
57th Commencement

May 15, 2026

Order of Events

Processional*	Terra Brass Choir “Pomp and Circumstance” (Elgar)
Commencement Opening	Professor Adam Hoss <i>Faculty Marshal</i>
Presentation of the Colors.....	Terra State Color Guard
National Anthem**	Isaac Wonderly, Terra Alum and Terra Brass Choir “The Star-Spangled Banner” (Key)
Greetings and Introductions	Dr. Cory Stine <i>Interim 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	Ms. Olivia Jones
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. Jeff Groat <i>Executive Vice President of The Lion’s Share Company</i>
Conferring of Degrees and Certificates.....	Dr. Cory Stine, Dr. Doug Mead
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Dr. Cory Stine, Dr. Doug Mead <i>Please do not approach the stage while diplomas are being presented.</i> Dr. Terry Farris, Mr. Brian Hall Ms. Jessica McCarthy, Mr. Tim Shaal
Alumni Welcome	Ms. Jennifer Fehrich <i>Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of Terra College Foundation</i>
Alma Mater	Terra Brass Choir
Commencement Closing.....	Assistant Professor Jo Ann Romero <i>Faculty Marshal</i>

* Audience remains seated (to view the graduates)

** Audience stands

Program Notes

Videography

This event is being streamed live; check Terra State's social media pages.

Macebearer

Michelle White, Professor of Mathematics

Faculty and Student Marshals

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

Faculty Marshals

Adam Hoss, Professor of English

Jo Ann Romero, Assistant Professor of Business Management

Student Marshals

Brianna Daigneault

Evan Schiefer

Sign Language Interpretive Service

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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 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

Samantha Alejo Hernandez **
Alma Vianey Bocanegra-Salinas **
Mason R DeWalt *
Austin Stephen Frank ◊

Niko Lanier **
Brayden Daniel Mong
Martin M Pedoli
Ryan Richard Peters **
Jaimee E Stephenson

Agribusiness Management

Emma Grace Louise Brough
Nolan Alvin Heilman ***

Chase Robert Rogish

Business Management

Ethan Joseph Barlage
Jace Clyde Brooks
Griffin Calkins Bunting
Kalon Renell Leon Butler
Brooklyn Joy Davis
Kedar M Davis
Samantha Ellee Deininger *
Faithe Goble *
Kelsey A Gordon *
Connor Marshall Growel

Samantha R Haymans
Kimberly Kay Myers *
Carter Edward Ormsby **
Aubrey Jo Sengstock
Janelle Abygail Sica ***~
Cassie L Smith
Lucas Decker Stotz
Elizabeth Grace Tiell
Brooke Walker

Hospitality Management

Emilee Grace Hoffman **~

Industrial Supervision

Tracy Michelle Aldrich ***~

Marketing

Blair Ann Depinet *
Wesley Douglas Frazier
Jake Michael Gelinis
Ariella Marie Gundrum *

Lillian Kay Higgins
Alyson Corinne Riley
Kristopher Watts

Associate of Applied Science

Computer Information Systems

Jonathan Bowling (Posthumous) +
Isaiah Lee Clay +
Matthew Distel
Madalynn Long *+
Corey John McKnight ***+~
Brandon Matthew Minich +
Lincoln Andrew Ollom **

Luke Kenneth Oriem *
Alivia Maire Pietrowski +
Caitlyn Marie Pinson +~
Garrett Glen Reinhart +
Coen River Steinmetz ***+~
Israel Ysasi Jr.

Criminal Justice

Thomas M Geringer
Shelby Lynn Gill ***
Joshua Pierce Huffman
Iyesh Shyann Monique Johnson
Olivia Clarise Jones +
Sarah Jane Koch **

Jaylah Leanne Runion
Chelsea Snedden **◇
Kameron Lee-Aun Swanson *~
Alex Noah Terry
Justin Curtis Williams

Electricity - Power and Controls

Scott Bansek ***
Austin Lawrence Bickley ***◇
Abbey Claire Chapman ***
Norman Martin Frisch ***
Andrew James Hamlin *
Connor Allen Hauger
Trenton Orlie-Xander Heishman *
Adam James Jacobs
Noah Andrew Louis Kockler
Bobbie McNutt **
Grant Reed Mies *~

