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EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

at the Downtown Campus of
Stark State College of Technology on the
Timken Campus of the Canton City Schools

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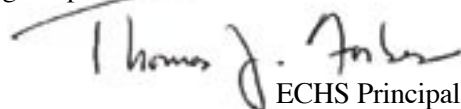


A group of your teachers and professors at work in a planning session for summer classes.

Ready to Roll!

I am deeply humbled and honored to have the opportunity to pilot the Early College High School family on this voyage. We – the faculty, supporters, parents, advocates, and students – stand on the threshold of an extraordinary journey. Our vision is clear: We will strive to graduate 100 percent of our students from both high school and college in four years. The plan is in place, the team is assembled, and we are charging forward with tremendous confidence and inspiration.

We have many people to thank for helping to make this dream a reality. To the KnowledgeWorks Foundation, Stark Education Partnership, the City of Canton, and Motter and Meadows Architects, we are deeply indebted for your financial support and professional guidance. Without the support of our superintendent, Dianne Talarico, our Director of Middle and Secondary Schools, Brenda Neel, and the President of the Canton Professional Educators Association, Sam Dorto, the Early College High School would remain just a vision. Deserving special acknowledgment are the staffs of Souers, Lehman, Crenshaw, and Harford middle schools. Thank you for your unwavering faith and devotion to our students. To our associates at Kent State University-Stark, we appreciate your support and your promise of continued participation. Finally, to our partners at Stark State College of Technology, it is gratifying to work with a college faculty and administration that truly believes in the ability of ECHS students to rise to these high expectations.


ECHS Principal

Coming Together

Early College High School Celebration

Timken Auditorium
May 26, 2005

6:00 Refreshments in Lobby – *Provided by the Stark Education Partnership*

6:30 Pledge of Allegiance – JROTC

Welcome – Thomas Forbes, Principal, Early College High School

Janet Creighton – Mayor, City of Canton

Essence Brown – ECHS student

Dianne Talarico – Superintendent, Canton City Schools

Caleb Andrews – ECHS student

Dr. John O'Donnell – President, Stark State College of Technology

Charles Curkendall – ECHS student

Harold Brown – Vice President of School Improvement, KnowledgeWorks Foundation

Dr. Adrienne O'Neill – President, Stark Education Partnership

7:00 Logistics of the Summer Program – Thomas Forbes & Dr. Peter Kropp

7:15 Tours Begin

Welcome to the “Class of 2009”

Caleb Andrews – Victoria Andrews • **Ja'nese Bailey** – Tracy Henderson • **Joshua Baker-Dave** – Christine Boles • **Jasmine Barrino** – Deborah Login • **Nichole Beatty** – Kelley Taylor • **Rebecca Belding** – Brad Belding • **Samantha Betts** – Melissa Reighard • **Essence Brown** – Shemeka Young • **Marki Brumbaugh** – Angel Brumbaugh • **Michael Bucklew** – Janet R. Coates • **Brittain Burt** – Terrie J. Sheppard • **Bill Busby** – William Busby Sr. • **Kariz Callope** – Caroline Cross • **Mariah Carter** – Angela Carter • **Timothy Claiborne** – Shelia Anthony-Durnes • **Jazmine Compton** – Monique Evans • **Sarah Cox** – Stan and Diana Cox • **Aaron Crim** – Carlin Q. Armstead • **Destiny Cross** – Melissa Cross • **Delbert Croston** – Delbert Croston Sr. • **Charles Curkendall** – Pamela J. Negron • **Samantha Curtice** – Tracy Confalone • **Ryan Curtis** – Tonia Curtis • **Brian Davis** – Christine Davis • **Tiaviana Davis** – Loretta Davis • **Ashlee Davison** – Michelle Davison • **Matthew Duff** – Ronald E. Duff • **Jamaar Easley** – Robert E. Easley Jr. • **Aria Eutsey** – Arbennie Eutsey II • **Megan Gaines** – Lillie M. Gaines • **Searra Gamble** – Lanita Gamble • **Paul Geslak** – Tonya Hinchcliff • **Cierra Gholston** – Tony Townsend • **Kaitlyn Graves** – Jennifer Bryant • **Emmanuel Grimsley** – Stephanie Grimsley • **Samantha Groce** – Jonnette Groce • **Ebonee Hall** – Tanisha Horner • **Savanah Hall** – Marta Scharl • **Megan Hammen** – Cindy Hammen • **Ashley Harris** – Rebecca H. Beck • **Daniel Harvey** – Theresa Harvey • **Nathan Harvey** – Randy and Anita Harvey • **Kurtis Hazzard** – Gena Schank • **Mychale Holliday** – Cindi Crawley • **Paul Hovan** – Kevin and Shawana Hovan • **Robert Hupp** – Robert Lloyd Hupp Sr. • **Brandy Ingram** – Tamara E. Ingram • **Neino Ingram** – Tamara E. Ingram • **Alisa Jacobs** – Stephanie D. Jacobs • **Adrian Johnson**

