



*Class of 2018 Senior Dinner*

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

*6:00 PM*

*Walsh University*

*Barrette Business and Community Center*

*2020 East Maple Street*

*North Canton, OH 44720*

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Greetings	Dr. Douglas Palmer Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Walsh University  Chris Smith, Majority Leader Canton City Council--4th Ward Council Walsh University Cultural Connections
Prayer	Skyler Parks Walsh University Graduate Student Class of 2019
Reflections	Aurora Ross- Class of 2018 Timken Early College High School Walsh University- Class of 2020
<b>***DINNER***</b>	
Special Thanks	Carrilyn Stevens Long Stevens Family Foundation Walsh University-Education Division
Reflections	Madisyn Smith-Class of 2018 Timken Early College High School  Caamron Reasonover- Class of 2018 Timken Early College High School  Debora Tessou- Class of 2018 Timken Early College High School
Introduction of Speaker	Rosea Purdy -Class of 2018 Timken Early College High School
Speaker	Dr. Para M. Jones President, Stark State College
Presentation of Alumni Medals and Certificates	Kenneth L. Brunner, Principal Timken Early College High School  Debbie Humphrey- Guidance Counselor  Ruth Dubinsky- College Readiness Advisor

# **Timken Early College High School Class of 2018**

Albright, Jacob	Jevcak, Ronald	Riehl, Natasha
Allman, Andrew	Johnson, Jonathan	Ross, Aurora
Ashcraft, Isaiah	Johnson, J'Yon	Rushe, Paige
Barress, Drew	Kutzli, Haylee	Satterwhite, Tailyn
Bowen, Curtis	Lightner, Sydney	Schauer, Paul
Burch, Kaisha	Lucas, Christian	Schukert, Rachel
Carter, Island	Macrides, Nyia	Scroggs, Erin
Cheeks, Eric	Mathews, Ayanna	Shaklee, Christian
Cline, Madison	McCarthy, Taylor	Sharp, Ryan
Collins, Presley	McCauley, Madelyn	Shipley, Sabrina
Cooks, Jalen	Meredith, Lauren	Smith, Madisyn
Corn, Katrina	Michael, Mareena	Smith, Xavier
DiGiulio, Carmine	Miller, Jensen	Soares, Manuel
Dorosky, Chelsea	Muhlbach, Victoria	Sparks, Savannah
Dozier, Courtney	Mumford, Shardai'Ja	Spencer, Ave
Edwards, Alexis	Nelson, Meleah	Stewart, Amanda
Eneix, Keyairra	Nolan, Brian	Tessou, Debora
Feliciano, Angelina	Parkison, Zachary	Thompson, Alanna
Fraleigh, Andrew	Pennington, Joshua	Tootle-Smith, Anika
Freeman, Julie	Perkins, Emilie	Wayt, Jaeda
Garner, Amie	Purdy, Rosea	Welch, Tessa
Grimwood, Breanna	Ragland, Aaliyah	Williams, Enoch
Guarnieri, Joseph	Raye-Hill, Nakyla	Zutali, Nelson
Hanna, Andriea	Reasonover, Caamron	
Henderson, Dorian	Richeson-Orr, David	

# **What Timken Early College Means to Me**

## **Reflections from the Class of 2018**

What this program means to me is home. I believe that the person that I have been molded into was because of this program. I've met many people here that I sometimes feel I can't live without. - Jacob Albright

This program has given me a future outside of being a factory worker. It will help me become something more in life. It has shown me that a path I thought was closed to me, is now open to explore, learn, and grow within. This step forward has allowed a future in college to be within the realm of possibility. This has given me a future that no other program nor my parents could provide me. It means the search for the truth, knowledge, and my own goals instead of a predetermined path.  
- Andrew Allman

It means to me that education is the key to success and having a strong support circle can make things a whole lot easier. - Isaiah Ashcraft

Early College to me has meant a special opportunity. It will impact my future in a positive aspect because I will have so many credits completed once I graduate from Early College. - Drew Barress

This program helped me to find some of the greatest friends I could ask for. I have joined a union, so having an Associate's degree won't impact my future unless I decided to continue college after high school.  
- Curtis Bowen

