



CAREER CONNECTIONS

Bringing together students, alumni, and businesses.

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The Power of Experiential Learning: The Impact Center Can Get You There

Internships, study away programs, leadership roles, and research opportunities provide hands-on experience that helps students apply classroom knowledge, develop critical skills, and build professional networks. These high-impact experiences make students more competitive in the job market by enhancing problem-solving, adaptability, and real-world expertise.

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71%

Students who participated in high-impact experiences are **71% more likely to secure a job within six months of graduation.**

2X

Employers are **2x more likely to hire graduates with internship experience.**

Source: National Association of Colleges and Employers

The Impact Center connects students with these opportunities, offering career coaching, application support, and funding assistance through programs like the High Impact Experience Grant, made possible by generous Muskingum alumni. Whether you're seeking an internship, research project, or leadership experience, we can help you take the next step.

Ready to expand your learning beyond the classroom? Visit the Impact Center to explore opportunities that will shape your future. Your next big experience starts here!

Need help with your resume?

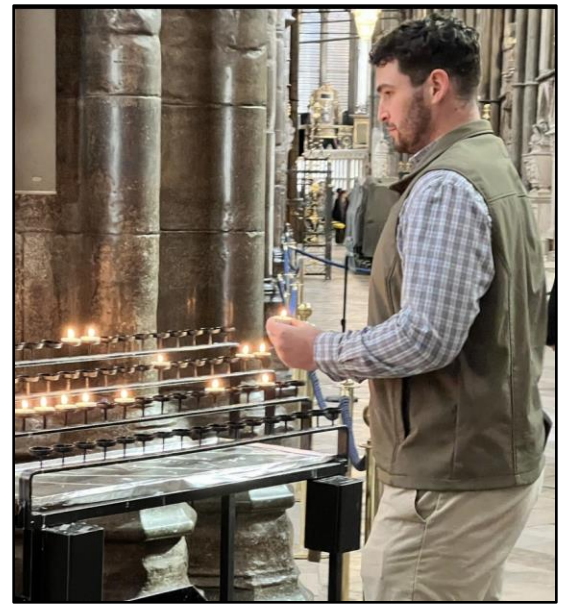
Impact Center Drop-In Hours
Monday through Friday 12:00pm to 3:00pm

A Once-in-a-Lifetime Journey: Spencer Carr's Unforgettable Spring Break Abroad

For Muskingum University senior Spencer Carr, spring break 2025 was anything but ordinary. Instead of going home or catching up on sleep, he took his first-ever trip overseas—an unforgettable journey to London, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland. From standing in the shadow of Buckingham Palace to hiking the breathtaking Arthur's Seat, Spencer embraced every moment of this life-changing experience.

First Time Flying Over an Ocean – and Into a Whole New World

Before this trip, Spencer had never traveled beyond the United States—let alone flown over an ocean. But with his passport in hand and a team of Muskingum faculty, alumni, and fellow students by his side, he set off for a week of adventure, learning, and discovery.



An Itinerary Packed with Incredible Experiences

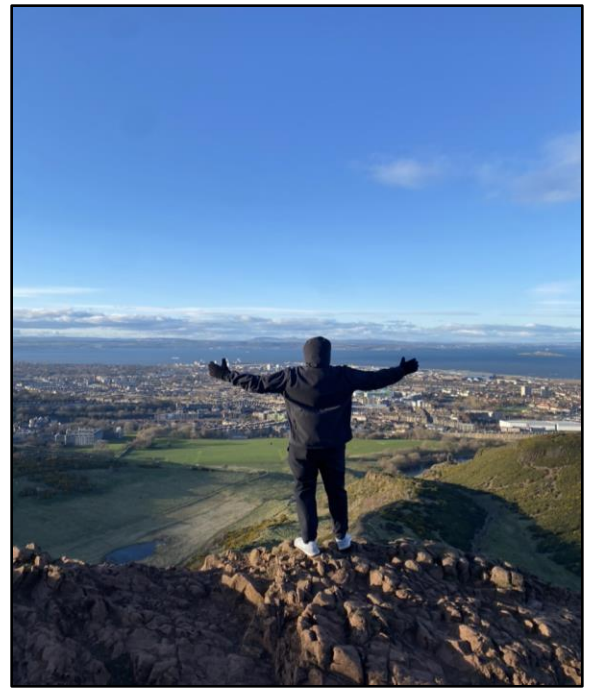
London Highlights – Spencer explored the Tower of London, stood before the gates of Buckingham Palace, and wandered through the British Museum, where centuries of history came to life. He walked the lively streets of Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square, experiencing London's vibrant energy firsthand. He even took part in a trading simulation in the financial district, where, in just three seconds, he “spent” a staggering \$800,000—thankfully, it was all virtual!

