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4,100+ Enrolled Fall Semester

For the fourth consecutive year, Marion Tech has broken enrollment records in both the spring and fall semesters. Your continued generosity helps more students than ever access an affordable, attainable education and build a brighter future.

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MTC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS GOLF OUTING

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 27, 2027

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Marion Tech,

In 2026, our donors and volunteers once again demonstrated their outstanding commitment to Marion Tech students and the success of our local community. Our 5th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser was a record-breaking success, bringing together more participants and sponsors than ever before and raising $45,000. These generous contributions helped establish nine new scholarship funds, several honoring the memory of loved ones.

There are many meaningful ways to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students. Our Annual Giving Campaign kicks off in November with pledges from Marion Tech faculty, staff, and board members. Now, we invite our alumni, community partners, and friends to join us in helping MTC students "Get to Next!"

I welcome the opportunity to share how your generosity can open doors, create opportunities, and help students achieve their goals. Please reach out to learn more about the many ways you can make an impact.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for investing in the future of our students and our community. Marion Tech is grateful for your support!

Mike Stuckey,
Director of MTC Foundation

2026 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Four accomplished alumni have been inducted into this year's Marion Tech Alumni Hall of Fame:

- **Tim Griffin**, Executive Director at Wyandot County Council on Aging, Class of 2019
- **Dottie McGinty**, retired, RN at Marion General Hospital, Class of 1996
- **Kendra Noyes**, President & CEO at Wyandot Memorial Hospital, Class of 2005
- **Jan Persinger**, retired, Chief Network Officer at Elevance Health (DBA Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield), Class of 1985

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FEATURED STORIES OF 2026



The Deputy D. Weston Scholarship and Law Enforcement Training Center

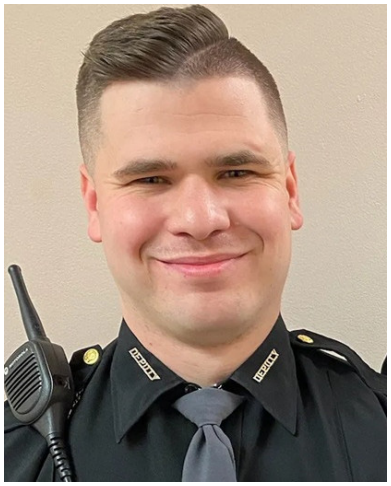
After Morrow County deputy gave his life to protect his community, he unites and inspires those he served. The parents of Deputy Daniel "Weston" Sherrer are honoring his life and continuing his legacy by through a scholarship fund at Marion Technical College Foundation to help more students join the ranks of law enforcement. They are also funding upgrades at the Deputy D. Weston Sherrer Law Enforcement Training Center for Marion Tech police academy cadets.

The gifts are possible through the generosity of the residents of Morrow County and others who donated to a fund that was established by the Morrow County Federal Credit Union to collect and hold donations.

Donating the money to Marion Tech's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) was an easy decision, according to Dan Sherrer, Weston's father. "We want qualified cops out there that are trained well and can take care of themselves," Dan said.

"We also wanted to remove financial barriers to those interested in a career in law enforcement but who can't afford it," Weston's mother, Julie Sherrer, said. "We can't thank enough those who donated in memory of our son, and we hope they will be happy with our decision to use the money this way."

The Sherrers donated $50,000, which was matched with $10,000 from the Marion Technical College Foundation, to create the endowed Deputy D. Weston Sherrer Scholarship Fund. Priority will be given to students from Morrow County. The remaining funds are being used to create the D. Weston Sherrer Law Enforcement Training Center at Marion Tech Downtown, above the Brandy Winfield OPOTA Classroom. It will include equipment for students as they prepare for the physical and mental requirements of a career in law enforcement.



Deputy Sherrer was 31 years old when his watch ended on May 26, 2025, while responding to a domestic violence call.

