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## HOCKING COLLEGE FOUNDATION: COMMITTED TO GROWING CAREERS AND CHANGING LIVES

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DOUG WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
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FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET, 2019



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In addition to the scholarships that the Hocking College Foundation offers to eligible full-time new and returning students, the Foundation also collects applicants for a Student Financial Assistance Fund, and helps to provide financial assistance to students who may otherwise be at risk of dropping out of college due to an unexpected financial emergency. Unlike the scholarships, an application for Student Financial Assistance can be completed at any time while a student is enrolled at Hocking College, and can be used to pay for bills, medical expenses, or other unexpected financial responsibilities. With this fund, the Hocking College Foundation is able to fulfill its commitment to helping students complete their education despite the financial hardships that they might experience.

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CAMPUS



# AUTUMN GRADUATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 A.M. - SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH AND NURSING  
and SCHOOL OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

11:00 A.M. - SCHOOL OF ARTS, BUSINESS & SCIENCE,  
SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
and SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

## SPRING SEMESTER CALENDAR

JANUARY 1, 2022  
NEW YEAR’S DAY - COLLEGE CLOSED

JANUARY 3  
COLLEGE REOPENS FOR SPRING SEMESTER

JANUARY 9  
LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR 16-WEEK AND FIRST 8-WEEK SPRING SEMESTER COURSES

JANUARY 10  
SPRING SEMESTER COURSES BEGIN

JANUARY 17  
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - COLLEGE CLOSED

FEBRUARY 4  
SPRING GRADUATION APPLICATION DUE

FEBRUARY 11  
LAST DAY TO DROP/WITHDRAW (FIRST 8-WEEK COURSES)

MARCH 7-11  
SPRING BREAK - COLLEGE CLOSED

MARCH 13  
LAST DAY TO REGISTER (SECOND 8-WEEK COURSES)

MARCH 14  
COLLEGE REOPENS, SECOND 8-WEEK COURSES BEGIN

MARCH 23  
ALL HOCKING LEARNING DAY

MARCH 25  
LAST DAY TO ORDER CAPS/GOWNS FOR SPRING COMMENCEMENT

APRIL 15  
HOLIDAY - COLLEGE CLOSED  
LAST DAY TO DROP/WITHDRAW (16-WEEK AND SECOND 8-WEEK COURSES)

MAY 6  
SPRING TERM ENDS

MAY 7  
SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

## VETERAN & MILITARY SERVICES WELCOMES TWO NEW ENROLLMENT MANAGERS



**IRINA WALTZ**  
VETERANS & MILITARY SERVICES ENROLLMENT MANAGER

Irina Waltz came to the United States to earn her Associate Degree at Pikes Peak Community College where she studied Military and Leadership Sciences. Originally from Ust-Labinsk, Russia, Waltz has traveled the United States extensively through her educational and military career. After completing her Associate Degree in Colorado, Waltz went on to earn her Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University, where she also was involved in ROTC for the first time.

Waltz holds a Master’s Degree in Justice, Policy & Leadership from Eastern Kentucky University, and has served seven years in Active Duty service with the United States Army. She has held roles in electrical work, human resources, and recruitment with the Army, and spent three years as an officer.

Irina Waltz is currently employed as a Veterans & Military Services Enrollment Manager at Hocking College. Waltz says that for the first time in several years, she had the opportunity to choose where she would like to live; along with her family, she decided to move to southeastern Ohio. In regards to her role at Hocking College, she says:

*“I SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY NAVIGATING, DIRECTING, AND OFFERING MULTIPLE EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS TO ALL OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO SEEK TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION AND GROW IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIVES”*

In her vision for the future of Hocking College, Waltz hopes to develop an ROTC program that provides prospective Hocking College students with the opportunity to attend college and train to become an army officer at the same time, in exchange for paid tuition. She considers her experience as an ROTC student a fundamental experience in her career path, and she hopes to provide students with even greater opportunities and options here at Hocking College.



**JASON STURGILL**  
VETERANS & MILITARY SERVICES ENROLLMENT MANAGER

Jason Sturgill, originally from Louisa, Kentucky, has lived in Central Ohio for the past 22 years and served in the United States Military for eight years. Sturgill has been deployed to Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, and was also stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas with the US Army Reserves.

Sturgill holds a Bachelor of Arts in Exercise Science, a Master of Education in Education & Athletic Coaching and a Master of Science in Sports Management/Sports Administration. Throughout his professional career, Sturgill has held a variety of roles in education, coaching, sales, and recruitment at universities such as Capital University and The Ohio State University, as well as the United States Army. Sturgill has also been working with veterans for 10 years through public speaking and mental health programs.

