MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Students,

We are delighted to share Rhodes State College as the destination of choice for over 5000 students who come to us from all walks of life. Many attend Rhodes for our signature programs and plan to complete associate degrees. Other students take coursework for certificates, and yet others to achieve certification and licensure requirements. Some of our students are taking college courses in high school with plans for continuing at Rhodes or transferring to another institution to pursue a bachelor’s degree.

The foundation of our efforts is demonstrated through our mission, as an institution that changes lives, builds futures and improves communities through lifelong learning. We offer endless opportunities, an exceptional value, and a solid educational pathway that opens doors. We know this to be true because of the over 18,600 alumni we have served and those, like you, we continue to serve.

First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden stated recently... “community colleges are the most powerful engine of prosperity.” We agree! Presently we are implementing our 2021-2023 Strategic Plan which is tailored to provide you with an educational experience that provides each of you an equitable opportunity to achieve your educational and career dreams. You will find that we will take student learning to new heights with fabulous experiences. A new Borra Center for Health Sciences, opening in downtown Lima this Fall Semester 2021, will introduce students to a state-of-the-art health science education facility. The technology-rich Center includes cutting-edge technology and four high-fidelity simulation suites for experiential learning in Medical-Surgical, Obstetrical, Surgical and Emergency/ICU. The Center also features Anatomage virtual dissection tables and a nine-panel, seven foot tall interactive MultiTaction system to enhance collaborative, interdisciplinary learning.

Also in development, Rhodes State will begin renovating space on the main campus for an Emerging Workforce Innovation Center. Dramatic shifts in workforce needs are happening and Rhodes State is preparing to be an educational leader in current and future educational opportunities for the business and industry sector as well. This newly renovated space will also provide leading-edge technology and equipment, provide simulation experiences, and focus on the shifting skillsets to meet employer’s workforce needs. The space will invoke innovation and design thinking, along with collaborative and multi-disciplinary approaches to learning.

While we are building to deliver outstanding educational experiences for students, our strategic priorities are heavily centered on you, our students. Plans are focused on ensuring that an equitable opportunity for access and success are providing the needed resources and support for student success. The College is also focused on streamlining our internal processes and operations to offer a higher level of connection and bring value to you as end users. Through our future-focused efforts, we can ensure that quality programs, training, and value-added services are available for the demands of a globalized technology driven economy and meeting the needs of students and employers.

We are proud of our distinguished reputation among Ohio’s two-year institutions – a reputation built upon 50 years of service. You are in the Right Place. Right Now. Together we are inventing our future.

Kindest Regards,
Cynthia E. Spiers, PhD
President