



Alumni Access



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FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

As we go through another season with its changing colors, crisp air, and excitement, I am reminded of the newness another fall quarter brings with it. Some fun facts about the student body this fall 86% female and 14% male; the average age is again 30; the associate degree enrollment is 97% leaving 3% in the diploma programs; attendance for fall is 39% full-time load, 30% and three-fourths-time load, 29% half-time load, and 2% less than half-time load.

Davis College is happy to report that its enrollment for Fall Quarter 2009 increased 11% from the previous year. This gain is in addition to the 4% increase the College experienced from 2007 to 2008. President Diane Brunner attributes the rise in enrollment to Davis College's reputation for providing its graduates with marketable skills.

So many upgrades have happened to the facilities. Stop by and see us, and we'd be happy to take you on a tour!

Thanks for all the support and responses to the newsletters. Staff and faculty as well as your fellow graduates wonder how and what you are doing when you leave Davis. The feedback on this has been amazing. Keep it coming!

If you are interested in setting up a scholarship in someone's name or making a tax deductible donation to the Davis College Foundation, you may do so by contacting Diane Brunner, President of Davis College, or John Lambert, President of the Davis College Foundation at 419-473-2700. Engraved bricks are still available!

Do you have a Davis story to share? Please send it to Mary Ryan at Davis College or email at mryan@daviscollege.edu.



DAVIS COLLEGE ANNOUNCES TEN YEAR REACCREDITATION

Through decades of changing educational environments and advancements in technology, Davis College has remained a cornerstone of the Toledo community. Davis College has been granted ten year reaccreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Reaccreditation means that Davis College is recognized for its institutional quality and commitment to student learning. It also ensures that academic credit for completed coursework at Davis College is eligible to transfer to other member institutions.

The report of the comprehensive visit by the Higher Learning Commission in March 2009 states, "...the mission is pervasive in the College and is well understood by all and all who work to implement the mission of the College."

DAVIS HOLDS NINTH ANNUAL SCRAMBLE "FORE" SCHOLARSHIPS GOLF OUTING

The Ninth Annual Scramble "Fore" Scholarships Golf Outing was held on Friday, June 26, at Bedford Hills Golf Course to raise funds for the Davis College Foundation. Thirteen teams consisting of nearly 50 golfers from the community participated in the event. Over 20 area businesses and organizations donated their time and financial resources to raise money for the Davis College Foundation scholarship fund. This year \$3612.03 was raised for the Foundation!

The Davis College Foundation is a not-for-profit entity dedicated to creating opportunities for individuals and organizations to provide resources to enhance the education of Davis College students. The funds raised from the golf outing will be offered as scholarships to Davis College students who are active in both their education and the community.

Visit the Davis College website's news archives to view a photo slide show of the Scramble "Fore" Scholarships.



SUNSHINE FOUNDATION

This fall Davis College was again a proud sponsor of the annual walk to help the Sunshine Foundation. Employees and students walked to raise money for the Sunshine Children's Home.



CHERRY STREET MISSION MINISTRIES HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

Beginning November 23 and running through December 15, Davis will sponsor its 13th Annual Holiday Donation Drive. We will be collecting canned goods, personal hygiene items, and clothing for the Cherry Street Mission (men) and Sparrows Nest (women and children). Please drop off any donated items to the receptionist at the Monroe Street campus.

DAVIS PARTICIPATES IN TENT CITY

Davis College participated in Tent City by collecting blankets. The blankets were given to the homeless during Tent City weekend in downtown Toledo. Tent City is where tents are set up in downtown Toledo and the homeless get meals, haircuts, medical, among other services.

DAVIS BECOMES MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL IN 2010

G.I. Jobs Magazine selected Davis as a Military Friendly School for 2010. This honor places Davis College in the top 15% of all schools nationwide.

On bestowing this award, the publication stated, "Your steadfast commitment to educating our great nation's military veterans will enable the United States to prosper for generations to come."