In addition to his current role as a Veterans & Military Services Enrollment Manager at Hocking College, Sturgill will also be the Assistant Baseball Coach for the Hocking College Men’s Baseball team. Sturgill was drawn to Hocking College because of its smaller campus size and its student-first approach to education. Having been raised on a farm in eastern Kentucky, Sturgill is pleased to return to a more rural setting after spending several years in the Columbus area.

According to Sturgill, he is most excited about “helping military and veteran students and their dependents with earning a great education”. He hopes to provide guidance, support and resources to current and prospective students to help them achieve their academic and career goals.

As veterans themselves, Hocking College’s Veterans & Military Services team members understand the unique challenges that face veterans, service members and their families.

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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

# NEW PROGRAM AT HOCKING COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH EMPLOYERS TO BUILD A WORKFORCE



HOCKING COLLEGE SCHOOL OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
STUDENT PROJECTS AND ON-THE-JOB LEARNING



Hocking College is pleased to announce the launch of a new Workforce initiative which bridges the gap between local employers and competent, ready-to-work employees.

The initiative is titled Partnership for Advanced Community Engagement (PACE) and it operates as an Earn-and-Learn program which ties education and credentials to designated career paths and employers. With a focus on skills development, credentialing and career pathways, the earn-and-learn model encourages meaningful collaboration between employers, educators and workers. The model minimizes hiring risk for employers and increases efficiency in the workplace. Employees and students benefit from professional growth and wage gain opportunities as well as decreased educational debt loads.

The new program focuses on portable, nationally-recognized industry credentials in a flexible study program, for a variety of different workforce industries including HVAC, Water & Wastewater Management, Electrical, Culinary Arts, Construction and Automotive Technology. These programs will be available for students and employers to begin connecting to Hocking College in Spring 2022. To participate, students must be enrolled in one of the college's manufacturing, professional or technical & industrial programs.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, successful earn-and-learn (apprenticeship) programs leverage five core components: business involvement, structured on-the-job training, related instruction, rewards for skill gains and a national occupational credential. Nationally recognized "Registered Apprenticeship" programs may be designated as time-based programs (requiring a number of hours of instruction and on-the-job training), competency-based programs (requiring skills competency and proficiency without a time requirement) or may be built using a hybrid approach (using a range of hours and measured competency). Earn-and-learn programming supports efforts to recruit, train, and retain skilled workers across a variety of industries.

Hocking College's PACE Earn-and-Learn Program is structured with flexibility to accommodate industry and student needs. For students, earn-and-learn programming

supports purposeful, cost-effective study while providing meaningful and skill-based experiences. Students receive a competitive wage and relevant experience while earning stackable, industry-recognized credentials. For employers, the program provides students who have already demonstrated basic technical knowledge, soft skills and leadership qualities to join their labor force straight away. Through their participation, employers support regional economic and workforce development initiatives, and talent pipelines are strengthened.

An additional facet of Hocking College's PACE program involves supporting pre-apprenticeship opportunities for those interested, including local high school students. Pre-apprenticeship is an opportunity to provide core training and basic technical and job readiness skills in preparation to enter a Registered Apprenticeship program. This added step in the educational offerings of Hocking College means that participating students can select a career path with greater confidence, having already gained the experiences and basic hands-on skills in that industry. The program, which offers direct employer connections to students and schools, also provides participants with even greater career and educational opportunities in the future, whether or not they choose to continue on to higher education.

Spearheading the PACE program at Hocking College is the Director of Workforce Innovation, Amanda Lemke.



AMANDA LEMKE (LOWER RIGHT), ALONGSIDE DEAN, FACULTY AND PROGRAM MANAGERS IN THE SCHOOL OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Amanda Lemke came to Hocking College from a career in Government Communications and Community Affairs, where she led efforts for business advocacy and stakeholder collaboration first for the Canal Winchester Area Chamber of Commerce and then the City of Canal Winchester.

In the Summer of 2020, Lemke was compelled to change her career path. She reflected that she "was looking for an opportunity to do something meaningful and impactful". She said: "As I researched opportunities, I came across Hocking College and as I learned more about the school and its mission, I felt compelled to become part of their team." In addition to developing plans and infrastructure for the college's new PACE program, Lemke is also responsible for promoting Workforce programming through participation with business consortiums, chambers of commerce, and similar organizations, coordinating with CCP director and TechPrep coordinator to enhance articulations agreements and alternative educational models and writing and editing content for the monthly School of Workforce Development Newsletter.

Lemke says that she likes seeking out opportunities for collaborative projects, as well as reviewing labor market data to assist the Dean of Workforce Development with departmental strategic planning. Lemke also savors any networking opportunities that come her way. In particular, she likes working with governmental agencies and industry partners.

Both students and employers will benefit from the partnerships and programs being developed through the efforts of Amanda Lemke and the School of Workforce Development team at Hocking College.

