

Class of 2019 Senior Dinner

Monday, May 13, 2019

6:00 PM

McKinley Downtown Campus

Timken Commons

521 Tuscarawas Street West

Canton, OH 44702

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Greetings Korey Stevens

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Introduction of Speaker Brianna Agomessou -Class of 2019 TECHS

Speaker Rep Thomas West

Reflections Loretta Breazeal-Class of 2019 TECHS

Austin Carpenter- Class of 2019 TECHS

Alijah Curtis- Class of 2019 TECHS

Sarah Dubinsky- Class of 2019 TECHS

Presentation of Young
Scholar Honor Cords Lisa A. Gissendaner M.A.Ed.
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Remarks Kenneth L. Brunner, Principal
Timken Early College High School

Presentation of Alumni
Medals and Certificates Kenneth L. Brunner, Principal
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Debbie Humphrey- Guidance Counselor
Timken Early College High School

Ruth Dubinsky- College Readiness
Advisor, Timken Early College High School

Closing Remarks Dr. Para M. Jones
President, Stark State College

Timken Early College High School

Class of 2019

Adams, Dakota	Grant, Madison	Pack, James
Agomessou, Brianna	Gusbar, Rose	Palmer, Jayda
Angerman, Addison	Hartley, Joshua	Pennington, Jesse
Belski, John	Hester, Sage	Petrik, Brayden
Biedenbach, Halie	Howard, Haley	Pugh, Channing
Bliese, David	James, Zachary	Pugh, Cherokee
Breazeal, Loretta	Keeton-Ramos, Gabriella	Ramirez, Alejandra
Brown, Samantha	Keim, Jacob	Schnell, Carleah
Buchanan, Irionah	Ketler, Rachel	Schumacher, Amber
Butler, Brent	Krier, Kevyn	Seawright, Janae
Campbell, Patricia	Lindsey, Travion	Smith, Ariana
Carpenter, Austin	Littleton, Nicholas	Smith, Trinity
Carpenter, Morris	Lloyd, Madeline	Sombaty, Lillian
Coleman, Faith	Lucius, Kyara	Spaulding, Nia
Conley, Jameel	Manalo, Alexxander	Spear, Nakia
Cruz, Evahanna	Mayberry, Jarod	Stokes-Williams, Aleaka
Curtis, Dadisi	McAllister, Domonique	Syrek, Tyler
Dedrick, Jade	McGrath, Hunter-Michael	Taylor, Seirra
Del Rio, Kayla	McPherson, Jordan	Weaver, Lucas
Dillard, Arabella	McQueen, Jordan	Wells, Emily
Diuk, Josie	Mejia-Rodriguez, Diana	West, Telia
Dubinsky, Sarah	Millard, Skylar	Wiggins, Shyla
Eakle, Evyn	Miller, Amelia	Wofford, Zasia
Gardener, Jordan	Msafiri, Elijah	Wyer, Allison
Gardener, Mikayla	Newman, Alnyha	Yoho, Nicole

What Timken Early College Means to Me

Reflections from the Class of 2019

TECHS has brought experiences to me that I probably wouldn't have gotten to come across. The support of the staff is astonishing. TECHS has strained me emotionally and physically for the better. The staff motivated me, and I bettered myself with all of the work throughout high school. TECHS pushed me to become a better student.- Dakota Adams

This program has meant more to me than words can describe. This program has offered me a stepping-stone into my career. I have made many friends and many mentors. Being a part of Early College has been a blessing and a privilege. I want everyone who has helped me along my path to know they mean the world to me.- Brianna Agomessou

TECHS has given me the opportunity to graduate with 67 college credits, which will put me at sophomore status in my future nursing program. TECHS has given me a community and family that I can rely on. TECHS has taught me how to succeed and thrive in a college and professional setting.- Addison Angerman

Early College has been a wonderful opportunity for me to advance my education and prepared me for my college experiences at the Ohio State University. My peers and I have been lucky to have teachers and advisors backing us, who genuinely care about our education and our well-being.-John "Ozzy" Belski

TECHS means a successful college experience. Techs has prepared me to be able to handle school, life and other activities. I think if I had chosen not to do the TECHS program, I would have regretted it. TECHS has meant so much to me.- Halie Biedenbach

This was my first step outside of being home-schooled. Thanks to a fantastic staff and peers, this transition was mostly smooth. It started out pretty rough because I only knew two people. I quickly made friends, many of whom either have or are about to graduate from Early College. The positive environment that the people here generate is amazing and a huge part of our success. Thank you everyone!- David Bliese

Early College has taught me many things. It has taught me to grow up. Most schools don't prepare their students for real life situations. Teachers like Mr. Doenges and Mrs. Lilly have given us tools to apply and use in our life.- Irionah Buchanan

