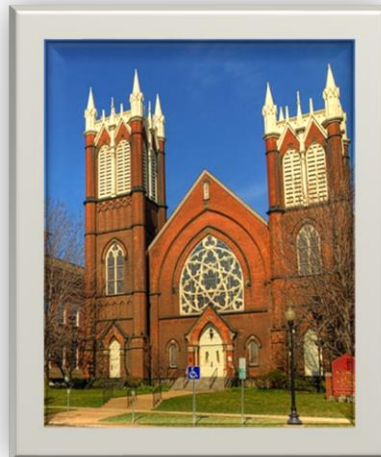


Lakeland Community College: *A Community's Unique Vision Realized*

In 1964, a group of 22 Lake County citizens proposed the creation of a two-year college to meet the expanding educational needs of their community. In the 58 years since that idea took root, a respected institution has risen and flourished, becoming the **first such Ohio college created by the vote of the people**.

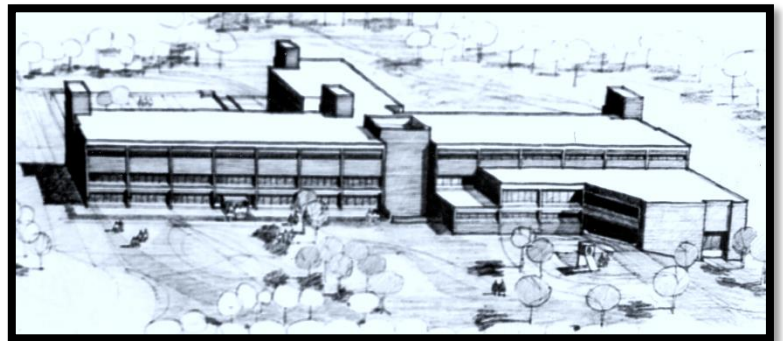
The Board of Commissioners undertook a feasibility study, which recommended that the "creation of a community college district" be studied. Anxious to move the plan forward, the League of Women Voters gathered signatures to place the issue **on the ballot in 1965**. Two years later, Lake County voters approved a 1.7 mill levy to make the new college a reality.

With humble beginnings in scattered locations around Painesville, just over **1000 students enrolled in Lakeland Community College classes in Sept. 1967**. They met at the Cleveland Trust Building, Painesville Methodist Church, the Painesville YMCA, and other spots. The administration was housed in the vacant Johnson's Funeral Home.



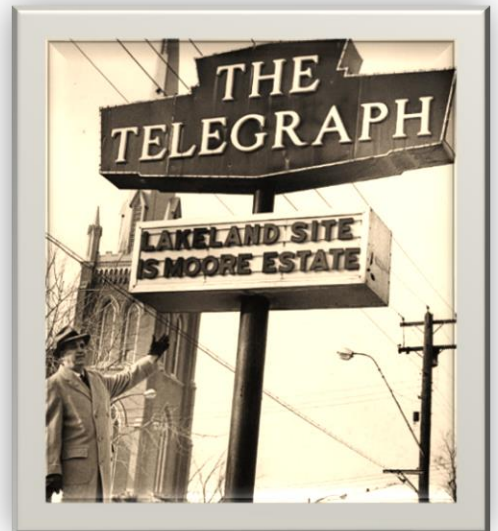


To create a permanent campus, the college purchased **400 acres in Kirtland that belonged to the Edward W. Moore estate**. Moore, with his partner Henry Everett, had modernized Lake County with the introduction of the **CP&E Interurban rail line** in 1895. Their enterprise brought electricity to Willoughby. The turn of the century property had been **Mooreland**, a lush country home that included a stately mansion, carriage house, barn, orchard, and small in-ground swimming pool. Campus plans



were drawn.