If you would like to get in touch with Amanda Lemke, Director of Workforce Innovation at Hocking College, you can reach her at one of the following:

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*Lemke holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration, both from Ohio Dominican University.*



EVENTS

HOLIDAY EVENTS



REGIONAL  
PARADES  
DECEMBER 4

Nelsonville, Ohio will hold its annual Christmas Parade and Lighting of the Fountain at this year’s North Pole Nelsonville event on December 4, 2021. The event will include a visit from Santa, Christmas carols and more. This special holiday event is hosted by the Nelsonville Area Chamber of Commerce and is held in the Nelsonville Public Square beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Annual Logan Christmas Parade will also return this year, with the theme *Cinematic Christmas*. The event is hosted by the Hocking Hills Chamber of Commerce, and they are expecting float entries with Hollywood pizzaz. The event is free to attend, and will be held on Saturday December 4, 2021 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The parade starts at the Logan Fairgrounds and ends at the Hocking Mall (near the Tractor Supply). Announcements will be made at Worthington Park.

For more information about these or any other events hosted by the area Chambers of Commerce, visit:  
Nelsonville - [www.nelsonvillechamber.com](http://www.nelsonvillechamber.com)  
Hocking Hills - [www.hockinghillschamber.com](http://www.hockinghillschamber.com)

HOCKING VALLEY SCENIC  
RAILWAY EVENTS

The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway, which runs out of the historic train station in Nelsonville, Ohio, holds a variety of holiday train rides in the winter months, in addition to their regularly scheduled train rides. All information on the train schedules, pricing, and registration can be found on their website at:  
[www.hvsry.org/train-rides](http://www.hvsry.org/train-rides)

Advance registration for any train rides is recommended. Advance registration is required for train rides serving meals.

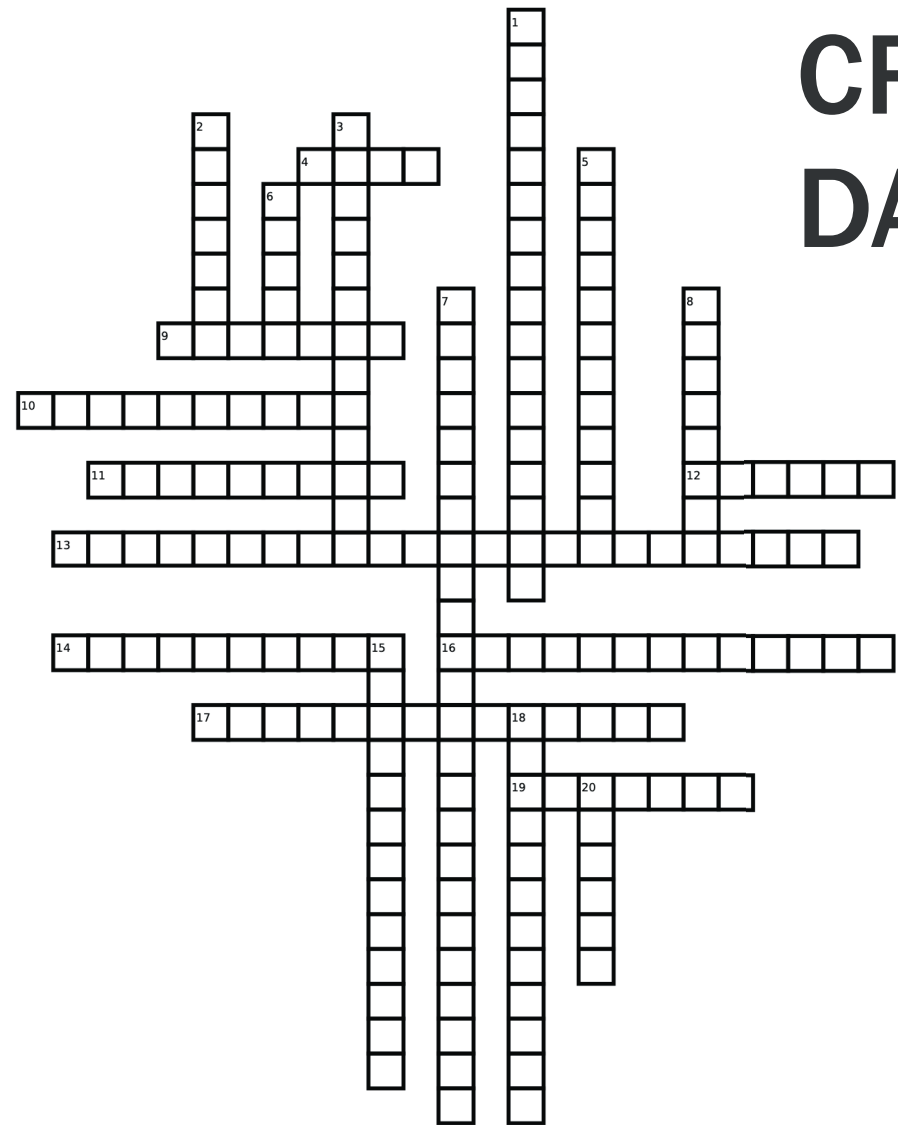
HOLIDAY TRAIN RIDES

**Elegant Dinner Trains:** Enjoy a 2-3 hour train ride and fine dining event, traveling through the Hocking Hills of Southeast Ohio. This train runs seasonally on weekends. Advanced reservations are required.

