
Chancellor John Carey



John Carey was appointed Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education by Gov. John R. Kasich in April, 2013. As Chancellor, Carey oversees the state's public two-year and four-year institutions and Ohio Technical Centers, and, with the advice of the nine-member Board of Regents, provides policy guidance to the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly, and carries out state higher education policy.

Carey's career has been devoted to public service. He spent time as an aide in Congress and a local official in his hometown of Wellston before serving 17 years in the state legislature. He is one of the few legislators in history to serve as chairman of both the House Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance and Financial Institutions Committee.

Prior to his appointment as Chancellor, Carey served as Assistant to the President for Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives for Shawnee State University in Portsmouth.

Since being appointed Chancellor, Carey's priorities have revolved around collaborating with Ohio's higher education partners to make postsecondary education affordable and accessible for all students. Partnerships with Ohio's public and private colleges and universities, career technical centers and Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) sites have helped increase retention numbers on Ohio campuses as well as the number of Ohioans with a college degree or certificate. Other statewide collaborations have enhanced services to veterans and service members, bolstered workforce development efforts, launched a performance-based funding system, and raised awareness of the need to address sexual violence on Ohio's campuses.

Chancellor Carey is a graduate of Ohio University with a degree in political science, and is a first-generation college graduate. He resides in Wellston with his wife, Lynley, a college professor, and their two sons, Justin and Jordan.