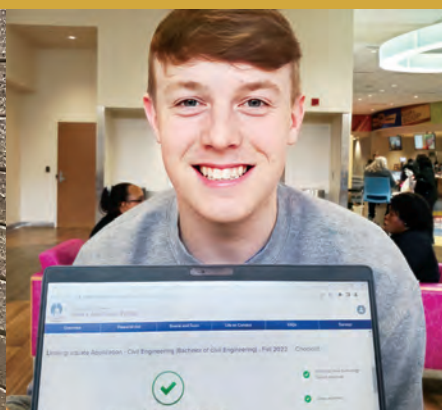




2022 ANNUAL REPORT



MONTGOMERY COUNTY*OHIO
COLLEGE PROMISE



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Patrick W. Gill, Ph.D.,
Executive Director,
Montgomery County Ohio
College Promise

Dear Friends,

Montgomery County Ohio College Promise recently took next steps to secure the future of the program. In 2021, we launched the Extend the Promise Campaign, which was an effort to raise \$2.75 million by the end of 2022. This goal was established to ensure that 20 cohorts of students would receive the life changing opportunity to take part in the College Promise program.

I am happy to announce that we have met and exceeded our goal in a year and a half! By raising \$2.78 million, we have secured enough funds to impact the lives of 1,000 students over twenty years.

Since its establishment in 2010, College Promise has been a community effort. When the original \$6.4 million was raised, 136 individuals and organizations contributed to our mission. Following our recent campaign, that number has increased to 234, meaning we have seen over a seventy percent increase in the number of people giving to date.

The successful campaign would not have been possible without the Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Board of Trustees, and in particular the Fundraising and Marketing Committee, led by Kathleen Carlson. In addition, we are very grateful to our lead donor, The Connor Group, and to The Dayton Foundation, which contributed significantly and continues to serve as our fiscal agent.

There are so many individuals and organizations who deserve our thanks. We have highlighted our Extend the Promise Campaign donors in the back of this annual report, and we have shared our deep gratitude with them personally.

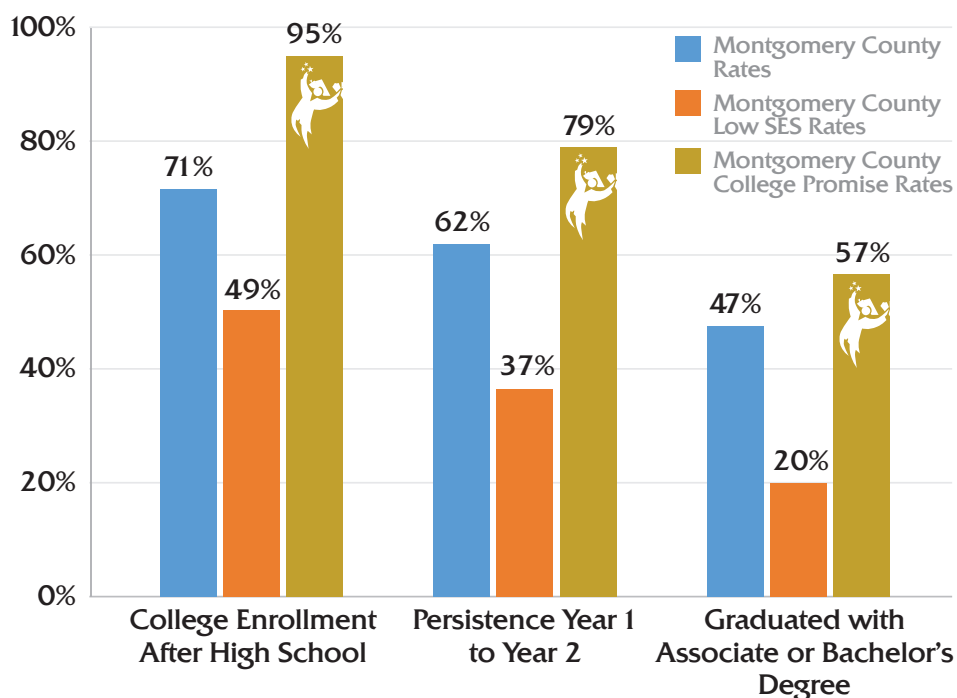
This year was also noteworthy because it was a return to normal, as we were able to hold our Celebrating Success dinner for the 11th Cohort. Our in-person student-mentor meetings also resumed. During our quarterly Mentor Roundtables, we received feedback from mentors about the overwhelmingly positive impact of being back in person.

As we reflect upon 2022, we are grateful to have offered this life-changing opportunity to 550 students in Montgomery County. We look forward to continuing this important work in the years to come.

– Patrick W. Gill, Ph.D.

