

CC Month 2020 Posts



Leslie Richards

LPN to RN

Knox Campus

Leslie earned her LPN 13 years ago and is at COTC to advance her nursing career.

April 1, 2020 - April is #CommunityCollegeMonth.

We're highlighting our AMAZING students and alumni to celebrate! Leslie was working at a hospice facility when the unexpected forced her to resign. She saw it as an opportunity to overcome her fears and enroll at #COTCedu. Leslie decided that she wanted more out of the profession she loves than what being an LPN allows. cotc.edu/nursing

She is also the proud mother of three sons and grandmother of two. She enjoys sewing, quilting and gardening.



K.J. Haynie

Information Technology
Pataskala & Newark Campus

K.J. works as a training manager at A&F. He is at COTC to get into his chosen career field quickly.

April 3, 2020 - To celebrate #CommunityCollegeMonth, we're highlighting the WONDERFUL students who are the reason we do what we do. K.J., like many students, faced financial and transportation obstacles to getting an education, but #COTCedu made it possible for him to overcome them. cotc.edu/IT

He also decided to pursue higher education to be a role model for his siblings. #FridayFace



Tara Timsina

Nursing Technology
Newark Campus

Tara moved here from Nepal in 2009 and began studying engineering. He is now at COTC to pursue a new career.

April 8, 2020 - This #CCMonth we're spotlighting our students and alumni. After moving to the U.S., Tara studied engineering believing it was the career for him. However, he found his true calling during his mother's battle with leukemia. Those who cared for her inspired him to change course.

Tara also works with the refugee population in Columbus helping them to acclimate, learn English and much more. He currently works as a personal care associate at The Ohio State University James Comprehensive Cancer Center.



Megan Connell-Cox

Human Services Program
Newark Campus

Megan graduated last spring. She is currently enrolled as a social work student at The Ohio State University.

April 10, 2020 - This #CCMonth we're celebrating our students & alumni. As a #COTCedu student, Megan, a veteran, spearheaded the creation & dedication of a monument to present & past military members, law enforcement & first responders who suffer or suffered from PTSD.

Megan plans to use her social work education to help other veterans and PTSD sufferers get the care that they need. She also works with the Save a Warrior (SAW) program that is committed to ending the staggering suicide rate plaguing veterans, active-duty military and first responders. cotc.edu/discover

#FridayFace



David Hogle

Business Management Technology
Newark, Knox and Online Campus

David began studying at COTC 35 years ago, but didn't finish because he got a good job. He is back now to complete a degree.

April 15, 2020 - We're celebrating our students and alumni this #CCMonth! David Hogle has returned to the classroom after more than 30 years. When he first studied at #COTCedu, he was in the engineering technology program. During a summer break, he obtained a good-paying job, so he did not feel the need to complete his degree.

Recently, his job went overseas, and he decided it was time to redefine himself with a new career.

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Candace Harris

Health Services Technology
Pataskala & Online Campus

Candace has always wanted to get a degree, but being a single mother made that difficult. She is at COTC for a new career.

April 17, 2020 - To celebrate #CCMonth, we're highlighting our INSPIRING students and alumni. Candace has always dreamed of getting a degree, but she faced many obstacles as a single mother. Now that her children are older, she decided it is the right time to fulfill her dream. Candace chose #COTCedu because of the small class sizes and online course offerings.

She is also pursuing her education to show her children to never give up on their dreams. cotc.edu/healthcare

#FridayFace



Gianna Crano

Diagnostic
Medical
Sonography
Technology
*Newark & Online
Campus*

Gianna previously attended cosmetology school and has been working as a hairstylist. She is now at COTC to redefine herself.

April 22, 2020 - We're celebrating our PHENOMENAL students and alumni this #CCMonth! Gianna is a first-year diagnostic medical sonography student focusing on cardiovascular ultrasound. After completing her cosmetology education and beginning her career as a hairstylist, she was hesitant about returning to college, but Gianna had heard about the program's excellent reputation and decided it was right for her. cotc.edu/dms



Ashley Awwiller

Business
Management
Technology
*Knox & Online
Campus*

Ashley took advice from relatives and chose COTC. She graduated in spring 2019.

April 23, 2020 - #COTCedu is celebrating #CCMonth by highlighting our FANTASTIC alumni and students! Ashley wanted somewhere that enabled her to be close to her family. She was very happy with her instructors who responded quickly and helped in anyway they could. cotc.edu/businessIT



Alan Reeder

Nursing
Technology
Newark Campus

Alan has a degree from Ohio State in agriculture, but always wanted a career that allowed him to help people. He is now at COTC to get a degree that will make that possible.

April 24, 2020 - For #CCMonth we're celebrating our OUTSTANDING students and alumni. Alan realized his calling while caring for his mother who passed away while he was in high school. He currently works at Nationwide Children's NICU at Mount Carmel St. Ann's - Westerville. cotc.edu/nursing



Clair Fink

Digital Media
Design
Technology
Newark Campus

Clair started at a university in Pittsburgh, but realized it wasn't right for her. She is now at COTC to finish her education.

April 25, 2020 - This #CCMonth we're celebrating our DYNAMIC students and alumni! Clair's mom is an alumna of and instructor at #COTCedu. That connection made her feel confident that her decision to leave Pittsburgh and the university she was at was right. cotc.edu/dmd



Deanna Collins

Licensed
Practical
Nurse
*Newark, Pataskala
& Online Campus*

Deanna worked as a phlebotomist for 10 years. After watching a birth, she knew being a labor and delivery nurse is her true calling. She is now at COTC to redefine her career.

