

TITLE III@CSU

Supporting *Service...Protocol...Civility™* at Central State University and Beyond

Celebrating a Decade of Community Music Instruction



In January 2017, the Music Mentors program celebrated its 10th year! During fall semester, we had 62 participants receiving free one-on-one music lessons and/or participating in Percussion Ensemble. On Saturday, December 3rd, we performed two recitals that showcased all of the hard work the mentors and their students had done over the course of the semester.

Past mentors have left Central State to pursue graduate degrees in music and teaching positions in high schools and colleges. The overall effect of the program has increased positive public perception of Central State to the community and has filled in the gaps where public school music education has dropped off.



CITI Opens at CSU

On March 29, 2016 we celebrated the inauguration of the Center for Instructional Technology Innovation (CITI). This center houses the campuses first ADA station, 3D technology lab, a main digital learning hub with 18 Mac computer stations; 2 smaller digital learning hubs holding 6 Mac computers per room; all equipped with 70-75" touchscreen displays. The center is the home of online learning. The goal of the center is to take

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teaching and learning and CSU to another level in cyberspace through training and workshops for course developers and online instructors.

The CITI has completed two smart classrooms; one in Robeson Hall and the other in Harry Johns. Robeson has 16 Mac computer stations and a 75' touchscreen display to facilitate student engagement in music education. Harry Johns has 17 computers and a 75' touchscreen display to provide the honors students with a lab that will help them keep up with their high academic goals.

Our latest Teaching with Technology seminar ended in November 2016. This brings the total of faculty/staff to have participated in the seminar series to 90. The seminar covers Quality Matters (the application of a rubric that ensures quality in Online Education), Blackboard, SoftChalk, and many other tools to assist faculty/staff with teaching with technology online and face to face.

During the course of the year, 23 courses were reviewed by eight reviewers and 7 courses were developed for online delivery as we strive to offer full programs online.



Title III Reminders

Summative External
Evaluation

March 20-22, 2017

Don't forget that T&E
Reports are due in the
Title III Office on the
5th of each month!

University College Learning Center Strives for Student Success

During AY 2015-2016, University College served more than 70% of the freshman population.

The Learning Skills Center provided 1,992 tutoring sessions in fall 2015 and 2,646 tutoring sessions in spring 2016.

In September 2016, University College contracted the services of Tutor.com to provide online tutoring for all students.

Tutor.com provides students with 24/7 on-demand access with online tutors for a safe, secure, one-to-one live connection with a tutor. Tutor.com is available across multiple internet enabled devices and mobile browsers.

Man-up Monday was introduced this year as a part of the Male Initiative, providing the young men of CSU with positive role models to encourage them to continue to strive for success even in the face of opposition. September 26, 2016 Man-Up Monday guest speaker was Rayshawn Wilson, a motivational speaker who shared his story of triumph over several obstacles.



Title III Activities Welcome New Staff

Please join us in welcoming the following employees to the Title III family:

Karen Garmon is the Administrative Coordinator for the University College. She has been with CSU for six months and serves as UC's logistical leader with respect to the inventory, purchase and distribution of all materials and supplies; maintains the Executive Director's calendar; assists the Executive Director in the creation of all financial records, reports, and other required actions related to personnel, projects and programs within UC, and maintains a current filing system for these materials and activities

Carolyn Gunn is an Academic Advisor with the University College. She advises for The College of Education and Undecided Majors. Ms. Gunn began working for Central State University June 1, 2016. Ms. Gunn has over 14 years' experience as an Academic Advisor/Coach.



University College is excited to introduce the new Coordinator of First Year Experience, **Mortenous A. Johnson** as of February 1, 2017. Mr. Johnson's duties will include assisting with the planning and execution of SOAR activities; coordinating the FYS courses each semester; and working with University College academic advisors on retention-focused programming, maintaining programs, budget management, supervising staff, and more.

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This webletter is produced by the Office of Title III at Central State University in order to provide you with information and updates on this vital US Department of Education grant program.

It is published on a semi-annual basis to capture the news and progress of activities supported by the Title III Strengthening Institutions grant.