Jonathon Anthony Monroe ***
Justin Michael Nye
Chase McDowell Osborn *
Gabriel Oskar Paulsen
Ayden Mathew Pfothenhauer
Richard G Plant ***+
Sydney Grace Schlipf
Joshua J. Stults ***◇
Ean Sean Stumbo *
Lucas R Weiner **+

Health Care Administration

Andrea Gosik **+~
Ivee Nicole Greer *
Trinity L Trevino +

Micah A. Kirchner **~◇
Kayden M Sawyer

Health Information Technology

Courtland Marie Anderson
Trinity L Trevino +
Alexia Payne

Matias “Chuy” Silvas Jr. ◇ (Posthumous)
Amanda Anna Wahl ***

Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Austin Tyler Ranieri
Braden Matthew Sartor

Jack David Zimmerman

Integrated Manufacturing

Dalonte Lamont Bell
Jabrencia B Cobb
Richard G. Plant ***+

Andrew P. Tucker *
Logan Matthew Walder *
Lucas R Weiner **+

Interactive Media

Jeremiah TR Albrechta ***
Alyssa Krystene Auvil
Nathaniel Paul Brasic
Bryce Alan Brzeczek
Trent J Carnahan ◊
Kaden Avery Craig
Michael Wayne Gardner *
Allison Gazdecki ***

Tristan James Johnson
Angela Rose Krouse
Austin Michael Mattox
Kaelib Metcalf
Sophia Marie Paul ***~
Jace James Purdue
Tyra Marie Stewart
Wilson Edward Sturzinger **
Donovan Kimar Williams *~

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Dylan Brady Baker **+
Katlyn J Bollinger
Cory Micheal Bowser **~

Joseph A Fisher III +
Eli Phep La Pittenger *~

Medical Assisting

Allison Mae Pickens

Madisyn Weiss *

Music Technology and Recording

Jackson Cavan Cruely ***
Cole Robert Steven Norris

Tyler Evan Schultz
Ashley Rose Sinkhorn

Nursing

Faith M Beaver
Brian Matthew Bechtel
Walker D Britt
Jeremy Wesley Gregg
Jordan Nichole Grueshaber *
Robin M Gutierrez
Kaitlyn Lucille Hasselbach
Allyson Elisabeth Keckler *
Erin M Kelbley
Danielle Marie Kilmer
Elijah M Kitchen
Audrie Maree Kohlenberg
Andrea Rose Lee

Marcus Orealious Lonsway +
Jacqueline Kay Danielle Lucius
John Tyler Lynn
Kinzie Mathias
Mya Elysea Zoa Ousley
Madalyn Helena Reed
Ariana Marie Rimmel
Amy M Runkle
Jaylee Lyn Weasner
Alivia Grace Weisenauer *~
Anika Faye Wootton
Jaclyn Victoria Ziegman-Nye

Power Technologies

Derek Michael Aldrich

System and Networking Support

Jonathan Bowling (Posthumous) +
Isaiah Lee Clay +
Erik Joseph Garlock
Madalynn Long *+
Corey John McKnight ***+~

Brandon Matthew Minich +
Alivia Maire Pietrowski +
Caitlyn Marie Pinson +~
Garrett Glen Reinhart +
Coen River Steinmetz ***+~

Welding

Lukas W. Avers **
Lilah Baumann
Reese Daniel Keegan
Dillon Earnhardt Puckett

Matthew Joseph Tobias
Donte Waddington-Jones
Brooke Elaine Williams

Associate of Arts

Aysia Lynn Elaine Allen
Dylan Brady Baker **+
Kyrria Nichole Bowman
Shayla B Butcher ***
Carrie Kathleen Costanza *
Eric C David
Brockton Alexander Davis
Grace Elise Draeger *
Paige Katibeth Drusback **
Aubrey Olivia Duncan
Kelly M Gerber
Madalynn Patrice Gillmor ***
Mason Christopher Harvey **~
Bailey Rhae Hayward +
McKayla Leigh Hensley *~
Garrett David Hirt
Allison Rae Holman *
Gabrielle Kay Janes ***