Dreams of the First ECHS Class

Excerpts from Student Application Essays

...I feel that I would be a good candidate for the new Early College High School. I'm the eldest of ten grandchildren and the eldest child in my immediate family. Attending this school would be encouraging to my cousins and siblings. I'm a highly motivated individual with a positive attitude. I feel that I'm a reliable and encouraging person who will also be encouraged by my peers to succeed in this type of a structured setting....

...If I am chosen as a member of the first graduating class from Early College, I am certain that I will be greatly challenged academically. Mental challenge appeals to me. Being forced to think harder, search for alternate solutions to problems, and brainstorm with other students would push me to excel intellectually. At times, I just feel that there should be more challenges for those of us currently enrolled at school. It seems that we spend too much time reviewing previously learned materials. While I don't believe that I would have an easy time with my studies in Early College, I do believe that I would be prepared for the academic challenge demanded....

I would like to attend the Early College High School for three main reasons. The first reason concerns my environment. I am surrounded by violence. I think that violence is unnecessary because as humans, we should learn how to get along with each other. There is fighting and gang activity in my neighborhood. I am afraid for my life because I am surrounded by death. Growing up, I have seen my friends die by the gun and violence.

Being a student in the Early College High School would help me become smarter and a better person. It would help me to make wiser decisions regarding my future....

and their Advocates!

– Tara Johnson • **Brianna Jones** – Debora Jones • **Greg Kelly** – Rebecca L. Kelly • **Jasmyne King** – Michelle King • **Amanda Kulesa** – Michael Kulesa • **Andrew Lauer** – Mike Lauer • **Cody Law** – Ellen Law • **Caitlin Littleton** – L. Elizabeth Smith • **Kimberly Long** – Bruce W. Adler • **Emanuel Mayle** – Margery Mayle • **Jamie McAllister** – Hope McAllister • **Latoria McClendon** – Teesa M. Smith • **Geoffrey McLendon** – Crystal McLendon • **Kayla McMillen** – Christine McMillen • **Giovanni Milling** – Thomas and Stephanie Walker • **Renee Montgomery** – Steve Montgomery • **Talisa Montgomery** – Theresa Shipp • **Kiondria Motley** – Wilbert L. Hoskins III • **Jesse Newman** – Angela Newman • **Eric Oakerson** – Diana Oakerson • **Jillian O'Harrow** – John O'Harrow • **Jessie Oliver** – Jodi Oliver • **Mitchell Phillmore** – Sandra A. Phillmore • **Brook Pickens** – Jerry Pickens • **Samuel Plastow** – Jack Plastow • **Amber Prete** – Nancy Prete • **Isaiah Pryor** – Kimberly Pryor • **Corey Rue** – Amy Sheegog • **Tyler Sams** – John Sams • **Morgan Sanches** – Myra Watkins • **Kalei Sanders** – Bonnie J. Sanders • **Victoria Shephard** – Jill Shephard • **Earnest Smith** – Larann Smith • **Mercedes Smith** – Rhonda Reeves • **T'relle Smith** – Latasha Ball • **Diana Somers** – Stephanie Somers • **Mitchell Springer** – Janet Springer • **Crystal Stoker** – Susan Stoker • **Aja Stokes** – Patricia Stokes-Givens • **Kieran Suminski** – Doreen Suminski • **Nick Swonger** – Yvette Swonger • **Roger Swonger** – Yvette Swonger • **Terrance Truitt** – Yvette Strader • **Sha'Von Umbles** – Dessere Tyson • **Brooklyn Walker** – Traci L. Ross • **Phillip Walleck** – Vivian M. Wood • **Iris Warren** – Cynthia Hopkins • **Deanna Wilbanks** – Debra Knapp • **Delorean Williams** – Cynthia L. Williams • **Nicole Woody** – Ruth Mathews • **Autumn Wright** – Chris Ferris



Early College High School *Summer Faculty*

My name is Wendy Lichtenwalter. I will teach science at ECHS. I graduated from Hiram College with a B.A. in biology. Not too long ago, I received my M.A. from Ashland University. I earned a reading endorsement in 2005. I have been teaching in Canton for seven years. My three children are grown – one a college graduate and two in college now. I also have two stepsons – one in college and one in high school. My interests include travel, golf, gardening, swimming, fitness, all kinds of puzzles, and environmental protection. After summer school this year, my husband and I are going on a three-week trip out West to see as many national parks as possible. I can't wait to meet all of you!

