

## Quotes of Support from Presidents of Colleges and Universities



"Central Ohio Technical College is proud of the many services and resources we provide our students on their journey to earning a degree and/or certificate. Ohio College2Careers adds an additional layer of support for our students with disabilities. The OOD counselor we have on-site helps with everything from career counseling to placement services. She works with our students to make sure they are making progress toward their employment goals."

John M. Berry, Ph.D.

President, Central Ohio Technical College

"With the partnership with Opportunities for Ohioans for Disabilities, Central State University has expanded its resources to serve every student with disabilities to help them gain the confidence and skills needed in their academic and professional careers."

Jack Thomas, Ph.D.

President, Central State University

"We are thrilled to be part of Ohio College2Careers. The ability for OOD to work with our team, so that students can access a multitude of resources, will help students get to the next step of their lives and careers."

David Harrison, Ph.D.

President, Columbus State Community College

Lorain County Community College applauds Governor DeWine's investment to establish Ohio as a disability inclusion state and model employer of individuals with disabilities. As the community's college, we believe in helping all individuals achieve their fullest potential and are absolutely delighted to be part of Ohio College2Careers. Partnering with ODD, we will be able to significantly enhance the resources available to help our more than 600 students with disabilities to thrive in learning, careers and in all aspects of life. The ability to have an ODD vocational rehabilitation counselor on-site in our office of Accessibility Services will add to the base of support already in place at LCCC and provide the added targeted help they need to finish a credential or degree that leads to meaningful employment."

Marcia Ballinger, Ph.D.

President, Lorain County Community College

"The ability for our students with disabilities to succeed is top of mind. It's refreshing to have the OOD counselor come on campus, embrace what we're doing for students with disabilities, and bring the career aspect. We couldn't be more delighted to be part of Ohio College2Careers."

Gregory P. Crawford, Ph.D.

President, Miami University

"Stark State College has already experienced the synergies and benefits of the Ohio College2Careers partnership. It has been educational for our faculty and staff to align the various obstacles our students face with the extensive services of Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities. Student success is our number one focus and this partnership is another means for us to holistically support our students in their college and career goals."

Para M. Jones, Ph.D.

President, Stark State College

"At Ohio State, we strongly believe that every student deserves the opportunity to earn an excellent education, in an environment where they feel welcome and included. We are proud to partner with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities and the Ohio College2Careers program, which help ensure students with disabilities have the support they need to succeed in college and thrive in their careers."

Kristina M. Johnson, Ph.D.

President, The Ohio State University

"Ohio University is proud to partner with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, and the Ohio College2Careers program. We are dedicated to the success of every student at Ohio University, and we are grateful to the Ohio College2Careers program for the critical services it provides to our students with disabilities."

Hugh Sherman, Ph.D.

President, Ohio University

"The University of Akron is pleased to partner with OOD and Ohio Governor Mike DeWine through Ohio College2Careers. This program will enhance the current support UA provides to students with disabilities by expanding the services available to them as they transition to the work place – whether that's through co-op placement, internships or career after graduation. I want to thank Governor DeWine for this investment in our students."

Gary L. Miller

President, The University of Akron

"We are excited to partner with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities to develop comprehensive academic and vocational programming for students who are differently-abled, thus giving them the skills, confidence, and ability to craft productive futures for themselves."

Elfred Anthony Pinkard, Ed.D.

President, Wilberforce University

"The University of Cincinnati welcomes the partnership of OOD and Ohio Governor DeWine to help our students succeed through Ohio College2Careers. We are grateful for this assistance in ensuring that our students with disabilities complete their degrees and transition into thriving careers."

Neville G. Pinto, Ph.D.

President, University of Cincinnati

"We are excited to collaborate with OOD by supporting the Ohio College2Careers program on our campus. Youngstown State University has over 500 students registered with our Disability Service Office that will benefit from the partnership by having the ease of meeting with the embedded counselor in a location that is convenient and well known. This partnership will remove barriers and empower our students to seek employment that is aligned with their education and skills. Thank you for providing such an incredible opportunity for our students with disabilities."

James P. Tressel

President, Youngstown State University