Early College has really helped me prepare myself for the future. I got to ease into college rather than throw myself in. I broke out of my shell, and I'm set to graduate from college in three years with a bachelor's degree in nursing. I have had a great support system from the teachers and students here. This program has helped me so much, and I will forever be thankful for it.- Loretta Breazeal

Timken ECHS has given me the opportunity to gain 60+ college credits and to graduate with an Associate's degree at the age of 18. That is something I never would have been able to afford. I feel more well-rounded as a person intellectually. TECHS challenged me to work my hardest and stay focused and succeed. - Samantha Brown

This program has given me an opportunity to better my future. I have been put on path to a bright future because of this program.
- Brent Butler

What Timken Early College High School meant to me was the friendships I made. Over the course of four years the friends I met, whether it be teachers or fellow students, each one has been special. Without these friends I wouldn't have been able to get through high school.
- Patricia Campbell

Coming into TECHS, I was not secure in myself. I felt there was no way I would last til senior year. However, I no longer feel that way. I was pushed to be better each year, and I grew academically and as a person. I feel like I made the right decision in coming to TECHS. I am so happy and proud of where I am in life, and I know I wouldn't be here without TECHS.- Faith Coleman

Early College has helped me a lot with adapting to a college environment. Also, a lot of events, cool teachers, and a safe environment made the high school experience good for me. I was happy almost every day to come to school.- Jameel Conley

I am honestly so grateful for Early College. Through all of the stress and nights of no sleep, it really paid off. Not only did I get a head start on my college career, I also saved a lot of money. I am blessed to be going to college in August already having earned 51 college credits. Early College may seem like a nightmare because of the workload and just life in general, but in the long run it is truly a blessing.
- Evahanna Cruz

This program has been an excellent opportunity for me to further my education and learn what it takes to be successful in college. It has also allowed me to make excellent friendships and support systems that will last a lifetime. It has also allowed me to go above and beyond my personal goals and my academic goals, - Kayla Del Rio

TECHS has allowed me to get a head start on my education and reduce debt that I will incur. It has given me a more gradual transition into college life that I believe will help me to be successful as I continue my education at Kent State Stark. The courses I have taken have helped me to get more money in scholarships, further decreasing my future financial burden.- Arabella Dillard

I finally believe the saying "high school will be the best and worst four years of your life". Being in this program has challenged me more than any other experience, while also giving me one of the best support groups I've ever known. Almost failing multiple times has pushed me closer to success with every mistake, which I have learned and grown from. That's what TECHS has meant to me.- Josie Diuk

TECHS means a chance to get ahead in life. EC showed me that even though school is hard, with hard work you can achieve anything. Beyond, that, TECHS means family. Whether it be the students or teachers that you may struggled through classes with, TECHS connected us.-Mikayla Gardener

This school has always challenged me and pushed me to be the best, hardworking student I could be. It has never been easy, but the school kept me on my toes. I feel like TECHS was the place that helped me grow the most and my success wouldn't have been as great and wouldn't have been as meaningful. Being able to show off my credits makes me proud of myself, and without TECHS I would not have confidence in my academics. -Rose Gusbar

Early College has been a jumpstart for me. It has helped me financially with college. It has also been a family to me and I have grown close to so many people as a result of choosing TECHS.- Joshua Hartley

TECHS has provided me with the opportunity to challenge myself. It gave me a second family. It has prepared me for college more than any other school would have. The people I have met and the memories that I have made in the past four years is all thanks to TECHS. I am eternally thankful to the staff and students at TECHS.- Sage Hester

TECHS has taught me how to handle a large workload and stress. The classes I've taken have prepared me to take classes at a larger institution with my own money. I feel prepared for life after high school.

-Zachary James

This program has helped to prepare me for college. I have learned so much about the importance of time management in college.

-Rachel Ketler

This program has really meant a lot to me. I've gained so much college experience, built many wonderful relationships, and learned a lot about myself. This was the best way to get me ready for the future and I'm ready!

-Jacob Keim

Timken ECHS has meant a lot to my education and friendships. I have met amazing teachers that have helped me along the way. This will help me keep my costs low for future college debt, and help me live my life more freely. All in all, this school has been a blessing that not all people get, and I thank this school for giving me this blessing.

-Kevyn Krier

I think this school has prepared me for the workload of college. I think it broke my pride and allowed me to ask for help when I needed it. I think Early College made me more ambitious and made me decide to earn dual degrees.

-Travion Lindsey

Timken ECHS means a brighter future. By getting my Associate's degree, this means I got a head start on my education. I am so grateful to say that I had my degree fully paid for to boost my education. I would tell anyone to get into an Early College program if possible because I now realize how lucky we were.