**Santa Trains:** Morning and evening trains run throughout weekends in December. Santa visits with all children on each train ride through the scenic Hocking River Valley. Trains are decorated for extra holiday festivity. These train rides are very popular and sell out quickly.

**New Years Eve Train & Fireworks:** Celebrate the New Year on the train! The train departs at 10:30 p.m. on December 31st and doesn’t arrive back until the New Year! On the return trip, the train stops to enjoy a fireworks display. Food and beverage is served during the ride.

HAPPY NATIONAL  
CROSSWORD PUZZLE  
DAY - 12/21/21



- DOWN:**
- 1. The occupation of leading and maintaining athletic or fitness facilities and operations.
  - 2. An institution of Higher Education (i.e. Hocking -)
  - 3. The process of analyzing raw information to find trends and answer questions.
  - 5. A change brought about by enzymes which convert sugar into ethyl alcohol.
  - 6. A person formally educated and trained in the care of the sick or infirm.
  - 7. Class A, B or C Drivers License.
  - 8. Of or related to cooking.
  - 15. Constructing, composing, fabricating or assembling.
  - 18. Businessperson.
  - 20. Of or relating to horses.

- ACROSS:**
- 4. Bird of prey, also the symbol for Hocking College Athletics.
  - 9. A person who has served in the military.
  - 10. A place, situation or set of conditions conducive to experimentation, investigation or observation.
  - 11. A person trained to assist a physician or to give medical care in the absence of a physician, often as part of an emergency squad.
  - 12. The county that Hocking College resides within.
  - 13. A worldwide navigational and surveying system, a.k.a. GPS.
  - 14. The occupation of reporting, writing, editing, photographing or broadcasting news.
  - 16. An important facet of oral health.
  - 17. A program or position in which someone learns a trade by working under a certified expert.
  - 19. Drama and acting performances, often on stage in front of a live audience.



EVENTS AT HOCKING COLLEGE

# SEASONAL FESTIVITIES AT ROBBINS CROSSING

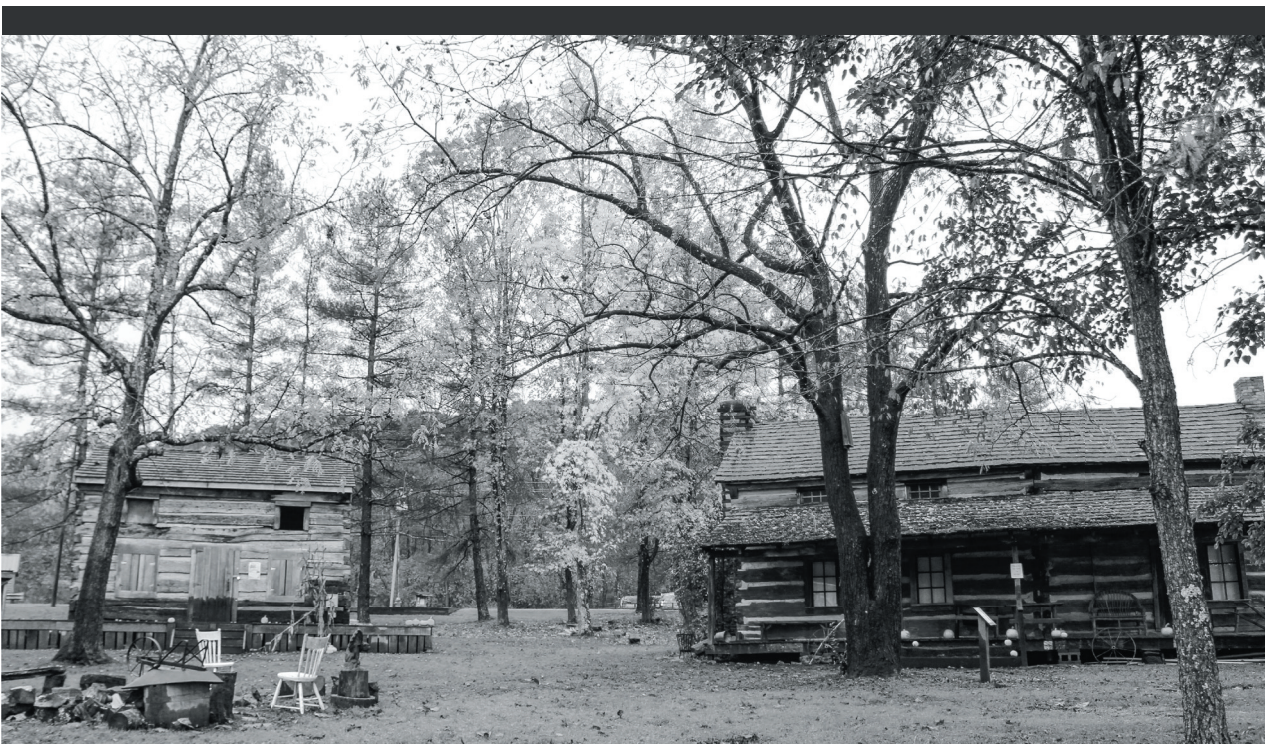
Robbins Crossing Historical Village, located on the Hocking College campus, is holding another seasonal event - coming up December 10, 2021.

