

TERRA Today

A Newsletter for Alumni and Friends

Welcome Back To 40 Years Of Graduates!

With this, our first issue of *Terra Today*, we are inviting the thousands of you who hold degrees from Terra Technical College and Terra Community College to reconnect with the campus, the staff and faculty, the current students and each other as we all celebrate our 40th anniversary.

We also invite those of you who took several classes or earned a certificate at Terra to keep updated on campus happenings.

From that September day in 1968 when Vanguard Technical Institute opened to 78 full-time students to the Terra of today with more than 2,600 total students enrolled each term, the college has undergone a transformation from technical college to community college.

But no matter the name, it has been the people who have made Terra the vibrant institution that it has been from the beginning.

We hope in the coming years to use *Terra Today* to highlight our alumni, to inform our alumni, and to pursue ongoing involvement with our alumni.

New Programs At Terra

In order for our students to be employable in an ever-changing world, new classes and programs must be incorporated into the curriculum. You may already know that we have an Associate Degree Nursing program here at Terra and a new Health Information Technology program. Terra continues to pursue all avenues to provide more allied health programs, including collaborating with such other institutions as Lorain County Community College and Owens Community College.

Alternative energy will also be a field in which qualified technicians will find work in the next few decades. Terra offers two “green classes” – Sustainable Architecture and Fundamentals of Alternative Energy. Personnel in the Technology and Workforce Development Division (previously Engineering Technologies) are developing a Windsmithing certificate program. And if Northwest Ohio becomes the center of the solar power industry, Terra will strive to be actively involved.

If you’ve been away from Terra for a few years, here are some other programs you might not be aware of:

- **Digital Arts and Media Design** – with Web Design and 3D Animation majors
- **Fast Track HVAC**
- **Hospitality Management**
- **Music** – with Technology, Performance and Business majors
- **Nuclear Power Technology**
- **Mechatronics** – a combination of robotics and electronics
- **Medical Coding Certificate**

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Alumni Focus



Tracy Troxel

Often a well-rounded education is more important to success than a specific major or degree.

Just ask Tracy Troxel. His degree from Terra Community College is in non-destructive testing, but he now finds himself in banking. He would be the first to tell you that Terra prepared him well for anything. “My education from Terra provided me with the foundational building blocks of a solid knowledge base, which has helped me become successful in my career,” he said. “Without the education I received at Terra, I do not know where I might be today. A proper education is essential in the economy of today regardless of the field a person is employed in.”

Tracy, who is a Retail Banking Officer for Fifth Third Bank in Fremont, is also a Senior Master Sergeant with the 180th Fighter Wing of the Ohio Air National Guard. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree, but remains grateful for his time at Terra.

"I have told many people over the years that I received a wonderful education at Terra," he said. "The small class size, excellent instructors and outstanding facilities are simply an outstanding learning environment."

Tracy continues to spread the word about Terra.

"Terra can help others by doing exactly what Terra does well; providing a grade A educational experience for all," he said. "Terra is an institution that the citizens of Sandusky County should be extremely proud of."

And, by being involved in the recent major gifts campaign, Tracy is supporting Terra in a very concrete way.

"I believe that all who pass through the doors of higher learning have a duty to those who pass after them to ensure they enhance the facility they attended," he said. "Terra Community College has opened doors for many people in this area, and I cannot think of a greater cause to support than Terra."

What would you like to hear about Terra?

Here's your chance to tell us what you want to know about Terra. Send your inquiries to jfick@terra.edu and we will try to include it in the next issue of *Terra Today*.

Also, if you have information on a new job, a promotion, a new addition to the family or anything else you would like to share, send it along (with a photo, if you wish) and we will put it in the next newsletter.

Thank You!

Thank you to the 600+ graduates who responded to the survey we sent out last fall. If you're a graduate of Terra and haven't yet completed a survey, go to www.terra.edu and click on "News for Alumni" to find the link. Please make sure you read all of the directions. We hope to hear from you soon!

Career Services Info

Terra has several tools linked to our website that may be of interest to you. All of the Career Services tools are located on the Career and Employment planning portion of Terra's website – <http://www.terra.edu/support/advising.asp>.

These two (free) databases give information on careers which may provide useful information for you as you rebuild your resume: O*Net Online – <http://online.onetcenter.org> and The Occupational Outlook Handbook – <http://www.bls.gov.oco>.

There are links to job search helps at:

<http://www.terra.edu/support/advising/employmentasst.asp>.

The Optimal Resume Program is a great tool for organizing your resume information. It is available for a yearly fee of \$29 and is located online at <https://terra.optimalresume.com/>.

Terra's job board, CAREERlink, is now entirely online and can be accessed from Terra's home page, www.terra.edu or directly at <https://terra-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. You will need to select "register" and know your student ID number. If you do not remember your ID number, you will need to bring a photo ID to Terra's HelpDesk. This job board has our local information as well as links to several spider search engines that you should find useful.

There are also links to several job boards located on Terra's

web page at: <http://www.terra.edu/support/advising/OtherJobSearchLinks.asp>.

If you have any other questions, please contact **Joan Gamble, M.A., Coordinator of Career Services**, at 419-559-2252 or via email at jgamble@terra.edu.

Scholarship Opportunities

Terra Community College is pleased to offer a wide variety of scholarship opportunities for its students. Through the Terra College Foundation, 66 scholarships are awarded each year based on academic merit and financial need. These range from \$500 to \$1,000 each.

There are also several others for specific populations, including:

- "Great Start" Merit Scholarships (20 awards, \$1,500 each) – For new students and 2009 high school graduates who achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average.
- Vanguard-Sentinel Career Centers Awards

Faculty Focus



Faculty Member Professor Steve Karr

What keeps **Professor Steve Karr** busy when he's not teaching industrial electricity? Bees ... lots and lots of bees. Steve, a beekeeper from Pemberville, is shown here sharing his knowledge of bee behavior with Cathy Chudzinski's biology class.