Ayden Giselle Jennings ***~
Olivia Clarise Jones +
Hayden Joseph Kline
Madison Marla Kline
Cody Alan Lindsey **
Marcus Orealious Lonsway +
Brandon Lusane
Logan Anthony Pannunzio
Briley Autumn Pickard ***+
Gracie M Porter ***~
Chloe Elizabeth Shepherd
Isabelle Sherman
Adelaide Grace Stover
Brandon Jeffrey Stutzman
Sienna Sophia Turner
William Jeffrey Wadsworth
Elaina Claire Widmer *
Adam James Young *

Associate of Individualized Study

Rebecca Ann Bunch *

Pre-Mortuary Science

Katelynn M Blanton *~
Morgan Eve Brandt
Landon Reid Canupp
Aidan Marie Chaney
Amanda Michele Compton
Jessica Anne Dunifon *~
Melissa Jo Farrell **
Emily Grace Gebauer
Rachetta T Johnson
Summer Sierra Kay-Hawkins
Shelia Marcum **~
Destyni S McGowan ***~

Hailey A Meeker
Bethany Grace Miranda
Andrea Naschke
Anastacia Michelle Pomeroy **
Celia A Price *~
Samantha Madison Schemmel
Chanel Nicole Spruell
Brittany M Stamps
Ashley Torres-Horta
Lathan Autumn Tuttle
Gabrielle Nichole Walker *
Tori Latrice Wright

Associate of Science

Brooklyn M Brooks *
Brianna Marie Brown
Alexander Shade Burkhalter ***
Nathan Alan Cunningham
Kody Louis Galambos **
Bailey Rhae Hayward +
Klaire Kathleen Hickey
Addison Peyton Hoerig ***
Jena Ann Humbert ***
Audree L Kaiser
Jax Soule LaPata *

Kayla Ann Lewis
Kendal Parsons ~
Briley Autumn Pickard ***+
Mariah Elena Ramirez
Alexa Leigh Snay ***
Bailey Irvin Springer ***
Caiden Joseph Swecker **~
Cailin Brianne Thornbury *
Kayla Gayle Tischler ***
Preston Alan David Widman
Arrayah Witmer

Associate of Technical Study

Matias C Kirsch

Cosmetology Management

Cierra MacKenzie Long

Certificates

Auto-Brakes

Jerry Scott

Auto-Engine Repair

Andrew Lopez ~

Auto-Manual Drive Train & Axles

Riley Chesson-Brossia

Jerry Scott

Auto-Transmission/Transaxle

Riley Chesson-Brossia

Basic Law Academy

Tyler W.D. Eisenhower ◊
Jack Alan Meade
Isaac Miller

Koryn Danielle Morlock
Michael Steven Wagner
Kent M Weaver
Rebekah L Willey

Computer Aided Design (CAD)

Andrew T. Alexander
Andrew F Althaus
Katlyn J Bollinger
Ekaterina Leonidovna Chueva Murlin

Dana Haycox
Reese Keegan
Cassie Dawn Kiser
Braylon Martinez

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

Andrew T. Alexander
Josef Louis Anthony Gallegos

Joseph L Taylor ◊

Electro-Mechanical Technician

Benjamin Andres
Luke Bischoff
Norman M. Frisch
Adam Jacobs
Zachariah King
Bobbie McNutt

Sydney Grace Schlipf
Joshua Stults ♦
Ean Stumbo
Logan Willoughby

General Business

Jace Brooks
Griffin Calkins Bunting
Allison L Caldwell
Julie M. Cheek
Jessica Dotson
Austin Frank ♦
Bailey Rhae Hayward

Allison Holman
Braden Nicholas Hymore
Niko Lanier
Alexa Payne
Marty Pedoli
William Jeffrey Wadsworth
Brooke Walker

General Education Transfer

Aysia Allen
Dylan Brady Baker
Paige Katibeth Drusback
McKayla Leigh Hensley ~
Jena Humbert
Ayden Jennings ~
Audree Kaiser
Hayden Kline
Madison Kline

Cody Lindsey
Briley Pickard
Gracie Porter ~
Chloe Elizabeth Shepherd
Brittany Smith
Alexa Snay
Adelaide Stover
William Wadsworth

Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Seth Allen Bailey
Ayden Ryan Bartzen
Evan Christopher Fulop ~
Elijah McKenny Karlovetz
Joseph Bryar Lee
Tyler Julis Mahon
Aiden Kole Mingus
Gage Mingus

Jaron Allen Ninke
Brayden Lee Parks
Jonah Jay Sidney
Braden Michael Siefert
Colin Alan Siesel
Quinten Braydon Villarreal
Anthony Vincent Weiser

Industrial Maintenance

Richard G. Plant

Integrated App - Advanced Manufacturing

Jacob M Gardin

Lucas Weiner

Integrated Manufacturing

DeShawn Strickland

Lucas Weiner

Intermediate Business

Samantha Alejo Hernandez
Mysean L Allen
Ethan Barlage
Alma Vianey Bocanegra Salinas
Matthew Boll
Griffin Calkins Bunting

Blair Depinet
Wesley Frazier
Kelsey Gordon
Cassie Smith
Kristopher Watts

Introductory Electrical

Torrey Coker
Crew Fetter
Marti Frisch
Trenton Walker Harkness
Connor Hauger
Zachary A Keegan
Aiden Klein
Kit Lauer
Jonathon Monroe

Justin Nye
Jenna Leigh Ollom
Chase Mcdowell Osborn
Gabe Paulsen
Ayden Pfothauer
Owen Russell Richardson
Charles w Sberna
Jesse Stewart ◊

Manufacturing Foundation

Andrew Thomas Alexander
Dylan Brady Baker
Katlyn J Bollinger
Kate Chueva Murlin
Carter Cook
Josef Gallegos

Jacob M Gardin
Isaac Hiler
Braylon Martinez
Eli Pittenger ~
Richard G. Plant
Amy Sauber

Mechatronics

Daemon Garza ~
Richard G. Plant

Andrew Tucker

Medical Assisting

Kearsteine Carson

Mia Lynn Collins

Medical Coding

Courtland Marie Anderson
Trinity L. Johnson
THOMAS ANTHONY Olexa
Alexia Payne

Matias "Chuy" Silvas Jr. ◊
Amanda Anna Wahl

Networking Technician

Isaiah Clay
Erik Garlock
Sascha A Harvey
Jordan Samuel Johnson

Corey McKnight ~
Alivia Pietrowski
Coen Steinmetz ~
Jacob Vrancken

Patient Registration

Courtland Marie Anderson
Olivia Brynn Dawkins

Trinity L Johnson
Amanda Anna Wahl

PC Technician

Erik Garlock
Sascha Harvey
Jordan Johnson
Mae Long
Corey McKnight ~

Brandon Minich
Alivia Pietrowski
Tommy Sihombing ~
Coen Steinmetz ~

Performance Fundamentals Certificate

Jackson Cruet

Christopher Earmon Hale

Phlebotomy

Chelsa Raelee Burke
Nadia R Fiske
Tatyana Sharon Gammer
Emma Victoria Hershey Ms
Braelyn Rae-Anne Horn
Ella Mae Helene Kitchen
Tammy Lynn Kluding
Julia Annemarie Oleksiak

Deana Nicole Pickens
Elli Marie Pitcher
Acelyn Elizabeth Quaintance
Noemi Sanchez
Bailey Irvin Springer
Jess Webb
Sydney White
Kayna Marie Yasher

Podcasting

Christopher Earmon Hale
Cole Robert Steven Norris

Ashley Rose Sinkhorn

Power and Controls

Norman M. Frisch

Precision Machining/CNC

Evan Brian Reitz

Programmable Logic Controllers

Norman Martin Frisch
Trenton Orlie-Xander Heishman
Adam Jacobs

Bobbie McNutt
Kenneth W. Smith II

Recording Fundamentals Certificate

Christopher Hale

Robot Operator

Corrine Anderson
Erik Balduff
Dalonte Bell
Jabrencia Cobb
Daemon Garza ~
Catrina Grizzle
Jake Hall
Renee Hartman
Tom Heinze
David Higgs ♦

Jebediah Konczal ~
Landon Miller
Richard G. Plant
Nathan Sexton
DeShawn Strickland
Andrew Tucker
Logan Walder
Lucas Weiner
Adam James Young

