

August 31, 2006

LETTER FROM MARSHA



Dear Campus,

Welcome to a new school year! And what a year it is—among other things, we have made a smooth transition to semesters! Thanks, again, to all of you—it took everyone working together to get the job done!

I'd like to highlight parts of the convocation, especially since some of our staff stayed in their offices serving students during this time. Hopefully, this won't seem too repetitive.

Last year's one-page plan included 19 initiatives. Through your efforts, we were able to include eight of these as "completed" on our new brochure. Besides semester conversion, we implemented several other systems that will help us be more competitive in the future. These include the administrative computing system (CAMS), the new phone system, and the new staff performance evaluation model. None of these is perfect, but all are helping us build towards a positive future at Terra.

We are asking the board to approve only two new initiatives for this academic year: High School Partnerships and Feasibility Study for Renovation of Current Facilities. We have already begun to develop new partnerships with our local career centers and hope to use this as a springboard to increase enrollments. In fact, some of our faculty plans to visit Sentinel Career Center on October 17 as part of this effort.

Last year we reviewed the feasibility of new construction through the development of the Campus Master Plan. This year we hope to conclude our review of facilities by determining if some of our current buildings should be renovated. In any case, we all need to concentrate on not only attracting new students but making sure

that the overall academic experience here is one that retains them.

Our Foundation Board has expressed an interest in a Major Gifts Campaign that focuses on equipment (lab and instructional) and scholarships. We are still working on the details (Faculty have been asked to submit equipment requests to me for the next five years by September 15.). We are also reviewing a variety of scholarships models that would meet “unmet need” in our service district. We are hopeful that both our external and internal communities are willing to contribute to the long-term financial health of the college.

I hope that you have heard that a team of reviewers will come to campus, October 25-27, to evaluate our progress with AQIP, our academic quality improvement program. In preparation for the visit, you might want to read the nine chapters of our Systems Portfolio. Each of these chapters is updated each year. You might also want to familiarize yourself with our three current action projects on assessment of student learning, online learning, and strategic planning. All of this information is on our web site.

As many of you know, **Kathy McCabe** is retiring at the end of this fall. I cannot ever thank her enough for all the good work she has done for Terra—always selfless and dedicated. This also goes for **Tom Kissell** who is also retiring and for **Tom Brown**, who leaves the Board in December. Please reserve December 2, 7 to 10 p.m., Fremont Country Club, for a celebration of these individuals and of the holiday season.

Steve Mohr is chairing the search for a replacement for **Kathy**. Other team members include: **Tom Smith, Bill Lutz, Dale Stearns, Jack Fatica, Jim Laremore, Kathy Elchert, Kris Perry, Lyn Sullivan,** and **Nancy Sattler**. If this group can't find a good replacement, it can't be done ☺

At the Convocation, Linda Havens made a presentation about United Way. She stressed that no one in this life ever makes it alone—we have all needed assistance from our families and from agencies such as the Red Cross, N.A.M.I., Boy Scouts, 4-H, Hospice, Liberty Center—and the list goes on. Some of us are in a better position to help (yes, that means me) but all of us can give a dollar or two a week. Please consider making a donation or pledge.

Not mentioned at the Convocation was the formation of a team to review the Campus Quality Survey results. We want to take an honest look at all areas of concern and see where we can improve. If you are interested in serving, please contact **Lyn Sullivan**.

Finally, I ended the convocation with a recognition and celebration of the lives of **Rick Halstead** and **Ron Golden**. Many of us share wonderful memories of both of them—as colleagues, friends, and

most of all, for their service to students. It is in this spirit that we remember them and wish them God speed—

One last thought for the start of a new year and for the entire year—with the kind of change and transition that all of us are going through, it is easy to wish that others on campus and in the world would just be different or be better. Gandhi once wrote: “Be the change you want to see in the world.” I think that’s very wise advice for all of us, including me! Let’s try to model the behavior that we’d like to see in others rather than to expect others to change.

Best wishes for a successful year at Terra!

VP NEWS

Academic and Student Affairs – Kathy McCabe

AQIP

Just two months before the AQIP site visit, materials are being prepared for the consultant-evaluators who will be on campus in late October. The college will be providing two documents: one a history of the quality initiative on campus, and the second a document that covers compliance issues. To provide more information to the team, our continuous quality improvement web pages are being updated with a variety of materials that document Terra’s efforts since the early 1990’s with quality initiatives.

