Harnessing the Power of Science & Service

Engineering Science majors Warren Wilson ’19 and Staci Wilson ’18 with Associate Professor of Engineering Dr. Sandra Soto-Cabán.

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Greetings to all Muskingum University alumni and friends! Through the pages of this Update, I am excited to share the many ways in which our current students, alumni, and friends are having a powerful impact on the world.

The 2017-18 academic year is now well underway and the transformative learning experiences that define a Muskingum education are visible across our campus.

The Class of 2021 and the group of talented educators who have recently joined Muskingum are bringing great enthusiasm, energy, and commitment to our learning community.

I am especially pleased to welcome Dr. Nancy Evangelista, Muskingum’s new Provost, who will be leading the Academic and Student Affairs divisions in providing integrated educational programming that encompasses the whole student experience.

Our students, faculty, and staff continue to demonstrate excellence as they engage with and serve the world around them:

- In our Engineering Science program, a Summer 2017 Muskie Fellows student and faculty project to adapt toys for children with disabilities is rapidly expanding. It is becoming part of the first-year seminar experience for Engineering Science majors and is engaging the regional community through the civic leadership of Don Mason ’79.

- The Nursing program reached the coveted national milestone of a 100% licensure exam pass rate for the second year in a row, and the Athletic Training program has received its initial accreditation.

- Teaming up with the National Center for Women & Information Technology, our computer science students and faculty mentored young women through the Sisterhood ReCoded camp.

We continue to develop our campus spaces to meet the evolving needs of our students. Thank you to our generous alumni whose gifts helped create a second turf field, which is now the home of our soccer and lacrosse teams and has already significantly enhanced athletic and recreational opportunities for our students and for our surrounding community.

It has been wonderful to see so much Muskie Pride on display during Alumni Weekend 2017 and during multiple alumni events throughout the past summer.

On behalf of the entire Muskingum University community, thank you for your partnership in helping us educate the whole person for the whole world!

Keep up with President Hasseler through her monthly newsletter Magenta Lines. Email magentalines@muskingum.edu to subscribe and visit www.muskingum.edu to view the on-line archive.
Muskingum began the new academic year on August 29, 2017.

Ohio State Senator Troy Balderson delivered the keynote address. Senator Balderson is in his second term representing Ohio’s 20th District, which includes Muskingum County, and he previously served in the Ohio House of Representatives. A southeastern Ohio native, he is a graduate of Zanesville High School and attended Muskingum and The Ohio State University.

“In today’s world, a college degree will reveal countless doors of opportunity to you as you move forward in life. But a Muskingum University education is special – it will teach you how to open those doors, how to walk through them, and how to keep them open for others.”

– Ohio State Senator Troy Balderson
# Meet the Class of 2021

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Warren Wilson ’19 and Staci Wilson ’18
There is no debate about the power of science and how it affects every aspect of daily life. When science is used in tandem with service to meet special needs, the results can be life-changing.

That’s the case with two brothers at Muskingum University. Staci Wilson ’18 and Warren Wilson ’19, both engineering science majors, are channeling their education, their spirit of innovation, and their desire to serve into Muskingum’s Toy Adaptation Project (TAP).
Today’s most popular children’s toys can walk, talk, growl, bark, and even express emotion. For children with disabilities, operating these toys can be difficult, and that’s where the Wilson brothers come in. As “Muskie Fellows” in Muskingum’s student-faculty partnership program, they have developed ways to make the magic of these toys accessible for children with barriers to motor, tactile, or movement skills.

The idea for TAP began when Associate Professor of Engineering Dr. Sandra Soto-Cabán attended a conference on toy adaptation at The Ohio State University. “I became really intrigued about how we could start a similar program at Muskingum and thought it was a good fit for our engineering science program,” she said. “It gets our students engaged in the community, it gives their work a more ‘real world’ significance, and it fills a need,” she said. Both Staci and Warren agreed and decided to take on the project for their Muskie Fellows project with Dr. Soto-Cabán as their advisor. “I’ve always been interested in building things,” Staci said. “Even as a child, I wanted to know how things were put together, how things worked. The idea of adapting these toys immediately caught my interest.”

