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School of Public Affairs lifts off to become college

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With a crowd of onlookers gathered in anticipation and a clear blue sky affording favorable weather conditions, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the John Glenn College of Public Affairs was a go for launch.

The ceremony and open house at Page Hall on Friday celebrated the college’s change of status from what was previously the John Glenn School of Public Affairs, making it Ohio State’s 15th and newest college.

The countdown began Jan. 30, after the creation of Glenn College was announced during an Ohio State Board of Trustees meeting.

The college’s undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs “equip students with the skills to become tomorrow’s citizen-leaders or public service professionals,” according to its website.

Trevor Brown, dean of Glenn College, said during the ceremony that the college takes pride in embodying the university’s motto, “disciplina in civitate,” or “education for citizenship,” as its students, faculty and alumni “work to solve today’s problems and produce tomorrow’s leaders.”

“In honor of the two whose name we are so proud to adorn our college, Sen. John Glenn and Annie Glenn, we pledge to continue their legacy of inspiring citizenship and developing leadership,” he said.

John Glenn served in World War II and the Korean War; he became the first American to orbit Earth, piloting Friendship 7 in 1962 and he served as a U.S. senator from Ohio from 1974 to 1999.

Glenn spoke at the ceremony, expressing his views on the importance of leadership.

“All you have to do is look at the front page of the paper or watch TV news to know how badly we need good leadership, not only in Washington but up and down the line: in our communities, our state and our nation,” he said.

Glenn added that the college’s new level of prominence can help foster that development by, over time, attracting new faculty and developing high-school recruiting programs.
“There’s no reason why our college, here, can’t be just as eminent, eventually, in this field of public service and public policy, as the football team is nationally,” he said.

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, said during the ceremony that for him, the college’s mission “to inspire citizenship, to develop leadership” has never been more important, as the country faces new challenges.

“We need good people who are willing to serve,” Portman said. “And as the Glenn School teaches, addressing these challenges requires leadership, bipartisan cooperation and innovative policy solutions. That’s what these young people are learning.”

Portman, who has taught courses at the former Glenn School, added that during his time at OSU, he observed students eager to engage in public service, despite a government environment that is “not so great these days.”

“People are cynical. People are frustrated. What they see going on in government, they don’t like. They see the gridlock. They see policy block progress,” Portman said. “And yet, these young people are willing to step forward. Instead of retreating from the challenge, they’re stepping forward with determination and resolve to challenge themselves and find solutions.”

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, who also spoke at the ceremony, told The Lantern that, in time, the college will help elevate the quality of leadership in Ohio’s public sector.

“It gets students exposed to government at a young age,” he said. “Going to the Glenn College, as an 18-year-old or a 22-year-old, helps you to chart the path that you’re most interested in and fits you best.”

Sherrod Brown said the college can assist students in finding that path by allowing for exposure to different levels of government and internships.

Portman said his office in Washington, D.C., is expecting an intern from OSU this summer.

Sherrod Brown, who earned his master’s degree in public administration at OSU in 1981, said he feels his time at OSU prepared him for the future, even Congress, with courses covering budgeting, federal law and the federal legislative process.

Sherrod Brown and Portman serve on the Board of Advisors at Glenn College.

The former John Glenn School of Public Affairs, from its founding, reported to the Office of Academic Affairs as a free-standing, tenure-initiating and degree granting unit.

Trevor Brown told The Lantern that the creation of the college provides more autonomy, allows for a more direct line of communication from the college to Executive Vice President and Provost Joseph Steinmetz and represents the university’s commitment to public affairs education and research.

He said it also helps continue connecting the college to the public sector, as well as to other colleges through interdisciplinary research, adding that he hopes its dual-degree program will grow.

“We’re a very small college, but we are really good at networking and connecting and integrating,” he said. “Public policy and the problems that face the public sector are everything and they’re multidisciplinary, so the only way you tackle these things is by connecting the knowledge that exists here in the university.”

Lisa Frazier, a doctoral candidate in the college, said she feels the distinction between the school and college is significant, and that the change boosts the stature of OSU’s public affairs education.

“I think it sends a really important signal to policy makers, in our state and nationally, that this is a college that is dedicated to the production and education of public servants,” she said. “And I think it’s a pretty strong signal.”

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Bill Clinton talks at Ohio State of his family’s past, global big picture

Former President Bill Clinton said that in national struggles it is important for leaders to also focus on the “good things” ahead.

By Darrel Rowland
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It was the admission Republicans had been waiting for, Hillary Clinton saying: “No one would ever vote for me; I’m just another pushy woman.”

Unfortunately for GOP opposition researchers, that was former President Bill Clinton at Ohio State University on Thursday recounting a conversation some 40 years ago, around the time he and his future wife had graduated from college.

Before a packed Mershon Auditorium, Clinton said Hillary Rodham turned him down the first two times he asked her to marry him.

“And the third time I asked, I said, ‘You know, you’re probably right, actually; you shouldn’t marry me,’” he said.