Although the pages are still under development, you will find quite a few support documents already posted at the AQIP page-- <http://www.terra.edu/academics/aqip/homepage.asp>.

In addition to preparations for the site visit, we will also be submitting updates for the most recent AQIP Action projects related to distance learning, strategic planning, and assessment of student learning. The September 2005 updates are available on the AQIP web page and the 2006 updates will be available in the next couple of weeks. The *Systems Portfolio* will also be updated in the next couple of months.

Bachelor Completion Programs

We have two new very exciting bachelor completion programs this academic year. Thanks to the efforts of **Bill Lutz** and **Tonya Breidenbach**, we are in the process of signing an agreement with Miami University for a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science with a major in Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology. Students will be able to complete the degree on our campus via interactive video. Thanks to the efforts of **Nancy Sattler**, **Jennifer Perkins**, and **Mary Fatica**, we also have a bachelor of arts in early childhood education provided by Lourdes College on Terra’s campus.

Semester Conversion

Once again thanks to the entire campus for all of the work that went into a successful conversion to semesters! If anyone thinks they might still be working here when Terra goes back to quarters, let me know. I will happily give you all of the documentation related to the conversion, which might come in handy should we ever convert in the other direction. ☺

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE DIVISIONS?

Arts and Sciences – Nancy Sattler

The Arts and Sciences division welcomes **Sister Pat Carter** as Terra's first full-time nursing faculty. Sister Pat is joined by **Mary Ann Stevenson**, Interim Nursing Coordinator and **Kathy Stierwalt**, who will oversee the nursing lab. Check out the new two-bed labs on the first floor of building A. These labs will be used for nursing, STNA training by the Kern Center and Medical Assisting classes. The beds for these labs have been donated to Terra by Mercy Hospital in Willard and Countryside Continuing Care in Fremont. Bellevue Hospital and Port Clinton Magruder Hospital are also providing beds.

If you see a new face, it might be one of the following new adjunct faculty members in the division: **Julie Alford**, business mathematics; **Chris Aseltine**, golf; **Stephen Boston**, English and speech; **Elisabeth Emery**, economics; **Elizabeth Gabel**, nursing; **Jason Gahler**, music; **Joy Gruetter**, music; **Laura Haase**, humanities; **Teresa Hansen**, mathematics; **Joe Liszak**, economics; **Jill Osbourne**, early childhood education; **Mike Schack**, chemistry; **Kathy Stierwalt**, nursing; and **Linda Stricker**, medical assisting; .

We also welcome back **Julie Didelot**, sociology; **Gary Geller**, mathematics; **Sushmita Ghosh**, environmental science; **Kay Hicks**, art; and **Becky Serrick**, social work. Each of these faculty members have taught at Terra in the past. The Arts and Sciences Division is pleased to have **Michelle Younker** as an adjunct faculty member teaching a distance mathematics course. The Arts and Sciences Division has an additional 70 returning adjunct faculty bringing the total to 91 adjunct faculty and 13 full-time faculty teaching this fall semester in Arts and Sciences! Thank you to **Pam Aldrich**, **Theresa Eishen**, and **Eric Steinberger** to making sure that all of these faculty have what they need to be successful.

Congratulations to **Kelly Alba** who has been promoted to Associate Professor and to **Heather Hug** who has been promoted to Assistant Professor.

Did you know that Terra is offering classes at Port Clinton High School? Two Arts and Sciences classes are being offered this fall: economics, taught by **Jim Radloff**; and Psychology, taught by **Carol Strebar**. Plans are underway to offer a variety of classes this spring. Check out Terra's home page for more information.

If you are looking for something different to do September 13-17, you might wish to attend the 3rd Annual Port Clinton Performing Arts Festival. Thanks to the efforts of **John Cipiti**, **Mike Shirtz** and **Jeff Blanchard**, Terra will be represented. On Saturday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m., the Terra Arts Chorale under the direction of **Mike Shirtz** will perform at Trinity United Methodist Church followed by a performance of Terra's Jazz Band under the direction of **Jeff Blanchard** at 7:30 p.m.