DAVIS COLLEGE HOSTED ENTREPRENEUR EXPO



Take Control—"Discover the Entrepreneur in You" Expo was a one-day event held on October 16 at Davis. It was organized by the Take Control Group and was designed to challenge Americans to take control of their lives in the current economic environment by presenting multiple paths to entrepreneurship and spur them to action.

Davis College partnered with the Take Control Group to bring the expo to over 50 small businesses and entrepreneurs. Davis placement director, Nick Nigro, helped coordinate the expo while President Diane Brunner gave the welcome address. Shawn Orr, Director of Faculty Development, gave the keynote address.

92% PLACEMENT RATE FOR 2008-2009

Davis College has reported a 92% placement rate for 2008 – 2009. Over the past 10 years, the College has maintained a placement rate over 90% with 2006 – 2007 and 2007 – 2008 reaching 95%. The Career Services Office at Davis College works with students while they are attending the institution and after graduation to support them in reaching their career goals. Through networking efforts and community partnerships, as well as class presentations, mock interviews, and individual coaching sessions, the Career Services Office provides opportunities that aid Davis College students in their employment search.

A 2009 graduate Ricardo Davidson states, "I really appreciate the fact that Davis College was not only concerned about my education but also my well being."

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SEVENTH ANNUAL DINING FOR SUCCESS



Davis College held its Seventh Annual Dining for Success event on October 21. The event, featuring a four-course meal, sponsored by the Davis Chapter of Business Professionals of America and the Career Services Office, is a program devoted to teaching the participating Davis students proper dining etiquette when conducting business. Dining for Success was originally created to meet Davis College's mission of providing marketable skills that enhance the employability of its graduates.

Jill Marie Zachman from First Impressions Etiquette Training in Waterville, OH, served as the guest speaker for the evening. Ms. Zachman spoke on proper etiquette for conducting business while eating a meal. Other area business professionals who participated were Jackie Van Kirk from ProMedica Physicians Group, Patty Bernal from Manpower Staffing Services, Elizabeth Tore Executive Director of Family Promise, Mary Managhan from Seymour & Associates/Mass Mutual, and Toni Gaines Executive Team Leader for ACN.



INTERIOR DESIGN INSTRUCTOR ATTAINS PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL

Janet Weber, Interior Design Program Director at Davis College successfully completed the requirements for becoming a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional. The LEED Green Building Rating System, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), provides a suite of standards for environmentally sustainable construction. As a LEED Accredited Professional, Mrs. Weber has the expertise required to design a building to LEED standards and coordinate the documentation process that is necessary for LEED certification.



NEW ACADEMIC CHAIRPERSON APPOINTED AT DAVIS COLLEGE

Mary Deloe has been appointed Chairperson of the Business Administration and Information Technology Department at Davis College. Previously she served as the Department's Assistant Chairperson. In addition, Mrs. Deloe has taught business and marketing classes at the College for over eight years.

Mrs. Deloe is a member of the Ohio Business Teacher Association (OBTA) and has served on the Association's Board of Directors and as Treasurer. She is also on OBTA's Business & Industry Advisory Council. Mrs. Deloe's other professional memberships include the National Business Educators Association, Business Professionals of America, and she is a Certified Professional Networker.

Mrs. Deloe volunteers at Emmanuel Christian School and Westgate Chapel in Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. Deloe states, "I am looking forward to positioning the Business Administration and Information Technology Department to succeed in the continually changing business environment."



DAVIS DESIGN DEPARTMENT FACULTY EXHIBITION

The Davis College Design Department Faculty Exhibition was displayed at Madhouse Gallery this summer. Timothy Brunner, Brian Houdashelt, Janet Weber, and Holly Whitney showcased their individual designs and artwork at the exhibition.

Visit the Davis College Website at www.daviscollege.edu/news_archives.html to view the Davis College Design Department Faculty Exhibition.



