

56th Commencement - Order of Events

Processional*	Terra Brass Choir “Pomp and Circumstance” (Elgar)
Commencement Opening	Professor Sharla Shine <i>Faculty Marshal</i>
Presentation of the Colors	Terra State Color Guard
National Anthem**	Isaac Wonderly, Student and Terra Brass Choir
Greetings and Introductions	Dr. Ronald M. Schumacher <i>President</i>
Honors	Dr. Doug Mead <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Introduction of Student Speaker	Mr. Tim Shaal <i>Dean of Student Success</i>
Student Address	Mr. Benjamin Weber
Presentation of Special Graduate Awards	Mr. Tim Shaal
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Mr. Mircea Handru <i>Chairperson of the Terra State Board of Trustees</i>
Commencement Address	Mr. Nicholas Cray <i>President and CEO of Fremont Federal Credit Union</i>
Conferring of Degrees and Certificates	Dr. Ronald M. Schumacher and Dr. Doug Mead
Presentation of Diplomas	Dr. Ronald M. Schumacher, Dr. Doug Mead Dr. José Hernandez, Mr. Brian Hall, Ms. Jessica McCarthy, Mr. Tim Shaal
Alumni Welcome	Ms. Jennifer Fehnrich <i>Vice President for Institutional Advancement</i> and <i>Executive Director of Terra College Foundation</i>
Alma Mater	Isaac Wonderly, Student and Terra Brass Choir
Commencement Closing	Asst. Professor Jim Webber <i>Faculty Marshal</i>

* Audience remains seated (to view the graduates)

** Audience stands

Please do not approach the stage while diplomas are being presented.

Program Notes

Photography

The College has obtained the services of a professional photographer to take each graduate candidate's picture as the candidate receives a diploma, and a link for the high-resolution files suitable for quality printing will be provided to graduates.

Please do not approach the stage while diplomas are being presented. Several Terra State photo backdrops will be available for family photos after the ceremony.

Videography

The commencement ceremony is being recorded by the Terra Video Club. It is also being streamed live; check Terra State social media pages.

Macebearer

Amy Drongowski, Professor of Business Management

Faculty and Student Marshals

The Marshals direct the graduate candidates through the commencement exercise. They also open and close the ceremony.

Faculty Marshals

Sharla Shine, Professor of Communications

Jim Webber, Assistant Professor of Robotics and Mechatronics

Student Marshals

Bri Brown

Janelle Sica

Sign Language Interpretive Service

Provided by Resolute Interpreting; Aimee and Rebecca

Academic Distinctions

- Summa cum laude – with highest honor – one blue and one gold honor cord
(3.90-4.00 cumulative grade point average)
- Magna cum laude— with great honor - one gold honor cord
(3.75-3.89 cumulative grade point average)
- Cum laude—with honor - one blue honor cord
(3.50-3.74 cumulative grade point average)
- PTK stoles are worn by graduating Phi Theta Kappa members.
- Nursing graduates are distinguished by the apricot tassels on their caps.
- Graduates and officiants who are Veterans will be wearing a red, white and blue honor cord.
- All graduates with academic distinction are wearing honor cords.

*** Summa cum laude

** Magna cum laude

* Cum laude

+ Multiple Degrees

~ Phi Theta Kappa member

◇ Veteran

Associate of Applied Business

Accounting

Kevin E Gaskin
Linda M Hatter

Peyton Jerald Heschel
Leah Brittany McClain

Agribusiness Management

Kaitlynn Christine Kieffer
Hannah Marie Lang

Heidi M Rubel

Business Management

Mysean L Allen
Kirsten Amelia Beal *~
Beau David Buchanan
Kristopher C Cantrell
Marc A Coffman ***~
Evan Wyatt Cox
Brooklyn Joy Davis
Danika Anne Denman ***
Malory Eve Garcia
Tasha M. Gonzalez
Samantha R Haymans
Shayle S Heishman
Tyler Charles Henderson

Racheal Amanda Kirk *
Andrea M Knight ◇
Tyi McCarley
Maegen Marie Charlene Meade *~
Cordilia Fay Meece *
Matthew Willard Paeth *
Jessica J Ritter *
Haylee Jo Saam *
Jorge Luis Santana
Hannah Lee Sparks **
Angelena Marie Wise +
Itai Geordae Yancey