Business Technologies and Workforce Development (Kern Center) – Jim Laremore

1. KidsCollege this summer was, once again, a huge success. Many great learning opportunities were provided for the children and hundreds of them took advantage of the offerings. **Andrea Draper** did an outstanding job of putting it all together and coordinating all three sessions. Besides all of the logistics required to pull it off, she also was able to secure some grant money from United Way to help defray the costs for some of the kids and parents. And as if all of this wasn't enough, she also showed a healthy profit. Thanks Andrea, for another job well done.
2. If you haven't heard yet, **Jolene Meyers** is the newest faculty member in the Business Division. She has been hired as our Office Administration Instructor and will be located in office A201B, where her extension is 2356. She is very enthusiastic and working hard to bring the program up to her standards. With **Jim Willey** and I running the program for the last eight months, many things fell through the cracks, so Jolene has her work cut out for her.
3. The annual Kern Center report was presented to the board last Wednesday. In FY06 the Kern Center continued the trend of increasing revenue while minimizing expenses. The total profit was \$131,000, up from a \$75,000 deficit just four years ago. Every member of the Kern Center staff deserves a big raise (not likely) and my deepest appreciation (a sure thing) for transforming my job in dealing with the board from torture to a pleasure. Thank you very much. On a similar note, the Kern Center had to submit data to HEI for the first time this summer. **Kris Perry** worked diligently to get our database ready for the information to be extracted in the form HEI wanted.
4. We are anticipating another good year on the non-credit side. **Kris** and **Andrea** have once again put together a fine fall brochure and the enrollments are rolling in.
5. **Amy Below** and **Beth Hannam** have been working with NASA Plum Brook since early summer. They are putting

together an apprentice program, employee assessment program and contract training to meet NASA's needs as they gear up for projects relating to the replacement for the current space shuttle.

Student Development – Dale Stearns

Nominations Sought for Outstanding Students

Do you know a student who has completed one year of study, has excelled academically, and demonstrates good citizenship qualities? If you do, then nominate that student for consideration as an Academic All-Ohio or Jack Kent Cooke Scholar. Nomination forms are available from **Dale Stearns**, A 200. The nomination deadline is Friday, September 15, 2006. When you nominate a student, make the student aware of your action and prepare to write a letter of recommendation for the student later this fall.

Last year the College had first team and second team Academic All-Ohio honorees. We want to build on that success. The key is having a good pool of candidates which you provide with your nominations.

Revised fall class rosters

Faculty will receive printed revised fall class rosters during the third week of the semester (the week of September 4) in their mailboxes on campus. When reviewing the revised rosters, faculty should report any students on the revised rosters who aren't attending as "no shows" to **Shirley Castillo**. Also, if students are attending but aren't on the revised roster, faculty shouldn't allow them to continue until the students have provided proof of registration.

Changes to the College's Scholarship Programs for 2007-08

The College is discontinuing the Guarantee Scholarship Program and moving to a more diversified scholarship program for the 2007-08 academic year. The changes were the product of the Scholarship Improvement Committee's work. The Committee included **Steve Mohr, Cory Stine, Laura Stull, President Marsha Bordner**, and **Dale Stearns**.

Here are the new scholarship opportunities for 2007-08:

"Great Start" Merit Scholarships

20 awards - \$1,500 each

New students and 2007 high school graduates who achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average in their high school junior and senior years and plan to attend Terra Community College full-time may apply.

Academic achievement is the primary selection factor. Other factors considered are:

- Being a first generation college student,
- Preparation for college level work as evidenced by ACT or COMPASS test scores and college prep or college courses completed,

- Completion of a Career Center or Tech Prep program, or
- Participation in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options at Terra Community College.

Merit scholarship recipients who complete the service learning seminar (GEN 1600) and earn at least a 3.0 grade point average with 30 semester hours earned in the 2007-08 academic year may qualify for the renewal of the scholarship for the 2008-09 academic year.

“Jump Start” Need-Based Scholarships

20 awards - \$1,000 each

New students who graduate through the Gateway program or new students who have been away from school for at least 3 years may apply.

Full-time or part-time enrollment plans will be considered.

Unmet financial need is the primary selection factor.

“Second Chance” Need Based Scholarship

10 awards - \$500 each

Returning students who have been away from the College for at least 3 years after an unsuccessful enrollment experience and aren't academically eligible for federal student aid may apply.

Unmet financial need is the primary selection factor. Awards are on a first come, first served basis.

Vanguard-Sentinel Career Centers Awards for 2007 Graduates

An outstanding senior in each career program at Vanguard-Sentinel Career Centers will be selected to receive a \$500 scholarship. The College already does this for the Tech Prep programs.

