

MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY

2026 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Celebrating exemplary professional achievement, service and the enduring values of Muskingum University



BILL GOETZ '86

Bill served as President, CEO and board member for DYMA Brands, a leading food manufacturer before his retirement in 2024. Prior to that he was SVP of Sales and Marketing for Sysco Foods.

Additionally, Bill spent 22 years at Cintas Corporation where he held various leadership roles, including President and COO of Global Accounts & Strategic Markets and Chief Marketing Officer. Bill also was Vice President-International and Corporate Marketing for Ecolab.

Bill currently is a board member for Vestis Corporation, Depot Connect International, The Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Houston.

In 2025, Bill and his wife Joey established The Goetz Family Future Leaders Foundation that awards annual college scholarships to Club kids and provides tuition reimbursement for Boys and Girls Clubs staff.

Bill and Joey are the proud parents of Emma, J.R. (Shelby) and Cooper (Hannah).



MIKE MASLOSKI '92

Mike Masloski is in his 35th year as an educator and his 11th year as Superintendent of Ridgewood Local Schools in West Lafayette, Ohio.

Throughout his career, he has remained committed to creating opportunities for students, supporting educators, and building strong partnerships between schools and their communities.

Mike is especially proud of Ridgewood's strong partnership with the Education Department at Muskingum University. Through the Grow Your Own Program and classroom partnerships with Muskingum preservice teachers, Ridgewood students and staff benefit while future educators gain valuable hands-on experience.

Mike also serves as an adjunct instructor at Muskingum University. His family has strong connections to the university. His wife, Robin, earned her master's degree from Muskingum, and all three of their children have attended the university. Kolby, a Muskingum graduate, is an intervention specialist at River View Intermediate School. Kelley, also a graduate, currently serves as a graduate assistant at Muskingum. Kya will graduate from Muskingum this spring.



SUSAN MONTGOMERY MCDONALD '96

Zanesville-born Susan proudly returned home, marrying boy-next-door James A. McDonald. They have three young adult sons and live on her family farm, where he operates McDonald's Greenhouse & Corn Maze, raises cattle and grows crops.

Susan loved Muskingum, naively expecting the same at Capital University Law School. Managing Partner at Gottlieb, Johnston, Beam, & Dal Ponte, PLL, she is an Ohio State Bar Association Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, also practicing Agricultural Law and Real Estate.

Previously, she worked at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio House of Representatives and Legislative Service Commission. Her service includes Muskingum County Community Foundation board member emeritus; Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association and Ark Spring Baptist Church memberships; and Boy Scout and 4-H volunteering.

Her Muskingum legacy includes John & Dorothy ('53) Culbertson Montgomery and sister Nancy ('93). She learned early: "if you are part of your community, your community will be part of you."



DR. JENN ALDRED '08

Dr. Jenn Aldred earned her BS in Geology from Muskingum in 2008. As a Muskie Fellow, her research on ice-rafterd debris in North Atlantic sediments inspired further study. She earned her master's in Geological Sciences from Ohio University in 2010, studying Appalachian climate and flooding, and her PhD in Infrastructure and Environmental Systems from UNC Charlotte in 2020, researching Colorado's postglacial landscape evolution.

Her experience includes visiting faculty appointments at William & Mary and New Mexico Highlands University, US Forest Service fieldwork and a guest geoscientist role at Yosemite.

A first-generation college graduate and scientist committed to STEM equity and accessibility, she directed New Mexico Highlands' ARMAS (Achieving in Research, Math, and Science) Center and Northeast New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair from 2022–2026.

Now a Visiting Assistant Professor in Whitman College's Geology and Environmental Studies Departments, she is excited to return to teaching geoscience. Jenn enjoys outdoor recreation, nature and reading, and spends much of her time caring for her elderly dog, Momo.

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2026 EMERGING ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Celebrating professional achievement, meaningful impact and commitment to community



WADE LITT '11

Wade Litt is an economist and entrepreneur whose career spans academia, banking, and consulting.

At Muskingum, he majored in economics with minor fields in business, mathematics, and German. He played soccer and basketball,

spent a semester in Germany, and was active in international student life on campus.

He earned an interdisciplinary master's degree in applied mathematics and economics from Ohio University, followed by a master's degree and Ph.D. in applied economics from The Ohio State University.

He has served as an economics professor at institutions including Denison University and Ohio State, and his work has included consulting projects and research presentations in Kenya, India, Brazil, and across Europe.

Wade founded and operates LÖ-LU Sauna, a Finnish-inspired public sauna company in Columbus, and is establishing Litt Economics, a forensic economics consultancy specializing in the calculation of economic losses in legal cases. Wade lives in Columbus with his wife, Rachael, and their son, Ray.



CAMERON PEDEN '12

Cameron "Cam" Peden is Chief People and Development Officer at United Way of Southern Maine, bringing a people-first approach to teams, organizational culture and community impact. Before joining in 2022, he spent a decade at BCU Electric, beginning as a shop delivery driver

before working in human resources, safety, compliance and marketing.

Born in Tennessee, educated in Ohio and rooted in Maine, Cam brings a grounded, relationship-centered perspective. Most importantly, he is the proud father of Tallulah June and Lane Cameron, and husband to his much better half, Jordan Haynes Peden '12.

Cam earned his M.P.A. from Cleveland State University in 2015, focusing on city management and urbanization. He holds SHRM-CP, HRCI-pHR and Equitable Leadership certifications and belongs to the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

At Muskingum, Cam played one football season before focusing on academics and campus leadership. He also helped found Ohio Omicron, Muskingum's Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity chapter, which continues developing campus leaders.



AURORA J. KITKO '14

Aurora is an HCM Sales Consultant at isolved, helping Northeast Ohio mid-market organizations modernize HR, payroll and workforce operations. At Muskingum, she triple majored in International Business, Economics and Spanish, played softball, and held Theta Phi Alpha and Greek

Council leadership roles.

Her career spans teaching at Spain's Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, the Pittsburgh Pirates, IMG Academy, technology recruiting and HCM software sales. Passionate about mentorship and relationships, she serves on the Friends of Breakthrough Schools board, chairs its Emerging Leaders committee and publishes her LinkedIn newsletter, The Human Capital Playbook.

Aurora returned to Greater Cleveland in 2024 to be closer to family. A proud aunt, godmother, daughter, sister, cousin and niece, she credits her parents, Francine and Michael Sr., whose sacrifices helped make her accomplishments possible. She is a devoted dog mom to her mini schnauzer, Leroy Brown, little brother to her late dog Ladybug, found on Muskingum's campus in 2012.

She enjoys cooking, reading, traveling, learning languages, playing sports and staying connected to Muskingum.



ADAM BROWN '18

Adam earned his BS in Psychology and Child and Family Studies from Muskingum University, where his experiences helped shape his passion for working with and supporting college students.

His time at Muskingum laid the foundation for a career dedicated to helping students navigate college and discover the opportunities available to them.

He later earned his Master of Education in College Student Personnel from Ohio University and began his career in higher education. Adam currently serves as Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Advising and Student Affairs in Ohio University's College of Arts and Sciences. His work centers on helping students find their path, navigate challenges, and make the most of their college experience as they pursue their academic and personal goals.

Adam remains proud of his Muskingum roots and the role the University played in shaping his professional direction. He will always be honored to be part of the long magenta line.