Hospitality Management

Michael J Babione
Jenna Nicole Bonnell

Mikayla M Hanely
Dara-Grace Harrison

Marketing

Elizabeth Julia Berg
Brock Thomas Hanney ◇

Grace Marie Harmon **

Associate of Applied Science

Computer Information Systems

Kane Tova Blachuta **+
Gavin William Brugnone +
Jacob Thomas Collier +
Robert John Cooley +~
Dominick Zachery Dodson ***+~
Bobby Ray Durst +
Seth I Florance +
Jesse Javier Flores +
Armando Manuel Gallegos Jr
William Jonathan Giezie

Gage Thomas Hackenburg **~
Mason McClain Johnson *
Christopher William Munneke
Nicholas Eugene Nissen *
Aurora Sage-Lynn Plickert ***+
Christian Daniel Slater *+
Owen Gage Smith
Miguel Villasenor Espinosa *+
Gauge Yonikus *+◇
Israel Ysasi Jr.

Criminal Justice

McKenzi Rayne Bauer
Collin D Carr *◇
Matthew Bruce Childers **◇
Mary Allison Chokevys ***
Anthony Martin Smith

Keith Matthew Straub ***
Kent M Weaver
Bryler Allyn Wedge ***
Wyatt Jeffrey Young

Electricity - Power and Controls

Dustin James Ahdokobo *◇
Joel Matthew Burris **
Elye J Byington
Izaías de Lima
James Michael Elder
Ashley Rochelle Fletcher ***
Keaton A.L. Hill
Trent Edward Mathias *
Andrew Thomas Mears **
Hudson Chase Miller

Andrew David Morelock ***
Kyle J. Morrow ***◇
Kadin John Notestine +
Zackary Michael Paulus *
Cameron Reagan Smith **
Clinton Hayes Snyder
Jose Manuel Valles
Malea Rae White **
Collin Edward Yoakam
Aaron C Zaleski ***~◇

Health Care Administration

Kaitlyn Michelle Burroughs +

Brittany Kay Miller **

Health Information Technology

Kaitlyn Michelle Burroughs +
Jordan Nichole Childress
Lani L Contreras ***
Brandon Allen Hendricks

Rhonda R. Redman
Alexis Kennedy Roth **
Lindsay Marie Stephens ***
Andrea Jean Wagers

Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration

Hayden J Carter
Jason Daniel Massie ***
Alejandro F Melchor

Marco Anthony Sanchez
Delaney Rae Seem

Integrated Manufacturing

Lance S Emrich **

Evan Carl Gilchrist

Interactive Media

Brianna Ione Benavidez
Kyle Joseph DeChant *
Marissa Carey Durbin
Alex Fairbanks
Kennedy D Gerhardstein
Reagan R. Geyer ***~
Elijah Bhin Hays ***~

Aiden Huber **
Erin Louise Linehan **~
Ahmyre Maleah McCree *~
Steven Alexander Richardson
Jacob Lee Sperry **
Benjamin Thomas Weber ***~
Jessica Marie Weilnau

Manufacturing Technology

Alex Joseph Daniel **
Adrian Alberto Garcia *
Matthew David Hutton *

Patrick Oberon Kaip
Ryan Joseph Taylor

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Jenny L. Alliman **
Austin James Dress **
Ella Mackenzie Durbin

Gavin Michael Gostnell *
Michael Allen Wadsworth

Medical Assisting

Jennifer Brito

Kara Nicole Davidson

Music Technology and Recording

Christopher Earmon Hale Sr.

Blake Michael Holmer

Nursing

Schuyler Michaels Battelline
Jada Lynn Breidenbach *+~
Madison Elizabeth Eastby
Benjamin Furney
Jordan Wray Haver
John Michael Irvine

Gage Eugene Legron
Samantha May Magers *
Kendra Brooke McDole
Samantha Jane Michael **~
Kelsey Kay Weickert
Madelyn Josephine Wise *

Physical Therapist Assistant

Melana Appeman
Autumn M Laibe *
Madison Jade Nesselhauf

Jocelyn Kay Royster
Kenadie Ann Sherman *~
Mariah Beverly Weichel **

Power Technologies

Brandon Nicholas Bingham *
Riley Charles Chesson-Brossia

Cora Marie Llanas *
Joshua Dallis Myers *

Systems and Networking Support

Austin Joseph Bell ***~
Kane Tova Blachuta **+
Gavin William Brugnone +
Jacob Thomas Collier +
Robert John Cooley +~
Dominick Zachery Dodson ***+~
Bobby Ray Durst +
Seth I Florance +
Jesse Javier Flores +