His reasoning: He was headed back to Arkansas to go into politics. And Clinton told her that she should do the same in her home state, Illinois.

“And she said, ‘That’s the craziest thing I ever heard ... I would never be voted for for anything.’”

So they got married, and she went off to Arkansas with her new husband — where Clinton says she taught him about true public service.
to commemorate its transformation earlier this year from just a "school" at Ohio State.

Clinton made only a few passing references to last Friday's terrorist attack in Paris, saying, "I loved the headlines from France today" about the plot's mastermind being killed.

But he did compare today's America to the country in 1862, when the law establishing land-grant colleges like Ohio State was passed.

"In the teeth of the Civil War, when the very existence of our national union was in doubt, Abraham Lincoln and the Congress made a bet on the nation's future," Clinton said. "What is the lesson for today? It is very important when security is threatened and bad things are happening to try to fight against them and keep other bad things from happening.

"But it is never enough. Somebody has to be thinking about making good things happen and giving people something to say yes to," to paint "an alternative vision for the future."

Most of Clinton's talk was devoted to such big-picture philosophical musings and anecdotes from various international settings where his global foundation is working.

"The ultimate lesson of the interdependent world is that the cooperators will prevail in the end," he said. "We are condemned to share the future ... the only question open for debate is the terms under which we will share it."

Clinton, who was OSU's spring graduation speaker in 2007, waived his usual six-figure speaking fee.

Before traveling to Columbus, he was in Dayton for the 20th anniversary of the Bosnia-Herzegovina peace accords, which were negotiated at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The pact ended a war in which more than 200,000 were killed and an estimated 2 million displaced.

After the Ohio State speech, Clinton headed to Youngstown for one of a series of fundraisers across the country for his wife's presidential campaign.

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Reappointment of Dean Trevor Brown

Dear Colleagues,

I write to advise you that I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Trevor L. Brown, PhD, as dean of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs. Subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, his second term will be effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023.

Dean Brown's leadership of a collaborative effort spanning across the faculty, staff, students, alumni and university leaders enabled the transition of the Glenn School to the John Glenn College of Public Affairs. Further, during his term as dean, the college strengthened its curriculum by adding a BS in public policy analysis and restructuring the BA in public management, leadership, and policy.

Dean Brown also leads significant outreach and engagement programs, including his service as the executive director of the State of Ohio Leadership Institute, an important resource for Ohio's local and state elected officials. He also facilitated the creation of a leadership certificate for law enforcement officials through the State of Ohio's Department of Public Safety and a new certificate in Public and Nonprofit Leadership.

As dean, he continues to teach and conduct research on public management governance and public-private partnerships. His research is extensively cited by other scholars and government officials.

His honors and awards include election as a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing's Scholar of the Year, and a four-time recipient of the former Glenn School Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

Dean Brown joined Ohio State's faculty in 2001. He earned a BA in public policy from Stanford University and a PhD in public policy and political science from Indiana University.

Please join me in congratulating Trevor as he begins his second term. I look forward to working with him as we continue our ambitious agenda for the college and the university.

Bruce A. McPherson, PhD
Executive Vice President and Provost
Medicaid expansion leader is going to OSU

By Catherine Candisky The Columbus Dispatch

Gov. John Kasich’s right-hand man, Greg Moody is stepping down as head of the Governor’s Office of Health Transformation.

A firm but soft-spoken policy wonk, Moody has led some of the governor’s most significant initiatives, including expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act and transitioning Medicaid beneficiaries into managed care. He also was instrumental in developing national healthcare proposals endorsed by governors of both parties.

His departure comes as the Ohio Department of Medicaid faces ongoing scrutiny over costly drug prices in the tax-funded health care program for about 3 million poor and disabled. A recent report commissioned by the state showed that pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs, who administer Medicaid drug benefits were charging taxpayers three to six times more than standard rates.

Some lawmakers have slammed administration officials for downplaying the practices of PBMs and not doing more to rein in costs.

Moody is leaving for a position at Ohio State University. His last day is Tuesday.

“After eight incredible years, I’ve accepted an academic appointment that begins August 1 and July 31 will be my last day with the Ohio Governor’s Office of Health Transformation,” Moody wrote in an email to colleagues on Monday.

“My respect and admiration for Gov. Kasich and everyone who helped OHT improve health system performance in Ohio is more than I can express in this email. Together we have made a difference for the Ohioans we serve.”

Trevor Brown, dean of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at Ohio State, said Moody will be an executive in residence at the college.

“He’ll be teaching, designing and delivering professional development and training programs and conducting research to inform public decision-makers on important policy topics,” Brown said.

Kasich named Moody to oversee state health care programs and initiatives when he took office in January 2011. Moody’s departure comes five months before Kasich leaves office.

Moody began his public service career as a budget associate for the U.S. House Budget Committee, working under Kasich, then a congressman and budget chairman, and tasked with studying the impact of Medicaid on federal spending.

“He’s been a valuable member of the team,” said Kasich spokesman Jim Lynch. ccandisky@dispatch.com @ccandisky
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