Application procedures

- Apply for admission to Terra Community College.
- Submit official high school and college transcripts to the Student Records Office.
- Complete the COMPASS or ACT college examination. Terra's ACT code is 3353. The COMPASS assessment is available free of charge through the Admissions Office.
- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Terra's school code on the FAFSA is 008278. Assistance with applying for FAFSA on the web is available from the Financial Aid Office.

- Download the Terra Community College Scholarship Application and two Scholarship Recommendation forms from the College's web site at www.terra.edu/financialaid/scholarshipapp.asp or obtain the forms from the Financial Aid Office.
- Ask a current or previous instructor to complete one scholarship recommendation form and submit it to the Financial Aid Office.
- The second Scholarship Recommendation may be completed by anyone other than a relative to attest to your qualifications. Have your reference submit the completed recommendation to the Financial Aid Office.
- Complete and submit the Terra Community College Scholarship Application to the Financial Aid Office.
- The first priority application deadline is May 1, 2007. The secondary application deadline is August 1, 2007.

Office of Institutional Research – Lyn Sullivan

During FY05 and FY06, distance education was shown to be growing by leaps and bounds in higher education, supporting the following trend:

Technology in education: Technology is continuing to impact education and learners' expectations as it is used to support teaching and learning.

This trend will continue to grow due to the emergence and spread of technology in K-12. Follow this link to read about the latest trends and new developments in online learning from eSchool News. (Please note that you may need to sign up for the free membership while accessing articles linked to the index.)

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/resources/reports/onlinelearning/index.cfm>

- From the Office of Institutional Research

BULLETIN BOARD

PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT

Terra Community College is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit October 25-27, 2006, by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Terra Community College has been accredited by the Commission since 1975. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college:

**Public Comment on Terra Community College
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602**

Or online at www.ncahlc.org/wrapped/thirdparty.php

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by September 25, 2006.

Ron Dannemiller will be serving as The Coordinator of Learning Support Services during **Gina Staccione-Smeal's** three-month maternity leave (roughly September 12-November 12). Also, Ron will be facilitating a two-day workshop this October via The Kern Center, titled "Achieving Personal & Professional Excellence". It is ideal for students with undecided majors and/or career directions. Click here for a flier with further details.

<http://www.terra.edu/about/eneews/myersbriggs.asp>

SAC NEWS

Everyone should have received their Wellness Calendar of Events for this academic school year. If you haven't made your free Health Screening appointment, please call ext. 2151. Non-Credit Fitness Classes which will begin soon.

They are:

- **Laban – Infused Movement** - 4:15 to 4:55 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 26. The fee is \$40.
- **Body Works (Resistance/Weight Training)** – Noon to 12:30 p.m. OR 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Sept. 18. Cost: \$FREE.
- **Co-Ed Crosstraining Total Fitness** – 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Sept. 19. Cost: \$30.
- **Hatha Yoga** – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays (eight weeks) for \$50 OR 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays (six weeks) for \$40.
- **Self-Defense Karate** – 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Aug. 30. First two sessions devoted to self defense - \$10, all nine sessions - \$50.
- **Waltz Dance Workshop** – 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Nov. 7 and 14. Cost: \$49 per couple, \$25 per person.
- **Lighten Up: Healthy Eating** – Noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 2. Free as a Wellness program.

For complete course descriptions or to register, call 419-559-2255 or 800-826-2431, ext. 2255 or stop by the Kern Center.

Antique vanity and trunk for sale. Contact **Joan Gamble** 419-332-5702 (home), 2252 (Terra), A200.

People matter. Helping people in our communities matter.

Hi Everyone,

The United Way campaign for 2007 is just starting!!

By pledging your support to the United Way, you will help your whole community! Your donation helps to provide services to the aging population, families, children, and for health and rehabilitation needs. Everyone wins, and is helped, by the United Way!

Pledge cards have been distributed in the mailboxes and I ask that you return them to me at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at ext. 2165. Together, we can make a difference and do something great that really matters!

Thank you in advance for your support of the United Way!

- **Laura Stull**

Please remind your students that faculty members are waiting to help them in the **Math Lab** and **Writing Center** located in B105. The Writing Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Math Lab hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

The Arts and Sciences Division would like to thank **Jerry Andrews** and **Carol Strebar** for selling books to Terra students at Port Clinton High School during the first week of the semester. Carol and Jerry went above and beyond the call of duty by taking those heavy books to the high school and selling them to our students. We appreciate your efforts, Jerry and Carol!

