

MUSKINGUM

U N I V E R S I T Y



December 2024



Dear Friends,

Each fall we have the true privilege of welcoming alumni back to campus for Magenta Homecoming. As always, it was wonderful to visit with this year's participants as they enjoyed another great celebration together.

During Saturday's Presidential Homecoming Update, I was delighted to report that we have once again been ranked #1 in Ohio for Best Value and Social Mobility in the Regional Midwest by U.S. News and World Report. This recognition reflects our commitment to providing an excellent and affordable educational experience for all our students, positively impacting their lifelong economic, civic, and personal well-being.

Living out our commitment to offering best value demands that we continually review our educational offerings to make sure they are preparing the students of today for their future. For the past year, we have been engaged in a university-wide process of refreshing and implementing a strategic action plan that will continue to ensure relevance and responsiveness to student and community needs. This work has resulted in a revision of our mission statement, the crafting of value statements, and the development of multiple driving initiatives including the re-imagining of all our academic programs and the expansion of our adult learning programs. The entire campus has been involved in the creation of THRIVE, our updated action plan, and we are excited about the wonderful opportunities that this work is generating for current and future Muskingum students. You will learn more about this in our upcoming annual report, now called THRIVE (formerly IMPACT), which will be published in early 2025.

These are exciting days at Muskingum and your ongoing support is both essential and greatly appreciated.

With warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season,

President Sue Hasseler

IMPACT



Muskies Attend City Club of Cleveland Free Speech Forum

As guests of trustee Ruth Wasem '76, they engaged with keynote speaker Dale R. Anglin on her talk "Getting Proximate and Local: The State of Free Speech, News, and Access to Information in Our Communities."



High Impact Experiences Grant Program Launched

The Impact Center's new grant program for students supports access to applied learning opportunities in civic engagement, faculty/student research, work-related learning/internships, study away, entrepreneurship, and leadership.

ACADEMICS



Film Screening On Campus: "The Lincoln School Story"

The documentary tells the story of one of the longest sustained civil rights marches in American history: the 1954 fight for school integration in Hillsboro, Ohio. The October screening was presented in partnership with the non-profit organization Ohio Humanities.



Student Film Receives National Recognition

Vincent Bachmann '25 won fourth place at the National Student Production Awards for his original film "Student Anomaly" which he wrote, directed, and edited. Congratulations!

Fall Student Scholarship Forum

Students showcased their summer and fall experiential learning in research, internships,



and other scholarly activities with [poster presentations](#) and a Magenta Homecoming weekend display.



Muskingum Awarded \$1.4 Million WORC Grant

The U.S. Department of Labor [Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities initiative](#) addresses the area's need to educate and retain healthcare workers.

ALUMNI



Magenta Homecoming Highlights

Muskies from across the decades [returned to campus](#), reconnecting, reminiscing, and enjoying highlights including the alumni-student tailgate, new campus Cornerstone Walk, alumni baseball and softball games, and more!

ARTS



One-Woman Show: *Journey to Long Nose*

Assistant Professor Rachel Pollock [presented three campus performances](#) of her work on family origin and cultural identity, following a 3-week August run of the show at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland.



Theatre Presents Immersive Experience

October performances of "Anya, Mitya, and Lady Sparkleskirt," based on Anton Chekhov's "Lady with the Little Dog," [involved the audience](#) in touring multiple scene stations within and around Brown Chapel.



Artist Shares His Talents with Campus

Elmer Yazzie demonstrated yuca brushes with watercolor paints for "Connections and Harmony: Contemporary Lakota-Iroquois and Diné Perspectives."



Traditional Lakota Dance Performance

Artist Jim Yellowhawk presented a traditional male Lakota dance performance for "Connections and Harmony: Contemporary Lakota-Iroquois and Diné Perspectives."

ATHLETICS



Muskie Madness Brought the Energy

Fiercely competitive battles in Musical Chairs, Knockout Contest, and Faculty/Staff vs. Students Basketball kicked off the Winter sports season. Go Muskies!



Student-Athletes Help Brighten Holiday Season

With their annual Hoops for Hunger and "Adopt-A-Child" Christmas programs, Muskies are giving back to the local community.

MUSKINGUM IN THE NEWS

Laudations: Spotlight on Faculty Work

Christmas Festival Presents "The Light of Hope Returning"

Fall Concert Features Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir

Student-Athletes Earn Accolades

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!

[Night of Impact: Athletic Hall of Fame Induction](#) February 7, 6:30 p.m. Bullock Health and Wellness Complex

Concerts:

- [Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds](#) February 23, 3 p.m. Brown Chapel
- [Tour Launch Concert](#) February 28, 7 p.m., Brown Chapel
- [Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra \(SEOSO\) Concert](#) March 23, 3:30 p.m. Brown Chapel
- [Wind, Chamber, and Jazz Ensembles](#) April 11, 7 p.m., Brown Chapel
- [Concert Choir and Chamber Singers](#) April 25, 7 p.m., Brown Chapel
- [Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra \(SEOSO\) Concert](#) April 27, 7 p.m. Brown Chapel
- [Musical Theatre Ensemble](#) May 1, 7 p.m., Walter Hall
- [Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds & Youth Wind Ensemble](#) May 4, 3 p.m., Brown Chapel

Theatre Production:

- [Ugly Lies the Bone](#) April 3-6, Caldwell Hall

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