

Pioneer *Proud*

The Campaign for Butler County Community College



Dear Friends,

As you know, the last several years have presented a number of unique challenges in the world of higher education. I am proud to say that Butler County Community College has prospered during these times. Our dedicated faculty and staff, leadership from our Boards and an increase in private support have enabled us to prosper.

For almost 50 years, BC3 has provided the opportunity for individuals to develop skills to enter the workforce or start on the path to a baccalaureate degree program. There are over 16,000 BC3 alumni with 75 percent living and working in Butler County. Our workforce training and continuing education programs reach more than 20,000 people annually. We are proud of our contributions to the quality of life and economic vitality of the region during our first 50 years.

The next 50 years will be a new era in higher education; one that includes innovative technologies and dramatic changes in how we learn and work. The Pioneer Proud Campaign is being undertaken to assure that the College successfully navigates the challenges ahead and remains true to our mission of affordable, accessible and quality education.

Today's pioneers are entrusted with repurposing, rethinking and redesigning; they alter perceptions of status quo and imagine superior models. This is why I am pleased to extend an invitation to participate in the Pioneer Proud Campaign. I hope you consider joining the community leaders who are working together to assure a bright future for BC3.



Dr. Nicholas C. Neupauer, President
Butler County Community College



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Transforming the Beck Library & Learning Commons

The way we work, play, and learn has changed dramatically during the 50 years since the College was founded in 1965. Students now have access to information in ways unimaginable when BC3 was founded. The repurposed Beck Library & Learning Commons is envisioned as a dynamic hub of learning and collaboration. The Beck Library is the heart of BC3 and the foundation of academic excellence across all BC3 programs.



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Sustaining student access & success

Students seek an education to improve their lives and create a brighter future for their families and communities. This campaign initiative seeks to enhance access and success by increasing scholarship support and offering students innovative educational programs before and during their enrollment at BC3. These programs increase their chances to accomplish their educational goals.



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Supporting economic development

Preparing a quality workforce is essential for generating economic growth and improving the quality of life in our communities. The College must have the capability to act quickly to meet the needs of new or expanding businesses while assuring ongoing access to workforce development programs for industries in the region.



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Transforming the Beck Library & Learning Commons





Dr. Francie Spigelmyer

Vice President for
Academic Affairs

“As employers’ share their workforce needs with BC3 faculty, administrators, and students one theme remains constant – teamwork. The redesigned Beck Library & Learning Commons will provide BC3 students not only an opportunity to learn teamwork skills in a collaborative setting similar to their future workplaces, but also an opportunity to cultivate essential critical thinking skills. Renovation will mean innovation as students develop 21st century skills that translate into 21st century jobs.”

Our vision for the Beck Library & Learning Commons is to:

- Redefine the existing facility with state of the art design and technology by opening up both floors of the 25,000 square foot space.
- Restore the original skylight.
- Enable students to conduct research, obtain reference assistance, write papers, develop e-portfolios and collaborate in small groups on multimedia projects.
- Design spaces for group study, student faculty consultation, project learning rooms and a traditional quiet reading room.
- Develop and sustain effective teaching practices with the creation of a Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.
- Provide community meeting rooms, a café, outdoor patio space and a main entry that will improve accessibility.

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Sustaining student access & success

Our vision for the Pioneer Proud Campaign is to expand scholarships and enhance student opportunities:

- To increase scholarship awards and amounts to assist a wider range of students, including working adults and students at regional sites.
- To endow the Presidents Scholarship Fund. This award is given to students who graduate from a Butler County public high school in the top 10% of their graduating class. It is a full tuition and fee award.
- Develop innovative learning experiences such as College Within the High School and the BC3 Center for Economic Education that reach students prior to college enrollment.



Gayle Groft with Karen Czech, recipient of the Dr. William L. Groft Scholarship

"My husband Bill was a professor of accounting at BC3 for 30 years until he retired in 1999, he touched the lives of so many students during his career. It is a great honor to create a scholarship in his name. Bill will now forever be associated with the success of students at BC3."

- Gayle Groft

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Supporting economic development

Our vision for regional economic development is to secure funds that will enable the College to:

- Develop new career pathways with certificate and stackable credential programs.
- Collaborate with industry and manufacturing groups to rapidly respond to new and emerging technologies through curriculum development, instructor recruitment and development of facilities and equipment.
- Provide leadership initiatives through strategic partnerships.
- Complete the BC3 Master Plan for developing a new Allied Health and Workforce Development facility.



Tyler Friel

BC3 sophomore
Communications major

Team member, BC3 state
championship golf team

"I never thought of going anywhere other than BC3. My mom, dad and aunts are alums of BC3 and I watched them go on to successful careers. The opportunities at BC3, the affordability and ease of transferring are great. If I could stay at BC3 for my four year degree, I'd do it."

- Tyler Friel



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