The same was true for Warren, who said, “I’m always curious about anything mechanical, anything that needs to be built. I was intrigued with this project as soon as I heard about it.”

Although the idea of making toys easier for children to use may sound simple, the process is not. To adapt a toy, Staci and Warren have to perform a kind of surgery. First, they must locate the control box inside the toy, which typically contains the battery compartment and some kind of circuit board. Next, they must determine which circuits control the toy’s various functions. The two then rewire the circuits to an external box that will allow a child to use the toy, and that involves accommodating a variety of different disabilities.

“There are many kinds of disabilities,” Warren said, “and each can take a different kind of adaptation. That has to be taken into account, too.”

For example, a child facing problems with motor skills might need a box with a simple push-button, but another child might need a blink sensor that could allow the child to work the toy by blinking their eyes.

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Don Mason ’79, President, Zanesville Noon Rotary Club

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Dr. Sandra Soto-Cabán, Associate Professor of Engineering
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Staci Wilson ’18, engineering science major

This potential impact of TAP at Muskingum is significant. Dr. Soto-Cabán pointed out that adapted toys are already on the market but their cost can be prohibitive. “Very often,” she said, “toys with these adaptations can cost four or five times more than a conventional toy of the same type. That’s something that many people just can’t afford. So, we want to donate these toys where they will do the most good.”

The project’s goal is to have 20-25 toys adapted by Christmas, when TAP will work with local agencies to help distribute the toys to the children who need them.

The promise of this project has already gained attention off campus. The Zanesville Noon Rotary Club, under the leadership of Don Mason ’79, has provided a grant to support TAP. “Our Board was moved by the compassion of the students and Dr. Soto-Cabán and how they are helping to bring smiles to the faces of children with disabilities,” he said. “We are excited to participate with financial support and hope to involve the club through toy contributions in the coming years.”

The Wilson brothers are quick to credit their Muskingum education with the knowledge and motivation to carry out this work. The Engineering Science program has, they said, given them the tools they need for TAP and whatever awaits them after they graduate.

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The future of the TAP program is just as bright. It has been added to the first-year seminar for Engineering Science majors, and Dr. Soto-Cabán hopes that it will inspire students to think about the future in new ways.

“It’s good to know that we can use our knowledge to serve,” Staci said. “That’s made a difference that will stay with both of us.”
Meet the Provost: 
Dr. Nancy Evangelista

Following a nationwide search, experienced academic leader Dr. Nancy J. Evangelista has been selected as Muskingum University’s Provost. Taking office on January 1, 2018, she will serve as the University’s chief academic and student affairs officer.

Dr. Evangelista is currently Associate Provost and Dean of the College of Professional Studies at Alfred University, in Alfred, New York. She earned her Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science degrees in School Psychology from Syracuse University and her Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Western Michigan University. She is a licensed psychologist in the state of New York and has served in multiple leadership positions within her field.

Dr. Evangelista and her husband Joe are the parents of three adult children: Nicholas, Emma, and Jessmynda.
“Dr. Evangelista’s proven leadership skills, passion for student success, and innovative perspective on curriculum will help Muskingum continually move forward.”

President Sue Hasseler

1. What attracted you to Muskingum?
The size and location of the school were both selling points, but even more so, I love the idea of uniting academic affairs and student affairs in the Provost position.

2. Having visited a few times, what have you learned about Muskingum that surprised you?
I am impressed by the degree of teamwork and collegiality that I have seen among the faculty, staff, administrators, and students. There is an excitement and eagerness around the future of Muskingum University which is invigorating and inspiring!

3. What do you think Muskingum does really well?
There are so many things that have impressed me. Not all campuses can come together to work on shared goals so quickly and with such enthusiasm as Muskingum does. Also, I was impressed with the substantial involvement of students as members of the Provost search committee and as full participants in the process. This is a powerful statement that at Muskingum it’s about the students.

4. As Provost, what strategic priorities will you focus on?
I will be working on improving the Muskingum experience of our students, to even further enrich its impact on their lives.

