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Ohio's Workforce Leader to Speak to Rhodes State Advisory Committee Members

LIMA, Ohio -- Recently appointed by Governor Kasich, Richard Frederick is the Executive Director of the newly formed Office of Workforce Transformation for the state of Ohio and will address Rhodes State's advisory committees on **Thursday, March 8** at the Lima Knights of Columbus Hall. Over 150 advisory committee members, faculty, staff and city/county officials will be in attendance.

Frederick is charged with establishing a new single cohesive training plan linking high school education to community colleges and four-year universities to the business community. Frederick has more than 15 years of experience in state and federal government which began as a legislative aide in the Ohio House of Representatives. After he joined the Ohio Department of Insurance as a Legislative Liaison, he then served as Chief of Legislative Affairs with the Ohio Department of Commerce in 2004. During his tenure, Frederick was instrumental in the

development of administrative code rules through the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review and developed several policy positions and subsequent legislation for legislators and other interested parties.

Frederick is now responsible for the management of 77 state workforce programs in 13 multi-faceted state agencies and assisting the Governor in aligning these programs with ever changing needs for businesses in Ohio's top industries.



This is a special evening for the College as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary and acknowledges the commitment of the advisory committee members who give their time and talents to the College. Advisory Committees provide specialized knowledge in a specific occupation and are an important link between Rhodes State and the community. Advisory committees promote greater cooperation and connection between the College and community in preparing individuals for employment and in promoting the quality of education Rhodes State provides. Committee members assist department heads in assessing and revising existing programs, making recommendations in planning and developing new programs, and networking with community organizations to provide resources most needed in the academic programs. Currently, the College has 24 committees with over 300 members.

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