Myah Renee Goodman
Austin James Halbisen
Aurora Sage-Lynn Plickert ***+
Christian Daniel Slater *+
Drayton Daniel Trumbull
Miguel Villasenor Espinosa *+
Jordan M. Will
Gaige Yonikus *+◇

Welding

Topang M Farlow **~

Kirsten Stallard *

Associate of Arts

Coy Bennett Belcher **
Farrah L Blankenship
Marissa Rose Dunn +
Brianna Marlina Dykes
Emily Elizabeth Fry ***
Chloe Hall
Kirk Edward Heckathorn Jr. *
Brennan Hill *
Katlyn Faye Howard
Aleesya Reneé Hudson
Joseph A Huffman
Abygail Mia John
Sarah Elizabeth King
Samaira Valerie Kleja
Madison Marla Kline
Michelle Knisley *

Kylie Marie Lowe *
Nicholas John Lukac **
Jaron M Martin Mr. *
Jaden David Mykal Minch
Allison Marie Misko ***
Addison Sue Nutter
Shelby Josephine Ott
Addison Rose Riehl
Mariah Darlene Runkle **+
Anna Elizabeth Sage *
Aubrey Lynn Sauseda ***
Lim L. Triplett Jr.
William Jeffrey Wadsworth
Cali Rose Wagner
Kaliyah Lila Weickert

Associate of Individualized Study

Retail Management

Jenny S. Coleman **

Business

Zachary K Pinkerton +

Graphics Technology

Nancy JoAnn Huey

Ministry and Theology

Zachary K Pinkerton +

Office Administration Technology

Angelena Marie Wise +

Pre-Mortuary Science

Amber Aldridge *
Ava Renee Blair *~
Searria Taylor Booker
Hallie R. Brothers
Unity Cain
Katie Lynn Campbell
Carson C. Chinchilla
Benjamin Reagan Dominguez **~
Carrie Ibeth Doty ***~
Olivia Dravid
Christopher Taylor Evans
Jenay Van Gick ***

Lori Kay Greene *
Haley Lin Haymore *
ReggiePhoenix Kalise Henderson
Amanda Rose Johnson
Brandi Michelle Livering *~
Mataya Brooklyn Moore ~
Cecelia Marie Pallas Garcia *
Emmeline Faith Pethtel ***
Theodore Owen Phillips *
Rael Chartray
Erica S. Williams

Associate of Science

Aurora Elise Billow
Landon Lee Blausey ***
Grant Michael Bomer **
Jada Lynn Breidenbach *+~
Shayla B Butcher ***
Marissa Rose Dunn +
Mia Rae Durnwald ***
Brian Patrick Garza Jr

Katrice Tori Mae Jane Hackenburg
Ella Adalynn Howey *~
Sarah K Longbrake
Kadin John Notestine +
James Matthew Oconke ***
Braxton Keith Quaintance **~
Malayna Grace Rozzell
Mariah Runkle **+

Associate of Technical Study

Digital Communications

Keara M. Heath

Manufacturing Process Control

Richard G. Plant ***

Music Production in Business

Matias Kirsch

Cosmetology Management

Michelle Durst ***~

Certificates

Auto Brakes

Derek Michael Aldrich

Auto-Electrical/Electronics Systems

Derek Michael Aldrich

Auto-Engine Performance

Derek Michael Aldrich

Auto-Engine Repair

Derek Michael Aldrich

Riley Charles Chesson-Brossia

Auto-Heating & Air Conditioning

Derek Michael Aldrich

Riley Charles Chesson-Brossia

Auto-Manual Drive Train & Axles

Derek Michael Aldrich

Auto-Suspension and Steering

Derek Michael Aldrich

Auto-Transmission/Transaxle

Derek Michael Aldrich

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Stephen McCane Kaiser
Emma Marie Rich
Matthew Brian Sharpe ◇

Brooke Lee Stover
Rebekah L Willey
Brady Matthew Wolfe

Communication

Carrie Lynn Boykin ~

Michelle Durst ~

Computer Aided Design (CAD)