5. What’s your favorite memory from your own undergraduate years?
I have happy memories of meeting new people through my different jobs – I worked during college for dining services, as an RA, and as an Assistant Residence Hall Director.

6. Who was your favorite professor? Why?
My favorite professor was Dr. Donald Sellin, who taught in my major of special education. He took a personal interest and believed in his students, setting high standards for our work, while encouraging everyone to follow their passions.

7. You have an extensive background in school psychology. What interested you most in that field?
While doing my education fieldwork and student teaching, I was drawn to the students who created challenges with their learning or behavior. The field provides opportunities to work

8. What’s your all-time favorite book and why?
Atul Gawande’s book *Being Mortal* has had a big influence on how I view health, illness, and aging, so it’s my favorite non-fiction book. I also love novels; stories about people’s lives. My favorite novel is Jane Hamilton’s *A Map of the World*, as it is the story of a less-than-perfect woman who has to face the consequences of her less-than-perfect self and thus she finds out what really matters in life.

9. What hobbies do you enjoy?
In the summer, I can be seen riding on the back of our tandem bike, exploring hiking trails, or working in the garden. I do yoga several times each week and love both cross-country and downhill skiing. We have a big garden, and I enjoy cooking and baking; everything is homemade in our house!

10. How do you feel about the color Magenta (hint: it’s kind of a big deal)?
Magenta is the perfect color for every wardrobe. It’s great for skirts, blazers, scarves, and of course, t-shirts. Can I go back to Question #1? Magenta is the real reason I was attracted to Muskingum.

For a video interview with Dr. Nancy Evangelista, visit www.muskingum.edu.
Muskie Excellence in Action

Two in a row: NCLEX pass rate for the Class of 2017

100% of Muskingum’s Class of 2017 Nursing graduates passed the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) on their first attempt, becoming the second class in a row to achieve a remarkable milestone.

A perfect pass-rate is an uncommon and coveted accomplishment in the rigorous field of nursing education. “Every nursing program in the country seeks to achieve this goal, but few are fortunate enough to do so – and even fewer do so year after year,” said Dr. Cynthia Wilkins, director and chair of Muskingum’s nursing program.

The program is accredited by the national Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Nursing students at Muskingum can choose from two degree options: The Bachelor of Science in Nursing option for those new to the field and the online RN-to-BSN option for registered nurses in current practice.

Athletic Training receives initial accreditation

One of Muskingum’s newest academic programs has received its initial accreditation from the Commission for the Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

Athletic Training prepares students to become healthcare professionals specializing in preventing, recognizing, managing, and rehabilitating injuries.

After earning their Muskingum baccalaureate degree, students sit for the national exam of the Board of Certification of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association to earn their professional credentials.

Admission to this rigorous program is highly competitive. Athletic Training student are taught and assessed in more than 350 education competencies and they complete multiple clinical rotations with our NCAA Division III Athletics Program and with regional high schools and healthcare providers.
Faculty honored with 2017-18 University awards

Congratulations to this year’s recipients of Muskingum’s highest faculty awards, celebrating teaching, scholarship, and service.

The William Rainey Harper Award for Outstanding Scholarship: Dr. Amanda Adams, Associate Professor of English.

A faculty member since 2010, Dr. Adams’ research focuses on nineteenth-century literature. The author of multiple published journal articles, she has presented six papers since 2012 at major academic conferences in the United States and Europe, and in 2014 published a book, Performing Authorship in the Nineteenth-Century Transatlantic Lecture Tour with Ashgate Press. She earned a B.A. from Miami University, M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, and Ph.D. from the University of Oregon.

The William Oxley Thompson Award for Excellence in Teaching: Dr. Diane Rao, Professor of Theatre.

Since joining the Muskingum faculty in 1995, Dr. Rao has taught theatre performance, theatre history, and speech communication courses and directed and written more than 25 student productions. She earned a B.A. from Gannon University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Bowling Green State University.

The Cora I. Orr Faculty Service Award: Dr. Stephen Van Horn, Associate Professor of Geology.