April 25, 2020 - #CCMonth at #COTCedu means celebrating our WONDERFUL students and alumni. Deanna was first inspired to work in the healthcare field as a child. Her sister had Type 1 diabetes causing them to spend a lot of time in hospitals. She now works as a labor and delivery unit clerk while she pursues her education to become a nurse. cotc.edu/healthcare

Deanna chose COTC because of her husband's good experience in the Peace Officer Basic Training Academy. They have two children: a 15-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son.



Hayli Brown

Human
Services
Program
*Coshocton &
Online Campus*

Hayli is focusing on social work in COTC's human services program. She plans to use it as a foundation for her bachelor's degree.

April 26, 2020 - #COTCedu is celebrating #CCMonth with student and alumni spotlights. Hayli has a passion for helping. She is pursuing a social work career helping children thrive. An internship at a domestic violence agency proved to her she has chosen the right field. cotc.edu/publicservices



Savannah Barrows

Nursing Technology
Newark, Knox & Online Campus

Savannah started at COTC as a dual-enrollment student in high school. She is back to finish her education and become the nurse her family and friends have always told her she could be.

April 26, 2020 - For #CCMonth, #COTCedu is highlighting our FANTASTIC students and alumni. Savannah works as an STNA but wants to help patients even more as a nurse. After completing courses as a high school student, she knew that returning to COTC was the right choice. cotc.edu/nursing



Amanda Erickson

Health Services Technology
Newark, Knox & Online Campus

Amanda began working on her education to become a sonographer in 2005 at another college. She is now at COTC to get the education she needs to have her dream career.

April 27, 2020 – This #CCMonth we're celebrating our students and alumni. Amanda's pursuit of a career as a diagnostic media sonographer (DMS) was put on hold by life as a single mother, but she has completed prerequisites and is applying for #COTCedu's DMS program. cotc.edu/dms



Bethany Collins

Nursing Technology
Newark Campus

Bethany is pursuing a career in nursing because she loves helping people and making them feel better about themselves. She plans to become a cosmetic nurse.

April 28, 2020 - To celebrate #CCMonth we're highlighting our MAGNIFICENT students and alumni. Bethany plans to graduate next year. She has thrived at #COTCedu achieving the academic success required to join Phi Theta Kappa and be recognized on the autumn 2019 Honors List. cotc.edu/healthcare



Aria Brownlow

Licensed Practical Nurse
Newark & Pataskala Campus

Aria currently works both as an STNA and a student employee at COTC's Pataskala campus. She decided to become a nurse to make a difference in people's lives.

April 29, 2020 - #COTCedu is celebrating #CCMonth by shining the spotlight on our students and alumni. Aria helps as a front desk worker at our Pataskala campus and as an STNA for Comfort Keepers. She enjoys being a helping hand to make a difference in someone's day. cotc.edu/healthcare

Aria was also involved with the Black Heritage Gala this year. Being involved helped her make more campus connections and encounter new perspectives.



Ericson Kwoi

Nursing Technology
Newark, Pataskala & Online Campus

Ericson chose COTC because of its reputation and support services. He plans to graduate next year.

April 30, 2020 - This #CCMonth #COTCedu has been celebrating by highlighting our students and alumni. On this final day of the month, we have a few more. Ericson has been extremely happy with his choice to come to COTC. He was involved in the 2019-2020 student government. cotc.edu/healthcare



Christine Breckler

Business Management Technology
Newark & Online Campus

Christine has worked as a student employee at COTC helping with events and much more. She feels that the experiences have helped prepare her for her career in business.

April 30, 2020 - On this last day of #CCMonth, we continue to celebrate! Christine was educated for and worked in medical billing/claims but came to #COTCedu to redefine her possibilities. As a spring 2020 grad, she is looking forward to starting her new career. cotc.edu/businessIT

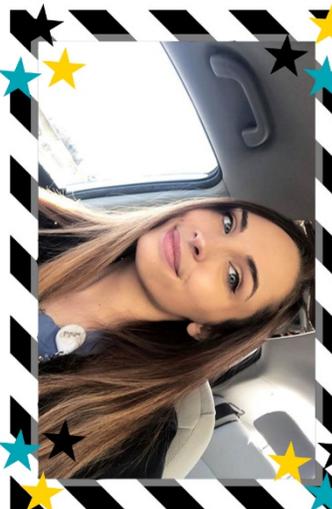


Cheryl Cavallo

**Nursing
Technology**
Newark Campus

Cheryl is a mother of two boys and working full time while earning her degree. She came to COTC to redefine her career and become a nurse.

April 30, 2020 - As #CCMonth comes to a close, we're still celebrating our students. Cheryl, like many others, has been juggling family, work and education to redefine herself. She appreciates the flexibility of #COTCedu. She plans to be a NICU nurse. She currently works as PSA/unit clerk at Nationwide Children's NICU at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Cheryl is a spring 2020 graduate! Congrats to her! cotc.edu/healthcare



Katelynn Corl

**Nursing
Technology**
*Newark & Online
Campus*

Katie will graduate this summer and begin working as a RN in Mount Carmel East's ER after that. She currently works there as a technician.

April 30, 2020 - We close our #CCMonth celebration with one last MARVELOUS student. Katelynn began the #COTCedu nursing program as a new mother juggling family, school and work. She also mentored new nursing students through a program set up at COTC this past year. cotc.edu/nursing