A Business Major's Dream – One of the most fascinating stops for Spencer was the Museum of Brands, an interactive space that celebrates the evolution of commerce and brands from Victorian times to present day. As a business and marketing major, seeing the evolution of commerce and advertising up close was an inspiring moment that connected directly to his studies at Muskingum.

Trying New Things – London also gave Spencer the chance to step outside his comfort zone in new ways—like trying Indian food for the first time at Leadenhall Market. A meal filled with bold spices and flavors was just another reminder of how travel opens doors to new experiences.

Edinburgh: A City of Castles and Cliffs – After soaking in the history of London, Spencer traveled north to Scotland, where Edinburgh Castle stood proudly on its rocky perch, a true symbol of Scotland’s rich past. He explored Holyrood Distillery, learning about Scotland’s famous whisky-making traditions.

But his favorite spot of all? Arthur’s Seat—an ancient volcanic hill that towers over Edinburgh. The hike to the top was challenging but rewarding beyond words. Standing at the summit, Spencer gazed out at the entire city, a panoramic view that stretched as far as the eye could see.



Spencer at Arthur’s Seat

A Journey Made Possible by Alumni Generosity

For Spencer, this wasn’t just a trip—it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that changed his perspective on the world. The chance to connect with professors outside the classroom, to walk through centuries of history, and to immerse himself in different cultures was truly priceless.

And yet, this trip was made possible by the generous support of Muskingum alumni. Spencer was one of the first recipients of the High Impact Experience Grant, a fund dedicated to helping students gain real-world learning experiences beyond campus. “This was a trip I will never forget,” Spencer shared. “I am so grateful for this opportunity—Muskingum and its alumni made this possible, and I can’t thank them enough.”

Study Abroad Every Spring Break

Spencer’s journey is just one example of the transformative experiences that Muskingum’s Study Abroad programs offer. Each year, students can travel abroad with faculty, exploring new cultures, making lifelong memories, and gaining a deeper understanding of the world. These short-term trips are designed to be affordable yet impactful, opening doors for students to experience domestic and international travel without the commitment of a full semester abroad.

If you’ve ever dreamed of traveling the world, there’s no better time to start planning. Who knows? Next spring break, you could be the one standing on top of Arthur’s Seat, looking out over the city of Edinburgh. Want to know more? Contact us at

impactcenter@muskingum.edu

Meet our Impact Center Ambassadors

The Impact Center is excited to introduce our seven Impact Center Career Peer Ambassadors! These ambassadors have been specially trained to assist students with resume creation and reviews, as well as to guide them through the many online resources the Impact Center offers to support career development.



Claire Smith '26, Inclusive Primary Education
Claire is kind, personable, and very hard working. You can count on Claire's level-headedness and calm demeanor. Two very desirable qualities to future employers. We are so glad to have Claire as part of our team!



Sydney Belville '25-Digital Media Design, Computer Science
Sydney is our Digital Content and Social Media Design Creator. If you follow us on Instagram, you've seen Sydney's work! Sydney is responsible, reliable, and diligent. She will be a great asset to a lucky employer!

Congratulations To Our Survey Winners!

The Impact Center recently launched a student survey to better understand how many Muskingum students have participated in high-impact experiences such as internships, study away, research, and leadership roles.