TECHS has allowed me to blossom into a mature individual, but it has also allowed me to create friendships, bonds, and memories that I know will last a lifetime. TECHS will forever hold a special place in my heart. "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard!" (Winnie the Pooh) -Kaisha Burch

Since my freshman year, Mr. Brunner has always described Early College as a big family. While I originally disregarded this because I didn't understand, I quickly realized that it was true. My friends make it easier for me to be here and push me to stay on top of my work. It was this family that helped me to be successful. - Island Carter

What Timken ECHS has meant to me is that you have to prepare for the real world and that you can get yourself through anything. -Eric Cheeks

This program was able to give me a head start in my education. I am grateful for everything that Early College has done for me. I was challenged not only academically, but mentally as well. I had to learn valuable skills such as time-management to stay on track with my school work. Although it was hard to do, I am happy I was able to participate in such a wonderful program.- Madison Cline

I appreciate the opportunity to get further ahead in my college education. -Presley Collins

Early College has played a big role in my life. It taught me to remain persistent no matter what. It's been a struggle, but I prevailed.  
- Jalen Cooks

ECHS has been an amazing family. They've given me a good support system for the future and pushed me to apply for college. -Katrina Corn

This program is more like a family to me. Everyone in here cares for each other. Anytime you need help, even if it isn't school-related, there will be people lined up waiting to help. -Carmine DiGiulio

This school has shown me how to work hard. I say this because I have had to work very hard to get where I am today. This school has helped me to obtain two Associate degrees. I have been honored to be a part of this program for 6 years (two years at the Early College Academy Middle School). - Chelsea Dorosky

Timken Early College has meant so much to me! I got a family here at Early College, on top of a higher education. Graduating with my Associate of Arts degree takes a lot of pressure off my parents and me. Filling out scholarships has been such a relaxing process due to the fact that I don't have to try to get so much money. I'm also very happy that I'll have junior status my first year in college. This program has moved me ahead in life and I'm so grateful that I joined this school.  
-Courtney Dozier

The program was so amazing and really boosted me towards my goal. It was good to be able to come here knowing that you were going to be put to the test and that the environment was like being in one big family. - Alexis Edwards

Timken ECHS has impacted my future profoundly. ECHS has provided me with the first two years of my college experience debt-free. This makes continuing my education easy. I will be forever grateful to Timken ECHS. - Keyairra Eneix

To me, being in Timken ECHS has been an experience that has helped me in a safe environment that encouraged growth. When I look back through my journey during the four years I've been here, I can see how being in this program helped to shape me into the independent thinker that I am proud to say I have grown into. Although there are still steps I need to take to become the person I want to be, this environment has set me up to run towards my goals with my head held high.  
- Angelina Feliciano

It has helped me to jumpstart my life outside of home and after high school. A two year degree will go a long way. - Andrew Fraleigh

Timken ECHS has pretty much been my life for the last four years. I have made and lost friends while here, but nonetheless we are a family. I have never had a better support group than the staff and students here. -Julie Freeman

Early College has given me knowledge of things that I have never thought about before. High school has come to an end, but it is not over. We will all go our own way, but we will all become something in the long run. -Amie Garner

What Timken ECHS has meant to me is that they have helped me become a better student and person, and it has inspired me to do more with my life. - Breanna Grimwood

It is true and pure opportunity. It saves a great amount of money and sets you on track. Even if you struggle, they help you to not stress out, since in the end, they really want to see you succeed and get into college. - Joey Guarnieri

Early college means family, love, hard work, and dedication. Being a part of this school means the world to me.- Andriea Hanna

I love Early College High School! -Dorian Henderson

This school has meant a lot to me. It means friends, family, and fun. I'm not getting my degree but I don't feel badly about it because I have had a great time all four years and knowing that I have all these friends and teachers that care about me made it less upsetting for me.

-Ronald Jevcak

The program will impact me greatly. Nothing but positive energy for the future- from helping me with college to helping to get me ready for the real world. - Jonathan Johnson

This program has really been great to me. Mr. and Mrs. Brunner have been treating me like family since I stepped onto campus. This program has helped me grow and become the young man that I am today. I'm thankful for this opportunity. I wouldn't trade it for the world.

