



January 2026

Dear Muskingum Alumni and Friends,



As we start a dynamic spring semester, Muskingum continues to move forward with strong momentum while also preparing for a leadership transition at the end of this academic year. After a decade of serving this remarkable institution, I will be retiring in June.

As the board leads a national search for Muskingum's next president, the senior leadership team and I are continuing to implement key initiatives that will strengthen the institution. I am especially grateful for the steadfast support, generosity, and engagement of our alumni and friends. Your partnership has helped position Muskingum to thrive, remain firmly grounded in its mission, and continue moving forward with confidence. I am certain that the University's best days lie ahead as it continues to build "a Muskingum like always and a Muskingum like never before."

Thank you for all you have done—and will continue to do—for Muskingum University and for the students whose lives are transformed here.

With deepest gratitude,
President Sue Hasseler

IMPACT



When Support Matters Most: Inside Muskingum's Tackle Box

Muskingum's campus pantries, known as The Tackle Box, provide students with access to food, clothing, hygiene items, and everyday essentials in a welcoming, stigma-free environment. Supported by a campus-wide network of faculty, staff, students, and community partners, the pantries help remove barriers that can interfere with learning.

ACADEMICS



Be More Than a Major: Students Bring Classroom Learning to Life Through Real-World Design

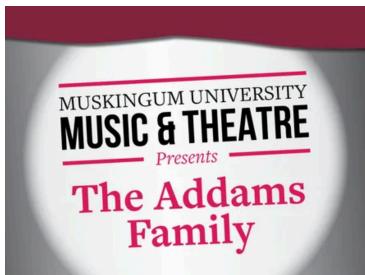
Last semester, students in Dr. Tom German's Visual Communication class stepped beyond the traditional classroom and into a real-world creative partnership—one that challenged them to think not just like students, but like professional designers.



Muskingum Sports Communication Students Gain National Experience at NCAA Division III Stagg Bowl

Muskingum University Sports Communication students gained invaluable real-world experience working alongside the Ohio Athletic Conference on the national stage at the NCAA Division III Football National Championship, the Stagg Bowl, held at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium.

ARTS



Creepy, Kooky, and Completely Muskie: The Addams Family Takes the Stage at Muskingum

Directed by Dr. Diane Rao, Professor of Theatre, the production brings to the heart of campus this devilishly delightful musical comedy filled with wit, heart, and toe-tapping tunes.



Muskies at OMEA: Join Us for an Alumni Reception in Columbus

Calling all Muskingum music alumni and friends attending the 2026 OMEA Conference—we invite you to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate during a special Muskingum University Alumni Reception in Columbus. Friday, January 30, from 6:15–7:45 p.m.

ATHLETICS



Gurney, Wertz Earn All-American Honors in Historic Season for Muskingum Football

Muskingum football seniors Conner Gurney and Foster Wertz capped off outstanding careers by earning All-American honors following exceptional 2025 seasons, marking a historic year for the Fighting Muskies.



Huey Named OAC Coach of the Year, Clayton Named Libero of the Year, Upperclassman Earn All-Conference Honors

Muskingum Volleyball Head Coach Taylour Huey has been named the Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, while junior Katharine Clayton was honored as the OAC Witte-Zicha Libero of the Year. Additionally, junior Mackenzie Krous earned First Team All-OAC honors, Clayton was selected to the Second Team All-OAC, and seniors Emma Johnson and Josie Niemeyer received Honorable Mention All-OAC recognition.



Archery shines on the National Stage at USA Archery Collegiate 3D Nationals

The Muskingum Archery Team made history at the USA Archery Collegiate 3D National Championships in Foley, Alabama, delivering record-breaking performances and earning the program's highest-ever team finish at a national tournament.

ALUMNI



Rothwell Duck Decoy Collection Featured in January Auction

A distinguished collection of historic duck decoys from the Bill Rothwell Collection is currently featured in the American Sporting Auctions Winter Feature Decoy and Sporting Art Auction, which closes on January 24.



1837 Minutes of Giving: Helping Students Write Their Muskingum Story

On March 18, 2026, alumni and friends are invited to be part of that journey during Muskingum's Annual Day of Giving. This year's event—1837 Minutes of Giving, inspired by the year

Muskingum was founded—celebrates the collective impact of generosity over the course of 1,837 minutes.

IN THE NEWS

- **Award Nominations:** Nominate an Alumnus/Alumna for a Distinguished Service or Emerging Alumni Award
- **Class Notes:** Submit a Note and Catch Up With Fellow Muskies

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our Online [Events Calendar](#) for details on arts, athletics, lectures, presentations, and more!

Concerts:

- [Faculty Recital: Harsha Abeyaratne](#), Jan. 27, 7 p.m., Brown Chapel
- [Faculty Recital: Erin Torres](#), Feb. 3, 7 p.m., Brown Chapel
- [Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds Concert](#), Feb. 22, 3 p.m., Brown Chapel

Theatre: Caldwell Hall

- [The Addams Family](#), Mar. 26-28, 7 p.m., Mar. 29, 2 p.m.

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