

Looking At The ISSUES

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Stark County Facts from the Higher Education Performance Report

In a previous edition of *Looking at the Issues* (September 29, 2006), we reported on how enrollment among Stark's institutions of higher education has grown nearly 13% over the last two years placing the county in a leadership position in the state. The release of the *Institutional Outcome Measures* portion of the Ohio Board of Regents' 2006 Performance Report for Ohio Colleges and Universities¹ earlier this month gives additional measures pointing to the growing strength of our local colleges and universities.²

- 10% of the enrollment at Stark State College of Technology (SSCT) is comprised of black, non-Hispanic students – the largest percentage and number at any technical college in the state.
- 77% of Aultman Hospital School of Nursing students successfully complete their degree within three years – the highest percentage among any not-for-profit two year institutions in the state. The state average is 50%.
- 94% of Kent State Stark (KSU/Stark) graduates are retained – the highest retention of graduates in Ohio among any university regional campuses (tied with Kent State Tuscarawas).
- 75% of the classrooms at SSCT and Kent State Stark are utilized for evening instruction – the best percentage among any co-located campuses in the state.
- 46% of the students at Walsh University, 40% at Mount Union College, and 43% at Malone College are first generation college students outpacing the state average (38%) for private colleges.
- 26% of Ohio's total technical college enrollment is on the Stark State College campus. 7,140 students make SSCT the largest technical college in the state with enrollment growing 51% between fall of 1998 and fall of 2005.
- 3,681 enrolled students make KSU/Stark the second largest of all the state's 24 university branch campuses.

¹ The full report can be downloaded from: <http://regents.ohio.gov/perfrpt/2006/index.php>

² Please note that the report tracks the 2005-06 academic year and enrollment figures reflect fall 2005. Actual current enrollments are higher. Following footnotes are specific tables in the report.

Looking At The Week



Dr. Joe Rochford represented the Partnership at the 20th Anniversary of The Mayor's Literacy Commission of Canton on Monday, January 29th at the Canton Museum of Art.

Adele Gelb joined with K-12 and higher education administrators at the Stark County Educational Service Center on February 1st to continue work on implementing the dual credit provisions of HB 115.

DEW On Thursday, February 1st, Adele Gelb attended the press conference announcing the launching of D.R.E.A.M. (Developing Resources for Education and Athletics in Massillon) at Washington High School.