For more information, contact the Title III staff at **937-376-6665** or email **kfranklin@centralstate.edu**.

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Frances E. Robinson is a graduate of Martin University, Indianapolis, IN. She is the current Administrative Coordinator for the Counseling Services office. She began her position March 1, 2017. She has worked in higher education for more than 10 years. Ms. Robinson has held past positions in the Office of Enrollment

Management, Office of Registrar, Office of Academics, and the Office of the President. Ms. Robinson has years of experience that include administrative support, monitoring administrative projects; maintaining programs, budget management, supervising staff, and more. Ms. Robinson desires to make a difference in student's lives by assisting them in reaching their goals to become successful leaders in their communities.

Tisha Smith is supporting the work of the Associate Vice President of Academic Planning & Assessment, maintaining Title III records, entering and processing requisitions and travel documentation.



From the Director

I feel Spring is in the air. The days are longer and we will soon have the opportunity to shed our extra layer of clothing and pack up the boots for next year. As I reflect on my time in the Title III office, it has been a rewarding opportunity to learn and explore the wonderful activities that are funded by Title III.

Title III funding has allowed us to expand our online course offerings by 10%, making us more accessible and acceptable to a wider audience in the process. We have upgraded and expanded our instructional technology, allowing students and instructors to work and learn in “connected” classrooms and labs. Our students have also been afforded greater offerings in our library system. Post-baccalaureate opportunities for our graduates have been increased thru enhanced testing options and additional preparation supplements, also made possible through this grant.

Title III supported activities such as Global Education and Online Learning provided study abroad opportunities and offsite education to correspond to current student population demands. And finally, we have established a gateway to the local community’s schools through our Music Mentors Program.

Through these activities, we have shown that Central State University offers a welcoming and nurturing environment that will both challenge and prepare students for the future that they will inhabit.

As we close on another five-year cycle, Central State University, has accomplished many objectives through Title III funding that have strengthened our presence within the HBCU community. Please support the Title III activities with your presence at programs and encourage our students to take advantage of opportunities made possible through Title III programs.

Our offices are open to anyone that would like to learn more about Title III and the enhancements to academic programs on campus.

Karen Franklin, Interim Director

Global Education Snapshots

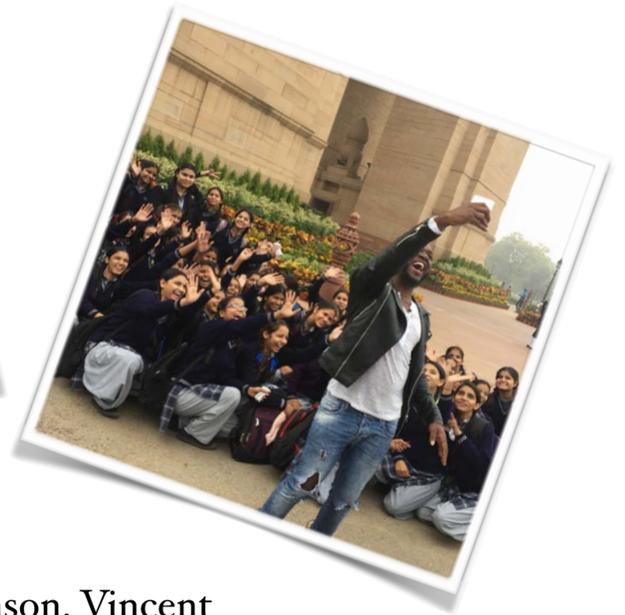


The Center of Global Education applied for Fulbright Foreign Language Assistants to teach foreign languages at Central State University. Last academic year (2015-2016), we had one Fulbright Instructor from Egypt. This academic year (2016-2017), we

have two instructors, one from China and the other is from Morocco.

In 2015, CSU students traveled to India with Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Sharath Krishna.





From left to right, Kristy Rochon, Laurise Johnson, Vincent Sanders, Tiara Pointdexter, Frederick Hayes, Sanetria Cain, Robert Shelly, and Hunter Scott.

