

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At Shawnee Community College, we believe education is the key to transforming lives and building stronger communities. Every day, our students arrive on campus with dreams of a brighter future, and thanks to the support of friends like you, those dreams are within reach.

The Saints Foundation at Shawnee Community College exists to ensure that financial barriers do not stand in the way of opportunity. Many of our student's balance classes with work, family, and financial challenges. Scholarships and other forms of support provided by the Foundation help ease that burden, giving students the chance to focus on learning and achieving their goals.

Beyond financial aid, the Foundation helps create an environment where students can truly thrive. Donor support has strengthened Shawnee by expanding modern learning spaces, investing in advanced technology, and providing hands-on tools that bring education to life. These enhancements enrich campus life and give students the resources they need to pursue their aspirations with confidence.

But Shawnee is not only removing barriers—it is also moving forward with bold ideas and innovative programs. From training the next generation of healthcare professionals and teachers, to expanding opportunities in technology, manufacturing, and the skilled trades, Shawnee is helping shape the future of Southern Illinois. We are investing in new partnerships, creating pathways to in-demand careers, and preparing students to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Your support makes this possible. When you give to the Shawnee Community College Foundation, you are not just funding tuition or books—you are fueling innovation, empowering students, and strengthening our region. Together, we can continue to open doors of opportunity and ensure Shawnee remains a place where education inspires progress for generations to come.

With deep appreciation,

Shane M. Bennett

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