

Patton College gearing up for 125th Anniversary Celebration

ATHENS, Ohio (April 5, 2011)- Ohio University's Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education and Human Services is excited to share its history of 125 years with the entire Athens community. In honor of recognizing the College's past, present and future, a weekend of special events, guest speakers and entertainment is planned for Sept. 9-11, 2011.

Highlights from day one of the celebration include keynote speaker Dr. Roderick McDavis, president of Ohio University, delivering an address titled "A Proud Past, A Promising Future," followed by a series of workshops from various College departments. Day two is filled with the OHIO football game and an evening gala with Grammy Award winning jazz vocalist Nancy Wilson. The final day comprises of a closing luncheon and keynote speaker C. Daniel DeLawder, former member of the OHIO Board of Trustees.

Registration is now open to the public, and the updated agenda can be found on the CEHS website for more information: <http://www.cehs.ohio.edu/125/>

Patton College has seen many changes since 1886, when it became the first public teacher preparation program in Ohio. Most recently recognized in February 2010, Ms. Violet L. Patton donated \$28 million to the College in honor of her parents, Gladys W. and David H. Patton, making her one of OHIO's greatest benefactors. In the same year, The Patton College became the home of several excellent programs previously housed in the College of Health and Human Services, creating a total of five departments: Counseling and Higher Education, Human and Consumer Science Education, Educational Studies, Recreation and Sport Pedagogy, and Teacher Education. Now, the College would like to invite the community in joining them in celebrating 125 years of educational and human services excellence.

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