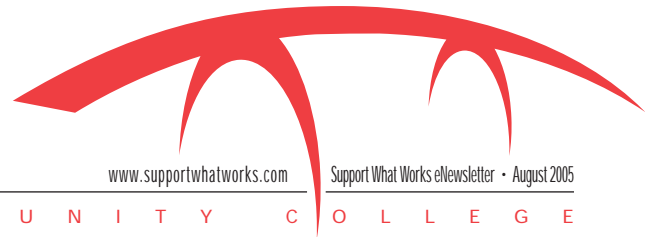


Support **What Works**



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Message from Lewis Smoot Chair, Support What Works Committee

I invite you to "Support What Works" for Columbus State Community College. "Support What Works," Columbus State's first multi-year campaign for student scholarships, classroom equipment and education services, is vital to the future of thousands of students who might not otherwise be able to afford a college degree.

I've made a big commitment to this campaign. Here's why:

I believe in Columbus State Community College because I've experienced it firsthand. In 1985, I had just returned from the Navy, was working full-time for my family's construction business and needed a place that could help me build my business as well as my future. Although a number of options were available to me, Columbus State's educational culture worked best for my needs.

Today, the school provides a remarkably supportive learning environment for 24,000 students. Their commitment to provide accessible, affordable, lifelong learning is an important mission that really works for Central Ohio.

Despite record growth – since 1998, enrollment has grown an astounding 43 percent – state support has declined a dramatic 25 percent. Financial contributions from area businesses account for less than one percent of Columbus State's annual budget. As business leaders, we can do better . . . much better.

Columbus State has become the go-to center for local businesses seeking highly specialized and certified job candidates. More than 29,000 Columbus State graduates are now working throughout Central Ohio. Ambitious plans for continued growth are on the horizon and a dynamic vision is in place for the future. To get there, we need your help.

"Support What Works" is Columbus State's campaign to raise \$11 million to further the workforce development and scholarship programs and enhance services for its students and for our community.

Now it is time for Central Ohio leaders to give back to the institution that has contributed so much to our community and our businesses. We get to support valuable programs, affordable education and much-needed scholarships for deserving students.

We get to "Support What Works!"

Columbus State Awards \$177K in Scholarships

Some students need only the money to purchase books and supplies. Others need scholarships to cover a semester's tuition. But all of the 1,100 applicants for scholarships at Columbus State Community College need a bridge towards earning their college degree. The challenge is . . . there's not enough to help them all. The college can afford to support less than 15% of scholarship applications from deserving students.

Columbus State has made \$250,000 available for scholarships for this academic year, awarded in two cycles: the main round for summer and fall (when most students begin) and then a smaller round of supplemental scholarships for winter and spring quarters, using any unclaimed funds from the first round.

"Donations from individuals and Columbus businesses provide the funding for these scholarships," says Matthew Kelly, Executive Director of Development at Columbus State. "Students need the assistance more than ever before. For many of these students, scholarships are the only way they can stay in school and complete their degree or training."

The first cycle generated more than 1,100 applications, from which Columbus State made 102 awards totaling \$177,280. The amount of these awards varies based on need, program, the specific award and other factors. Scholarships range from \$200 to full tuition scholarships of around \$3,200.

For information on Columbus State Community College scholarships and financial aid, visit: www.csc.edu.

Meet CSCC Student: Kimberley

Going back to school was something I always wanted to do but never took the time to do it. Many things have happened - including 9/11 - which made me realize that life is short and, at 40 years old, there is no time like the present to get things done.

CSCC was right for me because the classes are smaller than many other universities, granting students more one-on-one time with instructors. All of my instructors have made a special effort to find time to answer my questions or to discuss my concerns.

I am a hard-working, completely dedicated, full-time student at CSCC and will be graduating this summer from the Dietetic Technician Program. Throughout my time in this program, I have carried at least a 3.5 GPA - 3.608 at this time!

The scholarships I've received include the Ohio Air National Guard GI Bill tuition reimbursement and the Dorothy Kroeger Endowed Scholarship. I am especially grateful for the TRIO program, which has provided tutors, book loans and other services to many CSCC students, including myself. Also through TRIO, I am receiving the Student Support Services Scholarship.

These scholarships and support services have allowed me to attend school fulltime without working. TRIO, my instructors and my scholarships have contributed to my educational success at CSCC.



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