In October, Robbins Crossing held a Halloween Haunt event where local vendors and the Hocking College community came together to offer family-friendly crafts and activities, haunted ghost tours, food, games and more. The event was held on October 15-17, and turned up over 2,000 visitors from the local area and beyond. Next, Robbins Crossing is planning a Winter Holiday event in December.

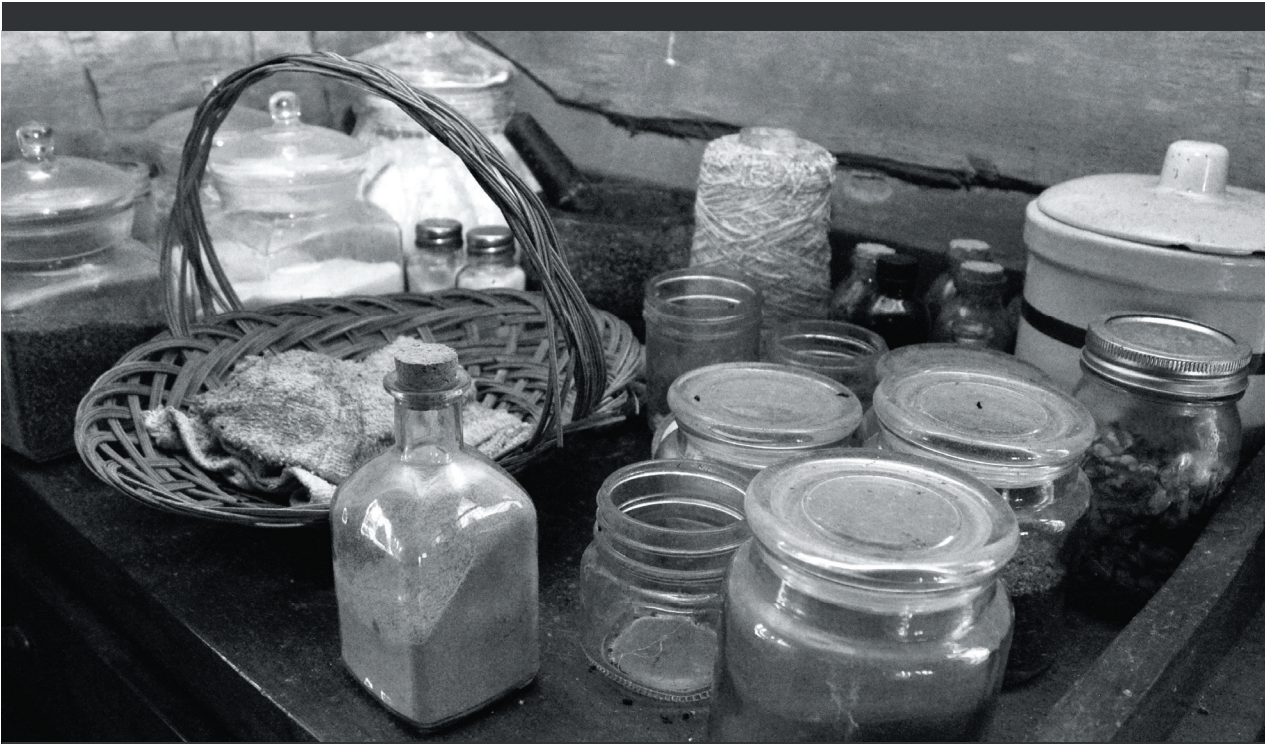
Robbins Crossing is a historical village that reenacts what life was like in Southeastern Ohio from 1830 until 1880. Programming and events are hosted throughout the year, designed to share a love for Appalachian arts, crafts and culture. In addition to this year’s inaugural Halloween event, some of the events held include blacksmithing workshops, basket weaving classes, hearth cooking and log cabin building techniques. The venue has also hosted concerts and performances, Hocking College Homecoming events, and Thunder in the Valley.