- Nancy Sattler

A HUGE thank you to **Jean Rodriguez** for typing and editing the updated Faculty Handbook which will soon be in your mailboxes. What would we do without her? Thanks Jean!

- Nancy Sattler

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITIES

Mark your calendar for Sept. 13-17 and plan on attending The Ohio State/Port Clinton Performing Arts Festival. This year's festival includes more than 40 performances, exhibits and film works from over 100 artists taking place in 12 downtown Port Clinton nontraditional venues! Among the performers for this year's festival includes the Terra Arts Chorale, the Terra Jazz Ensemble, and Faculty member **David Lester** on Solo Guitar. The Terra performances will take place on Saturday evening Sept. 16 at the Trinity United Methodist Church located at 135 Adams Street in Port Clinton. The "one price gets you in to all performances festival pass" is only \$10. Do not miss this unique event which has been receiving national attention as a model for performing arts festivals across the country.

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During this semester, **The Fremont Toastmasters Club** is meeting on **Thursdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in D104**. The Club is one of many chapters of Toastmasters International. This organization, founded several decades ago, was established to assist individuals with personal and professional development through public speaking in a supportive environment. Our current membership consists of educators, businesspersons, counselors, executives and retirees. Moreover, students are frequently in attendance as well. Since becoming a member over three years ago, I have grown tremendously both personally and professionally. Guests are welcome and admission is free. If you have any questions or want further information, I will be glad to assist you at your convenience. We hope to see you at our upcoming meetings!

- Ron Dannemiller

FOUNDATION UPDATE

To the Terra Employees:

Let's sneak out the back door, because. . . .

What Happens in Vegas
Stays in Vegas!

You are cordially invited to Terra's Gala 2006. You should have received a brochure giving you all of the details, but there are a couple of exciting changes this year.

The Charity Reverse Raffle will still feature the same number of prizes, with the winning numbers pulled between 8:30 and 9. And, as always, there will be 12 exciting sideboards during Happy Hour from 6 – 7:30, but here's what's new:

Live entertainment will be provided by **CRUISIN'**, the hottest show band of the Power Motown Sound, with dinner music from 7:30 – 8:30 and dance music from 9 – 11 p.m.

And, when not "cutting a rug" on the dance floor, the high rollers will want to visit the **Tinsel Town Casino** for a little action at the tables.

Your generosity and continued support is deeply appreciated by the Terra family. Proceeds provide scholarships for students. All sponsors, gift donors, and ticket holders will be recognized in the program and through press publications. Should you have any questions, just call.

- Sue P. Babione, Ph.D., CFRE
Executive Director
Terra College Foundation

WHAT'S HOT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

[Knowledge is not just power, it's also money](#) –
[Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#), Aug. 15

"We know that brainpower is more important than brawn in the Information Age, but what specific aspects of knowledge are most useful? A new study featured in the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's 2005 annual report (available at www.clevelandfed.org) sheds some fresh light on this question. Authored by Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland economists Paul Bauer and Mark Schweitzer and Case Western Reserve University professor Scott Shane, the study finds that differences in state income levels can be explained largely by two factors: innovation and education. States that make the most of their knowledge base are the ones that are likely to prosper."

[Blue collars and big money](#) –
Baltimore Sun (L.A. Times), Aug. 21

"Daniel McGee's parents were apprehensive when their son turned his back on the four-year college degree they always assumed he would earn. They figured a bachelor's degree was the key to success in the modern economy, and their son was on track to earn one, with athletic honors, a 3.0 grade point average at his Minnesota high school and scholarships in hand. But as McGee saw it, his future lay in the old-world industry of metalworking. And to succeed, he would have to do something that would shock many

parents: turn down the scholarships and study machine-tool technology at a two-year technical college."

[Investment in higher education worth questioning](#) – op-ed, [Columbus Dispatch](#), Aug. 24

"Are you aware that of freshmen entering Ohio's four year colleges and universities, fewer than one-third actually graduate in four years? Or that only 54 percent have graduated after six years? Or that well over 40 percent of graduates of four-year colleges or universities in the Buckeye State take five or even six years to earn their degrees? The following figures from the U.S. Department of Education are for a sampling of four-year colleges and universities in Ohio, two of them private."