

# Give to next



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## 3,700+ Enrolled Fall Semester

For the third year in a row Marion Tech experienced record-breaking enrollment numbers each spring and fall semester. Serving more students than ever before in our history is truly a point of pride. It's also evidence that your continued generosity truly makes a difference in making education accessible and obtainable for more and more students each year.

**Marion**  
Technical College

ANNUAL GIVING  
YEAR IN REVIEW

**2025**





**SAVE THE DATE:  
MAY 21, 2026**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*Dear Friends of Marion Tech,*

*In 2025 our donors and volunteers again demonstrated just how committed and generous they are to the needs of our students and the mission of our local community college. An example of that support occurred at our 4th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser which experienced a record number of participants, sponsors and gifts. The event raised \$43,000 and helped establish eight new scholarship funds. A number of those scholarships were named in memory of loved ones.*

*As a community member, there are many different ways to make a significant impact in the success of our students. This year's Annual Giving Campaign kicked off in early November with pledges received from Marion Tech's faculty, staff and board members. We now extend the invitation to our many alumni, community partners and friends to help MTC students 'Get to Next!' Please reach out to me to learn more about meaningful giving opportunities.*

*MTC very much appreciates your kind gifts,*

*Mike Stuckey,  
Director of MTC Foundation*

## 2025 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Five outstanding alumni have been inducted into this year's Alumni Hall of Fame:

- **Dr. Debra Jackson-Elwer**, Assistant Dean of Faculty/ Course Lead Adult Gerontology Team at Chamberlain University, Class of 1987/1990/2007
- **Leland Kemerley**, Accountant at Marathon Petroleum LP, Class of 1986
- **Ana Malone**, Owner at Busy B Cleaning, Class of 2013
- **Tarina (Wymer) Rose**, Owner at Tarina Rose Consulting, Class of 1994
- **Bernadette Wise**, Office Manager at Vitullo Landscaping LLC, Class of 2015

Marion Technical College is an equal opportunity educational institution and employer.

## OUR TOP STORIES OF 2025



### MTC Purchases Downtown Building

Marion Technical College marked a major milestone on July 17, 2025 with the official opening of a newly acquired facility in downtown Marion that will serve as a hub for workforce development, entrepreneurship, and advanced education. Before the purchase, Marion Tech had rented space in this facility since 2020.

The facility, located in the heart of downtown Marion at 107 N. Main Street, will house a variety of forward-thinking spaces, including:

- Additive manufacturing labs for workforce training and prototyping by students, small businesses, and entrepreneurs
- Flexible academic classrooms designed to support learners of all ages
- Updated training space for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy
- Modern office areas are intended to foster entrepreneurial collaboration and community partnerships

"This building is more than brick and mortar—it's a promise," McCall said. "A promise that Marion Technical College will continue to grow, adapt, and lead. A promise that downtown Marion will thrive as a hub of innovation and opportunity."

The acquisition of the facility was made possible through the support of the federal government and local entrepreneur Lois Fisher.



### RN Nursing Alumni Legacy Scholarship

When the Marion Technical College nursing class of 2024 graduated in December, they did more than just celebrate. They created a \$500

scholarship to help a future second year student in the Registered Nurse program with financial need make it to graduation.

“We are really excited about this. Half of us are older than 27 and many of us have kids. We know what it means to go back to school—how hard it is to finance school and take time off work. Some of our classmates worked night shift then came to class. We want to make it easier for someone else in that situation,” said Michelle Little, the nursing class president. “Nursing school changed our lives. If we can give that opportunity to someone else, we want to do it.”

With this scholarship in mind, the class worked together on a variety of fundraisers for the pinning ceremony.

“We fundraised really hard to get enough to make the donation,” Little said. “We wanted to pay it forward. The best part is the current graduating class has continued with this tradition and donated to the scholarship fund as well.”

“The scholarship was a class effort. We were very tight-knit group. We are so proud of each other. Nursing school is very demanding and all our classmates worked exceptionally hard,” Little said.



## The Rick Lyon Scholarship

After a lifetime of hard work, a couple from Caledonia is investing in local college students in need. Rick and Terry Lyon created a new scholarship fund at Marion Technical College. As a child and teen growing up in Marion, Rick loved tinkering with technology.

“As a kid, I was always into electronics. I once dragged a broken TV home in my little red wagon to try to fix it,” Rick recalls.

Rick had no plans of going to college, but when he found out that Marion Tech had an electrical engineering program, he reconsidered. That decision changed Rick’s life. He graduated from Marion Tech in 1981 with an associate’s degree in electrical engineering. Rick started working at Fairfield Engineering and then went to the local phone company, formerly GTE, where several of the faculty members also worked. He used GTE’s tuition assistance to continue his education.

Rick earned his bachelor’s degree from Franklin University and eventually a master’s in business administration from Ashland University. He also went from an entry-level engineering associate to Director of Engineering and Construction in Ohio for Frontier by the time he retired.

“I was always in engineering,” Rick recalls. “There are very few people who made it from an associate to a director and never left their hometown. I was very fortunate.”

Rick also met his wife, Terry, who grew up on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania. In Marion, Terry spent decades working for the post office. After retiring, Rick continued using his skills as a part-owner of Marion Brewing Company.

