



CAREER CONNECTIONS

Bringing together students, alumni, and businesses.

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Networking with Heart: How to Build Meaningful Professional Relationships

When it comes to career development, networking often gets a bad rap as being transactional or superficial. But at its core, networking is about building genuine, lasting connections that go beyond exchanging business cards or LinkedIn profiles. Here's how you can network with heart and create professional relationships that matter.

1. Be Authentic

Authenticity is key. People can sense when you're being genuine versus when you're just trying to get something from them. Share your interests, goals, and experiences honestly, and take a sincere interest in theirs. This mutual openness helps build trust and rapport.

2. Focus on Giving, Not Just Getting

Approach networking with a mindset of giving. Whether it's sharing an article, offering a skill, or connecting someone with a resource, small gestures of support can go a long way in strengthening professional relationships. When you help others, they're more likely to help you in return.

3. Listen More Than You Talk

Good networking isn't just about selling yourself—it's about listening. Pay attention to what others are saying, ask thoughtful questions, and show that you value their insights. This makes your interactions more meaningful and memorable.

4. Follow Up and Stay Connected

Building a connection is just the first step. Follow up with a thank-you note or a quick message to express your appreciation. Keep in touch periodically, even if it's just to check in or share an update. Consistent communication keeps relationships alive over time.

5. Leverage Campus Resources

Take advantage alumni networking events, such as the upcoming [Speed Networking](#) event on **March 25th** in the **Impact Center**. These are great places to meet people who share your interests and can offer guidance on your career journey.



*Kayla Wilkerson '19
Speed Networking 2024*



Parvez Khambatta '05, Khanna Career Connections, 2024

**Want more
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us online.**



Visit our [webpage](#) for access to career planning resources at any time of day. From job search tools to resume templates, we have everything you need to succeed.

Need help with your resume?

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

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.

Over the next few newsletters, we'll be highlighting each of our ambassadors so you can get to know the team dedicated to helping you succeed. If you need help with your resume or navigating career tools, stop by during our drop-in hours from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays—we're here to help!



Zach Ogle '25, Public Health Studies

Zach loves to clean! He will likely be the one vacuuming up the popcorn after our monthly Career Conversations events. He's also exceptionally friendly and helps students find their way around the Quad Center.



Ty Bronner '27, History, Global Studies, Political Science

Ty loves to eat, and the Impact Center often has free food! However, his favorite part about working in the Impact Center is helping students with resumes. He's honored to help fellow classmates!

Building Community Through Clay: Virginia Torrence and Henry Crissman Share Their Story at Muskingum

Virginia Torrence and Henry Crissman, cofounders of Ceramics School, visited Muskingum University on February 3rd to share their journey of building a community art school and artist residency in Hamtramck, MI. Hosted by the Entrepreneur Fellows Program and presented at the Impact Center, they offered insights on sustainable, community-driven business practices.

Ceramics School began as a Detroit pop-up in 2019, funded by a \$35,000 Kickstarter with support from 300+ donors. After rezoning and renovating a storefront on the Hamtramck/Detroit border, they opened a permanent location in 2021. Despite challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, they've created a thriving hub for artists through classes and residencies.

Their story is a testament to how passion and community support can turn a vision into lasting impact. Learn more: [Ceramics Monthly - Clay Culture: A Love Story](#).



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Internships & Job Opportunities

The Impact Center lists internship and job opportunities online!

Visit our [Jobs & Internships](#) page.

This list is continuously updated so check frequently.

Internship Spotlight

The Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) welcomes applicants for its Summer (May-August) 2025 Internship Program. Graduate and undergraduate students interested in Public Administration, Grant Administration, Governmental Accounting, or Communications – this is the opportunity you have been waiting for! Apply by February 24th Click [here](#) for more information.

2025 Conservation Science Symposium

The 2025 Conservation Science Symposium, sponsored by **The Wilds** and **Muskingum University**, brings together researchers, students, and conservation professionals to explore innovative approaches to wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability.

This event will feature presentations, panel discussions, and networking opportunities focused on current conservation challenges and solutions. Participants will gain valuable insights into cutting-edge research and practical applications in the field, fostering collaboration and inspiring the next generation of conservation leaders.

[Register Here](#)



Attention Alumni

Learn how you can get involved and make a difference in the lives of fellow Muskies!

Click [here](#) to learn more!



Upcoming Events

HIGH IMPACT EXPERIENCES

Discover the value of high impact learning, the role it plays in charting a career path, and how to plan an experience.

11 am to 12 pm Impact Center Learning Lab

LINKEDIN 101

Learn the basics of LinkedIn and why it matters. During this program you will create an account, design a profile, summarize your experiences, and plan your future.

11am to 12:30 pm Impact Center Learning lab

POUR AND EXPLORE

Gain connections, explore career opportunities, develop skills for interacting in professional social setting while networking with Muskingum alumni. Must be 21+ to attend. Students must register in [Involve](#).

4:30am to 6:30pm Caldwell Hall

February 20, 2025

March 20, 2025

March 21, 2025

What's Happening on Instagram?
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STUDENT INTERNSHIP *Spotlight*

Akron Rubber Ducks
Filmed and posted videos for social media as well as took photos for the games and fundraising events they held.

LAUREN HERTLE

Social Media /
Photography Intern

**CAREER
COMPETENCIES:**

- ✓ Professionalism
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Critical Thinking