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Elyssa Mary-Jo Belden
Landon Lee Blausey
Alex Joseph Daniel

Timothy M Haynes
Gage Mick
Kaidn Scott

Computer Aided Design/Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAD/CAM)

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General Business

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Jenna Nicole Bonnell
Marc A Coffman ~
Alex Joseph Daniel
Ashley Anne Eberly
Kevin Gaskin
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Jack Mahlon Mikolas
Corbin M. Prieur

Cole Steven Shortridge
Justin Edward Stephens
John Winston Stephenson ~
Jibril Walker
Buddy E Zender

Integrated App - Advanced Manufacturing

Joseph Fisher III

Adrian Alberto Garcia

Integrated Manufacturing

Tyson R. Edmonds

Aaron Charles Zaleski ~◇

Interactive Media

Erin Louise Linehan ~

Austin Michael Mattox

Intermediate Business

Kirsten Beal ~
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Linda Hatter
Hannah Marie Lang

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Leah McClain
Jessica Ritter
Haylee J. Saam

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Logan Allen McKittrick
Hudson Miller
Jason Lorenzo Moore

Andrew Morelock
Kadin Notestine
Robert Wayne Patchen
Ean Stumbo

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Robert Wayne Patchen

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Emma Christine Van Horn
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Zachary Michael Conklin
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Alexis Kennedy Roth
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Andrea Jean Wagers

Networking Technician

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Dominick Dodson ~

Andrew Brett Slone ◇

Patient Registration

Kaitlyn Michelle Burroughs
Jordan Nichole Childress

Alexia Rae Payne

PC Technician

Gabriel Alexander
Elizabeth Megan Bowlus ~
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Performance Fundamentals Certificate

Jacob Barnett

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Podcasting

Blake Michael Holmer

Power and Controls

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Asher Josiah Brubaker

Alex Joseph Daniel

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Welding

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Jakyrry D Cobb
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Dillon Puckett
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Evan Alexander Wright

Student Awards

Perseverance Award

Ahmyre McCree

Leadership Award

Jada Breidenbach

Commencement Speaker

Benjamin Weber

Academic Athlete of the Year

Mason Johnson

Rotary Student of the Year

Elijah Hayes

Student Organization of the Year

Circle K International

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Paul Passalacqua, M.S./M.S.
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Michelle White, M.S.
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Constance Davis, M.S.
Jeffery Hamilton, B.S.
Sarah Long, M.S.
Meghan Rich, M.S.N.
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James Webber, A.A.S.

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Kayla Bodemer
William Brenner, B.A.
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Katrina Carpenter, A.T.S.
Alvin Carroll
Andrew Chwalik, M.S.
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Brandyn Crownover
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Nora Hernandez, A.A.S.
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Catherine Reiter, A.A.S.
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James Ross, Sr.
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Brenda Simmons
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Dylan Whitman, A.A.S.
Theodore Willman, M.Ed.
Amber Yocum, M.S.
Timothy Zyski

The Academic Regalia

The academic attire worn by Terra State Community College's administration and faculty is a universally accepted system of recognizing achievement by unique attire and regalia.

Caps and Gowns: The actual mortarboard cap is fairly universal for all graduates. Gold tassels are worn by presidents and deans only. Black gowns are traditional at colleges. The gowns vary according to the degree level attained.

The Bachelor's Degree gown has long sleeves and a padded yoke.

The Master's Degree gown has long sleeves, is squared at the bottom with an arc near the edge, and is slit at the wrist.

The Doctoral Degree gown has bell-shaped sleeves gathered at the cuff with three bars on each sleeve.

Academic Hoods: The unique and individual portion of the academic regalia is the hood. The hood signifies academic achievements by a specific code. Hood size increases with the level of degree earned. Baccalaureate is smallest, followed by medium-sized master's level and long-sized doctoral level. Satin lining colors are the colors of the college/university awarding the degree. Velvet trim collar size increases with the level of degree attained. There are over 30 universally accepted color codes of velvet trim collars, which represent the academic discipline in which the degree was earned.

