



September 2023



Dear Friends,

As our undergraduate students began to settle in on campus for the new academic year, I had the

wonderful opportunity to spend time with our Resident Assistants and the many other student leadership groups who were among the first to arrive. It is a joy to see how the varied co-curricular leadership opportunities we provide enhance our students' experiences and help prepare them for career, community, and personal success after graduation.

We are building on our long tradition of developing leaders with the launch of our Applied Leadership program, which includes Muskingum's first doctorate degree. The fully-online masters and doctorate programs emphasize real-world problem-solving that students can immediately apply in their careers.

Welcoming new faculty, staff, and coaches to our campus provided yet another opportunity for reflection about leadership, and how we develop students as leaders on the campus, in the community, and beyond.

It was truly an honor to recently be recognized with a Smart 50 award, which acknowledged the tremendous impact that Muskingum makes on our region, as well as our leadership in

ensuring affordability and access to students of all backgrounds.

That leadership has once again been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* which has named Muskingum **#1 in Ohio** in both Best Value Schools and Top Performers in Social Mobility.

I hope you enjoy this issue's stories about the opening of the 2023-2024 academic year and the beginning of our fall semester, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Magenta Homecoming!

With best wishes,

President Sue Hasseler

IMPACT



Muskingum Ranked #1 in Ohio in Best Value & Social Mobility

For the third year in a row, *U.S. News & World Report* recognized our **commitment to access and affordability**. Muskingum ranked 8th and 10th respectively among all universities in the Regional Midwest.



Brad DeHays '02 Addresses Opening Convocation

The founder and president of commercial real estate development, investment, and property management firms Connect Real Estate and Connect Construction (Columbus), Brad **encouraged the new Muskies** to take risks, not be afraid to fail, and learn from their experiences.



President Hasseler Honored with Smart 50 Award

The **award** recognizes 50 top executives in the Central Ohio region for their ability to effectively lead and build their organizations, and for their passion in making an impact.



Community Day Unites Students and New Concord Residents

The [inaugural event](#) included a Shop Walk, Vendors Village, the Muskies football home opener, and a Party in the Park, providing a fun and welcoming day for all.



Before the Fall Semester Began...

Throughout the month of August, students arrived on campus to [prepare for the new semester](#) and enjoy opportunities to make new friends and explore the community.

ACADEMICS



Applied Leadership Master's and Doctorate Degrees Launch

The 100% online [programs](#) use evidence-based research and practice to solve real-world problems with immediate applications to students' organizations and careers.



New Undergraduate Global Studies Degree Program Opens

The [program](#) prepares students for living and working in a global context, with tracks in International Business, Global Organizations and Security, and Global Humanities.



Welcome New Educators

Muskingum is proud to [welcome](#) new faculty, student experience staff, and coaches to our community. We are looking forward to the many contributions they will make to our students' education.

Spotlight on Faculty Work



View our [online collection](#) of recent faculty publications and accomplishments. Congratulations to all!

ALUMNI



Magenta Homecoming 2023

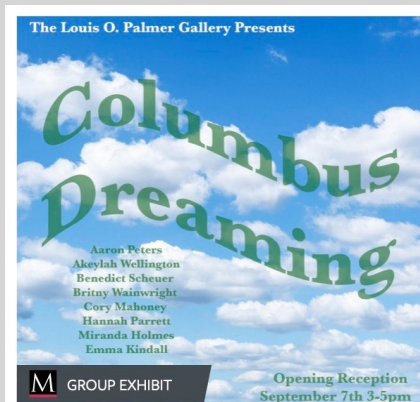
Make your plans and join us October 13-15 for the [101st Homecoming](#) celebration. Spend the weekend reconnecting and reminiscing!



Family Travels to Campus to Celebrate Mollie Montgomery '60

17 Montgomery family members traveled from across the country to [celebrate the life](#) and legacy of Mollie Montgomery '60 (1937-2023), who grew up on campus as the daughter of Muskingum's longest-serving President Robert Montgomery.

ARTS



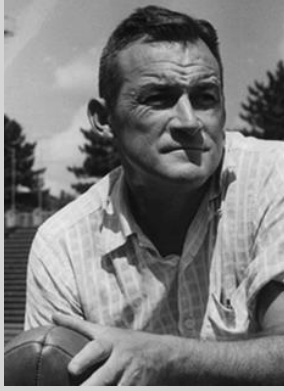
Fall Arts Events Kick Off with Exhibit, Recitals, and Theatre

Fall's exciting array of [arts events](#) in September includes a gallery exhibit, a faculty piano recital by Harsha Abeyaratne, a guest artist jazz guitar recital by Abe Ovadia, and *The Funky Fresh, Totally Righteous, Uptown-Countdown-Showdown!* first year theatre murder mystery production.

ATHLETICS

Ed Sherman '36: Impact Endures as NCAA Division III Turns 50

Muskingum Coach, Athletic Director, and Faculty Member Ed Sherman '36 was a founding father of the nationwide division structure for collegiate athletics. [NCAA](#)



[Division III](#) was established on August 6, 1973.

MUSKINGUM IN THE NEWS

[Aces of Trades: Executive Director of Applied Leadership Robert McManus](#)

[Aces of Trades: Head Men's Basketball Coach Nathan Wahle](#)

[Renovated Finney Hall Reopens](#)

[Phi Kappa Tau Receives National Awards](#)

[Muskingum Presents Sisterhood ReCoded Camp for Middle School Girls](#)

[Educator Preparation Program Earns New Accreditation](#)

[Professor Barbara Hansen Honored with OCPEA Engler Award for Exemplary Leadership](#)

[Dublin City Schools Partnership Celebrates 10th Anniversary](#)

[Michael Jablonski '20G Named Men's Lacrosse Head Coach](#)

[Muskie Student-Athletes Earn Accolades](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[Magenta Homecoming](#) October 13-15

[John Glenn Distinguished Lecture](#) Dr. Eric Klemetti, "Before, During, and After the Eruption...Cascade Range Volcanoes," October 3, Boyd Science Center

[Schwartz Annual Lecture](#) Dr. Helene Sinnreich, "The Atrocity of Hunger: Starvation in Nazi Ghettos," November 9, Roberta A. Smith University Library

Musical Performances:

- [Guest Artists Recital: Abe Ovadia](#) September 28, Brown Chapel
- [Celebrating Len Thomas Concert](#) October 1, Brown Chapel
- [Homecoming Collage Concert](#) October 13, Brown Chapel

- [Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra Concert](#) October 22, Brown Chapel
- [Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds Concert](#) October 29, Brown Chapel
- [Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble Concert](#) November 3, Brown Chapel
- [Musical Theatre Ensemble Performance](#) November 9, Brown Chapel
- [Jazz Ensemble Concert](#) November 13, Brown Chapel
- [Chamber Ensembles Concert](#) November 16, Brown Chapel
- [Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra Concert](#) November 30, Secret Auditorium, Zanesville
- [Christmas Festival](#) December 2, Brown Chapel

Theatre Performances

- [The Funky Fresh, Totally Righteous, Uptown-Countdown-Showdown](#): The 2023 First Year Murder Mystery September 29-30, Caldwell Hall Room 300
- [Arden of Feversham](#): A Classic with Puppets! October 26-29, Thompson Theatre, Caldwell Hall
- [Overtones by Alice Gerstenberg: A Light and Sound Show](#) November 17, Thompson Theatre, Caldwell Hall

FROM THE ARCHIVES: New Student Registration 1973



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