-J'Yon Johnson

ECHS has been the place that has allowed me to be myself and grow in a loving environment. Early College has helped me to become the person that I am today and for that, ECHS will always be my home.

-Haylee Kutzli

I really liked the program, especially if you are trying to get ahead in college. This program has made me closer to my classmates. It feels like one big family. The effort and love you get from everyone is incredible. - Sydney Lightner

Early College has been a tremendous help to me. The staff at Early College have helped me to stay on track. The amount of time and money that this program has saved me is amazing. My decision to go here will always be one of the best choices that I have ever made.

- Christian Lucas

ECHS taught me a lot of lessons during my years here. I have met a lot of people through my journey here and would not change a thing.

-Nyia Macrides

This program has helped me grow into the woman I am today. It has pushed me and brought out the best parts of me. For that, I am ever grateful. I can't wait to see where my academic career goes after high school. -Ayanna Mathews

Coming into the Early College program, I was shy, quiet, and pretty unsure of myself. Early College and the support system that came with it gave me the confidence I need to succeed in whatever I do in life. I'll forever be thankful for the opportunities that come from this program.  
- Taylor McCarthy

It taught me how to find opportunities and how to be prepared for college life. It has given me the opportunity to meet some amazing people. - Madelyn McCauley

This program has meant a lot to me. It has given me the tools I need to succeed. It will impact my future by giving me a head start, and help me to save money. - Lauren Meredith

Early College has tremendously affected my future. I feel that I am very prepared for college success. I appreciate all the friends and family that I have made through this program. I believe this program really has set me up for the future I hope to achieve. - Mareena Michael

Timken Early College High School has given me a chance to succeed and develop. At TECHS I learned work ethic and how to produce my best work. It has helped me to not only earn one Associate's degree, but two. Also it will allow me to go to Bowling Green and start straight into my degree of choice. - Jensen Miller

Early College means to me a small, caring and supportive family that helps each other strive for success. Going through this program has tremendously impacted my future. Not only did I go through two years of college for free, but I learned about the struggle I will face and the responsibility I will carry in college and the rest of my life. This program has set me up for future success and I will forever be grateful.  
- Victoria Muhlbach

Early College High School is really a great opportunity for students. One should take advantage of graduation with a high school diploma and an Associates' degree because not all schools are like this. That being said, Early College High School has been a blessing for me. It has given me an opportunity to receive many credits and to go beyond a Associate' degree in the future. - Shardai'Ja Mumford



Early College means to me a future that has nothing but success. This program is the platform for what life will bring me. My plan is to help students in the future to get the same education I received these last four years. I am proud and happy that I was in this program!  
- Meleah Nelson

The people here, both students and teachers, have given me unforgettable experiences. I've learned a lot and will remember the friends that I have made here.- Brian Nolan

This program has bettered me as an individual and put me in a position that will propel me to have a better life. I appreciate everything the program has done for me. - Zachary Parkison

The program has taught me how to be a better college student and has prepared me for a college setting after high school.  
- Joshua Pennington

Early College has helped me develop an idea of what I want to do with my life. Early College has taught me how to work for, and achieve my goals. I am thankful for the opportunity ECHS has provided over the past four years. - Emilie Perkins

It has taught me a lot of lessons. It taught me to not be comfortable being common. - Rosea Purdy

This program has taught me so much, and prepared me for college more than I ever expected. Being able to take so many college classes for free is something that not everyone gets to experience and I'm glad that I got to come back. I've met people who have changed me forever. - Aaliyah Ragland

Timken ECHS means to me a better way out of the difficult circumstances that I was born into. It means that not only the rigorous courses that I took gave me the push to achieve higher academically, but it also meant unconditional love and support from the Timken ECHS staff. It made me the scholar that I am today. - Nakyla Raye Hill

It means an opportunity to get a degree at an early age and allowed me to advance in my high school career. - Caamron Reasonover

ECHS has given me an opportunity to leave Canton and a step up for college in the future. - David Richeson-Orr

This program has been very important to me because it has been so helpful for my future plans. The program has given me a lot to work with. All the teachers helped me with everything for college so that I can follow my dreams. I'm very thankful for being a part of this program. - Natasha Riehl