In the **summer of 1971, Lakeland Community College opened its campus doors**, ready to meet Lake County's needs. That original property has evolved over the past five

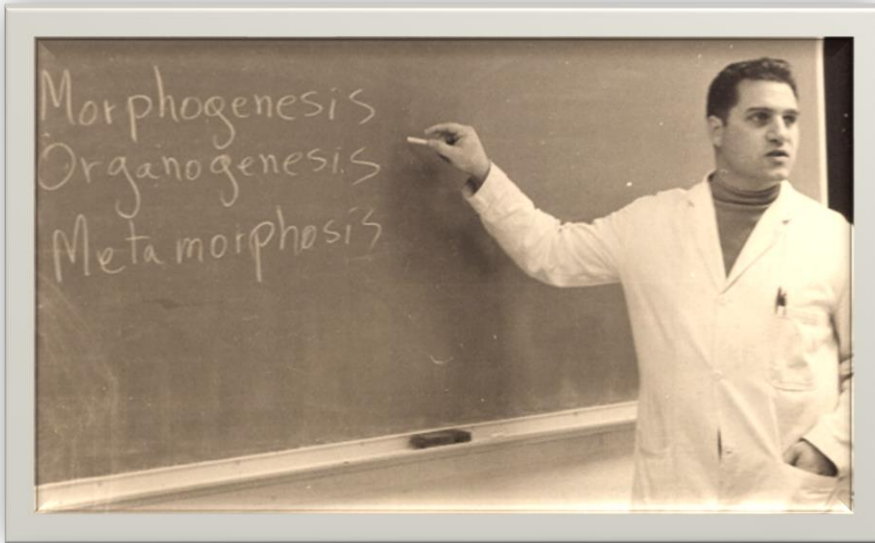




decades to **serve more than 237,000 individual students**. They've enrolled in thousands of classes, which provided an affordable and convenient springboard to opportunity and bright futures.

The accredited, comprehensive two-year college has transfer programs to four-year colleges, community-responsive technical and paraprofessional programs, general education opportunities, and

professional educational counseling services. Students can earn credits in **900 courses, 75 degree programs, and 63**



certificates. Always responsive to the community's needs, the **Holden Center was added in 2011**, extending opportunities to enroll in partnered baccalaureate and graduate degree programs right on the Kirtland campus. The college also serves the community with numerous programs that are tailored to specific industry-generated requests, providing a direct impact on business in the region.



Lakeland employs more than 1200 teaching and support staff to deliver a quality education to more than **8700 students in 2022** alone. It promotes lifelong learning for all, including children's summer camps, free classes for senior citizens, and noncredit professional development courses to build employees' skills. As programs of study continue to evolve and expand, students can opt for classes on campus, through online courses, in an accelerated format, or even as high school students via College Credit Plus. **For many families, Lakeland provides a first experience in higher education.**

The college is a regional source for the arts and culture, including theatrical and music presentations, a fine art galley, symposiums, lecture series, and national competitions. The college's ten buildings include Edward Moore's historic summer home, **Mooreland Mansion**. Its extensive restoration was completed by volunteer support and generous community



donations. It is a campus treasure acting as both a conference center and reception site.

Longtime residents recall that from **1982-1991**, as **Cleveland Browns** owner Art Modell was looking for a location for their **summer training camp**, Lakeland fit the bill. It had the best accommodations for housing, practice fields and meeting facilities. Utilizing community effort, with Lakeland and Kirtland as partners, it became an attractive option for the club as well as for the fans to have access. It was the Bernie Kosar era, and the Lakeland location attracted some 10,000 spectators each day. Those years gave rise to the moniker the "**Dawgs**" for the Browns defense. It later spawned the nickname "Dawg Pound" for the Municipal Stadium's loyal bleacher fans.



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Lakeland Community College has been led by five presidents: **Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst** (1967-1981); **Willis P. Kern** (1977); **Dr. James L. Catanzaro** (1981-1987); **Dr. Ralph R. Doty** (1988-2001); and **Dr. Morris W. Beverage Jr.** (2001-present). All have expanded facilities, programs, and services with the ongoing support of voters. They have thoughtfully carried forward the vision of those original 22 citizens desiring a better future for the people of Lake County. It is a dynamic institution which has served generations of Northeast Ohio residents, never losing sight of that founding dream. Imagine if they could see it now!



Some of the accomplished Lakeland alumni honored since 2006: <https://www.lakelandcc.edu/web/about/lakeland-alumni-hall-of-fame#:~:text=ALUMNI%20%26%20FRIENDS%20NETWORK,-Alumni%20Hall%20of&text=The%20Lakeland%20Alumni%20Hall%20of,difference%20in%20other%20people's%20lives.>



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