Hello! My name is Bryan Shephard, and I will be teaching Modern American history, 1890 – Present. I received my B.A. in 1994 from Evangel University located in Springfield, Missouri. Shortly after graduation, I left the Ozarks and gained valuable experience teaching and coaching in a blue-ribbon school in south central Illinois. Then, in 1999, an opportunity presented itself in the form of a pilot program called the Freshman Academy, right here in Canton. I was hired into the district that year and moved my family, a wife and a daughter, back to my hometown to teach Stark County's finest young people. I look forward to sharing this new endeavor with each and every one of you.

My name is Debbie Jacob-Turner and I will teach English in ECHS. I have been with Canton City Schools for my entire career...as a matter of fact, I graduated from Canton City Schools. My undergraduate degree in English Education is from Kent State University, and I have my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, also from Kent State. I continue to "go to school" to enhance my work with my students and colleagues, so I know how challenging it is to stay true to my goals and do my best at home, work, and school! My new husband and I enjoy traveling to see our children who live out of state, going to baseball games, working in the garden, and *trying* to golf!

My name is Kenneth Brunner. I will team teach mathematics at ECHS. After high school, I served in the military for four years in the U.S. and Germany. After the military, I enrolled at Malone College and graduated with a B.A. in mathematics. I also have a Master's degree as a math specialist from Kent State University. I have a lovely wife who stays home to raise our three children, a boy age 10 and two girls ages one and two. My other school responsibility is the college prep Upward Bound program. My hobbies are collecting comic books, math, weight lifting, and working on my website. My primary job is to make sure that you receive a quality education in the language of nature – mathematics.

Wendy Lichtenwalter
Science

Bryan Shephard
Social Studies

Debbie Jacob-Turner
English

Ken Brunner
Mathematics





I am Erica Tingler...teacher of the Master Student course. After earning my BA in English education from Kent State University, I worked... as an editor and writer, as a teacher and coach, and established a professional writing company. During my seven years on the SSCT faculty, I have also been a correspondent for local newspapers and a writer of digital video and web site text. I am a nationally certified kickboxing instructor and have taught kickboxing and medicine ball training for four years. I am married and have three children, ages 12, 5, and 2 and enjoy cooking, practicing my old piano skills, gardening, exploring true wilderness and being silly with my kids. I eagerly await meeting each and every ECHS Master Student!

Erica Tingler
English

I'm Dave Richard, a graduate of the University of Akron. I've been at Stark State since 1983 and am currently an Assistant Professor of Information Technology in the ET/IT division. I was part of the design team that created the Tech Prep Curriculum for Business Information Technology and currently serve on the advisory board at R.G. Drage Career Center. I created the Multisection Computer Applications for Technical Professionals course and am working with Prentice-Hall publishing company to create a custom book for Stark State students. Married to the former Jane Dressler, we have 3 children and reside in Copley.

Dave Richard
Computer Science

Hello! My name is Gerry Todaro and I will be teaching the Master Student class this summer for the ECHS. I received my Associate of Science in Medical Assisting from Stark State College of Technology, my Bachelor of Science from Case-Western Reserve and my Masters of Science in Technical Education from The University of Akron. I am the Medical Assisting Program Coordinator at Stark State College. I am looking forward to learning a lot from the students this summer.

Gerry Todaro
Health Technologies

Hello! My name is Jeremy Kurtz and I'll be teaching Computer Science. I'm a graduate of Capital University and currently act as a professor in the Information Technology Department. I'm an integral part of the Online Learning initiatives at Stark State College and also developed the successful Interactive Media Technology Program. I live in Canal Fulton with my wife and two children

Jeremy Kurtz
Computer Science



Summer College Course Descriptions

Computer Applications for Technology Professionals –

This course describes the components and peripherals of a computer and how they function and communicate as a system. Principle topics covered are the Windows operating system, internet applications, MS-DOS, the Windows networking environment and a variety of software application packages used to solve scientific business and engineering technology problems. ECA122, 3 credit hours

Master Student –

Designed to aid students in gaining skills needed for constructive and efficient learning both in college and other life settings. Topics include time management, study and test-taking techniques, communication and relationship-building skills, library use and a variety of techniques for personal use. ENG226, 3 credit hours



Dr. John O'Donnell

President, Stark State College of Technology

As we come together to celebrate the beginning of Early College High School on the Timken Campus, we can look at this academic venture from a number of perspectives. We acknowledge the support of the KnowledgeWorks Foundation as they turn their insight, analysis, and resources to support what America has always done well: provide educational access and success.

