



March 2026



**Dear Muskingum Alumni and Friends,**

A decade ago, in the spring of 2016, I began the extraordinary journey of building deep connections with the Muskingum community. From my very first days on campus, I experienced what so many alumni already knew; that Muskingum is defined not only by its enduring commitment to educational excellence and access, but by the strength and commitment of the people who bring that mission to life every day. Those connections have shaped my time here and continue to inspire me.

This *Magenta Lines* reflects that same spirit of purpose and engagement. You'll read about faculty, staff and students working to strengthen campus well-being through initiatives like Voices of Change, Active Minds and Black History Month;

alumni answering the call to serve; and campus community celebrations of achievement, including the recognition of distinguished former athletes through the Hall of Fame and the opportunity to participate in high quality concerts, theater performances and exhibitions. We also share updates on important moments in the life of the University, including the announcement of our 22nd president, Dr. Flavius Lilly, and the excitement building for this year's Day of Giving. As I look ahead to the final months of my presidency, I am especially grateful for the relationships that have defined this journey and for the remarkable people who continue to move Muskingum forward.

It has been, it is, and it always will be a great day to be a Muskie!

**With lasting appreciation,  
President Sue Hasseler**



## [Dr. Flavius Lilly Named Next President of Muskingum University](#)

Muskingum University has appointed Dr. Flavius Lilly as its 22nd president following a national search. Dr. Lilly will begin his leadership on July 1, 2026, bringing a strong commitment to student success, innovation, and expanding opportunities for students.



## [Day of Giving 2026: 1,837 Minutes of Muskie Pride and Impact](#)

Each spring, the Muskingum community comes together for one extraordinary celebration of generosity—Day of Giving. This year, March 18–19, Muskies everywhere will unite for 1,837 minutes in honor of our founding on March 18, 1837. Those 1,837 minutes are more than symbolic—they are a powerful reminder that our history fuels our future.



## [Black History Month: Community, Culture, and Connection](#)

Muskingum's Coordinator of Cultural Engagement and Inclusion, David McDonald '23, highlights the importance of community and connection during Black History Month. Through student-led events like Jazz Club and a campus book club, students are creating spaces for education, collaboration, and meaningful conversation while celebrating the history and impact of Black culture.

# ALUMNI

## [Called to Serve: Jim Mohr '81 Leads with Faith and Purpose](#)



Muskingum alumnus Rev. James “Jim” Mohr ’81 leads Westminster College students on annual spring break service trips to help communities recovering from natural disasters. For the second year, Muskingum students joined the effort, strengthening connections while serving those in need.



## **CJ Hall '23 Honored with 2026 Make Muskingum Home Award**

Muskingum University proudly celebrates Charles “CJ” Hall ’23, Laboratory Manager for the Chemistry Department, who has been named a 2026 Make Muskingum Home awardee. Through this prestigious recognition, CJ will receive \$32,385 in student loan relief in acknowledgment of his contributions to STEM education and the Muskingum County community.

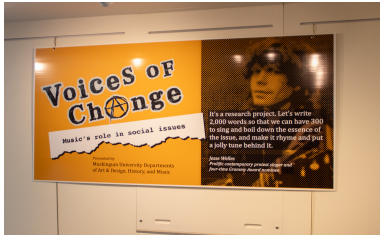
## **ARTS**



## **Godspeed, John Glenn: A Musical Tribute to an American Hero**

On April 19 at 3:00 p.m. in Brown Chapel, the Muskingum University Department of Music will present a special concert titled “Godspeed, John Glenn,” commemorating the 10th anniversary of the passing of one of Muskingum’s most distinguished alumni and one of the most iconic figures in American space exploration and public service. The concert is free and open to the public and will feature the Muskingum Wind Ensemble and the Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds under the direction of Dr. David Turrill, Associate Professor of Music.

## **ACADEMICS**



## Voices of Change

Muskingum University recently hosted Voices of Change: Examining How the Arts Reflect and Shape Movements for Social Transformation, a four-day interdisciplinary series exploring how creative expression influences democracy, identity, and social progress.



## Building a Culture of Support at Muskingum

Alumnus Mike Gruber '77 returned to campus to lead “Stamp Out Stigma Together,” a training hosted by Muskingum’s Active Minds chapter focused on reducing stigma around mental health and substance use disorders. The session empowered students to support their peers and help foster a more compassionate campus community.

# ATHLETICS



## A Night of Impact: Honoring Excellence and the Muskie Spirit

The Night of Impact, presented by Carol Goff & Associates, brought the Muskingum University community together for an evening filled with celebration, gratitude, and pride. The ceremony recognized three outstanding inductees whose accomplishments have left lasting marks on Muskie Athletics.



## [A Day of Connection and Coaching Excellence at the Muskingum Football Elite Summit](#)

The Muskingum Football Elite Summit brought together high school athletes and coaches for a full day of learning, development, and meaningful connections on and off the field. Participants engaged in on-field sessions, position-specific instruction, and leadership conversations with the Fighting Muskies coaching staff. The event showcased Muskingum's commitment to developing the whole student-athlete while building strong relationships with future Muskies.

## IN THE NEWS

### [Laudations](#)

### [Muskingum Nursing Celebrates Outstanding NCLEX Success](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Upcoming Alumni Events:

- **Bill P. and Martha Johnson Lovejoy Auditorium Dedication**  
Monday, March 23, 2026, at 3:00 pm  
[Register to attend here!](#)
- Exclusive for Muskingum Society Members! Join us for a **Pre-Show Reception** prior to the Addams Family Production.  
Saturday, March 28 at 5:30 pm  
[Register to attend here!](#)
- **Men's Alumni Soccer Game**  
Muskingum University North Athletic Turf

**Sunday, March 29 at 11:00 am**

[Register to attend here!](#)

- **New York City Area AlumNight**—Hosted by Jim Purdy '85, join fellow Muskies for a night of connection at the Zo. Clubhouse at the Rockefeller Center

**Wednesday, April 1 at 5:00 pm**

[Register to attend here!](#)

- **Alumni Volleyball Game and Social**

**Saturday, April 11**—Game time at 9:30 am, Social beginning at 1:00 pm

[Register to attend here!](#)

### Concerts:

- **Faculty Piano Recital featuring Dr. Harsha Abeyarante**, March 19, 7:00 p.m., Brown Chapel
- **Muskingum Chamber Ensembles Concert**, April 13, 7:00 p.m., Brown Chapel
- **[Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensembles Concert](#)**, April 19, 3 p.m., Brown Chapel
- **Muskingum Concert Choir and Chamber Singers**, April 24, 7:00 p.m., Brown Chapel

### Theatre: Caldwell Hall

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

### Art: Louis O. Palmer Art Gallery:

- **Ohio Women Artists:** A Collection of Dr. Robert Burns and Dr. Gene Folden  
March 28-April 23, 2026  
Reception held Wednesday, March 25 from 3:00-6:00 pm  
Lecture by Dr. Gene Folden and Dr. Robert Burns on Monday, March 30 at 2:00 pm

### Athletics:

- All spring Fighting Muskie schedules can be [found online](#).

## STAY CONNECTED

- **[Class Notes:](#)** Submit a Note and Catch Up with Fellow Muskies
- **[Update Your Contact Info:](#)** What's new with you? Job, address, addition to the family? Have you retired or changed email addresses?! We want to know so we can stay connected!

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



A beautiful spring day on campus featuring the lake and blooming Bradford Pear trees gifted by Bill Lovejoy '51 in memory of the Challenger astronauts.

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