

# *From the Executive Director*

## **To the students:**

**Choose a value-added education.** That's what Ohio's Career Tech is all about. It includes challenging academic and technical content, as well as strong relationships with business, industry and higher education. In addition to meeting Ohio Core graduation requirements, students take 450 to 900 hours of career-focused coursework. In the Six District Educational Compact, our College Tech Prep initiatives emphasize the workforce development areas targeted by Ohio to meet our state's economic needs.

**Learn from experiential opportunities.** Students in the Six District Educational Compact College Tech Prep initiatives take advantage of worksite visits, trips to area colleges and universities and have the chance to hear and interact with speakers from related businesses. In our classrooms and labs, students learn through challenging projects, job shadowing, mentorships and internships. They join career-based organizations and enter state and national competitions.

**Earn college credit.** Our students can choose from 26 College Tech Prep Initiatives—all rigorous, relevant and project-based—designed to prepare students for both college and careers. Plus, our students earn college credit in high school and have the technical, real-work skills necessary for employment or a part-time job to help pay for post-secondary education. Students in College Tech Prep also enter college at a higher readiness level, and many have specific skill sets in technical, high demand fields.

**Jump start your career right here!** Take the challenge and get a great jump start on your future. Visit and apply to a Compact College Tech Prep Initiative!

Sincerely,



Mary Jane Stanchina  
Executive Director

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