Timken ECHS has been my home away from home. It has not only been a great source of academic advancement, but a place of emotional support and caring, I feel this place has given me a family that accepts me for who I am. TECHS is my safe haven, and I would never give it up. Class of 2018 is the best!!! – Aurora Ross

Timken ECHS is a very beneficial program that has helped me in my college process by allowing me to take college courses at such a young age at no expense to myself. It has significantly saved me time by allowing me to earn 60 -plus credits. I'm very grateful that such a program exists and for the support one can receive here. The program and classes can get difficult, but it helps you realize that you have to put forth hard work into something you wish to achieve. - Paige Rushe

Early College is a great way to jump start the beginning of my future. I was able to find myself, and the way to be a great and successful student, along with at great group of friends who share my academic ambitions. - Tailyn Satterwhite

Early College has been like a second family to me. It has supported me throughout high school and has prepared me for my future. - Paul Schauer

TECHS has impacted my life more than any other single program I have experienced. The program has provided me with an education that I could not have afforded myself. The program has connected me with valuable resources and teachers. I cannot imagine my life without TECHS. - Rachel Schukert

I am grateful to have gone through ECHS. I've gone through high school with kind, hard-working people and have had teachers that are truly wonderful. The program has prepared me for my future, but more importantly, it has made me a better person. I will always appreciate the opportunities this program has given me. - Erin Scroggs

ECHS is one of the best decisions I have ever made. Not only did I take many college classes, I learned a lot about college life and saved a ton of money. I am so thankful for it. -Christian Shaklee

Early College High School impacted my future by preparing me for college after being able to take college classes in high school. The transition to my university will be much easier than it will be for non-ECHS students. - Ryan Sharp

This program has helped me get a head start on my education and has pushed me to my limits, but I still ended up on top at the end of the day. The program has also shown me how to be a college student and what I need to do when I am on my own and have no one to hold my hand through everything. Overall, the program has shaped me into the young adult that I have become. -Sabrina Shipley

Because of the 65 college credits I have earned through Early College, I will graduate debt-free from the University of Akron. Every credit I've received from the program transferred directly to Akron, giving me junior status as a Freshman. Ultimately, my hard work and GPA earned me a full-tuition scholarship, but the teachers/professors at Early College supported me along the way. -Madisyn Smith

ECHS is a big part of my life because without it I don't think I would have as much control over myself or my education. It has changed my whole life. - Xavier Smith

ECHS to me means opportunity. It taught me to be humble because I was lucky enough to have this education. I am forever grateful.  
- Manuel Soares III

Although the degree is a plus, I have found much more through Early College. I have found an amazing support system of staff who genuinely want to see me succeed, and friends who will last a lifetime. The connections that I have made here will help advance me in my career and through life. I am truly grateful to have been given this opportunity. - Savannah Sparks

It was great to feel academically challenged and to feel like I was getting ahead in school. The people were okay and we are one big family. - Ava Spencer

Due to this program, I am receiving as Associates' degree and am very grateful for the teachers and professors who have helped me towards my future success. - Amanda Stewart

This program helped shape me into the well-rounded student that I am today. I have learned many new skills from being in Early College High School. - Debora Tessou

Early College High School has been an amazing opportunity to get college credits and an Associates' degree. The Early College family has made high school a great experience. I'm happy with all of the memories I made and can't wait to continue my education at the University of Akron. - Alanna Thompson

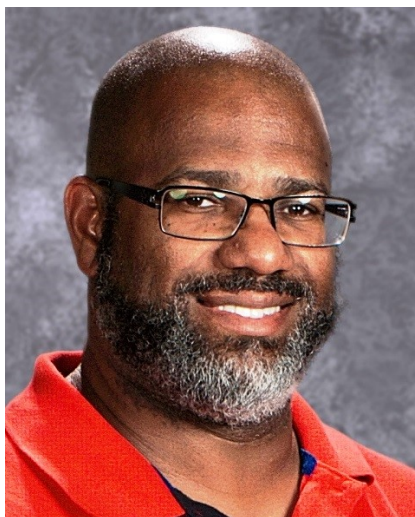
Early College has become not a second home, but a **first** one. Throughout the past four years I went through a rough time at home and I didn't know how to handle it. Miss Talbert, Mrs. Dubinsky, and Mrs. Humphrey stood by me every step of the way. Early College will always be my family and my home away from home.  
- Anika Tootle-Smith

