

THE PAW PRINT

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Important reminder for 2016 grads



Students who plan to graduate in May 2016 must file a **Petition for Degree** or **Petition for Certificates** with the Records Office by Oct. 21.

Questions? Call Janet at 419-559-2330.

What happens on October 21?

Registration for Spring 2016 begins Oct. 21!

It is recommended that you make an appointment to see an advisor beforehand so that you're ready to go at midnight on Oct. 21.

Don't wait.



Attention all students who received a Terra College Foundation scholarship.

Please "Save the Date" for the 2015 Partners in Education Banquet, Tuesday, Nov. 10.

This is an opportunity for Terra State's generous donors and Terra State's students to meet and celebrate our successes.

Mark your calendars today! You will be receiving additional information later.

Upcoming activities

Please be sure to check out the following activities in October sponsored by the Division of Student and Enrollment Services:

- Oct. 7 – **Candlelight Vigil** for Mental Health Awareness Week. 7 p.m. on front steps of Building A
- Oct. 8 – **National Depression Screening**. Time TBA, Student Activities Center
- Oct. 8 – **Test Taking Skills**. Review of question type – multiple choice, fill in the blank, true and false, etc. Noon to 1 p.m. in D-104. Presented by Linda Swaisgood and Sister Pat Carter.
- Oct. 19 – **Stress Management**. Recognize stress triggers and symptoms; recognize current coping strategies for stress; learn self-guided relaxation exercises and more. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. OR 3 to 4 p.m. in D-104. Presented by Tabitha Metz.
- Oct. 20 – **"Spook"tacular**. This event is aimed at educating young people and their parents about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse. 6 to 8 p.m. in the Student Activities Center
- Oct. 22 – **Stress Management** (same as above except 3 p.m. session in D-102)
- Oct. 26 and 27 – **Career Services Information Station**. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Tree Tops Café. Focus on internships.

Transfer college visits



Representatives from area colleges and universities will be on campus throughout the school year to help with transfer advice.

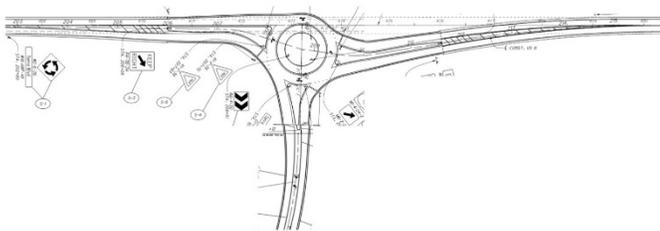
BGSU, Heidelberg University, Tiffin University and the **University of Toledo** have office hours in the Academic Service Center beginning later this fall.

The following have specific times set for October and can be found in the atrium of Building B:

- **Spring Arbor University** – Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to noon
- **BGSU** – Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **University of Findlay** – Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **University of Akron** – Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Ohio University/Athens** – Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **University of Cincinnati** – Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the Academic Service Center at 419-559-2374.

Want to see the roundabout progress?



Check it out on YouTube. This is courtesy of a local resident.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1CnaRXtd8g>

Are you a Facebook fan?



The Terra State Facebook page continues to grow.

We have more than 2,600 likes, but we hope to add to that total this fall.

We include lots of information, photos both current and past, contests, inspirational quotes, and opportunities to interact with other students.

Visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/Terra-Community-College/181884821290>

Also, our Twitter following is building. Check us out at

<https://twitter.com/TerraOC>



Photos from Hispanic Heritage Month event



Grupo Paz entertains during Hispanic Heritage event



Participants make cascarones

Looking for an internship?

Interested in **earning academic credit for work experience**? Are you one of the following majors?

- 3-D Animation
- Accounting*
- Agribusiness (course replacement) *
- Architectural Construction Management*
- Business Management (course replacement)
- Computer Information Systems*
- Design for Print (course replacement)
- Electrical Engineering*
- Hospitality Management
- Industrial Supervision (course replacement)
- IT Help Desk Support Management*
- Manufacturing Technology*
- Mechanical Engineering*
- Nuclear Power Technology*
- Power and Controls*
- Power Technologies (includes Automotive) (course replacement)
- Robotics Mechatronics Technology*
- Systems and Networking Support
- Web Design
- Welding (course replacement) *



Register for EBE 2980 for Spring 2016! EBE 2980 is a one-credit, eight-week pre-requisite course for internships and can open the window of possibilities! The sooner you register, the sooner your eligibility will begin.

*Some majors will automatically qualify for a scholarship to cover the cost of an internship!

News from Medical Assistant Org

The Medical Assisting Student Organization is having a raffle from now until October 23 at noon. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will be donated to Heartbeat in Fremont. Tickets are \$5 each. First prize is an Asus Transformer Book, second prize is a Kindle Fire HD, and third prize is \$100 dollar gift card to Walmart. Students will be selling tickets at a table outside of the Tree Top Café Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The student organization is also going to be selling “Breast Cancer Awareness” pumpkins in the lobby of Building D the week of October 19. All proceeds will go to breast cancer awareness.