COLLEGE SUCCESS RATES

We know this model works. The first two cohorts have had enough time to complete a degree, and our success rates are substantially higher than rates for students from low-socioeconomic (Low SES) backgrounds and even students across the county as a whole.



COLLEGE PROMISE BY THE NUMBERS

**COLLEGE
PROMISE
GENERATES
\$137,200 IN
COLLEGE
AND UNIVER-
SITY AID PER
STUDENT,
INCLUDING
STATE AND
FEDERAL AID.**

Individuals earning a bachelor's degree earn

\$1.28

million over their lifetime, more than double that of someone with a high school diploma.



\$9,200,000

has been raised to date.

IT COSTS \$20,000 TO SPONSOR A COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLAR.



100%

of students receive a volunteer adult mentor.

100%

of mentors are background checked and trained.

College Promise Scholars are over

2.5

times more likely to graduate from college than their high school counterparts.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS: MEET SHELBY TURNER AND SUE GARRETSON



By 2022, Montgomery County Ohio College Promise had commemorated its 12th year and celebrated numerous successes within that time. During that same year, Shelby Turner completed one of the biggest achievements the program has seen to date.

Shelby was selected as part of the first cohort of College Promise Scholars, where she attended Vandalia-Butler High School. The practice of mentors supporting freshmen in high school was new for the district and for the county as a whole. Reflecting back, Shelby recognized that starting the program at such a young age helped her to keep her priorities straight.

Sue Garretson served as Shelby's mentor for all four years of high school. Shelby said that meeting with Sue gave her somebody to talk to when she was stressed about school. Sue shared, "I was so fortunate to be assigned to Shelby. She was a great student with much enthusiasm for school and extracurricular activities." Shelby was very involved, taking part in Color Guard, Choir, Latin Club, Dayton Junior Council on World Affairs, and National Honor Society.

Shelby attended Miami University directly from high school and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2019. She then attended the University of Toledo to earn a Masters of Arts in School Psychology in 2020. She went on to earn her Education

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Specialist in School Psychology in 2022, which is post-graduate program designed to prepare educators for impactful leadership positions at the school district level.

Shelby currently serves as a School Psychologist at Northmont City Schools. She actually discovered her profession during an icebreaker in an upper-level psychology class. After talking with peers, she was surprised by how many people had once benefited from school psychologists and other special education staff.

Having now become a school psychologist, Shelby has been able to reflect upon her impact: "The most rewarding thing about my work is being able to see the difference that my role makes in the educational success of students." Beyond Shelby's academic accomplishments, Sue cited her strong interpersonal skills as a major asset in her profession.

Even though Shelby graduated in 2015, she and Sue still have a strong relationship. Sue said, "Seeing Shelby transform from a wide-eyed freshman searching for her direction into a confident, career-focused young professional has been a real joy. While I was there to listen and to help break down some bureaucratic barriers, I am in awe of her persistence and perseverance and give her and her supportive mother and family all of the credit for her success."

Overall, Shelby believes the College Promise program helped her to do her best in high school and in college. She displays a dedication to education and to her development that have allowed her to thrive personally and professionally. After persisting through seven years of higher education, she now serves in a respected position in the district and will be transforming lives for years to come.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MICHELLE HWANG

Michelle Hwang is a 2018 graduate of West Carrollton High School. Michelle graduated in 2022 from the University of Dayton through the Flyer Promise Program with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Marketing and Management Information Systems with a concentration in Digital Marketing.

Throughout her collegiate career, Michelle had many great opportunities, including working as a Flyer Promise Scholars Student Advisor, a Marketing and Promotions Intern with the Casper Horseheads Baseball Club, and an ESPN+ Crew Member for University of Dayton Athletics. She said, "My favorite part about college has been my network. The connections I've been able to make have really made my college experience what it is – from working March Madness to participating in College GameDay."

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Reflecting upon her time with her mentor Jessica Farra, Michelle said, "College Promise helped me by not only decreasing the barriers to higher education but also by providing me with an amazing mentor and support system." She is grateful for her ability to take part in the Flyer Promise Program and ultimately graduate from college at little cost.

Michelle is furthering her education by earning an MBA with a Marketing concentration at the University of Dayton.

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COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

College or University	2022 Graduates Attending
Miami University	9
Sinclair Community College	8
Wright State University	5
University of Dayton	4
Ohio University	3
Ohio Northern University	2
Kettering College	1
Miami University Regionals	1
Wittenberg University	1
Out of Network	9

93% of our eighth cohort students attended college.
79% attended in-network.

College Promise works with all

16

Montgomery County public high schools and select private and charter schools for a total of

25

school partners within the county.

CURRENT SCHOOL PARTNERS

Archbishop Alter High School
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East Dayton Christian School
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