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## SOUTHERN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESS RELEASE



Photo caption Bob Krauss

### Southern State Community College Announces Latest Graduate of Ohio Leadership Academy for Student Success

Bob Krauss, Assistant Professor of Mathematics for Southern State Community College, has graduated as a fellow of the newest class of the Ohio Leadership Academy for Student Success.

Sponsored by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, the academy is the first of its kind in the nation to gather midlevel faculty and staff for a year of training, exchanging ideas, and immersion in how to promote student success.

The OACC created the academy in 2019 to reverse mid-level faculty attrition. Participants met several times throughout the year for two-day meetings and worked on group projects. The sessions focused specifically on evidence-based strategies for student success, including Ohio's higher education policy landscape and aspects of curriculum provided by the Washington, DC-based Aspen Institute program.

"Attending the Ohio Leadership Academy for Student Success has provided me with a deeper understanding of the evolving needs of our students and how we can best support them."

said Krauss. "This program was instrumental in enriching my role as a professor and underscored the importance of implementing changes that will improve the student experience at Southern State Community College. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity and confident that these insights will help us continue to elevate the quality of education and support we provide," he added.

The academy was funded by several national organizations, ensuring that colleges had minimal