Hungry?

The Tree Tops Café is open daily to satisfy your culinary cravings. There are daily specials or you can order something special from the grill.

Menus can be found each Monday on the Terra State Facebook page. Meal plans are available. Visit the Cashiers’ Office in A-200 for more details.

Ask the Tree Tops Café cashier about beverage cards. It’s a great way to earn free beverages.

See you at the Tree Tops!



Also, a celebration is on tap

The Medical Assistant Program is gearing up to celebrate Medical Assistants Recognition Week, October 19-23, as designated by the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). Medical assistants across the country will be recognized during this special week and honored on Medical Assistants Recognition Day, October 21.



In celebration of the week, the Terra State Medical Assistant Program has planned the following special events and activities:

- Special speakers from Hospice, Ohio Department of Health and Life Connections for each class
- Display of informational boards in building D corridors to share with the campus
- Open house for students and their families on October 21

Medical assisting is an allied health profession whose practitioners function as members of the health care delivery team and perform administrative and clinical procedures. With their unique versatility, medical assistants are proving to be the allied health professional of choice for this decade and beyond. In fact, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical assisting continues to be projected as one of the fastest growing occupations.

The AAMA is the premier organization serving the professional interests and educational needs of medical assistants. It provides numerous services that help medical assistants put their careers on a successful and rewarding track and keep them there.

Strategies and tips to help you be successful in college

From Quintessential Careers

- Get organized.
- Find the ideal place for you to study.
- Go to class.
- Become an expert on course requirements and due dates.
- Meet with your professors.
- Get to know your academic adviser.
- Seek a balance in social and academic happenings.
- Get involved on campus.
- Strive for good grades.
- Take advantage of the study resources on campus.
- Make time for you.
- Don't feel pressured to make a hasty decision about a career or a major.
- Take responsibility for yourself and your actions.
- Make connections with students in your classes.
- Find the Career Services Office.
- Don't procrastinate; prioritize your life.
- Stay healthy/Eat right.
- Seek professional help when you need it.
- Keep track of your money.
- Don't cut corners.
- Be prepared to feel overwhelmed.



A good read from Campuspeak

If life is a game, then community college is your chance to level-up and win.

Most students get it wrong when they see a price tag and think of only classes and textbooks.

College is the last time in your life when people are paid to make you successful. That's priceless. And, a community college gives you that same experience and support for a fraction of the cost of anywhere else. That's just smart.

While other students are paying \$20,000-\$40,000 to "find" themselves for their first two years on main campuses, you can focus on getting out of high school habits, learn college etiquette, and easily track into your future passion. In just two trips around the sun, you'll be main campus ready and primed to level-up.

Here is some game tips for students at community colleges:

1. Know your Opportunity Cost. An opportunity cost is the price you pay for choosing not to do something.

What is the cost of not sticking it out and finishing your degree? Not the price of tuition or fees, I mean: **What is the cost of you not changing your life?** Most people only look at starting salaries, but there's so much growth that will happen with salaries, benefits, promotions, not to mention a lifetime of empowerment and open doors. That's worth something. Add it up it will look like nearly a million dollars, a good life, and freedom. Figure this number out, write yourself a check for it, and consider it your signing bonus for making a good long-term decision and sticking it out.

2. Think "Transfer." Have a main campus school in mind? Great. Keep your eyes on the prize, but also keep your options open because schools ranging from large public to small

privates will compete for you. They do this in the form of financial aid packages and scholarships which can lower the cost significantly. You don't find this stuff on a homepage of a web site, you find it by talking to those staff people who are paid to make you successful.

There are enough people out there putting up barriers for you, don't put one up for yourself. So, don't shop by the overall sticker price of these universities, shop by the final price tag after available awards.

3. Get Involved, Discover the Money. Oh yes, there is money out there and it usually goes to those who simply show up and commit to complete. Phi Theta Kappa, in example, is a community college honor society. This organization takes in students enrolled in a two-year program, who can maintain a B+ academic standard, and can live with integrity.

The opportunity cost of not choosing to get involved with this group can be several thousands of dollars simply left on the table. While visiting a community college, I saw this organization's "transfer scholarship" list. This list signifies piles of cash all of the schools that pay anywhere from \$1,500 to \$17,000 to transfer to them. Crazy talk. Go after it.

There are many reasons students who chose community colleges can be remarkably successful. These are just a few of the tips to move you further, faster, with great results. Remember: Know the cost of not sticking to your commitment, keep your options open and have a transfer-to-the-best-opportunity mindset from the start, and get involved in opportunities that literally pay you to help you win in life.

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