This program has prepared me for my college workload next year. It has taught me to persevere when things get hard. It also showed me that when you're going through things life doesn't stop. The program has provided me with a great support system. - Jaeda Wayt

This program has given me a family. I have never felt so cared about by so many people then I did when my father passed away in November of 2017. Besides giving me such a great support system, this program has given me the chance to get into a great college and to push to my goals. This program has taught me skills to successfully get through college and has given me the discipline to do so. I will forever be a proud TECHS graduate! - Tessa Welch

Timken ECHS has been a long trip. The program is very special to me. TECHS is unlike any other high school in the Stark County area. The smaller class size helps everyone connect on different levels. Bonds are genuine. The academics are challenging, but it pays off with the reward of passing every class.-Enoch Williams

I had a great time at ECHS. I feel like the hardships and challenges have helped me to grow and to become better able to handle situations in my life that are yet to come.-Nelson Zutali



**Korey Stevens**

Korey is a 1988 graduate of Canton McKinley Senior High School. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Grand Canyon University. Korey is currently the Behavioral Interventionist (Student Success Coach) at Canton McKinley Freshman Academy Downtown. Korey is also an assistant basketball and track coach at Canton McKinley. Korey and his wife Valerie have one daughter, Korie, and a special Godson, Coreon, and they are proud members of Dayspring Family Church.



**PARA M. JONES, PH.D.**

President, Stark State College



Para M. Jones, Ph.D. has been President of Stark State College since 2012. She also served as President of Spartanburg Community College in South Carolina. The majority of Dr. Jones's 30-year community college career has been in Northeast Ohio and at Stark State, where she led advancement, marketing, legislative relations, fundraising, grants, student services, admissions, career development and institutional research and planning. She has taught online and on-the-ground business classes at Stark State and in Ashland University's MBA program.

Prior to academe, she worked in corporate marketing and communications for Roadway Express and as a technical editor for Goodyear Aerospace.

Dr. Jones's passion for the community college mission is driven by her belief that students are best served by affordable, quality education that leads to rewarding careers.

Dr. Jones holds a PhD from the University of Nebraska, an MBA with honors from Ashland University, and a bachelor's degree magna cum laude from the University of Mount Union.

Among the many professional and community-based organizations she serves are the Presidents Council of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC), the Executive Board of the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce and several regional boards, including Akron Urban League, ABIA (Austen Bio-Innovation Institute in Akron), Akron Growth Council, Cleveland Clinic/Akron General's Community Advisory Council, ConxusNEO, MAGNET (Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network), Stark Economic Development Board, Stark Education Partnership and Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce. She is an ATHENA award recipient.

She also is a member of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Education Council in Washington, DC and TeamNEO's Business Development Council.

Dr. Jones and her husband Greg live in Canton, where they raised their twin sons, Christopher, who practices law in Cincinnati; and Kyle, who works in investment banking in New York City. They are grandparents of twin girls, Charlotte and Madeline.

# *Stevens Family Foundation*



## **Stevens Family Education Fund at Stark Community Foundation ESTABLISHED 2015**

A family of eight siblings came together to establish a fund in honor of their parents, Eddie L. and Madeline L. Stevens of Waynesburg, to support educational initiatives in the community that the Stevens family feels passionate about. One program in particular is an annual celebration for graduating seniors in the Timken Early College High School Program (TECHS), a program designed to offer Canton City high school students the opportunity to earn an associate degree while completing four years of high school. TECHS provides students valuable college readiness training, preparing them for the next step in their educational career. Spearheaded by daughter Carrilyn E. Long, the fund will eventually be passed down to future generations to perpetuate her parents' legacy.

(Reference: Stark Community Foundation; 400 Market Avenue North; Suite 200; Canton, OH 44702)

Donations accepted by contacting any Stevens family member or the Stark Community Foundation. All checks should be made payable to the Stark Community Foundation.

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