Colors for Degree Area are:

Hood Color	Degree Area
Blue Violet	Architecture
White	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Drab	Commerce, Accounting, Business
Midnight Blue	Criminal Justice
Copper	Economics
Light Blue	Education
Orange	Engineering
Brown	Fine Arts
Lemon	Library Science
Pink	Music and Performing Arts
Apricot	Nursing
Dark Blue	Philosophy
Sage Green	Physical Education, Health and Rehabilitation
Gold	Psychology
Peacock Blue	Public Administration, Foreign Service
Citron	Social Work
Science Golden	Mathematics, Science, Police Science

Symbols of Office

College Seal: The seal of Terra State Community College incorporates symbols that represent the areas of study as well as the concept of lifelong learning.

Academic Mace: The academic mace symbolizes the authority invested in the President by the Terra Board of Trustees. It precedes the President during the processional and recessional. The Terra State mace is 48 inches and dark walnut. It has a fluted staff and wood foot and is topped with the College seal set in bronze.

Presidential Medallion: The medallion is a symbol of the office, worn by the President on official and ceremonial occasions. At Terra State, the medallion is a replica of the official seal of the College and is suspended with the names of the institution's presidents.

History of the College

Terra State Community College's roots go back to September 1968, when the Vanguard Technical Institute opened to 78 full-time engineering and business students. The institute was a night school, using the facilities of Vanguard Vocational Center. Today, Terra State sits on an approximately 140-acre site, offers more than 50 degree and certificate programs, and is a source of information and support to the entire community.

Over the years, Terra State has undergone name and location changes, as well as a steadily transforming campus. In 1969, the Ohio Board of Regents declared Vanguard Technical Institute to be a state institution of higher learning authorized to grant the Associate Degree in Applied Business and the Associate Degree in Applied Science. Three new buildings were constructed on Cedar Street next to the Vanguard Vocational Center where both day and evening classes were offered for the first time to the local communities.

In 1973, the College Board of Trustees officially changed the name to Terra Technical College and work began on a new campus for Terra State on Napoleon Road with the construction of the Roy Klay Hall (Building A), named in honor of Terra State's founding president. The following year the Industrial Technology Building (Building D), containing classrooms and labs for air conditioning and refrigeration, power technology, and welding, was completed. In 1984, the General Technologies Building (Building B) was added to the campus. Building B is home to a full-service dining room, the College Store, and the Academic Service Center. The Learning Resource Center and the Computer Center also occupy this building.

The 1990s brought another new era of growth for Terra State as the College expanded to include the new Student Activities Building (Building C), built as the gymnasium and gathering place for students that includes fitness equipment, a walking track, basketball and volleyball courts and facilities for seminars and special programs. In 1996, the College constructed the Engineering Building (Building E), home to labs for chemistry, physics, robotics, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, computer-aided design, digital media technologies, and the nation's only color matching and plastics program.

Terra Technical College became Terra State Community College in the summer of 1994. The Associate of Arts and Associate of Science were added to the Associate of Applied Science degrees granted by Terra State. Called simply Terra Community College for many years, Terra State began a decade-long journey of becoming a leader for the region's training and offerings. During this time Terra State created an Early Learning Center, added Arts and Humanities programs, Music Degrees, and embraced the partnerships with four-year institutions and Ohio's Transfer Assurance Guide system. By 2004, Terra State was a complete comprehensive Community College that now incorporated Nursing and Allied Health programs as well as successful business and career training programs.

By 2010, Terra State had grown to expand its academic and community education offering. Experiencing a student population of over 3,500 students, the College began the transformation of the campus once again with the construction of the Skilled Trade Center (Building I). This state-of-the-art facility houses the HVACR, automotive, and welding programs, among others. The following year the newly renovated Building D (vacated when the Skilled Trades Center was opened), became a new home for Terra State's music/arts and nursing/allied health programs. Renamed the Marsha S. Bordner Arts and Health Technologies Center, the renovated building affords Terra State students in these programs the best technology and learning environments available in the region.

In 2013, the newly renovated Ronald L. Neeley Conference and Hospitality Center opened its doors. The Neeley Center is a multipurpose conference center that serves as an event planning lab for students in the hospitality management program. The College is in the process of renovating the General Technologies Building (Building B) in order to enhance services for students and provide additional lab space for new programs. The Terra State campus is recognized statewide for its exceptional facilities and innovative designs.

In 2016, in honor of the College's joint commitment to celebrating the centennial anniversary of the Hayes Presidential Library and Museums and President Rutherford B. Hayes' promotion of education and manual training, the Skilled Trades Center (Building I) was renamed the Rutherford B. Hayes Skilled Trades Center.

