UC Blue Ash College

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Mission

The University of Cincinnati – UC Blue Ash will be a leader among Ohio's regional campuses in providing quality education and services to meet the changing needs of a growing and diverse community. The College strives to provide a general education which promotes tolerance, lifelong learning, and a devotion to free inquiry and free expression, producing graduates who are individuals of character, sensitive to the needs of community, competent to contribute to society, and civil in speech and action. Simply put, the College works toward the creation of an informed citizenry with the ability to think critically, communicate effectively, and solve problems.

Fast Facts

- Founded in 1967
- > 18,410 living alumni
- More than 60 academic degrees and programs:
 - Two Bachelor Degree Programs, Four Professional Certificates, Five One-Year Certificates, 21 Associate Degree Programs, and 29 Transfer Programs.
- > Enrollment
 - o Undergrad: 4,971
- Male/Female: 2,059/2,912
- ➤ 147 full-time faculty members
- > 182 part-time faculty members
- > 15-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio
- Alumni Publications
 - CATalyst (electronic)
- Enrollment Data

0	Women	58.6%
0	Minorities	37.9%
0	Ohio Residents	97.8%

2012-13 Highlights

- ➤ UC Blue Ash initiated a \$4.5 million project to renovate **Muntz Hall**. The plan includes a new Student Commons, an expanded café/deli, a new library, and an expanded suite for the Dean and administrative staff.
- The College partnered with Norwood City Schools to develop the 'Norwood Promise.' The program provides graduates of Norwood High School with a waiver for application fees and a \$250 voucher for textbooks each semester
- ➤ UC Blue ash is continuing to grow its **UC Smiles Program**, which was initiated through the Dental Hygiene program to provide access to quality dental care for underprivileged school children throughout Greater Cincinnati. Students have treated more than 460 kids over the past two years.
- ➤ The Science and Allied Health building was renamed Walters Hall in honor of former UC president, Raymond Walters.
- The College is developing its second bachelor's degree program. The Bachelor in Applied Administration Degree is designed for students that already hold a technical Associate Degree.
- Faculty/staff giving reached **85 percent**, the fourth-highest participation rate among colleges across the University of Cincinnati.

Current Initiatives / Funding Priorities

- > Student Scholarships and Support: The College seeks to help groups such as first generation students, non-traditional students, part-time students and those who work while enrolled.
- **Programmatic Support:** Including the purchase of state-of-the-art lab equipment.
- Updated Dental Hygiene clinical space and program equipment
- Computer Hardware and Software Upgrades: New systems allow for expanded learning opportunities throughout the College, and are most urgently needed in our Allied Health Program.

Opportunities and Challenges

As UC Blue Ash's total college enrollment moves beyond 6,000 students and new baccalaureate degree programs and areas of study continue to be identified, a need for building space continues to be a major challenge. Existing facilities were built for 3,500 students, and current enrollment is nearly double that initial total. A new building with enhanced spaces, top-notch labs and classrooms will benefit students across all disciplines and continues to be a top priority of the College. In addition, many UC Blue Ash students face significant financial hurdles, so the need for book scholarships, tuition scholarships and financial aid has never been greater.