DAN MCCARTHY JOINS DAVIS COLLEGE FULL TIME FACULTY

Dan McCarthy has joined Davis College as a full-time faculty member in the Department of Business Administration and Information Technology. He has been an adjunct faculty member teaching accounting since 2005.

Mr. McCarthy holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo, with a major in accounting. He also has 20 years of professional accounting experience.



GRAPHIC DESIGN ALUMNA WINS AWARD

Penny Collins, 1999 graphic design graduate, has been named as the Honorable Mention winner in the Commercial Illustration Category by the 39th Annual Creativity Awards. This year, judges from some of the most prestigious design firms in the United States evaluated the work produced by their peers and students.

The 39th Annual Creativity Awards received thousands of entries from 37 countries and 37 U.S. states. The competition showcases work from around the globe in the Annual Book published after the close of each year's competition and is sold in bookstores around the world.



DAVIS COLLEGE'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL FAMILY HALLOWEEN NIGHT

There were few tricks and many treats to be found during the 11th Annual Davis College Family Halloween Night with 215 children under the age of 12 in attendance. The event is a time where Davis students can bring their children to trick or treat in a safe environment, take part in some fun activities, and have pictures taken in their costumes. Numerous offices and classrooms at Davis were transformed into a fun Halloween decor. The staff participated in the event as well, dressing up in costumes and interacting with the children.



NICOLE FANSLER JOINS DAVIS AS NEW MARKETING ASSISTANT

Davis College welcomed Nicole Fansler as Marketing Assistant this summer. Nicole is a recent graduate from Bowling Green State University majoring in Graphic Design. She is responsible for creating the College's marketing and admissions materials.

GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDENT FEATURED IN TOLEDO CITY PAPER

Graphic design student, Greg Lukasik aka "Star 001" was featured in the August 5 – 18, 2009, issue of Toledo City Paper. The article promotes Greg's street art scavenger hunt.

HERITAGE ENGRAVED BRICKS

We would like to invite you to become a permanent part of Davis history by purchasing a Heritage Engraved Brick. Proceeds of every brick sold will help raise scholarship money for students through the Davis College Foundation. Check out the Davis College Website (www.daviscollege.edu) to learn more about the Davis College Heritage Engraved Bricks.

ALUMNI PROFILES

TODD MATTHEWS



Todd Matthews started taking classes as an English Education major at the University of Toledo following high school. After two years he realized he wasn't really serious about school and decided he would leave UT to find full time employment. Three years later Todd was stuck in a dead end job and was looking for direction in his life when his mother suggested he look into Davis College. He decided to enroll in the Graphic Design program because the idea of having an artistic career appealed to him.

Todd learned the value of what it meant to be successful as a Davis College student. For the first time in his life Todd did well in math, which was a subject he always had difficulty learning. He also did his externship in the Davis Marketing Department and worked closely on several design projects with one of his instructors. In 1997 Todd graduated from Davis with honors and started employment at Unique Salon Services as the company's Director of Communications.

In this position Todd performed a wide variety of duties for Unique Salon Services. He created the company's entire corporate identity including their own logo and typeface. Todd was also responsible for writing press releases and generated numerous printed materials that helped educate clients on available products.

Todd decided to return to school at UT to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education. While taking classes at UT, Todd started working at Davis full time in the Financial Aid Department. Todd also assisted the Davis Marketing Department with the creation of the academic catalog and generated new forms for use in the Financial Aid Department. After graduating with honors from UT, Todd remained at Davis and after a period of time was promoted to Financial Aid Director. He remained in this role for three years until he became the Director of Development, where he helped develop the Davis Business Training and Foundation divisions. In 2006 Todd left Davis to work at Lourdes College as their Federal Work Study Coordinator.