The Norm Dickman Scholarship

After 38 years of service to Marion City School students, longtime coach, counselor, and educator Norm Dickman is being honored with a new scholarship for nursing students earning an associate degree or a bachelor's degree at Marion Tech.

"He loved his students," said MaryAnn Dickman, his wife for 63 years. "After we lost Norm, it's amazing how many people told us they loved him – from former players to students."



Norm began his career in education at Taft Middle School as a teacher and coach. After two years, he went to Marion Harding High School to teach American history and government for a decade. He served as a guidance counselor for 11 years. Norm then spent 17 years as an assistant high school principal. He also was a varsity tennis coach and an assistant football coach.

The Paul and Ellen Messenger Scholarship

Long-time Marion residents, Paul and Ellen Messenger, are investing in Marion's future with a new scholarship fund at Marion Tech giving preference to a graduate of a career technical school who plans a career in an agriculture-related field. The couple are strong supporters of education and agriculture.

"Agriculture is Ohio's number one industry," Ellen said. "It employs one out of every eight workers."

"You don't have food at the grocery store without us!" Paul said. "We want to help students interested in one of the many ag-related jobs available in our state reach their goals."



The couple, who have been married for 43 years, met while showing sheep at the Ohio State Fair. Paul grew up on a family farm in Marion, where the couple currently resides. Ellen grew up on a family farm in Fredericktown, Ohio.

Paul is a full-time farmer. Ellen retired as director of communications for Tri-Rivers Career Center after serving there for 34 years. The couple serves the community in many ways. Both are active in their church. Paul has served as chair for the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and Ellen has been a trustee and on the Administrative Council.

Paul has also served on many groups, including as past president of the Marion County Farm Bureau, the Sheep Improvement Committee, and the National Oxford Sheep Association.

Ellen is president of the Marion Technical College Foundation Board of Directors. She also serves on the Marion Noon Kiwanis, Marion Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Marion County Historical Society boards.

Honda and Delta Dental Grants

The MTC Foundation received two significant grant awards that will directly strengthen academic programs and expand opportunities for students. Both programs are planned to launch in the Fall of 2027.

First, American Honda Motor Company has awarded a $50,000 Invitation-Only Grant to support the development and launch of a new Industrial Maintenance program. This investment will help fund course development, accreditation fees, marketing and outreach, and partial personnel support as Marion Tech builds a high-quality, industry-aligned program to meet regional workforce needs. This program does not apply just for employees at Honda—it will benefit all manufacturing partners who have a need to hire these graduates.

Second, the Delta Dental Foundation has awarded $50,000 to support the start-up and implementation of a new Dental Hygiene program. These funds will assist with accreditation costs, course development, marketing, lab and clinical equipment, and other essential start-up needs.

These grants represent a combined $100,000 in external support for two high-demand programs to expand career pathways for students and strengthen the healthcare and manufacturing workforce pipelines.



Study Abroad: Germany

Marion Technical College's study abroad program took 32 travelers on an unforgettable international adventure through Germany and Austria. The group of students, faculty, administrators and community members explored historic landmarks, experienced local culture and created memories that will last a lifetime.

For student Laurel Carter, the trip marked her very first time traveling internationally. "The MTC trip to Germany and Austria was absolutely fantastic!" Carter said. "It was great to see and learn so much about different cultures. It was my first time traveling to a different country, so while I was excited, I didn't fully know what to expect. Now I can gladly say it exceeded my expectations in every way. I would be glad to go on another trip."

Stops in Germany included Neuschwanstein Castle, the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial, plus a memorable stop in Salzburg, Austria.

The destination for the next study abroad trip will be Peru. Marion Tech is also hosting its first Golf Trip March 7-13, 2027 in Myrtle Beach. Contact us for details and reservations!

