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Your gifts continue to make a significant impact.

Thanks to your support, Marion Tech continues to expand our ability to serve more students each year. In fact, over 3000 students enrolled at the college this fall—the highest ever in our history. With more students than ever before in need of financial assistance, your continued generosity truly makes a difference.

Marion
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ANNUAL GIVING
YEAR IN REVIEW

2023



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Mike Stuckey
Director of
MTC Foundation

Dear Friends of Marion Tech,

In 2023 our donors and volunteers again demonstrated just how committed and generous they are to the needs of our students and the mission of our local college. You will find in this brochure information about a number of newly established scholarship funds, in-demand academic programs, and innovative student support capital improvement projects. In addition, friends of the college financially supported programing efforts for MTC's Esports Arena, Connections Center, and Believe in Students Fund— just to name a few. As a community member, there are many different ways to make a significant impact in the success of our students.

*This year's **Annual Giving Campaign** kicked off in early November with pledges received from Marion Tech's faculty, staff and board members. We now extend the invitation to our many alumni, community partners and friends to also help MTC students **Get to Next!** Please reach out to me to learn more about meaningful giving opportunities.*

MTC very much appreciates your kind gifts,

Mike Stuckey

2023 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

After a flood of nominations, Marion Technical College selected five outstanding alumni to be inducted into this year's Alumni Hall of Fame:

- **Trish Frazzini**, Professor of Social Work and Addictions at Marion Tech, Class of 2022
- **Natalie Longmeier**, Executive Director of Marion Matters, Class of 2022
- **Darlene Schoonard**, Forensic Nursing Team Coordinator for OhioHealth (retired) Class of 1990
- **Clifford Smith**, Probation Officer with Marion Municipal Court, Class of 1999
- **Lyndsey Vance**, Realtor and Small Business Owner, Class of 2013

TOP STORIES OF 2023



The Intel® Partnership at MTC

Marion Tech is among the first community colleges in Ohio to offer an Intel® Semiconductor Manufacturing short-term certificate. This 10 credit hour micro-certificate program provides the education and training necessary to gain entry level employment in the growing semiconductor manufacturing industry.

Intel is expected to hire 3,000 workers for the factories in central Ohio, including more than 2,000 technicians, more than 700 engineers, and up to 150 support workers. Hundreds of additional jobs are expected to come online as regional semiconductor suppliers ramp up hiring. In October, representatives from Intel® toured the college's electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, robotics and automation, and smart manufacturing labs.

Courses were developed in conjunction with the Ohio Association of Community College's Semiconductor Collaboration Network thanks to a grant from Intel to create a jobs pipeline for the semiconductor industry and the ecosystem that surrounds the industry. Included among the collaboration network's goals for hiring are attracting women, underrepresented minorities, veterans, and military families to jobs in the semiconductor field.

Marion Tech Launches Ohio's First Community College BSN Program

In spring of 2023 Marion Tech took the lead and became the first community college in Ohio to offer a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing (BSN). The program is designed to prepare graduates for roles in nursing leadership, management, research, and evidence-based practice, as well as preparing students for advanced practice nursing programs. Students of the program will take courses fully online, allowing them to work while pursuing a degree.

Scholarships and Stage Lights

The Marion Technical College Foundation was excited to host its first-ever Scholarships and Stage Lights event on Friday, January 20 at the May Pavilion. The Marion Tech Foundation and Kit Fogle with Merrill Lynch sponsored the *Chicks with Hits* concert featuring country music legends Terri Clark, Pam Tillis, and Suzy Bogguss at the Marion Palace Theatre.

“This was the first time we’ve done anything like this. The purpose was to make people aware of the Marion Technical College Foundation and the reasons we raise money for scholarships,” said Mike Stuckey, director of the MTC Foundation.

The Debbie and Treg Stark Scholarship Fund

A retired Marion Technical College dean and her husband are investing in supporting students and second chances. The Debbie and Treg Stark Scholarship Fund prioritizes applicants who are formerly incarcerated and those majoring in business and IT.