MICHELLE ROSE

Michelle Rose, class of 2003
Michelle is featured in another magazine, and is now being sold on newsstands—Kitchen & Bath Makeovers a Better Homes & Gardens Special Interest Publications. "It is the Winter 2009 issue. The editor gave me 6 pages for a kitchen that I designed and 4 pages for a bathroom makeover. Both rooms are in two separate homes, however they are both located in Whitehouse. What makes this even more exciting is that it is rare for a designer to have more than one of his/her design work published in the same magazine. If you get a copy, look at pages 52–57 and pages 96–99."

Michelle asked us to share her information because "After all...this magazine belongs to everyone. Without Davis College, I would not have reached this point in my life. It wasn't luck...it was hard work."

MARY WEIHER (MACKE)

Mary Weiher (Macke), class of 1970, "used her secretarial skills learned at Davis ever since! Did volunteer work at church and school after stopping work to raise my family of six children. Got back in to the workforce 17 years later after updating my skills doing temp work. Changed careers at age 50."

"Each one ALUMNI RECEPTION bring one"

Thanks for all the feedback we received from those attending the "Each One Bring One" Alumni Reception this past May. Here are some wonderful updates on what you have been doing.

JEANNE REISLER

Jeanne Reisler, class of 1974, said she "was thrilled to walk down the aisle along with the graduates (at our alumni event in May)." Jeanne, a graduate of Bowling Green State University had been a kindergarten teacher for twenty-nine years before coming to Davis for a career change. She worked at AAA Travel Department. Classical music has always meant a lot to her, and she sings in community chorus and choir.

BOB TEXTOR

Bob Textor, class of 1969, retired from Honeywell in 2008 after working there 37 ½ years, and "is currently doing some part-time consulting and enjoying the time off spending more time with his family and grandkids."

DONNA ZELLER (LINCOLN)

Donna Zeller (Lincoln), class of 1953, said she "retired from Owens Corning in 1989 to devote time to giving of myself. Currently my time is given to church, food distribution to the needy, Mended Hearts, and quilting for the homeless."

RUBY LEAK FOOTE

Here is a great letter from a 1952 Davis graduate, Ruby Leake Foote. Ruby sent this sometime ago, but with our 150th anniversary there hasn't been extra room. I wanted to be sure to get you her updates now. I hope you enjoy it as much as we did!

Ruby says, "A while back, I received my Davis College newsletter, and after looking at the Alumni News, I thought it would be great to see news of students from my days at Davis, 52 plus years ago. My time there was from Feb. 12, 1951 to March 7, 1952. A couple of years ago, I received a surprise in the mail—a letter from one of my close friends from that time, Rosemary Cytlak McCroskey, whom I had not heard from for maybe 50 years. A scrapbook which I had made while at Davis College provided me with many memories on a miserable January day and brought back thoughts of people I had almost forgotten from so long ago."

The teachers we had and a couple of dozen friends shown in the scrapbook reminded me of how much the business world has changed. I came to Toledo from upstate New York, near Rochester, and stayed with my aunt and uncle, Joe and Birdie Cooper, former owners of Cooper's Florist. Their shop was on Broadway in 1952, so I took the bus downtown to Davis, after riding from Waterville to the shop with my uncle. I worked at the flower shop some weekends and after school. Both are now deceased and were good friends of Miss Ruth Davis, who was, at that time, the President at the College. No favoritism was shown me, however. The teachers we had were Mr. A. C. Sloan who taught penmanship, a subject which was required as bookkeeping was done by hand. We were required to take 3 tests to graduate and, believe me, it was tough to get out of that class as Mr. Sloan was extremely fussy and stern. I finally made it out after a couple fails, trying to master the "free arm movement", which my old friends will remember. I remember he drew fabulous "flourishes" and made one for me of a bird (I still have it). Mrs. Volberg Hosak Vegh (Johnnie) was a truly wonderful teacher and friend. I read that she passed away recently. What a great sense of humor she had. I finally passed my shorthand tests, but rarely, under her direction. We became friends and enjoyed a couple of "outings" along with her son, Marty. Also, Miss Davis' secretary, Carolyn Scharer, now retired Executive Vice President, kept us on track. The first few months of my stay, two teachers, Mr. Self and Mr. Hershman, were our teachers, but soon left to establish their own school. They were replaced by Mr. Grayden and Mrs. Long.