-Nicholas Littleton

Early College to me has meant getting a head start on life as well as invaluable college experience. These four years have been some of the most difficult, but also the most rewarding. I'm glad I chose this path for myself because it has shaped me into the person I am today.

-Madeline Lloyd

TECHS taught me to work for something after having a time in my life when I was not taught to work for anything. Without all of the help that TECHS gave me- from advancement of my education to aid in my personal life, I would not be the hardworking young man that I am today.

-Alexxander Manalo

TECHS has meant opportunity for a brighter future. It has been where I've made my closest friends and I'm grateful for that. -Jarod Mayberry

Timken Early College means a lot to me for many different reasons. It has helped me realize opportunities I never thought I would have. Also, it helped me to look past the negativity that surrounded me when I was younger. It helped me to overcome a comment someone made to me that I "would never make it". One of the major reasons why Timken Early College means a lot to me is because it helped me to see that I can be something and do something with my life. It showed me that I will not be a negative statistic, but a positive one instead.
-Domonique McAllister

TECHS has been a rollercoaster ride. It has been a beautiful and emotional ride, but finally I am getting off! EC is a second home that will never be forgotten. -Jordan McQueen

TECHS is a place that allowed students to grow character. This allowed students to gain knowledge and use the information gained to change their lives. -Jordan McPherson

Timken Early College High School was an experience I wish everyone could have. Although it was stressful, I felt content knowing that I had a group of people by my side experiencing the same thing. The friendships and bonds I made with people are unforgettable. The closeness with teachers and staff that I have is incomparable to anywhere else I could have gone, or will ever go. I am forever grateful. -Diana Mejia

This program means that I will be able to graduate with two Associate degrees. It means that in the near future I will have credits towards my degrees. Early College High School has allowed me to create close friends that I will miss seeing everyday. It has shown me what I am able to manage in academics and in life. When I was a freshman in this program I did not realize how important the people in this school would be to me. -Skylar Millard

Early College has given me many great opportunities, including having the first two years of college under my belt. Many influential teachers have shaped me into the person and student that I am today. I have met many of my closest friends at Early College. I know I have been prepared for college and I have a good support system behind me.
- Amelia Miller

Early College has prepared me for college after high school. If I had not gone to Early College, I would not have known anything about college and I may have taken advantage of having lots of free time on my hands. -James Pack

Early College has been a life-changing experience to me. Over the last four years my high school career has been stressful, fun, overwhelming, sad, and happy. I am grateful for the opportunity this program has given me. I can't wait to take everything I have learned from Early College and put it towards my future. Thank you. -Jayda Palmer

This program has provided me with a great education and close friends. Because of the support from Timken ECHS, my future is now more attainable. I may not have understood the importance of the program early on, but now that I'm a senior I can see the plethora of benefits. This program is allowing me to be 1,000 steps ahead of the average incoming freshman in college. -Jesse Pennington

This program has instilled in me the skills and responsibilities it takes to better myself for the future. I am truly grateful for the friends, teachers, and lessons that have shaped me into a person that I can be proud of. -Channing Pugh

Timken ECHS has provided me with many life skills and opportunities for my future. Because of ECHS I have branched out more and have gotten more involved with my community. I've learned what people are affected by in my community. ECHS has significantly increased by communication and leadership skills. -Cherokee Pugh

What ECHS meant to me was hard work, persistence, and leadership. Going through this process has made me become an even better person because my skills have strengthened. ECHS has given me the tools I needed for success which I am very thankful for. -Alejandra Ramirez

To me, Timken Early College High School means family. Sure it can be hard and stressful at times, but there is always someone there to help you. When you need to talk about something that's hurting you, there is always someone to talk to. If you felt lonely there were always people there to be your friend. We are a family that struggles together, and overcomes many difficult obstacles together. We are a family that will always stick together no matter what. -Gabriella Ramos

Timken ECHS meant that you had to go through a challenge in order to succeed. It also means everything to me because we are like one big family. The staff are so amazing. They make sure everyone is on track and doing well. TECHS also means building bonds with staff and making friendships you'll never forget. I am so proud of myself for attending Early College. It was a challenge, but I always felt at home. Thank you to all the staff for everything because there were times when I wanted to drop out, but they encouraged me and gave me motivation to keep going. -Carleah Schnell

Early College to me, means a chance to prove myself. It is also a family.- Amber Schumacher

This program has helped me get a better understanding of how college is going to be and it also helped me realize how much studying and doing your homework is a very important part of college. -Janaé Seawright

Timken Early College High School has been a challenge for me. Going here is an opportunity and an advantage that requires hard work. -Lillian Sombaty

TECHS meant for me the ability to get ahead in life. It has given me the chance to grow and become a lot more mature. It taught me that for anything that I want, I have to give it my all. -Nia Spaulding