“Reducing recidivism means they end up not going back to their old habits and networks. Education lets them ease back into communities. They can get jobs and build new networks. It helps them contribute positively to the community,” said Debbie (Caserta) Stark of Marion.

Both Debbie and Treg Stark have taught at Marion Technical College and at the local prisons. Despite having retired from Marion Tech, Debbie is still teaching a few classes each year. The Starks’ generous donation matches their long history of teaching and supporting students from all backgrounds.

“This is an investment in Marion’s future,” Treg said. “It makes you feel proud to give back.”



Education Equity Scholarship

Marion Technical College now offers an Education Equity Scholarship in memory of George Floyd and others whose lives were cut short by racial and social injustice. Two scholarships will be awarded for students annually.

“This is one of a number of steps Marion Tech is taking to address the racism affecting people in our community,” said Dr. Ryan McCall, president of Marion Technical College. “It is up to each one of us to work to create a better future.”

Incoming students from an underrepresented group with a demonstrated financial need in good academic standing may apply each spring. This scholarship supports students who further the inclusion, diversity and equity initiatives of the college.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023

- A remarkable teacher who touched thousands of lives, Donna Day now has a scholarship fund in her memory. The **Donna Day Scholarship Fund** was created by her former student, Kathy Rice, and will help a Marion Technical College student with financial needs from Green Camp, where Mrs. Day was born and served throughout her life; January.
- Dr. Ryan and Rachel McCall knows the experience of being the first in their families to attend college. They created the **McCall Family Scholarship**, a new scholarship fund to help other first-generation college students make it to graduation; January.
- **Brandy Winfield OPOTA Classroom Ribbon Cutting** was held at Marion Tech Downtown. The space is named in memory of Deputy Brandy Winfield, an alumnus who was killed in the line of duty; April.
- Marion Tech awarded degrees and certificates to 374 graduates during the **Fifty-First Annual Commencement** on May 12 at the Marion Palace Theatre. Graduates ranged in age from 17 to 59 years old and came from 27 Ohio counties; May.
- **2023 Golf Outing** held at Kings Mill Golf Club raised over \$32,000 for scholarships and allowed us to develop six new named scholarship funds; May.
- The **Augenstein Family Scholarship** was developed in the memory of Richard Augenstein to support physical therapist assistant (PTA) students; June.
- Jill Chitwood sponsored the naming rights for a conference room at Marion Tech Downtown, and developed the **Jill Chitwood & Dennis Kneisley Scholarship**, giving preference to second-year business students graduating from River Valley High School; July.

- Three donors supported **The Forge Business Classes and Competition: Alluvial Private Wealth, Steve and Brenda Johnston, and Gary Ferriman**, president of Showplace Rent-to-Own. The Forge program supports local entrepreneurs and small businesses by providing startup money to business plan competition winners; October.
- The annual **Marion Tech Big Tent Event** was held on the Marion Campus. The Marion Public Library joined us as special guests and awarded certificates of completion to dozens of children who participated in the local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program; October.
- The **L1NK One Stop Ribbon Cutting** was held in Bryson Hall. The L1NK One Stop centralizes main administrative offices so that Marion Tech can better serve students; November.
- Our annual **Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** was held in the Health Technologies Center (HTC) building on the Marion Campus. Five new alumni were inducted; November.
- **Dr. Amy M. Adams and John Collet** started a scholarship fund for Wyandot County students in the memory of their parents, George and Janis Collet. George and Janis were lifetime farmers while George was also a longtime Whirlpool employee in Marion; November.
- **Dr. G. Scott & Pam Drew and Dr. Vicky & Rodney Wood** have also developed named scholarship funds this year.

Have you included Marion Tech in your will?

One of the easiest way to remember and support your community is to include the Marion Technical College Foundation in your will and estate plans. It's not just the wealthy that leave a lasting gift to benefit the community upon their passing. The Foundation can guide you in the creation of endowment funds that are meaningful to you and your loved ones that impact the advancement of education in our region and the causes you care about.

To begin the discussion to include the Marion Technical College Foundation in your will please contact Mike Stuckey, Foundation Director: **740-386-4171** or stuckeym@mtc.edu

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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.

Marion Technical College is an equal opportunity educational institution and employer.