



June 2023



Dear Friends,

Forty years ago, graduating senior Debu Purohit '83 spoke to his classmates at Commencement. This year, he came full circle, returning to campus and delivering a moving

<u>address</u> to our class of 2023 graduates. Dr. Purohit is also a graduate of The Doon School in India, where a Muskingum delegation and I had a wonderful <u>visit</u> earlier this spring.

The beautiful Commencement weekend we enjoyed with our students and their families was truly a celebration of our calling, as we saw our mission to "educate the whole person for the whole world," fulfilled within our new undergraduate and graduate alumni.

As the Spring semester ended, we found many opportunities to honor our students and educators for their scholarship, leadership, service, and athletic achievements, as well as to experience their talents as musical performers and visual artists.

We look ahead to a vibrant summer on campus of welcoming incoming first-year students to Muskie Preview days, hosting arts and athletics camps, and preparing for the upcoming fall semester. If you are in the area, I hope you will join us for our <u>Alumni</u> <u>Summer Social</u> at the East Market in Columbus on June 8 and for our annual <u>Booster Golf Outing</u> on July 14 at EagleSticks in Zanesville.

Thank you, as always, for your support of Muskingum and for the many ways you impact the world, blazing trails for our newest alumni to follow.

With best wishes for a wonderful summer ahead,

President Sue Hasseler

#### **IMPACT**



### **Celebrating May Commencement**

The undergraduate-graduate <u>ceremony</u> featured Debu Purohit '83. Weekend events included Baccalaureate, Master's Degree Hooding, Nursing Pinning, and the Student-Athlete Commencement for seniors with competition conflicts.



# **Honoring Scholarship and Leadership**

The Celebration of Excellence and the Magnus Award <u>ceremonies</u> honored outstanding academic achievements and leadership by students, student organizations, and educators whose efforts help create a campus environment of dynamic engagement.



#### **The Power of Relationships**

President Sue Hasseler, Trustee Nik Deogun '91, Director of Cultural Engagement & Inclusion Valerie Yonker Smith '00, and VP for Institutional Advancement Paul McClelland recently <u>visited The Doon School</u>, furthering our 45-year connection.



# **Greek Organizations Serve the Campus and Community**

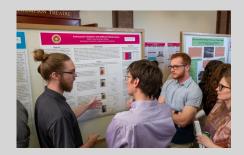
2022-23 **Greek Life highlights** included Relay For Life, Haunted Hollow, 5K Color Run, Greek Week, and fundraisers and projects supporting veterans, food pantries, animal shelters, and other community needs.

#### **ACADEMICS**



#### **Faculty Awards Announced**

The 2023 honorees are Dr. Karen Dunak, William Oxley Thompson Award for Excellence in Teaching; Dr. Melissa Conroy, William Rainey Harper Award for Outstanding Scholarship; and Dr. Keith Eberly, Cora I Orr Service Award. Congratulations!



#### **Research Week Showcases Work**

Student scholarly work from across the curriculum was highlighted during the James R. Bradford Colloquium of senior capstone presentations, the Homer A. Anderson Lecture, and the annual Poster Presentation.



### **Dr. Jane Varley Brings Poet Laureates to Classes**

Students in Professor of English Jane Varley's classes engaged with Ohio Poet Laureate Kari-Gunter Seymour, U.S. National Beat Poet Laureate John Burroughs (left) and his reading partner Ohio poet Dianne Borsenik (right).

### **ALUMNI**



# Alumni-Student Networking Boosts Career Preparation

Alumni shared an evening of <u>networking</u> with current juniors and seniors, helping them make career connections and develop skills for professional social events.

#### **ARTS**



### Vibrant Performances, Exhibit Energize End of Semester

Performances featured Muskie Rocks, Wind Ensemble, Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds, Concert Choir, SEOSO, Jazz and other Ensembles, and senior recitals. The Class of 2023 Senior Art exhibit showcased works in multiple media.

### **ATHLETICS**



# **Muskie Teams Capture National Championships, Top Finishes**

Men's bowling took first place and esports Madden swept the top 3 spots in their respective National Championships. STUNT and esports garnered national Runners-Up spots, and women's bowling and cheer each finished fourth at their nationals. Congratulations to all!



### Muskie Golden Hook and Athletic Department Awards Bestowed

The Student-Athlete Advisory Council hosted the 7th Annual Golden Hook Awards and Athletic Department Awards ceremony on April 25, 2023. Congratulations, Muskies!

#### **GIVING**



# Muskies and Friends ALL IN for Record-Breaking Day of Giving!

During the 5th Annual Day of Giving, 297 donors contributed \$105,626, setting new records for total and average gifts. Muskies were ALL IN to support Student Scholarships and Financial Aid, the PLUS Program, Greek Muskingum Fund Scholarships, Leaders of the Line, and Muskingum Athletics.

#### **MUSKINGUM IN THE NEWS**

Dr. David Turrill Leads 100th Anniversary Season of Zanesville Memorial

**Concert Band** 

Aces of Trades: Joy Cronin

**Aces of Trades: Holly Gleason** 

Aces of Trades: Dr. Diane Rao

Dr. Caroline Christoff Selected for Philosophy Institute and Curriculum Grant

<u>Laudations: Online Collection of Recent Faculty Publications and Accomplishments</u>

Jackie Bradshaw '25 Captures Bronze in U.S. Open Pickleball Championships

Muskingum Students Support Straker Foundation Literacy Initiatives

Students Place in Ohio Forensics Association State Varsity Competition

Muskie Student-Athletes Receive Accolades

Alumni Book Note: Gretchen Williams Romanowski '67

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Visit our <u>Online Events Calendar</u> for details on arts, athletics, lectures, presentations, and more!

Register for <u>2023 Summer Sessions</u>

Alumni Summer Social at the East Market June 8, Columbus

Annual Booster Golf Outing, July 14, EagleSticks Golf Club, Zanesville

#### **Summer Camps:**

- 3 Muskingum Baseball Camps, June 5-7, June 19-21, July 10-12
- Muskingum Bowling Camp & Scholarship Tournament, June 12-13
- Muskingum Basketball Skills Camp, June 12-15
- Summer High School Music Theatre Camp, June 18-24
- Cardinal Chorale Music Workshop, July 15-22

#### **Musical Performances:**

Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds, August 12

Save the Date! Magenta Homecoming, October 13-15, 2023

#### FROM THE ARCHIVES: Commencement c. 1960s



### **THE MUSKINGUM ANNUAL FUND 2022-2023**

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