

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Students,

We are delighted to share Rhodes State College as the destination of choice for over 4,000 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 19,000 alumni we have served and those, like you, we continue to serve.

First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden stated... "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 and prepare you for in-demand jobs.

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. Rhodes State is renovating space on the main campus for new Emerging Workforce Innovation Centers. The Justin A. Borra Center for Behavioral Services is being created to serve students who are passionate about helping individuals with substance abuse disorders. The Nutrien Agronomy Suite is underway where students will learn about soils and crop, nutrient, and pest management within the Agriculture Technology Program.

Future plans include an additional Innovation Center for Advanced Manufacturing, Industry 4.0, and Radiographic Imaging. These newly renovated spaces will provide leading-edge technology and equipment, simulation experiences, and focus on the shifting skillsets to meet employer's workforce needs.

Rhodes State is building to deliver outstanding educational experiences for students and 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 to go "beyond expectations" and serve as a distinguished two-year Ohio institution.

Kindest Regards,

Cynthia E. Spiers, PhD
President