funding so we can continue supporting your COF scholarships.

Additionally, we just submitted a new grant proposal to the State of Ohio seeking funding for new students beginning next fall. The State budget situation is leading to an overall reduction in funding for Choose Ohio First beginning with new students next fall. The State's 23 community colleges and 11 Universities have all submitted requests for support of their COF programs. There will be less to go around.

Thank you,

Greg Timberlake, Psy.D.
Kelly Gray, Ph.D./DNP
Tom Prendergast, MA

MEET ARCHIE!

Welcome to spring semester, scholars! One benefit of being a Choose Ohio First scholar is that you have access to a mentor and tutor whenever you need help. Archie Miller is here to support you, connect you with resources and to help you overcome any challenges you face while you work toward your academic goals.



Pictured above: Archie Miller with her son, Derek

Archie graduated from NC State in 2017 with two Associates of Arts degrees, one in liberal arts and one in philosophy. She has worked at NC State since 2015, and has a son named Derek who keeps her very busy. She loves playing in a rock band, spending time with her son, and does not care much for cooking. Archie "loves her job at NCSC, working with students, and is here to help."

Please do not hesitate to reach out to her if you need support or you just want to touch-base. You can contact Archie via email at amiller2@ncstatecollege.edu or by text/call at 419-566-4737. She will be contacting you periodically to see how things are going.



Financial Aid

Mr. James Phinney, Director of Financial Aid, will retire on January 31, 2021. The current Assistant Director, Ms. Amanda Kaltenbaugh, is being promoted to the Directors position. Consequently, she will oversee coordinating and directing all financial aid issues.

Choose Ohio First Coordinator at NCSC

Dr. Toni Johnson, the new Dean of Academic Services will lead our Choose Ohio First Steering Committee and will work in close collaboration with Mr. Tom Prendergast Vice President of Student Services who plays a lead role in grant administration and communicating with the State of Ohio officials.

CAREER AND INTERNSHIP VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Join us Thursday, **February 25th** from **12:00 pm - 1:00 pm** for our COF Career and Internship Virtual Workshop!

Learn about the following topics:

- **LinkedIn Profiles** – What is LinkedIn, why is it important and what are some best practices when creating a profile?
- **Social Media Footprint** – What impact does this have on future college and employment opportunities?
- **Skills and Attributes That Employers Are Seeking** – What are these and how can they be developed?
- **Internships** – What does this mean and how will it enhance academic, career, and personal development?

Zoom link -

<https://ncsc.zoom.us/j/92263150566?pwd=L0p4L0o1UnErRFZ4UHQ3eXl3VitZQT09>

Meeting ID: 922 6315 0566, Passcode: 752189