Welding

Luke Avers
Lilah Baumann
Alexis N Dulaney
Reese Keegan
Jaron Allen Ninke

Katiana Sauseda
Joshua Allen Schroeder
Donte Waddington-Jones
Brooke Elaine Williams

Student Awards

Perseverance Award

Danielle Kilmer

Leadership Award

Janelle Sica

Commencement Speaker

Olivia Jones

Academic Athlete of the Year

Evan Schiefer

Rotary Student of the Year

Connor Hauger

Student Organization of the Year

Student Government Association (SGA)

Students selected for the 2026 All-Ohio Academic Team

Micah Kirchner, 3rd Team, Transfer Pathway

Destyni McGowan, 2nd Team, Transfer Pathway

Past Presidents of the College

Roy W. Klay	1969 – 1978
John E. Broderick	1978 – 1979
Richard M. Simon	1979 – 1993
Charlotte J. Lee.....	1993 – 2003
Marsha S. Bordner.....	2003 – 2012
Jerome E. Webster.....	2012 – 2018
Ronald M. Schumacher.....	2018 – 2026

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Weston Reinbolt

Dr. James H. Rumbarger

Robb Smithson

Lee Vivod

Nancicarol Woelzel

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Cory M. Stine, Ph.D.	Interim President
Doug Mead, D.M.A.....	Vice President for Academic Affairs
Jennifer Fehnrich, M.B.A.....	Vice President for Institutional Advancement & CEO of Terra College Foundation
Jeannette Jazwiecki, M.S.	Chief Financial Officer
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Administration of the College:

Amy Beam, M.S.	Librarian and Manager of Library Services
Lindi Cahill, M.A.	.....	Athletic Director
Terry Farris, Ph.D.	Executive Director of Workforce and Community Education
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Melissa Ramirez, M.Ed.	Academic Dean
Tim Shaal, M.S./M.Div.	Dean of Student Success
Eric Steinberger, M.B.A.	.....	Registrar
Rebecca Terry, D.N.P.	.....	Program Administrator of Nursing
J. Brennan Willis, A.A.B.	.....	Director of Musical Arts and Technology
Melinda Yerdon, B.S.	.....	Director of Learning Resources

Faculty

Professor

Amy Anway, M.Ed.
John D. Cipiti, M.M.
Haley A. Crabtree, M.B.A.
Amy M. Drongowski, M.S./M.A.
Michael Holewinski, B.A.
Adam Hoss, M.A.
Jennifer Humburg, M.S.
Peter Landino, M.A.
Paul Passalacqua, M.S./M.S.
Sharla Shine, M.A.
Robert Townsend, M.S.
Michelle White, M.S.
Michelle, Younker, M.A.

Associate Professor

Jill Caton, B.S.
Crystal Cleary, M.B.A.
Larry Cunningham, B.C.J.

Michael Daigneault, M.B.A.
Constance Davis, M.S.
Jeffery Hamilton, B.S.
Sarah Long, M.S.
Meghan Rich, M.S.N.
Jo Ann Romero, M.S.
Ryan Weaver, M.A.
James Webber, A.A.S.

Assistant Professor

Johnathan Baker, M.F.A.
Robert Cordell, A.A.S.
Christopher Kozlowski, A.A.B.
Elizabeth McGrady, M.S.N..
Veronica Miller, B.S.
Kevin Mundy
Dennis Sullivan, A.A.S.
Christopher Kozlowski, A.A.B.
Elizabeth McGrady, M.S.N.

Staff

Patricia Blankenship
William Brenner, B.A.
Koleman Brown
Jordan Cantrell, M.Ed.
Hannah Carnicom, B.S.
Katrina Carpenter, A.T.S.
Alvin Carrol
Raymond Clere
Melissa Combs, B.A.
Brandyn Crownover
Adam Cunningham, A.A..S
Ron Davenport
Jordan DeLapp, M.A.
Jonah Donathan, B.S.A.
Lisa Doxey
Ben Frazier, A.A.S.
Rob Gamby
Yvonne Hammer, A.A.B.
Abigail Hart, B.A.
Klaire Hickey, A.A.S.
Chayada “Goy” Higgins, M.B.A
Matthew Hoffman
Miranda Hoffman, M.S.A.
Acacia Hull, Ph.Dc.
Peter Johnson, B.A.
Trevor Johnson, B.A.
Leilani Kiser-Jones, A.A.B.
Elizabeth Koelsch
Diane Link, B.A.