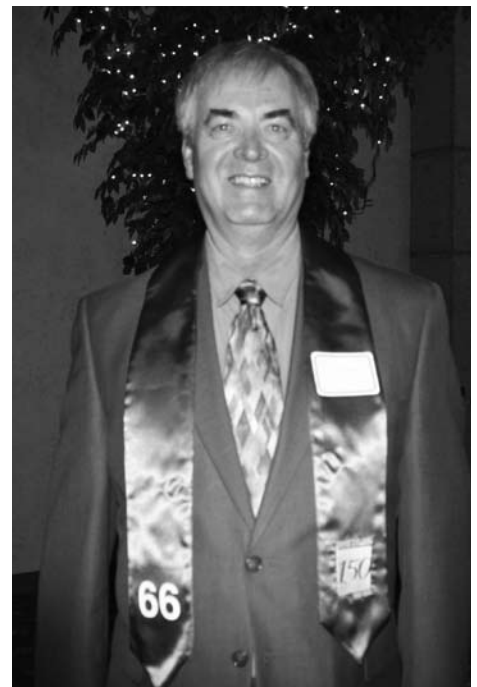
The classes we took for the secretarial courses were two or three shorthand courses, two or three bookkeeping courses, three penmanship classes, comptometer (not computer – what's that?), English, secretarial, two or three typing classes, spelling, filing, and accounting arithmetic. During all this, I was certain a job as a secretary was not for me.



Davis Business College, as it was called back then, was located at 339 Huron Street, above a Walgreen drug store and it was not very large – maybe three or four big rooms and an office. One attended all year around, with two weeks during August when the school was closed for vacation.

After graduation, I was employed at the Eastman Kodak Co., in Rochester, N.Y., for a couple of years. After marriage, I worked for an electronics company as secretary to the President and CEO for 7 years.

I was right, office work wasn't for me. After marriage to my husband, Jim, we raised two daughters and now have 4 grandsons. We are in our 51st year of marriage and I am now the photographer for a living history museum."



LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION?

HERE ARE SOME OPTIONS
FOR YOU.

Spring Arbor University

Spring Arbor University's Metro Toledo site offers bachelor degree completion programs in business, management, family studies, and social work. In fact, plans are in the works to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Management and Organizational Development degree on the campus of Davis College early in 2010. It is possible to earn a bachelor's degree in as little as 18 months with this program. What's more, with Spring Arbor's new Ignite Scholarship, degree completion is more affordable than ever! Those interested should contact Senior Admissions Specialist Nancy Smith or Admissions Specialist Nikki Nichols at **800-968-0272**.

Heidelberg University

Heidelberg offers Bachelor's Degrees (Degree Completion Program) in Accounting, Business Administration, and Psychology. They have Master's Degrees in Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Masters of Arts in Education, and classes towards a Masters of Arts in Counseling. Contact Christopher L. Mitchell at **419-893-1986 ext. 4010**.

Lourdes College

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Kaplan University

A leading provider of online post-secondary education, and Davis College recently partnered to offer educational benefits to graduates. Alumni can now transfer course credits to more than 100 academic programs. Areas of study include: Arts & Sciences, Business & Management, Criminal justice, Health Sciences, Information Systems and technology, Legal Studies, and Nursing. Benefits include a 10% tuition reduction on all Kaplan programs, free textbooks, a discount on DELL computers, and access to the full online library with the University of Alabama (with free shipping of physical books). Kaplan also offers a 34% reduction for U.S. veterans, and 53% for active service members. To learn more about these opportunities and assure your tuition reduction, please call **866.318.8643** or visit **www.mlottman.kaplan.edu**.

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