Dr. Van Horn has been a member of the faculty since 1999. He helped lead the development and implementation of Muskingum’s Petroleum Geology major, has co-authored nearly 30 conference papers with students, and has served as a department chair, as executive secretary of the faculty, and as a leader of presidential and provost search committees. He earned a B.S. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, M.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbus, and Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut.
Sisterhood ReCoded Camp Reaches out to Young Women

Muskingum Computer Science faculty and students partnered with the National Center for Women & Information Technology to present Sisterhood ReCoded, a coding camp for middle school age young women.

Jay Shaffstall, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and senior computer science majors Emily Vanasdale and Regina Baker provided camp participants with the opportunity to identify a need and then program a mobile app to address it.

Campers’ app projects include a locator for the nearest veterinary hospital or animal shelter; a scheduling reminder to help pet owners maintain regular walks, meals, and medication times for their animals; an augmented reality app to assist with the placement of home furnishings; and a homework app to help students remember when assignments are due and celebrate when the work is completed.

The campers also learned about influential women in the history of computing and technology and the importance of diversity in problem solving.

“Women use half the technology in the world; if that technology is going to meet their needs they need to be a part of creating it. Men create technology that works for men. Diverse groups create technology that works for everyone.”

Professor Jay Shaffstall
Second Turf Field Opens

The Fighting Muskies men’s and women’s varsity soccer and lacrosse teams have a new home field advantage, with the opening of the University’s second turf field.

Muskingum is now one of a very select group of Division III institutions within our region to provide multiple turf venues for our student-athletes.

Located on the North Campus, the new field also accommodates varsity football practices and a variety of intramural events.

In addition, the University is making the field available to regional school districts and civic groups for youth athletics, marching band camps, and community activities.

**THANK YOU**

to the alumni and friends whose generous gifts to Muskingum supported this important investment in our athletic program.

A significant bequest from the late Martha “Marty” Hornbeck, who served as Associate Professor of Physical Education at Muskingum from 1954-1968, provided for key field amenities.
Welcome New Educators

Muskingum is proud to welcome to our community the following new members of our faculty, student affairs, and intercollegiate athletics divisions.
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Alumni Weekend & More

50th Reunion Class Gift

Congratulations and Thank You to the Class of 1967! Their very generous class gift of $1,500,037 is helping to provide the transformative Muskie education to today’s students.
Bill P. Lovejoy ’51
Bill Lovejoy was the first in his four-generation family of Ohio coal miners to graduate from college. After earning his Muskingum Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and a Master of Science degree in Geology from the University of New Mexico, he began his career with Shell Oil Company. After earning his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Zoology from Oregon State University, he served on the faculty of Georgia Southern University for 19 years, retiring as Professor Emeritus of Biology. Bill and his late wife Martha Johnson Lovejoy ’52 have made possible Muskingum’s John Glenn Distinguished Lecture Series in Earth and Planetary Sciences, the Bill and Martha Johnson Lovejoy Endowed Chair in Biology, and the Bill and Martha Lovejoy Studio in Walter Hall. Bill resides in Brevard, North Carolina. He is a World War II Navy veteran.

James R. Woolard ’63
The first in his family to attend college, Jim Woolard earned his Muskingum Bachelor of Arts degree in history and Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in history from The Ohio State University. He served for three decades as the Director of Facilities Planning and Operations for the Newark, Ohio campus of The Ohio State University and Central Ohio Technical College, overseeing the construction of multiple campus buildings. A noted historian and author, Jim has published ten historical fiction novels portraying life on the Ohio frontier, winning the Medicine Pipe Award and the Golden Spur Award from the Western Writers of America. He also co-authored the 40th anniversary history of Central Ohio Technical College. Jim resides in Newark, Ohio with his wife Nancy Messimer Woolard, who is a retired school teacher.