“Marion invested in Rick Lyon and now he’s investing in other students,” said Mike Stuckey, director of the Marion Technical College Foundation. “Our growing student body depends on people like Rick and Terry who want to help give them a hand up.”

## Breaking Barriers with Two New Initiatives: MCF Promise Program and United Way Community Impact Grant

The COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately impacted the educational pathways of Marion County’s 2020-2023 high school graduates as compared to high school graduates before and after these years. The new Marion Community Foundation Promise Program initiative directly addresses the urgent need to re-engage these young adults in higher education, providing them with a tuition-free pathway at MTC. Eligible students will begin courses tuition-free this spring at Marion Tech. This last-dollar scholarship program is intended to cover tuition if other federal and state programs do not cover the entire cost of tuition for Spring 2026 classes.

The United Way has also pledged support for MTC students through a grant that supports removing transportation barriers for our students. Marion Technical College has made it a priority to remove non-academic barriers for our students. This grant adds additional funding to the MTC Student Emergency Fund, which allows us to disperse additional assistance to our students outside of other aid, for which they may be eligible but does not address these issues.



## NSF Grant to Boost Cybersecurity Training

Marion Technical College is proud to announce an ambitious initiative to expand cybersecurity education and train more workers in response to the pressing need for cybersecurity expertise in today’s digital landscape. This new National Science Foundation grant will help bridge the skills gap and establish a skilled cybersecurity workforce to meet local, regional, and nationwide demands.

This initiative aims to increase program enrollment among underrepresented students in cybersecurity, including rural students, economically disadvantaged individuals, and women by 25%.

## Investiture of Dr. Ryan McCall

A surprise recognition of Dr. McCall’s investiture as Marion Technical College’s fourth president was held in conjunction with the 2025 Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Dr. McCall was presented with a presidential medallion featuring the official college seal on the front and a custom engraving on the back recognizing his commencement as president on December 15, 2015. The design also featured four inset sapphire stones representing his service as the college’s fourth president.



## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

- The **Alluvial Scholarship** was created to help business students who demonstrate financial need and are in good academic standing; January.
- **Carlyn Bower, Mental Health Case Manager** for the Marion Campus, was hired. This position is generously supported by the Crawford-Marion ADAMH Board; February.
- The **Dale & B. Joann Smith Culver Scholarship** was created to help business students who have completed at least one year of college, reside in Wyandot or Marion County with demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing; March.
- The **Tammi & Rob Cowell Scholarship** was established to help 2nd year business or information technology students who graduated from Harding High School with demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing; May.
- **Marion Tech awards 603 degrees and certificates to 452 graduates** during the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Commencement held at the Marion Palace Theatre. A record 46 high school students earned associate degrees

at no cost through the College Credit Plus (CCP) program; May.

- The **2025 Golf Outing presented by Fahey Bank** was held at Kings Mill Golf Club and raised \$43,000 for student scholarships; May.
- The **Dr. Hiram & Angela Bazzoli Scholarship** was established to assist healthcare students with demonstrated financial need and is in good academic standing; September.
- The annual **Marion Tech Big Tent Event** was held on the Marion Campus. The Marion Public Library, MARCA Industries, United Way, Marion Wildlife Association and other local non-profits joined us as special guests. Pillar Credit Union sponsored the MTC Esports Experience. Several MTC student groups and academic programs provided interactive demonstrations and activities; September.
- Three donors supported **The Forge Business Classes and Competition: Alluvial Private Wealth, Steve and Brenda Johnston, and Gary Ferriman**, president of Showplace Rent-to-Own. The Forge program supports local entrepreneurs and small businesses by providing startup money to business

plan competition winners; October.

- The annual **Retirees & Friends Brunch** was held in the Guthery Room of Maynard Hall on the Marion Campus; October.
- The **Blossom Solar Scholarship** was established to assist engineering students with a preference for students pursuing the alternative energy option with demonstrated financial need and in good academic standing; October.
- The **Merle & Peg Hamilton Veterans Scholarship** was established to help veterans or active duty students who have demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing; November.
- Our annual **Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** was held in the Health Technologies Center (HTC) building on the Marion Campus. Five new alumni were inducted. The event was held in conjunction with the Investiture of Dr. Ryan McCall and a celebration of his 10th anniversary of his presidency; November.
- The College filled and provided **98 Thanksgiving Feast Boxes** to families experiencing food insecurity for the holiday; November.

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**New rules will apply for charitable giving in 2026.** Those individuals who take the standard deduction can now claim a separate deduction for cash donations, up to \$1,000 for single filers and \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly. Keep this in mind when making your annual gift to Marion Tech!

### THE MTC FOUNDATION MISSION

**STATEMENT:** The Marion Technical College Foundation, Inc. will support the College and its students primarily by raising funds, cultivating alumni relations, and engaging the community.

**VISION STATEMENT:** The vision of the Marion Technical College Foundation, Inc. is to provide the resources needed for an enriched and personal educational experience for our community at the College.

**GOALS:** 1. Expand community awareness of Marion Technical College. 2. Cultivate funds to provide financial assistance for students pursuing an education at Marion Technical College. 3. Supplement funds from college and government support to provide facilities and equipment to enhance students' education experience. 4. Engage and leverage alumni for community and donor support.