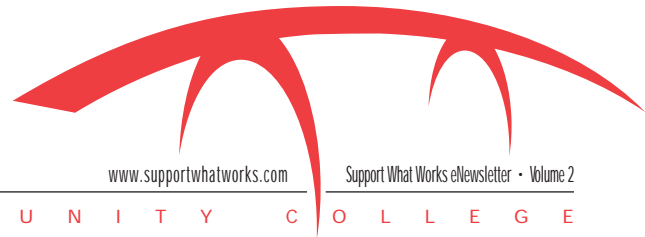


Support What Works



C O L U M B U S S T A T E C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E



Jeff Lyttle, Cathy Mayne Lyttle, Lewis and Benita Smoot

Letter from Cathy Mayne Lyttle

Dear Friends,

I am proud to chair the Columbus State Community College Foundation Board as we launch Support What Works, the college's first community-wide fundraising initiative. Our \$11 million goal is exciting and ambitious. It can only be achieved with the support of the Central Ohio business community. I am asking fellow business leaders to seriously consider investing in Columbus State through Support What Works in 2005. Why?

- To help break down barriers so that thousands of Central Ohio residents, who might not otherwise go to college, can earn their degrees.

- To help ensure that Columbus State will continue to provide Central Ohio businesses with a well-trained workforce next year and every year. Columbus State educates and trains our community's workforce... many graduates may work at your company.

- To help keep the thousands of Columbus State graduates who stay in Central Ohio to work in our companies up-to-date and well prepared for the jobs our businesses need to thrive.

- To help keep pace with the demand. Columbus State's enrollment is skyrocketing just as major state funding is on a downward spiral.

For these and other reasons you will hear more about as Support What Works shifts into high gear, I invite you to help the students of Columbus State Community College by signing on as a corporate partner of Support What Works.

Sincerely,

Cathy Mayne Lyttle

Chair, Columbus State Community College Foundation Board of Trustees



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This Badge Was Made for Walkin'



On October 31st, Grandview Heights Fire Captain Chris Alexander completed a month-long journey across the entire state of Ohio... on foot! Captain Alexander was walking for a good reason: to raise funds for a scholarship in his best friend's name.

Captain Alexander and Firefighter John M. McCormac joined the fire department together and rode in the medical truck together. When McCormac died from a brain tumor earlier in the year, Alexander established the "John M. McCormac, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in EMS" to honor his memory.

On October 1st, 2004, Captain Alexander began his walk along the American Discovery Trail, starting at the Ohio-Pennsylvania border in Belpre, Ohio. Walking 12 miles a day, Alexander completed the 477 mile trek with his brother-in-law, spending several nights camping by the side of the road.

Alexander's walk, completed on schedule, raised more than \$19,000. The scholarship will assist future firefighters in the Emergency Medical Service program at Columbus State.

Meet the CSCC Student: Jeff Zarate

The main reason I attended Columbus State? Night classes, at an affordable price.

I knew that completing my degree was going to be a challenge, as I had to work the entire time I was taking classes. From the outset, I told myself that if I were to go back to school, I must leave no stone unturned. I had to invest totally to do it right and I did! All of the services CSCC provided, from the ERC to the Tutoring Center, were extremely helpful and I took full advantage of them.

After my second year, I qualified for scholarships, which helped a lot. I was a two-time recipient of the Dorothy Kroeger Endowed Scholarship. It is a great feeling to know that people have confidence in you. It is also a great feeling being rewarded for hard work

Out of 26 classes, I only received 2 B's, one in Logic, and one in Science II. The rest were all A's - even College Algebra. My final cumulative GPA is 3.912. I received an A.A. Magna Cum Laude, with an emphasis in history. I plan on going to OSU; the high marks I have earned at CSCC will provide numerous opportunities for advancement.

An interesting anecdote for you: While attending Orientation before my first year, we were asked to enter a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate for the bookstore. Yep, you guessed it... I won! I considered it a sign that returning to school was my destiny and so far, it has been so. The trick is to keep it going, all the way to the top.



I think that the benefits of applying oneself fully should never be underestimated. Too many students feel that some classes are unnecessary or useless. Take it from me, the more you know, the better off you are.

It worked for me, so "Support What Works!" Many heartfelt "Thanks!" to all at CSCC!