In 2018, Terra State became the second community college in Ohio to offer student housing at The Landings at Terra Village. On November 5, 2018, Ronald M. Schumacher, Ed.D. became the seventh President of the College.

In 2019, the Doepker Leadership and Entrepreneurial Center opened as an asset to local leaders and entrepreneurs. The College continues to provide advanced leadership development to the region, and offers personal enrichment courses for individuals of all ages.

In 2023, the College committed \$300,000 to expand and upgrade the welding lab at the Rutherford B. Hayes Skilled Trades Center, addressing the growing demand for a skilled workforce in the region and supporting the training needs of local manufacturers. The renovation unveiled the state-of-the-art National Machinery Advanced CNC lab, now equipped with three HAAS Mini Mill CNC Machines and a Haas TL-1 CNC Toolroom Lathe. The updated 1,151-square-foot space features energy-efficient LED lighting and a versatile layout to accommodate the advanced equipment. Students can earn the highly respected Haas CNC certification as part of the industrial maintenance program.

In 2024, Terra State Community College launched the STAT Hub project to upgrade its Engineering Technologies Building and address the regional demand for skilled workers. Backed by \$5.6 million in state funding, the project includes modern robotics, CNC equipment, and facility improvements. Set for completion by Spring 2026, the STAT Hub will provide hands-on training in advanced manufacturing and support local workforce development.

Mr. Nicholas Cray

Nick Cray has served as the President/Chief Executive Officer at Fremont Federal Credit Union since 2021. Nick is passionate about the organization's culture and improving the employee experience at FFCU. During his tenure, FFCU has focused on modernizing the employee and member experiences, including updated technology, geographic expansion, and innovative talent development initiatives.

The staff of FFCU recognized Nick in 2024 with a Leadership Award for his ability to inspire teams, adapt to challenges, and set a forward-thinking path that enhances the financial well-being of the credit union's employees, members, and communities.



Originally from Girard, Illinois, Nick grew up on a small dairy farm and credits his parents, Donna and Patrick, for instilling a strong work ethic and a lifelong passion to succeed in him. He also draws inspiration from his grandparents, Grandma Jean and Grandpa Tuz. Grandma Jean emphasized the importance of relationships and the power of genuine human connection. Grandpa Tuz, known for his thoughtfulness and depth, encouraged Nick to think critically and reflect deeply. The long hours he worked on the farm as a young man shaped his appreciation for discipline, perseverance, and personal responsibility.

After graduating from Girard High School in 1996, Nick attended Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois, earning a Bachelor of Science in economics, finance, and philosophy. He then attended the University of Illinois, obtaining a Master of Business Administration degree.

Nick worked at Citi for 16 years in a wide range of functions, including branch management, information technology, process re-engineering, and marketing. His tenure at Citi included many economic changes, including the 2008 financial crisis, which Nick describes as one of the most challenging and formative periods of his career.

After leaving Citi, Nick entered the credit union movement. He led the member relations and marketing functions at AmeriCU Credit Union in Rome, NY, during a period of successful expansion and growth.

In addition to his current role at Fremont Federal Credit Union, Nick is active in multiple local and charitable organizations. He maintains a strong interest in current events and public policy, believing that staying informed about political and economic developments is essential to thoughtful leadership and sound decision-making.

Outside work, he enjoys being outdoors, hiking, music, reading, and spending time with his family. He lives in Oak Harbor, Ohio, and has three children: February, Vanessa, and Elaina.

Alma Mater

Sung Version

**With courageous hearts and wide open eyes,
at Terra State we will grow.
Learning to lead, our dreams we'll achieve,
our Terra pride will always show.**

**We love Terra State Community College
our journey begins with you.
The sky's the limit with Terra State,
There's nothing we can't do!**

Lyrics by:

Lylanne Musselman
Britney Lindeman
Joan Stamm
Allison Lewis
Taylor Kleinhans
Ariel Cerbus
Adam Mayle
Trevor Long

Music by:

John Cipiti
Eric Lawrence

Thank you for attending and honoring our graduates!

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In case of emergency, the college's security staff will call out each section at a time. Please heed the security staff and ushers.

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- Mr. Cory Gottron, live stream broadcaster
- Terra State Color Guard
- The Terra Brass Choir for the musical selections played this evening
- The Terra State Marketing Department



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