This survey helps us track student engagement and improve access to experiential learning opportunities. To encourage participation, students who completed the survey were entered into a drawing for Dining Dollars, and one lucky winner even walked away with a pair of Apple AirPods!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their experiences—your feedback helps us continue to support and expand opportunities that prepare students for success beyond Muskingum!



Adam Rohrbaugh, '27
Winner of Apple AirPods

Turning a Passion for History Into a Career

For Wesley Nestor, a history major graduating in May, the past isn't just something to study—it's something to preserve, research, and share. Throughout his time at Muskingum, Wesley has gained hands-on experience in museum work, archival research, and public history, setting the stage for an exciting career in historical research or cataloging.

Over the past three summers, Wesley interned at the John and Annie Glenn Museum and the National Road Zane Grey Museum (part of Ohio History Connection), where he gave guided tours, helped archive historical artifacts, and assisted in setting up exhibits. These internships deepened his appreciation for museum work and strengthened his skills in artifact preservation, historical documentation, and public engagement—valuable experience for careers in museums, archives, or historical research.

Wesley's dedication to exploring career paths led him to participate in the FBI Collegiate Training Academy in Clarksburg, WV, last November. After months of preparation and background checks, he was admitted into the prestigious program, where he learned about career opportunities within the FBI that align with his history and museum experience. Positions such as FBI historian, records management specialist, forensic archivist, and intelligence analyst all require the research, documentation, and analytical skills Wesley has developed through his coursework and internships.



Wesley Nestor '25
National Road Zane Grey Museum

As graduation approaches, Wesley is eager to apply his historical expertise in a professional setting, whether in a museum, government agency, or archival research role. With a strong foundation in public history and an impressive range of hands-on experiences, he's ready to make history—one discovery at a time.



Muskie Students Engage in Advocacy at Ohio Statehouse Day

On March 19th, four Muskingum University students had the unique opportunity to participate in AICUO's Independent College Day at the Ohio Statehouse. This event that connects students with state leaders and provides an inside look at government operations.

During their visit, they toured the historic Ohio Statehouse, gaining a deeper understanding of the legislative process and the significance of public service. The students also had the chance to meet with state legislators, engaging in discussions about policies that impact higher education and their futures.

A highlight of the day was connecting with Muskingum alumna **Kayla Wilkerson '19**, Director of Budget and Finance, for the Ohio Democratic Caucus, who shared insights into her career in state government and the impact of her Muskingum education. This experience not only broadened the students' perspectives on leadership and advocacy but also reinforced the importance of civic engagement in shaping their communities.



Students and faculty pictured with U.S Representative Al Landis.



Students and faculty pictured with alumna Kayla Wilkerson '19

Highlights From Pour and Explore: Wine Tasting & Networking- March 21st, 2025

Students 21 and older enjoyed an evening of fine wine, expertly paired food, and meaningful networking with distinguished alumni.

Thank You to Our Alumni Networkers

Larry Triplett '80

Debbie Triplett

Ed Wolfel '99

Joy Wolfel '99,'04G

Dan Shuey '06

Nate Strum '06

Levi Shegog '03

Julia Zalmenak ;24

Laurie Deal '93

Dave Cepek '93



Upcoming Events

RESUME WORKSHOP

Craft a standout résumé that gets noticed! This interactive workshop will guide you through the essentials of résumé writing.

March 26, 2025
12 pm

INTERVIEW SKILLS

Stand out from the crowd and build your confidence by developing skills so you can put your best foot forward.

March 27, 2025
11 am

CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Visit the Impact Center and ask questions, explore career paths, build connections, and get a professional headshot.

April 1, 2025
10:30 am-12 pm

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Follow us [@muskingum_impactcenter](https://www.instagram.com/muskingum_impactcenter)

STUDENT INTERNSHIP *Spotlight*

Yodel Community Connections
Wrote and tested JavaScript applications for different companies.

EDEN WOODFORD

Frontend Web Developer

**CAREER
COMPETENCIES:**

- ✓ Professionalism
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Critical Thinking



The world is waiting—where will your Muskingum experience take you?