Early College High School has given me confidence to make new relationships with important people. It has given me credibility in order to get high consideration for jobs, colleges, etc. I have gotten a huge step up compared to other people around me and I'm extremely grateful. -Nakia Spear

Early College has taught me to have patience. I was really scared about college but this program helped me make new friends and I have gained a lot of connections with the university and community. -Aleaka Stokes-Williams

Timken ECHS has had a large impact on my life, and to me it means getting a good education, being organized, and being responsible. ECHS has made me who I am, because I had to grow up and I needed to actually work to get where I am today. Also, here at Timken ECHS the teachers care and are willing to help, not only in education, but also with personal situations. -Seirra Taylor

This program has been the most stressful, but most helpful thing I've completed in my life. ECHS trains you to be independent and to approach life head-on.-Lucas Weaver

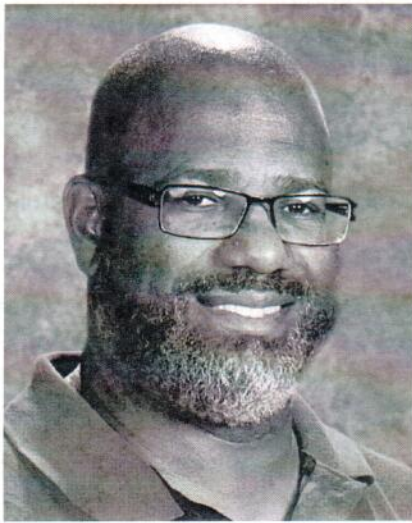
Early College benefited me by allowing me to not be scared of the obstacles in front of me, and taught me to tackle those obstacles, giving it my all, so that I can become the best that I can be. - Telia West

Early College has allowed me to grow from a shy, reserved person to an outgoing and friendly one. I will remember the friends that I made here for the rest of my life, and even for those who I don't speak to everyday, I still feel like we're all a family.-Shyla Wiggins

ECHS has taught me how to be more responsible on my own. In the future, having my college credits will allow me to enter as an Airman First Class (E-3) into the Air Force.- Zasia Wofford

Early College has taught me to keep going even when things got stressful and hard. My teachers were always pushing me to do the best I could. They also helped me prepare for college work. I have made some of the best friends, and we were all able to help one another.-Allison Wyer

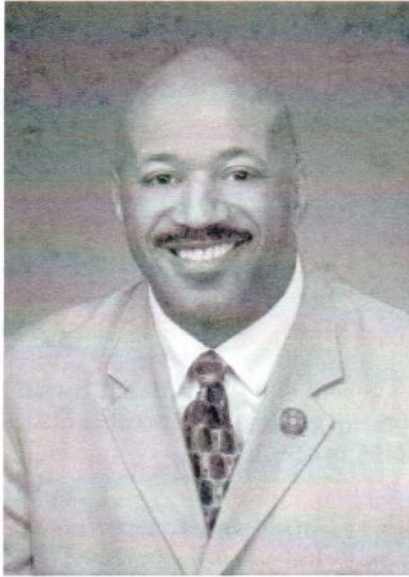
The Early College program has prepared me to be the most successful college student I can be. The program was not always easy, but it showed me my strengths and weaknesses, so I know I can better myself for the future. Early College takes dedication, perseverance, and strength, but there is no other school I would rather have attended.
-Nicole Yoho



Korey D. Stevens

Korey D. Stevens, son of the Late Rev. Fred Stevens Jr. and Donna (Adams) Stevens, is married to Valerie Stevens and they have a daughter Korie Stevens and a son, Coreon. They are active members of Dayspring Family Church. Korey is a graduate of Canton McKinley Senior High School and has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Special Education from Grand Canyon University. He is currently employed by Canton City Schools and works as a Student Success Coach at Canton McKinley Senior High School Freshmen Academy - Downtown Campus.

Because of Korey's enthusiasm for sports, he utilizes his gifts and talents as the Head Boys Freshmen Basketball Coach, assistant for the Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball teams, assistant track throw coach, and head volunteer coach for Baseball for 11 year old boys. In his spare time, Korey can be seen at Ladie K & Family Catering as the head chef serving Bar-b-que ribs and frying fish.



STATE REP. THOMAS WEST

HOUSE DISTRICT 49

Thomas West is the first African American from Stark County to be elected as a state legislator. Having served on Canton City Council for over ten years, West plans to use his public service experience to give a voice to the needs and problems of common, everyday people and local community-based organizations.

West is a small business owner and a licensed social worker, having earned a Bachelors and Masters of Social Work from the University of Akron after earning a degree in Business Administration from Mount Union.

West and his wife have two children and reside in Canton.



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 Team NEO'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.