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James A. Rhodes Bust Presented to Rhodes State College

LIMA, Ohio -- Today, the Association of Ohio Commodores presented a bronze bust of former Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes to Rhodes State College during the Association's Annual Summer meeting, which was held at the College. The organization, founded by Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes, recognizes individuals for their contributions to economic development in their communities and to the State of Ohio.

Mr. Richard Hillis, Grand Commodore, unveiled the bust with Richard Woodfield, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Rhodes.

Financial support for the bust came from Alan Stockmeister, from Coalton, Ohio -where the former Governor was born. The Stockmeister family was also instrumental in the dedication of a life-size James A. Rhodes statue in Jackson County on May 2, and it is housed in front of the county courthouse.

Dr. Debra McCurdy, president of Rhodes State College, said, because the college is named after Governor Rhodes," it is a very special tribute that we would receive a bust of Governor Rhodes, who is the architect of the two-year college system throughout the state of Ohio." It is an honor, Dr. McCurdy said, "given his work and his vision."

Clyde Rauch, President/CEO of Tuttle Services Inc. and a Commodore, said "The Commodores are so pleased to dedicate this bust of Governor Rhodes to Rhodes State College... Governor Rhodes was all about creating jobs and Rhodes State has done so much in our region to promote and enhance our local workforce."

June 24, 2013, will mark the 11th anniversary of the College's name change from Lima Technical College to James A. Rhodes State College. The name change occurred to more accurately reflect the scope and diversity of the College's service and courses to West Central Ohio and to honor James A. Rhodes for his strong belief in accessibility of education for every citizen in Ohio.