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ANNUAL GIVING
YEAR IN REVIEW

2021



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Mike Stuckey
Director of
MTC Foundation

Dear Friends of Marion Tech,

MTC's 49th and 50th years have been disrupted in many ways by the pandemic as it has been for most other organizations and individuals. However, the college feels so very blessed by many things, including the perseverance of our student body and dedicated faculty and staff; the opportunity for our organization to learn new solutions as a result of unprecedented challenges; and the amazing kindness and generosity of our college community and their many gifts of support.

In 2021 our donors have demonstrated just how gracious and compassionate they are to the needs of our students and the mission of our local college. You will find in this brochure a number of new gifts related to named scholarship funds, program sponsorships, and material/capital resources. In addition to the gifts listed here, many other donations were received resulting in significant impact. At a time when our world seemed most uncertain, our donors really stepped up to show their strong commitment to MTC.

This year's Annual Giving Campaign kicked off in early November with pledges from our employees and volunteers. We now extend the invitation to our retirees, alumni and community friends to donate to student scholarships and a number of other giving opportunities. This year we are featuring the Brandy Winfield classroom naming project. Brandy is an MTC alumni who died in the line of duty protecting the Marion Community. The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) classroom is located in our new Marion Tech Downtown location.

MTC very much appreciates your efforts and gifts of support,

Mike Stuckey



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TOP STORIES OF 2021



Marion Tech Celebrates 50 Years of Changing Lives

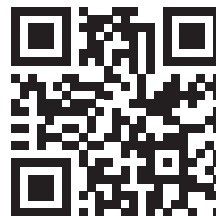
Alumni, students, supporters and community members came to the Marion Campus for the Big Tent Event on June 12 to celebrate 50 years of the college. On December 18, 1970, the charter establishing MTC as the thirteenth technical institute of Ohio was signed.

At the festivities, the new mascots were unveiled. The Marion Tech Leaders are a pair of huskies. Attendees posed for pictures and picked up new swag including T-shirts with the new Marion Tech Leaders brand.

Children enjoyed face painting, inflatables, pony rides and a petting zoo. People of all ages enjoyed fishing in the campus pond with area naturalist James Anderson with the Marion County Parks Department. A live band provided music, and food trucks offered delicious treats. State Representative Tracy Richardson presented a resolution marking Marion Tech's impact over five decades.

Alumni shared stories and memories and walked around the campus which has grown tremendously over the decade. The changes to the Marion Campus are chronicled in a book on Marion Tech's first 50 years. Copies are available for purchase at mtc.edu/50book.

Over the past fifty years more than 50,000 students have left MTC to make their marks in nursing, health care, business, social work, industry, engineering and more.



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Order your copy of
*Marion Technical College:
The First Fifty Years 1970-2020*

Baileys Start Scholarship Fund for Local Students

A generous pledge from Dr. David and Alice Bailey of Waldo on August 5 established \$50,000 to create an endowed scholarship fund for Tri-Rivers graduates attending Marion Technical College. Funds can be used for tuition, books or living expenses.

Alice Bailey worked as the equity coordinator with tech prep programs at Marion Technical College. She also worked as a career development coordinator at Tri-Rivers Career Center for more than 20 years. This gave her insight into the struggles of local students.

“I loved what I did. I loved the kids. I realized the need,” Alice Bailey said. “Many of those students are underserved and can use all the support anyone can give them.”



The instructors at Tri-Rivers and Marion Tech change lives. They focus on the individual needs of the students and try their best to get them to complete a program, earn a credential and make a good living.”

The endowed fund, created by the Baileys, will generate scholarships that will be awarded annually. The Dr. David and Alice Bailey Scholarship Fund can be awarded to one or more students with financial need. The first scholarship will be awarded for Fall Semester 2022.

New Connections Center Offers Support to Marion Tech Students

On September 2 Marion Technical College proudly cut the ribbon for the new Connections Center supported by Wyandot Snacks. This space in Bryson Hall offers a one-stop location for students facing issues outside the classroom, connecting students to resources for childcare, transportation, food insecurity and more.

Primrose Igonor, Marion Tech’s Belonging and Equity Coordinator, serves as the new director of the Connections Center. As a part of her role, Igonor will meet with students to make them feel welcomed and valued. Natalie Longmeier, a student resource navigator with Marion Matters, has an office inside the space. Students can turn to her for help finding employment, housing, child care and community resources. Part-time and full-time students and their families also have access to counseling and other resources through the Student Assistance Program.



The Connections Center also offers a food pantry. Brandy Page, academic advisor and retention coordinator at MTC, has worked closely with the Buckeye Food Alliance in preparation for the opening of our Marion Campus Food Pantry by hiring and training student workers to staff the pantry and facilitating the inventory and organization of food items. Wyandot Snacks regularly donates items to Marion Tech students.

Additionally, Marion Tech received funding from the Rotary Club of Marion to assist with the physical renovations of the space as well as from OhioHealth to help acquire needed resources for our students.

The Connections Center is also funded through a Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The Strengthening Institutions Program Grant was awarded to allow Marion Tech to better service low-income students, investing \$2.2 million in serving Marion Tech students over five years.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

- **Pillar Credit Union** became the primary sponsor of the Marion Tech Esports Arena and teams; February.
- In honor of his parents and on behalf of the Geib family, their son, **Douglas G. Geib II**, has created...

HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

- ...**The Douglas and Virginia Geib Scholarship Fund**; March.
- MTC established the **Education Equity Scholarship**, awarding \$250 for qualifying students attending fall 2021, in memory of George Floyd and others whose lives were cut short by racial and social injustice; April.
- Marion Tech awards degrees to 334 graduates during the **Forty-ninth Annual Commencement** drive-through event held on the Marion Campus; May.
- **Bob Flora** of Marion donated his 1973 Triumph Spitfire British roadster to the foundation. **Rob and Lynn Exline** of Delaware, OH, bought the car, with proceeds benefiting scholarships; July.
- The **Carolyn Files Memorial Scholarship** for nontraditional students was started by her son, **Scott and Tammy Files**. Carolyn served the Marion community for decades as a nurse and public health worker; October.

THE MTC FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT: The Marion Technical College Foundation, Inc. will support the College and its students primarily by raising funds, cultivating alumni relations, and engaging the community.

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.

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