



BTC Welcomes Trustees Scholarship Recipients

The Belmont Technical College (BTC) Board of Trustees, along with Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut, honored more than 300 high school graduates from Belmont, Monroe and Harrison counties with the College's Trustees Scholarship during the Fourth Annual Trustees Scholarship Recognition Banquet held on August 24th in Horizon Hall on the Main Campus of BTC. In making the awards, BTC has committed over \$450,000 to support the future educational needs of Ohio Valley residents.

"Over the past 20 years, thousands of BTC students have benefited from the more than \$6 million awarded through the Trustees Scholarship," said BTC President, Dr. Joseph E. Bukowski. "We are very pleased to offer this much-needed assistance to help local students continue their education and build a brighter future for themselves, their families and ultimately, the entire community."

Students and family members attended the banquet, where BTC faculty, members of the board of trustees and Chancellor Fingerhut honored the students' achievements and provided an overview of the opportunities available at BTC. In addition to dinner and the scholarship award presentations, a faculty panel shared their insights and advice for students on college success. Breakout groups allowed students to meet and network with classmates pursuing the same major course of study and a parent orientation prepared family members for what they can expect as their child transitions from high school to the BTC campus and the college experience.

"The Trustees award is a generous gift from BTC to the local community and a valuable opportunity for high school graduates to continue their lifelong journey of education," Chancellor Fingerhut said. "The foundation these students gain at BTC will help them get a good job in today's competitive, knowledge-based economy or build on their Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree to pursue a bachelor's degree at any university in the state of Ohio."

The Trustees Scholarship offers a full-tuition award to cover the cost of up to nine academic quarters after other forms of financial aid have been applied. The scholarship awards save students between \$2,000 and \$7,000 over the course of their studies, depending on which program of study they choose. BTC established the Trustees Scholarship in 1988 in order to make higher education more accessible and affordable for students in Belmont, Harrison and Monroe counties.

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