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Registration for Fall Semester 2009 at Terra Community College Has Begun

Registration for fall semester 2009 has begun and current and prospective students are being urged to register now. Earn a degree, transfer to a four-year college or university, enter the workforce, switch careers or explore your interests – find out what your future holds at Terra Community College.

“The number of applications for incoming students is up by double digits, so those who plan to attend next fall should register soon to get the best class selection,” said Mary Mc Cue, Director of Marketing and Auxiliary Services. “And students can receive advising and register for classes now without paying the tuition right now.”

With tuition at only \$119.65 per credit hour, students are finding it more affordable to stay local and attend Terra. Optimum flexibility in scheduling is offered through a variety of day, evening, weekend, Internet and special session classes. Students already enrolled at Terra are encouraged to register online using the student portal at my.terra.edu.

Students can choose from more than 100 majors and certificate programs, or take the first two years of a bachelor’s degree at a fraction of the cost and then transfer their credits to a university to finish.

Fall classes at Terra begin August 24. Schedules are online at www.terra.edu or hard copies are available on campus.

Now is also a good time for students to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This procedure must be followed for students to put themselves in line for grants, scholarships or loans.

“Funds are available but students have to take that first step,” said Ed Recker, Director of Financial Aid. “The FAFSA can be intimidating, but we want to help students and parents overcome their fears because for the majority of our students, completing the FAFSA could be a huge benefit to them.”

Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and click "Fill Out Your FAFSA" or call the Financial Aid Office at 419-559-2344 to ask about upcoming FAFSA workshops.

Besides the more than 60 general and endowment scholarship funds offered by the Terra College Foundation, the college also offers the following:

- **Great Start Merit Scholarships** are for new students and 2009 high school graduates who achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average in high school and who will attend Terra full time. (20 awards of \$1,500 each)
- **Jump Start Need Scholarships** are for new students who graduate through the Gateway program or new students who have been away from school for at least three years. (20 awards of \$1,000 each)
- **Second Chance Need Scholarships** are for returning students who have been away from the college for at least three years after an unsuccessful enrollment experience and aren't academically eligible for federal student aid. (10 awards of \$500 each)
- **Choose Ohio First Scholarships** are for students interested in becoming high school science and math teachers and transferring to Bowling Green State University to complete their bachelor's degree.

Tax credits may also make college affordable.

"Students from households with annual incomes under \$100,000 per year may qualify for education income tax credits worth up to \$1,500," Recker said.

For more information, contact Admissions and Enrollment Services at 419-559-2349 or toll-free 866-AT-TERRA, ext. 2349.