Connor Malan, B.B.A.
Jeremy Martin, B.S.
Clorianna Nasser
Alisa Nowaczyk, A.A.B.
Justin Nye
Megan Osuna, M.S.
Kelly Pape, B.S.
Mackenzie Pena, B.S.
W. Henry Rofkar
Rashel Schultz, M.B.A.
Thomas Shaffer, A.A.S.
Lisa Shuey, B.A.
Brenda Simmons
Amanda Simon
John Smith, A.S./A.S./A.S.
Kristen Smith, M.Ed.
Jerry Snodgrass
Tina Taylor
Maryah Thompson, B.A.
Foster Van Doren, B.A.
Hannah Vera, M.B.A.
Clarissa Voorhees, A.A.B./A.A.S.
Krista Weirich, A.A.B.
Dylan Whitman, A.A.S.
Pam Wheeler
Michael Whiting
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 collar, which represents 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 recession. 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 100 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, along with steadily transforming as a 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 a 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 offerings. The College continued the transformation of the campus with the construction of the Skilled Trade Center (Building I), which houses the HVAC, automotive, and welding programs, among others. The following year, the Marsha S. Bordner Arts and Health Technologies Center (Building D) became a new home for Terra's music/arts and nursing/allied health programs.

In 2013, the newly renovated multipurpose conference center, the Ronald L. Neeley Conference and Hospitality Center opened its doors. 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 2016

In 2018, Terra State became the second community college in Ohio to offer student housing at The Landings at Terra Village.

In 2019, the Doepker Leadership and Entrepreneurial Center opened as an asset to local leaders and entrepreneurs. The College continue to provide advanced leadership development to the region and offers personal enrichment courses for individuals of all ages. Athletics were also relaunched under a new moniker, the Terra State Titans. A new mascot, Titus, also arrived on campus.

In 2023, the College added significant capacity for welding and CNC instruction. In 2024, thanks to an investment from the State of Ohio, the College was able to modernize its manufacturing training facilities and equipment. The Titan Spot, a student lounge, was opened on the first floor of the General Technologies Building (Building B). Thanks in part to a generous gift, the SAC was renovated and renamed the Elaine Denman Recktenwald Center (EDRC), in honor of the late Professor Emerita.

Keynote Speaker Jeff Groat

Jeff Groat was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, on May 6, 1966, to Michael and Carol Groat. He was raised in Trenton, Michigan, where he lived until the age of 18. Motivated by a desire to see the world, Jeff enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1984. Following graduation from Air Force Basic Training and technical schools, he served assignments in New Mexico, Germany, and Illinois. His military career also included numerous temporary duty assignments across more than 14 countries. After concluding his active-duty service, Jeff continued his military commitment with the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, completing his military career in 1995.

During his final assignment at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois, Jeff was selected to teach Cryogenic Engineering for the Community College of the Air Force. This experience sparked a deep professional interest in super refrigeration and thermodynamics—disciplines that would become the foundation of his civilian career.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Jeff joined BOC Gases as a Plant Manager, overseeing two nitrogen and oxygen production facilities. Following an unforeseen industrial accident, he transitioned into the HVAC and building automation industry. He spent seven years with Roth Bros. in Youngstown, Ohio, followed by a brief tenure at Havel Bros. in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jeff then joined Schneider Electric as a Regional Sales Manager, where he led and supported Schneider partners across 17 states. In 2012, Jeff reached a major milestone in his career when he was appointed Vice President of Sales and Technology at The Lion's Share Company. He currently serves as Executive Vice President and has been instrumental in transforming the organization from a local firm into a successful international company.

Beyond his day-to-day executive responsibilities, Jeff is serving his third term on Schneider Electric's International Advisory Board. As the North American representative, he collaborates closely with the executive leadership team of this global organization of more than 300,000 employees. Family remains the most important part of Jeff's life. He is the proud father of two adult children, Megan (39) and Nick (35), both of whom reside in Columbus, Ohio. Jeff lives on Catawba Island in the Port Clinton area, where he enjoys boating, golf, and a variety of outdoor activities.



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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