



July 2023



Dear Friends,

“Student success is at the heart of everything you do.” This wonderful observation came from the recent Higher Learning Commission (HLC) final report as they reaffirmed our accreditation for the next ten years.

The HLC Reviewers went on to say that “the integration of mission into everything you do is nothing short of amazing,” that Muskingum has a “deep and wide desire to serve students...the students get it, know it, and feel it” and that “the centrality of students is beautiful to see.”

Similar themes emerged from the Two-Year External Evaluation review of our \$2.2 million federal Department of Education Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant. They noted that “the response to student needs is extraordinarily well-integrated across the University” and that “students echo that they see, feel, and experience everything that is part of the goals of this grant program.”

As we prepare for the upcoming Fall Semester, our entire campus is energized by opportunities a new year brings to continue to serve students faithfully and well. I hope you enjoy this issue's stories about the research, travel, and other

experiences that have shaped a productive summer as we continue to educate the whole student for the whole world together.

With best wishes,

President Sue Hasseler

IMPACT



Welcome Provost Dugan

Jennifer J. Dugan, Ph.D. is the University's new provost. She brings extensive experience in teaching, program development, leadership, and advocacy for Appalachian region educational and growth opportunities.



Focus on Experiential Learning: Study Abroad

Muskies returned to London for Spring Break and to Scotland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland for May Term. These life-changing experiences were led by faculty members Kekoa Kaluhiokalani and Michael Carvaines.



New Concord Community Day: Fun for Students & The Village

The September 2 inaugural event features a New Concord Shop Walk for students, a Vendors' Village of local artisans, free admission for community members to the Muskies football home opener, and a post-game Party in the Park at the New Concord War Memorial.

ACADEMICS

Muskies Engage in Student-Faculty Summer Research

In-depth projects are providing hands-on learning and career development with faculty members Jim Dooley, Danny Ingold, Jamie



Rafter, and Amy Santas in Biology and Lois-Zook Gerdau in Chemistry.



GCS Faculty Spotlight: James Sturtevant '83

Graduate Studies Lecturer [James Sturtevant '83](#) shares his expertise developed during 34 years as a high school social studies teacher. He focuses on student engagement, on which he has authored 5 books and hosts a podcast.



Appalachian Collegiate Research Initiative Grant Received

For the second year in a row, Muskingum has received an [ACRI grant](#), which will support a Fall 2023 course project on enhancing cultural tourism and walkability for economic revitalization in the Village of New Concord.

ALUMNI



Alumni Enjoy Summer Social

60 alumni from 1960 to 2022 [gathered](#) at the Railhouse at the East Market (Columbus), a historic redevelopment by Brad DeHays '02, for a casual evening of conversation, dining, and updates from President Hasseler.

ARTS



Arts Events Enliven Summer

Muskie involvement in [summer arts events](#) included the Cardinal Chorale and Summer High School Music Theatre CAMP residencies, Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds pops concert, and the Zanesville

ATHLETICS



Golf Outing Hosts Capacity Field

The annual [golf outing](#) at EagleSticks on July 14 hosted a capacity field of Fighting Muskies supporters. A golf ball drop and online auction were also featured. Proceeds help provide student-athletes in all varsity sports with impactful experiences.

MUSKINGUM IN THE NEWS

[Alternative Pathway to Master of Occupational Therapy Program Announced](#)

[Aces of Trades: Assistant Professor of Communication Shawn Starcher](#)

[Aces of Trades: Executive Director of the Impact Center Molly Dunn](#)

[Thank You For Your Service To Muskingum: Wishing the Best to University Retirees](#)

[Juneteenth Celebration: Muskingum County and the Underground Railroad](#)

[Muskie Student-Athletes and Coaches Earn Accolades](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

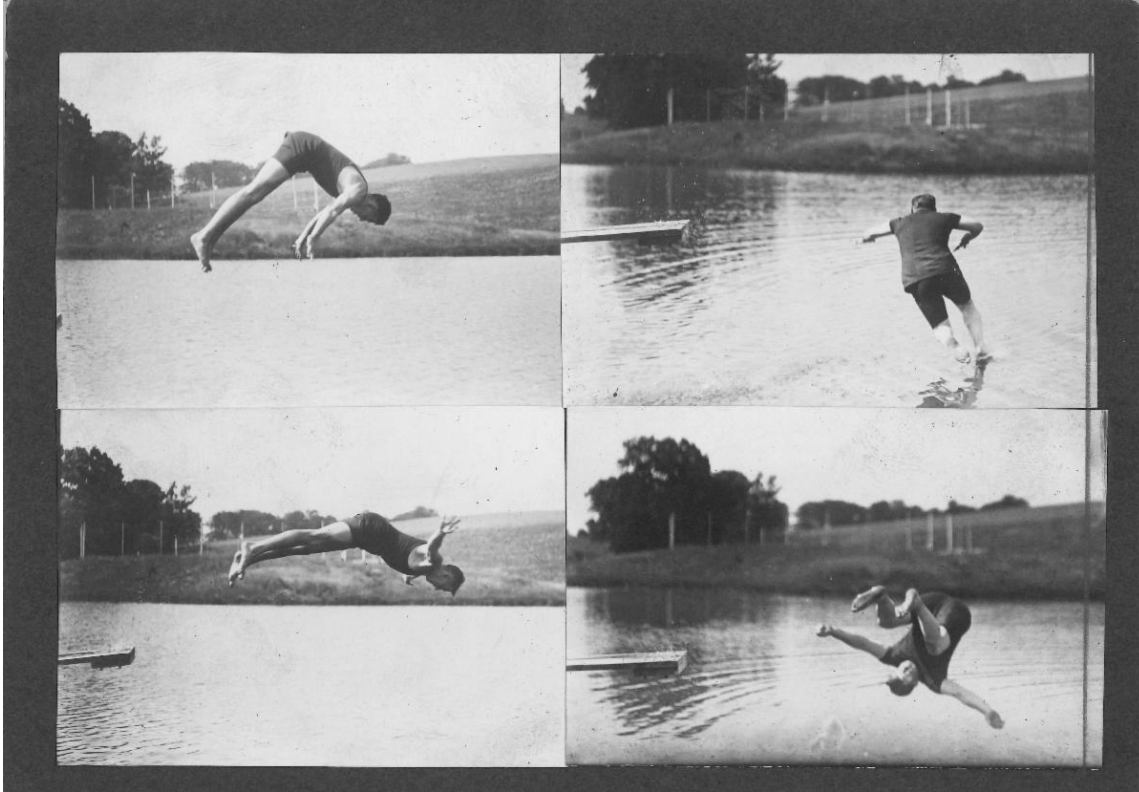
[New Concord Community Day](#) September 2

Musical Performances:

- [Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds](#) August 12, Cambridge City Park Large Pavilion, Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival
- [Faculty Recital: Harsha Abeyaratne](#) September 22, Brown Chapel
- [Guest Artists Recital: Abe Ovadia](#) September 28, Brown Chapel

Save the Date! [Magenta Homecoming, October 13-15, 2023](#)

FROM THE ARCHIVES: Cooling Off in the Lake



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