The upcoming event, planned and organized by Patrick Quackenbush, *Program Manager of Parks and Museum Education*, will be held on December 10, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Some of the activities planned include festive games, cooking, crafts, and an educational tour of the historic village. Some activities may be held outdoors, and there will be short distances to travel between the historic cabins, so visitors are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather.

In addition to being fun for the whole family, events at Robbins Crossing are educational. Visitors learn about the history and culture of Southeastern Ohio in the 1800s and get a glimpse into what life was like for the early settlers of the region. The village is staffed primarily by students of Hocking College’s Parks and Museum Education Associate Degree program. At Robbins Crossing, these students have the opportunity to learn hands-on how to guide tours, re-tell history, and educate visitors in an engaging way. These skills translate directly to their future career paths in Parks and Museum Education: whether they plan to manage a museum or historical site or work at a public or private park. Learn more about Robbins Crossing by visiting: [RobbinsCrossing.hocking.edu](https://RobbinsCrossing.hocking.edu).



ROBBINS CROSSING HISTORICAL VILLAGE, DECORATED FOR HALLOWEEN IN OCTOBER 2021



KITCHEN INGREDIENTS DISPLAYED INSIDE THE GLADDEN HOUSE HISTORICAL CABIN AT ROBBINS CROSSING

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AT HOCKING COLLEGE

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SPORTS

# WOMEN’S FLAG FOOTBALL JOINS HOCKING COLLEGE ATHLETICS ROSTER

Hocking College will add Women’s Flag Football to its ever-growing athletic department in Spring of 2022 after receiving a \$10,000 grant provided by the NJCAA Foundation, NFL FLAG, and RCX Sports. This addition marks the 13th varsity sport offered through the Hocking College Athletic Department.

“Women’s Flag football will expand Hocking College’s already robust offerings and provide more opportunities for women,” said Dr. Betty Young, president of Hocking College. “College athletics, like high school athletics, teaches teamwork, develops a work ethic, keeps students engaged and on a pathway to graduate and enter the workforce.” In March, the NJCAA first announced the \$150,000 grant, provided by the NFL, and the grant application process to support the initiative of expanding women’s flag football.

“The NJCAA Foundation is passionate about the value women’s flag football brings to institutions’ overall growth, the student-athlete experience, and equality across playing fields,” stated Brian Luckett, NJCAA Foundation Executive Director. “This is an opportunity for women of the association to compete at the highest level and we are fortunate to work hand in hand with NFL FLAG and RCX Sports during this exciting time.”

RCX Sports, the official operating partner of NFL FLAG and the NAIA women’s flag football initiative, works to enhance the youth sports experience for athletes all around the world. “RCX is dedicated to creating opportunities for all athletes to play and so that every child can gain important life skills only learned through sports,” said RCX Sports CEO and NFL FLAG Executive Director Izell Reese. “Through NJCAA women’s flag football, young women will not only be able to compete, but they’ll also earn a valuable education that will set them up for success after college.” Hocking College has become one of 11 NJCAA member colleges to receive the grant to ignite a women’s flag football program and provide opportunities.

“The NJCAA expanding NFL Flag opportunities for female student-athletes at member institutions demonstrates clearly that football is for all,” said Executive Vice President of NFL Football Operations Troy Vincent, Sr. “The values, fun and competitive environment of football can be enjoyed by anyone and everyone who wishes to participate. It is exciting to see junior colleges offer NFL FLAG as a varsity sport to female athletes.” In February of 2021, the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) officially announced Women’s Flag Football as an emerging sport in a joint effort with the National Football League (NFL) and Reigning Champs Experience (RCX). Hocking College is proud to announce they have been selected to grow women’s flag football. Since Hocking College will be one of the first junior colleges in the country to offer women’s flag football, the team will take on a wide range of opponents stretching all over the country. Look for them to be in action in the spring of 2022 and bring home victories to Nelsonville, Ohio.

## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS SCHEDULES



### ATHENS

Upcoming Home Games

Girl’s Varsity Basketball - January 3rd @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Vinton County High School

Boy’s Varsity Basketball - December 8th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Circleville High School  
December 17th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Nelsonville-York HS

### NELSONVILLE-YORK

Upcoming Home Games

Girl’s Varsity Basketball - January 20th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Vinton County High School

Boy’s Varsity Basketball - December 14th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Wellston High School  
December 21st @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Meigs High School



### LOGAN

Upcoming Home Games

Girl’s Varsity Basketball - December 6th @ 6:00 p.m. vs. Miller High School  
December 27th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Circleville High School

Boy’s Varsity Basketball - December 3rd @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Unioto High School  
December 7th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Harvest Prep High School

### NEW LEXINGTON

Upcoming Home Games

Girl’s Varsity Basketball - January 5th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Maysville High School

Boy’s Varsity Basketball - January 7th @ 7:15 p.m. vs. Coshocton High School

High School athletics schedules have been collected from each school’s website. Please check with your local school district for any changes or updates.