- **Tech Prep Awards**
- **“Jump Start” Need Scholarships**
(20 awards, \$1,000 each) – For Gateway program graduates and new students who have been away from school for at least three years.
- **“Second Chance” Need Scholarships**
(10 awards, \$500) – For returning students who have been away from Terra for at least five years after an unsuccessful enrollment experience.
- **The William Olpp Family Trust Scholarships**
(Up to 18 awards, \$1,000 each) – for the Registered Nursing Program.

To apply for these various scholarships, first apply for admission to the college, submit your official high school transcript to the Records Office, and complete and submit the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. **Terra’s school code on the FAFSA is 008278.**

Download the Terra Community College Scholarship Application from www.terra.edu/financialaid/scholarshipapp or obtain the form from Terra’s Financial Aid Office.

The application deadline for the first round of scholarship selections is April 1. But don’t wait. Get started today!

Partners in Scholarship

On April 15, the Terra College Foundation will host an event that recognizes a special group of partners ~ the students who have received scholarships for the current year and the donors who make it possible. Over the years, donors have established 66 scholarship funds that support Terra students. Contributions are made through special events and focused campaigns. A Foundation Board of Trustees oversees Terra’s fundraising activities. The purpose of the Foundation is to raise, manage, and disperse funds that support the students and the College’s educational programs.

The following is a list of scholarship funds:

Allied Health Scholarship Endowment
 Amistad Scholarship Endowment
 Louis and Helen Audritsh Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Matthew Thomas Beckley Memorial Funds
 Bolte Family Scholarship Endowment
 Bordner-Brown Scholarship Endowment
 John E. Broderick Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Paul and Rosemary Callaghan Scholarship Endowment
 Capucini Memorial Scholarship
 Croghan Colonial Bank Scholarship Endowment
 Culturally Diverse Scholarship Endowment
 Denman-Recktenwald Scholarship Endowment
 Arthur F. Doust Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Richard and Jane Dudley Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Fine Arts Scholarship Fund
 Judi Foos Memorial Scholarship
 Fremont Federal Credit Union Scholarship Endowment
 Fremont Rotary Club Scholarship Endowment
 David G. Gangwer Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 GCA Program Scholarship

General Scholarship Fund
 General Scholarship Endowment
 General Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Paul E. Gillmor Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Richard Halstead Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Grace B. Hamilton Scholarship Endowment
 Diane L. Warnke Hawk Scholarship Endowment
 Herman-Kinn Funeral Homes Scholarship Endowment
 Herrit Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Home Savings Scholarship Fund
 William House Scholarship Endowment
 Roy Klay Memorial Scholarship Endowment – Fund I
 Roy Klay Memorial Scholarship Endowment – Fund II
 Kraak Foundation Scholarship Endowment
 Glenn & Evelyn Maddy Scholarship Endowment
 Kelly Maines Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Medical Staff of Memorial Hospital Endowment
 Mosser Construction Scholarship Endowment
 National Machinery Foundation Scholarship Endowment
 Ron Neeley Scholarship Endowment
 Newman Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Norton Manufacturing Endowment
 Ottawa County Resident Scholarship Endowment
 Tom Perry Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Ernest R. Radabaugh Scholarship Fund
 Mary Recktenwald Scholarship Endowment
 Lorene and Luella Reese Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Michael Ryder Scholarship Endowment
 Javier Sanchez Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Sandusky County Resident Scholarship Endowment
 Charles Schell Foundation Student Loan Fund
 Seneca County Resident Scholarship Endowment
 Social Work Assistant Scholarship
 Society of Plastics Engineers Fund
 Davis Sunderland Scholarship Endowment
 Norman Swaisgood Scholarship Endowment
 Charles Swearingen Memorial Scholarship
 Taylor Family Scholarship Endowment
 Terra Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment
 Terra Faculty Association Scholarship
 The Fremont Company Scholarship Endowment
 Uzelac & Friends Scholarship Endowment
 Eugene Van Voorhis Scholarship Endowment
 Shannon L. Wellington Memorial Scholarship
 Ned G. Williams Scholarship Fund
 Ruth “Babe” Willey Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Bob and Mary Lou Wilson Scholarship Endowment

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Terra's Music Calendar

Department of Fine and Performing Arts

Terra Student Art Show and Exhibit

March 16 — March 27

Atrium of Building B, Terra Community College

April 13 through 17

State Theatre in Sandusky. **FREE.**

An Evening of Leonard Bernstein and Broadway

Friday, April 17 — 7:30 p.m.

(Terra at the State Series) West Side Story, Candide and more with Terra Choral Society and Chamber Arts Orchestra and special guests. Michael Shirtz, Conductor. Sandusky State Theatre, 107 Columbus Ave., Sandusky. Tickets: \$10. Call box office at 877-626-1950.

Dinner-and-a-show packages available for \$30.

An Evening of Leonard Bernstein and Broadway

Saturday, April 18 — 7:30 p.m.

(Port Clinton Concert Series) West Side Story, Candide and more with Terra Choral Society and Chamber Arts Orchestra and special guests. Michael Shirtz, Conductor. Performing Arts Center, 821 Jefferson St., Port Clinton. Tickets: \$10.

Organ and Brass Concert

Sunday, April 26 — 7:30 p.m.

Terra Brass Choir with organist Tim Claubaugh. Jeff Blanchard, Director. St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sandusky. **FREE.**

For more information about the concert series or the course offerings, contact **Mike Shirtz** at www.mshirtz.edu



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