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF 2026

- **Carlyn Bower, Mental Health Case Manager** for the Marion Campus, and MTC's Student Assistance Program are generously supported by the Crawford-Marion ADAMH Board; January.
- **Dr. James and Ellen Bazzoli** and **The Marion Community Foundation** generously fund **Investing in Marion's Future Grant** to remove financial barriers for local students who attended MTC during the COVID-19 pandemic and want to complete a degree; February.
- **The Columbia Cares Grant** was received to support lunch and learns for students via the Connection Center; February.
- Marion Technical College wins **2026 Bellwether Award** for its *Growth through Grants* initiative, a strategic partnership with Columbus State that leverages collaborative planning and external funding to expand innovation and improve student outcomes; March.
- **Pillar Credit Union** renewed support to continue the development and growth of Marion Tech Esports; March.
- **Estate Planning Workshops with Dean Jacob** were held on campus; April and September.
- **Scholarships Under the Stage Lights**, an evening of fellowship, fun, food and theatre co-sponsored by Amy Fredritz of Inspired Wealth Planning, was held in Upper Sandusky at Don Tomasso's Italian Kitchen followed by a performance of Dearly Departed at The Star Theatre; April.
- **Marion Tech awarded 668 degrees and certificates to 493 graduates** during the 53rd Annual Commencement held at the Marion Palace Theatre. Thirty-nine high school students earned associate degrees at no cost through the College Credit Plus (CCP) program; May.
- **The 2026 Golf Outing presented by Fahey Bank** was held at Kings Mill Golf Club and raised $45,000 for student scholarships; May.
- **The Blossom Solar Scholarship** was established to support students pursuing careers in engineering technology and sustainable energy; June.
- **The American Legion Post 584** donated US flags for all classrooms, plus a large outdoor flag to fly outside the HTC building; June.
- Marion Tech participated in **Third Thursday** in Marion, and **First Thursday** in Upper Sandusky; July and August.
- **The Rising Pathways Scholarship** was established to support students who currently or previously received assistance from children's services; August.
- **Kathy Rice** provided a donation to complete the purchase of a new electronic sign on the front lawn of the Marion Campus; August.
- **The Georgian Bay Scholarship** was created to assist students who received their GED® instead of graduating from a high school; September.
- The annual **Marion Tech Big Tent Event** was held on the Marion Campus. The Marion Public Library, MARCA Industries, United Way, Marion Wildlife Association and other local non-profits joined as guests. Pillar Credit Union sponsored the MTC Esports Experience. Several student groups and academic programs provided interactive demonstrations and activities; October.
- The annual **Retirees & Friends Brunch** was held in the Guthery Room of Maynard Hall on the Marion Campus; October.
- **The Myers Family Scholarship** was established for students pursuing a career in accounting; October.
- **The Eric Geissler Scholarship** was created in honor of Eric, a longtime faculty member at MTC. Award recipients will be encouraged to volunteer at MTC and/or in their community; October.
- Four donors supported **The Forge** Business Classes and Competition: **Alluvial Private Wealth**, **Raymond & Charlotte Baldauf Charitable Foundation, Steve and Brenda Johnston**, **and Gary Ferriman**, president of Showplace Rent-to-Own. The Forge supports local entrepreneurs and small businesses by providing startup money to business plan competition winners; November.
- Our annual **Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** recognized four new inductees; November.
- The College is filling and providing **Thanksgiving Feast Boxes** to families experiencing food insecurity for the holiday; November.

New rules now apply for charitable giving in 2026. Individuals taking the standard deduction can claim a separate deduction for cash donations, up to $1,000 for single filers and $2,000 for married couples filing jointly. Keep this in mind when making your annual gift to Marion Tech!

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VISION STATEMENT: The vision of the Marion Technical College Foundation, Inc. is to provide the resources needed for an enriched and personal educational experience for our community at the College.

GOALS: 1. Expand community awareness of Marion Technical College. 2. Cultivate funds to provide financial assistance for students pursuing an education at Marion Technical College. 3. Supplement funds from college and government support to provide facilities and equipment to enhance students' education experience. 4. Engage and leverage alumni for community and donor support.