See the calendar on PAGE 8 for Hocking College Basketball Home Games Schedule, or view the calendar online at [www.athletics.hocking.edu](http://www.athletics.hocking.edu)

## HOCKING COLLEGE BASKETBALL SEASON UPDATES

The Hocking College Hawks Basketball Teams are starting their seasons strong, both winning their first games on the Hocking College Home Court on November 2, 2021.

The Men’s Basketball team took off running in the 2021-2022 season, playing 8 games in their first 4 weeks! The Men’s Basketball team won its first 6 games, including 3 home games and 3 away games. Across their first six games, they collectively scored 591 points, which places them third in the division for total points scored so far this season.

On November 8, Hocking College’s Trevell Adams was named the OCCAC Player of the Week for the opening week of the season. Adams stuffed the stat sheet with 22.0 points, 4.0 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 1.4 steals per game during a 3-0 slate for the Hawks. He converted on 60% (27-45) of his shots, including a 50% (7-14) rate from beyond the 3-point line. Adams took care of the basketball as well, committing just four turnovers in 70 minutes played. In addition to that, he currently has a 4.0 GPA as a Fashion Design and Retail Merchandising major. He was also named to the OCCAC Preseason Newcomer of the Year list this season.

Men’s and Women’s Basketball will continue to play throughout the winter months, with another dual Home Game schedule on December 4, 2021 where Women’s Basketball will play a home game at 1:00 p.m. and Men’s Basketball will play a home game at 7:30 p.m. The first Conference games will begin in January for each team: both the Men’s and Women’s Conferences begin on January 8th with games against Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Visit the Hocking College Athletics page for the most updated athletics schedules and statistics:

[www.athletics.hocking.edu](http://www.athletics.hocking.edu)



TREVELL ADAMS, #3  
Named OCCAC Player of the Week, November 8



CAMPUS STORIES

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CELEBRATE “FRIENDSGIVING”



the country to join in the conversations and meetings. In the Autumn Semester at Hocking College, most domestic students leave campus and go home for the Thanksgiving break in November. Some international students, however, have never celebrated the American holiday of Thanksgiving and do not have the opportunity to go home for a long weekend. Since the international students would not be traveling home for Thanksgiving, Ginger Gagne and Samantha Sturgeon wanted to do something special for them for the holiday celebration.

They hosted their own International “Friendsgiving” Thanksgiving potluck, featuring a variety of international foods brought by faculty, staff and students along with traditional Thanksgiving meal offerings. The potluck lunch was attended by faculty and staff of Hocking College, and international and domestic students alike. They served food such as sushi, pizza, chili, smoked ribs, egg rolls and pumpkin pie. The eclectic offering appealed to everyone who joined in, and made it easy to find a food item that was new to them. One international student tried pumpkin pie for the first time at the

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THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CLUB PROVIDES  
A SAFE PLACE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
TO BE THEMSELVES. IT IS A CLUB FOR THEM TO  
UNDERSTAND THEY ARE NOT ALONE IN THEIR  
TRAVELS FOR A BETTER EDUCATION.”

Students from Japan, Africa, Jamaica and beyond gather at Hocking College with the International Student Club. The International Student Club at Hocking College is an organization that meets weekly to provide students a chance to gather and bond over shared experiences. It is run by two Hocking College staff members in the School of Arts, Business & Science who also facilitate the Aspire programs at Hocking College: Samantha Sturgeon and Ginger Gagne. Sturgeon says that “The International Student Club provides a safe place for international students to be themselves. It is a club for them to understand they are not alone in their travels for a better education.”. The club is not only for International students: all students at Hocking College are welcome to join the organization and participate in its activities. Sturgeon says that there are already a few local students who come to club meetings to hear stories and meet new people, and she encourages local and domestic students who come to Hocking College from across

The International Student Club at Hocking College meets each week on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Oakley Hall room 307, which is across from the Arts, Business & Science office. It welcomes all students, whether they are international or domestic. Some of the topics covered at weekly meetings include teaching words and phrases of their native language, discussing their countries and cultures, and - of course - sharing stories and building the community.

To learn more about the International Student Club or to get involved, contact:

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## HAWKS IN THE NEWS

Hocking College’s own Caden Cox, Freshman student and Football Kicker #21 was featured on Saturday, November 20th ESPN College GameDay segment.

Caden was honored to spend time with The Ohio State Buckeyes Football team and speak with press about his inspirational story and his passion for football.

You can still find Caden’s ESPN feature on their ESPN College GameDay Social Media pages @CollegeGameDay, or by vising Hocking College’s Facebook page: [Facebook.com/HockingCollege.Ohio](https://www.facebook.com/HockingCollege.Ohio).



