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**OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING
AT CENTRAL OHIO TECHNICAL COLLEGE / OSU-NEWARK, Jan. 27**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Board of Regents will hold its January 2005 meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, at The Reese Center, 1209 University Drive, Central Ohio Technical College / The Ohio State University – Newark, Newark, Ohio.

At the meeting, COTC President Bonnie Coe and first year COTC nursing student Coleen Gregg will present, “Meeting the Needs of the Health Care Community by Doubling the Number of Nurses Produced.” Also, “New Programs at The Ohio State University-Newark,” will be presented by William MacDonald, dean and director of OSU-Newark, and Molly Moehring, a senior studying Human Development Family Science there.

Another feature will be the presentation of “The Performance Report for Ohio’s Colleges and Universities, 2004.” The Performance Report provides a wealth of information on student academic preparation, learning environments, progress, and degree achievement, as well as licensure and employment outcomes. This year’s report – the fifth produced by the Regents – will include new outcomes measures related to college-level course taking by high school students, transfer outcomes and need-based and merit-based financial aid information.

Among items recommended for board consideration are: distribution of Improving Teacher Quality grants, awarding of Child Care Facility – Matching Grant Awards, two joint use agreements involving the University of Akron, a request to pledge student fees in support of a bond from the Miami University, and release and distribution of FY2005 Success Challenge appropriations (see attachments for a detailed agenda).

The meeting will be the first led by newly-elected Chairman Edmund J. Adams of Cincinnati. Joining Adams in top leadership positions will be Vice Chair Donna M. Alvarado of Newark and Secretary Bruce R. Beeghly of Youngstown.

Media and the public are encouraged to attend the board meeting, as well as the 9:00 a.m. - noon committee meetings, also being held in the Reese Center.

The Ohio Board of Regents is the coordinating body for higher education in the state. Created in 1963 by the General Assembly, the 11-member public board has a direct, non-governing relationship with all of Ohio’s colleges and universities.

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Note: A board meeting agenda and committee meeting schedule are attached. The next monthly meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents is scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m., March 10, 2005, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

