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Rhodes State College Hosting Ohio Two-Year College Conference

LIMA, Ohio -- Educational leaders from all across the state will be traveling to Rhodes State College for the 44th Annual Conference of the Ohio Association of Two Year Colleges (OATYC) on **Friday, October 21, 2011**. This year's conference theme is "Active Learning: Having Fun in the Classroom." The conference features approximately 58 presenters from 17 Ohio colleges and universities, including eleven community and technical colleges as well as six university branch campuses (including Ohio University, Kent State University, Miami University, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Akron, and Bowling Green State University). In all, Rhodes will host more than 40 sessions during the one-day conference.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. in Reed Hall with opening remarks by keynote speaker, Bridget Lambright, who was recognized last March as one of ten national inaugural award winners of the Kennedy Center/ Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Award. Lambright is an English teacher at the Cleveland School of Science & Medicine on the John Hay Campus.



At the conference luncheon, which begins at 1 p.m. in the Reed Hall cafeteria, the Board of Directors of the OATYC will recognize 32 faculty nominees from Ohio community colleges for outstanding teaching. Furthermore, the Board will announce the Ohio two-year college teacher of the year. Rhodes swept both OATYC teaching awards in 2009 and will be sending two more nominees for recognition and consideration for this year's award--Angela Heaton, Chair, Physical Therapy Assisting Program, for the full-time teaching award and Christine Joseph, adjunct instructor of Nursing for the part-time teaching award. Special conference luncheon guests include Richard Frederick, Assistant Policy

Director for Workforce Development in the Office of the Governor, as well as faculty and staff from community colleges all over the state.

For more conference information, please visit the conference web page at www.oatyc.org and/or call conference co-chairs Tish Hatfield (419) 995-8366 or John Fallon at (419) 995-8292.

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