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### HOCKING COLLEGE FOUNDATION: COMMITTED TO *GROWING CAREERS AND CHANGING LIVES*

The Hocking College foundation hosts fundraising events each year, such as its annual Spring Gala which supports and raises money for scholarships and growth and initiative funds. For Homecoming in 2021, the Hocking College Foundation raised additional money for the Student Assistance Fund through its Homecoming Court selection process. For Giving Tuesday (November 30, 2021), The Foundation asked for donations from the community to support scholarships and student funds. In addition to these seasonal efforts, the Hocking College Foundation accepts donations all year. Contributors who donate a minimum annual amount are recognized as a Partner in Education, and Hocking College is thankful for their 2021 Partners in Education: G&J Pepsi, Park National Bank, Reed & Bauer, People’s Bank, Snider Fuller and Stroh, GoodCare by CPCI and Vita Management.

Many of the Hocking College Foundation Scholarships are awarded to students without the need for additional application. To receive priority consideration for these scholarships, students need to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the year’s deadlines, as outlined in the academic calendar. For the 2022-2023 school year, new students must complete their FAFSA by February 15, 2022 and returning students must complete their FAFSA by March 31, 2022 to be considered for scholarships without additional application. Some of these scholarships include the Grizzly Scholarship, the John Light Scholarship, and the District Scholars Scholarship, along with several others.

Some Hocking College Foundation Scholarships do require additional application to be considered, and new and returning students should verify their eligibility for these scholarships and apply to earn additional funding towards their academic careers. One such scholarship is the Band and Choir Scholarship, which is awarded to one or more full-time students who join the Hocking College Singers or Hocking College Band and apply for the scholarship with a video audition. Additional scholarships which require application are the Davis S. Fraedrich Memorial Scholarship, the Patrick Gangwer Brewing Scholarship and the Presidential Scholar Award.

One scholarship from the Hocking College Foundation that does not require additional application is the R. Kenneth Kerr and Nada Jean Smith Family Scholarship which is awarded to a veteran or current military member at Hocking College. Formerly titled “The Kerr Family Scholarship”, this gift was revised in 2019 and renamed the R. Kenneth Kerr and Nada Jean Smith Family Scholarship, in honor of both Kenneth Kerr’s and Nada Jean Smith’s ongoing mission to provide Hocking College Foundation with scholarship opportunities for over 50 years. The legacy of the family is rooted in Athens County, Ohio where they first managed the Kerr Family-Owned Pepsi Bottling Business, then sold the bottling company and began the Kerr Distributing Company (KDC). Courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Kerr’s generosity, the KDC began offering scholarships to the children of their locally-hired employees that allowed them to attend Hocking College. After the family sold the business, they made changes to the scholarship and opened it up to local veterans and military personnel. Today, the metaphorical torch that symbolizes Mr. & Mrs. Kerr’s legacy of philanthropy has been proudly passed on to their children, Kenneth “Kenny” Kerr, III and Calista Jean Kerr Strickmaker. Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kerr, III and Mr. & Mrs. Ron Stickmaker currently serve as the donors of the R. Kenneth Kerr and Nada Jean Smith Family Scholarship.

Please consider celebrating National Giving Month in December with us by donating to the Hocking College Foundation and supporting local Higher Education initiatives, supporting students from around the corner and from around the world. Contact the Foundation Director, Doug Wells to learn more or visit online at [foundation.hocking.edu](https://foundation.hocking.edu).

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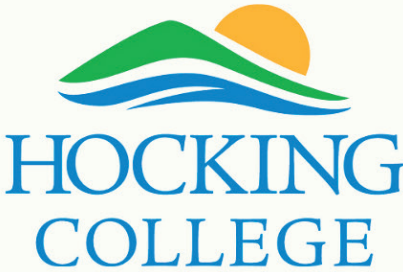
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			Jazz Night at Rhapsody			Athens Farmers Market
						Local Christmas Events
Hanukkah Begins				Home Basketball Game		Home Basketball Games
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Jazz Night at Rhapsody		Holiday Event at Robbins Crossing	Athens Farmers Market
			Home Basketball Game			Autumn Graduation Ceremonies
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Holiday Trail of Lights at Lake Hope State Park		Jazz Night at Rhapsody			Athens Farmers Market
Home Basketball Game					Home Basketball Game	Live Music at Hocking Hills Winery
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Winter Break - College Closed Dec. 20 - 31. College Reopens & Spring Semester Begins Monday, January 3.					Athens Farmers Market
		National Crossword Puzzle Day				
					Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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					New Year's Eve Train	
Kwanza Begins					New Year's Eve	New Year's Day

**LEGEND**

- Campus & College Events
- Community & Local Events
- Holidays & National Events

Registration Required

We would love to see you at our Campus Events! To learn more and to register, scroll to the bottom of the Hocking College homepage to find the full events calendar with links and more information.

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