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Chancellor and Local Officials to Hold Public Forum Linking Higher Education and the Economy at Shawnee State University

Community Conversations six-region tour joins college, business, civic and student leaders to discuss 10-year strategic plan on higher education

COLUMBUS – The public is invited to attend the second in a series of Community Conversation forums hosted by Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut to discuss his 10-year strategic plan on higher education delivered to Governor Strickland and the Ohio General Assembly March 31.

The forum will be held Tuesday, April 29, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Shawnee State University, Clark Memorial Library, Flohr Lecture Hall, 940 Second Street, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Chancellor Fingerhut will provide an overview of the strategic plan and then moderate a panel discussion focused on college affordability and increasing enrollment to make the region more competitive in attracting employers and new jobs to Appalachia. The floor will be opened to the audience following the panel discussion.

The invited panel consists of community college and university officials, business, civic and student leaders including:

- Dr. Rita Morris, President, Shawnee State University
- Representative T. Todd Book, Ohio General Assembly
- Randy Arnett, President and CEO, Southern Ohio Medical Center

- John Ross Campbell, Student Trustee and SGA President, Shawnee State University
- Dr. Walter Reiling, Jr., Regent, Ohio Board of Regents
- Phillip Raynes, District Sales Executive, National City Bank

The event is free and open to the public, although space is limited. Those interested in attending the April 29 forum at Shawnee State are encouraged to register by contacting Cindy Keaton at ckeaton@shawnee.edu or (740) 351-3208.

For additional information about the Community Conversations Tour, including a listing of upcoming forums at Antioch University McGregor, University of Cincinnati, Stark State College of Technology, and University of Toledo, visit <http://universitysystem.ohio.gov>. The strategic plan is also available on the same Web site.

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