Benjamin O. Shaver ’50
Ben Shaver earned his Bachelor of Arts degree and his certification to teach Physical Education, Biology, and History from Muskingum, and his Master of Education degree from Ohio University. He served as a high school teacher and as Superintendent of four successively larger Ohio school districts. He later became Director of Member Services for Firelands Electric Cooperative, where he was a charter member of the National Rural Electric Communicators Association. Ben resides in Perrysburg, Ohio and is a World War II U.S. Army Medical Corps veteran. He was married for more than 61 years to the late Alyce Cowan Shaver ’49. They dedicated the Ben O. and Alyce Cowan Shaver Seminar Room in the library in honor of the “Muskingum family of professors, staff, and fellow students” and also created a named Muskingum scholarship.
New Alumni Directory Underway
Reconnect with your Fellow Muskies!

Beginning in January 2018, we will be requesting that you confirm or change your contact information for the latest issue of the Muskingum University Alumni Directory. Watch for more information from our directory partner PCI and don’t miss the chance to connect with your friends and classmates.

Shades of Ireland
Travel with your Fellow Muskies!

Departing on October 22, 2018, Shades of Ireland will be an unforgettable 13-day travel experience with Muskingum alumni and friends. Featuring Northern Ireland, the itinerary includes Dublin, Killarney, Cliffs of Mohr, Blarney Stone, Ring of Kerry, Cabra Castle, and more! Visit gateway.gocollette.com/link/850444 for details.

Other summer gatherings included:

- Summer Baseball Tour: Muskie Nights at Cleveland Indians, Columbus Clippers, and Cincinnati Reds games
- Muskie Night at the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

Join President Hasseler and your fellow alumni and friends for a Sunset Dinner Cruise in St. Pete Beach, Florida on April 15, 2018!

Enjoy a two and half hour cruise, dining, dancing, and a spectacular Florida sunset from aboard the Starlight Sapphire Dining Yacht. The cruise is co-sponsored by Maureen McCauley Johnson ’64 and her brother W. Keith McCauley, friend of the University. Save the date now and watch for further details.
In Memoriam

Sharon Anderson Speck ’60
1938-2017

Sharon Speck was known as the “First Lady” of Muskingum from 1988-1999, serving our community alongside her husband, Dr. Sam Speck, Jr. ’59, the University’s nineteenth president.

A native of Port Clinton, Ohio, and a member of the Class of 1960, Sharon earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 1961 from Case Western Reserve University’s Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing.

Sharon served as a public health nurse in Boston and as the Director of Nursing of the African Mental Hospital in Malawi, where her husband completed his doctoral studies. After returning to southeastern Ohio, she became a member of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Board of Health and held nursing positions in Zanesville, Cambridge, and the Muskingum Student Health Clinic.

Throughout her adult life, Sharon faced diminishing vision and hearing. She was an active volunteer with organizations serving those with hearing difficulties, and she was a member of both the National and Ohio Commissions on the Education of the Deaf.

During her husband’s Ohio House and Senate terms, Sharon led an office of volunteers, and while he served an appointment in Washington D.C., she assisted the White House as a volunteer in the Old Executive Office Building.

In 2013, Sharon received the Alumni Association President’s Award from the Francis Payne Bolton School of Nursing.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Sam Speck, Jr., of Worthington; her sons Dr. Sam (Ellen) Speck III of LaGrange and Derek Speck of Seattle; her grandchildren Sam Speck IV of Cincinnati, Sarah Speck of St. Louis, and Steven Speck of LaGrange; and her brother, Terry Anderson of Connecticut.
SHARING THE LEGACY

Share the legacy by becoming a Charter Member of the Muskingum Society

Make your annual commitment of $1000 or more to the University for any purpose by June 30, 2018 to become a Charter Member of the Muskingum Society.

Charter Members will be permanently recognized on campus and will receive invitations to special events, including a private gala with Jack and Suzi Hanna at the Columbus Zoo on September 7, 2018.

Upcoming invitation only opportunities for Muskingum Society members will be part of University events throughout the academic year.

You may make your gift at one time or divide it into quarterly or monthly payments for your convenience. If your employer offers a Matching Gift program, their match will count toward your Muskingum Society gift total.

For more information and to join, visit www.muskingum.edu/advancement/society, email muskingumsociety@muskingum.edu, or call 740-826-8130.
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