We can also turn to the perspectives of Governor Bob Taft and Chancellor Rod Chu who have reminded us continuously that education and the resulting knowledge and skills of the workforce are the fuel of our economy and who have advocated for dramatically increased participation in higher education for all in Ohio. Our College trustees and community leadership, exemplified by the Stark Education Partnership, have heard the Governor's and Chancellor's charges.

Our faculty and staff also deserve acknowledgement for their realization that access without achievement and mastery is hollow. Their design of this academic program reflects challenge, caring, innovation, and leadership.

Finally, we turn to students, families and advocates who are beginning this academic journey with commitment, belief, and hope in the innate potential of each person to become the fullest citizen, worker, and family member through the enrichment of education. As an educator, I begin this journey with our Early College students with pride and optimism.



Dianne Talarico,

Superintendent, Canton City Schools

What started as a vision has become a reality as we formally welcome our first class of students to the new Early College High School. There are many people who have worked tirelessly, out of the spotlight, to help ensure that this new school would fulfill its promise and potential. That list includes educators, civic leaders, teachers, administrators, parents and the students who have made the courageous and important decision to enroll in this new academic opportunity.

We are grateful for the support and guidance provided by the Stark Education Partnership, the KnowledgeWorks Foundation and our education partners at the Stark State College of Technology. We recognize their contributions in the development of a plan that creates a new approach to education and provides greater opportunities for our young people. And it was all done to fulfill a mission, and to capture a vision. There may be twists and turns along the way, but we are all committed to achieving great results for these students.

Programs like the Early College High School have been designed to equip our students for success. We ask that you support our efforts and commit yourself to this worthy endeavor, for the sake of our children – and the future of our community. Thank you for celebrating with us today.

Community Support

With only eleven percent of its population with a bachelors degree or higher, the creation of an Early College High School in Canton will be a major step in helping to secure the economic future of that community. – **Senator Kirk Schuring**

We have long been in support of a downtown location for Stark State College of Technology and are pleased to see that high school students will have the opportunity to use the Timken Campus facilities as they work to simultaneously graduate from high school and earn an associate degree. – **Ward J. Timken, President, The Timken Foundation of Canton**

This proposal...will evidence the fulfillment of a long term goal of community and business leaders to help change the future of Canton and Stark County by focusing on education, economic development and family development through education.
– **Stephen L. Paquette, President, Stark Development Board**

The creation of an Early College High School in Canton will be a major step in helping to secure the economic future of that community. – **Congressman Ralph Regula**



Early College Summer Calendar

Thu	May 26	ECHS Opening Celebration
Fri	May 27	No School
Mon	May 30	No School
Thu	June 9	Students' last day of Middle School
Fri	June 10	ECHS orientation & textbook distribution (pick up in ECHS lobby 8:00–10:00 am)
Mon	June 13	ECHS 1st day of summer classes
Tue	June 14	Class 8:00-12:30
Wed	June 15	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Thu	June 16	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Fri	June 17	Class 8:00-12:30
Mon	June 20	Class 8:00-12:30
Tue	June 21	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Wed	June 22	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Thu	June 23	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Fri	June 24	Class 8:00-12:30
Mon	June 27	Class 8:00-12:30
Tue	June 28	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Wed	June 29	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Thu	June 30	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Fri	July 1	No School
Mon	July 4	No School
Tue	July 5	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Wed	July 6	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Thu	July 7	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Fri	July 8	Class 8:00-12:30
Mon	July 11	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Tue	July 12	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Wed	July 13	Class 8:00-12:30 plus optional support
Thu	July 14	Exams plus optional support
Fri	July 15	Exams – Last day of summer classes
Tue	Aug. 30	School opens for students

Bus Schedule

It is important that you be at your stop 10 minutes before the scheduled pick up during the first week.

Bus #1 - East

7:10 AM – Fairmount
7:15 AM – Youtz
7:20 AM – Stone
7:25 AM – Gibbs
7:30 AM – Schreiber
7:40 AM – Belden
7:45 AM – Allen
7:50 AM – Compton
7:55 AM – Timken

Bus #2 - West

7:05 AM – McGregor
7:10 AM – Dueber
7:15 AM – Cedar
7:20 AM – Harter
7:30 AM – Mason
7:40 AM – Worley
7:45 AM – Summit
7:50 AM – Clarendon
7:55 AM – Timken

Afternoon buses will leave ECHS at 12:30 PM and return to the elementary buildings in reverse order.

Early College High School Steering Committee

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Free Lunch

Lunch will be served free of charge each day during the summer session!

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