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## ASPIRING FOR SUCCESS

HOCKING COLLEGE GRAD JOINS ASPIRE PROGRAM, EARNS COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE, AND BEGINS HIS JOURNEY ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS.



Tracey Maine

Derek "Scott" McGlaughlin, born and raised on a farm in Southeast Ohio, had a life beset by a series of hardships. After his father passed away when McGlaughlin was young, he was forced to struggle into adulthood. After graduating from high school in 1991, he enlisted in the military as it was considered his most reliable career path at the time. He was released in 1993, and soon found himself with a wife and child to support at home.

After his experience in the military, McGlaughlin pursued a career path in criminal justice, and enrolled in the Police Academy at Hocking College to become a police officer. He spent time traveling around the country working jobs such as firefighting and manufacturing. At this point however, McGlaughlin was now suffering from PTSD and health-related issues that prevented him from performing strenuous physical labor.

According to McGlaughlin, a pivotal turning point in his life involved him getting arrested on a DUI charge. This conviction required him to take part in a Driver Intervention program, which taught him how he could help himself by being of service to others. McGlaughlin has continued to remain an active participant in the Driver Intervention program as both a speaker and mentor to other men and women who have a history with drugs and alcohol.

McGlaughlin moved back to Southeast Ohio to take care of his elderly grandmother; but once again, he found himself struggling to find a reliable career that was right for him and his family. One day while traveling down Ohio SR 287, McGlaughlin noticed that he was driving alongside a Hocking College Commercial Drivers License (CDL) training truck. Having grown up on a farm, McGlaughlin had always considered himself to be "someone who could drive anything", so he chose to look into the CDL program that Hocking College offers.

After enrolling in the program, McGlaughlin was disappointed to find out that his chances of going back to school on a GI Bill had expired, and he felt he had no other option than to drop out. Once again, McGlaughlin felt lost and hopeless at a chance for a successful future. However, the new CDL program manager...

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**NOV. 7**

Daylight Savings

Don't forget to turn back your clocks!

**NOV. 11**

Veterans Day

National Holiday

Hocking College Closed

**NOV. 17**

National Hiking Day

Explore Southeastern Ohio on National Hiking Day!

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National Holiday

Hocking College Closed Nov 25 & 26. No classes Nov. 22-26.

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Santa Trains

Holiday Event along the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway

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CAMPUS

# HOCKING COLLEGE EQUINE PROGRAMS AT BOB EVANS FARM FESTIVAL

Dr. Debra Powell

The Bob Evans Farm Festival was first held in Rio Grande, OH at the Homestead and farm of the Evans family in 1971. Its founder, Bob Evans was always a great advocate for building and fostering community. Because of this belief, he started the Bob Evans Restaurants.

The Bob Evans Farm Festival encompasses a weekend-long event in honor and recognition of the work that farmers and others have done to provide our community with farm – fresh food.

This year’s event marked the 50th anniversary of this wonderful festival and from October 8th to 10th, the Hocking College Equine Science Program, along with its students, staff and horses joined in on this community farm festival.

Daily lead horseback rides for children 12 years and younger were provided, with over 2000 rides given over the course of the fun-filled weekend. In addition, under the supervision of our farrier science manager Eric Wilt, senior farrier science student Alexa Beres provided daily horse hoof trimming demonstrations.

Adrienne Van Matre, Hocking College’s Equine Complex Manager noted that “this event provides our students with a wonderful opportunity to interact with the community while continuing to demonstrate and hone their skills as equine professionals”.

Hocking College’s School of Natural Resources were also present during the festival, representing several programs including Fish Management & Aquaculture, Natural Resources Law Enforcement, Agroecology, Forest Management and Wildlife Resources Management.



EQUINE SCIENCE STUDENTS & STAFF AT THE BOB EVANS FARM FESTIVAL

# DR. BETTY YOUNG EARNS ENTREPRENEURIAL PRESIDENT AWARD

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP (NACCE) HAS NAMED DR. BETTY YOUNG, PRESIDENT OF HOCKING COLLEGE, THE 2021 ENTREPRENEURIAL PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR, SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES EQUINE PROGRAMS WIN PITCH CONTEST FOR FARRIER TRUCK**

The National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) is an independent organization which supports and promotes entrepreneurship through over 300 community and technical colleges throughout the United States.

Each year, the NACCE holds an annual conference with its partners and supporters, and names two awards: the first is the Heather Van Sickle Entrepreneurial College Award which goes to a college which “demonstrated a strong commitment to entrepreneurship both inside and outside the classroom”, according to the NACCE website. The second award is the Entrepreneurial President of the Year Award, which “recognizes presidents who have signed onto the *Presidents for Entrepreneurship Pledge* (PFEP) and have demonstrated distinguishable and replicable traits of an entrepreneurial mindset in building an entrepreneurial spirit throughout their internal and external campus communities”.

The 2021 NACCE conference was held in Minneapolis, MN and the two winners of this year’s awards were the City College of San Francisco winning the Entrepreneurial College of the Year Award, and Hocking College’s own president, Dr. Betty Young earning the 2021 Entrepreneurial President Award.

According to the NACCE website, Dr. Young was selected for the award because she “weaves entrepreneurial spirit and mindset into everything that she does... Dr. Young has developed a model of what can be done with entrepreneurial leadership in small town America, embracing innovative projects and engaging her community”.

In addition to the award selection which shows national recognition for the achievements of Hocking College, the

NACCE also hosted a ‘Pitch for the Trades’ competition at their conference in Minneapolis, where participating colleges competed for a portion of a \$135,000 total prize pool, to support their unique skilled trades initiative. Five colleges won a portion of the prize pool for entrepreneurial initiatives ranging from composting to truck driving, and the NACCE stated that “teams created a buzz at the conference and across the virtual world for the skilled trades and the impactful work community and technical colleges are doing in creating hope, opportunity and in furthering equity and social programs”.



DR. BETTY YOUNG (CENTER), PICTURED WITH NACCE PRESIDENT & CEO DR. REBECCA CORBIN (RIGHT) AND NACCE BOARD CHAIR DR. STEVE SCHULTZ (LEFT) AFTER ACCEPTING AWARD.

The Hocking College School of Natural Resources was proud to win a portion of the prize pool, \$25,000 towards Entrepreneurship in Farrier Science, which will support the purchase of a traveling farrier truck for students in the college’s equine Farrier Science & Business program to gain hands-on job training as part of their comprehensive education.

Visit the NACCE online at [www.NACCE.com](http://www.NACCE.com) to learn more.

# STUDENTS LEAD IN HOMECOMING PLANNING & FUNDRAISING

Hocking College’s Homecoming events were moved last month due to a cancellation from the opposing team for the originally scheduled Homecoming Game. The new date for the game and events is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th, 2021.

For this year’s Homecoming Court, the Homecoming King and Queen are selected based on fundraising goals: the individuals who raise the most funds win the competition, and all proceeds raised will go to the Hocking College Foundation Student Assistance Fund.

The following Hocking College students ran for Homecoming Court in 2021:

- Taryn Baldy
- Patricia Koroma
- Jordan Bennett
- Nariah Mack
- Caden Cox
- Lauren Parrish

Caden Cox won the fundraising collection for Homecoming Court and will be crowned Homecoming King at the game on October 30th.

One of the contestants, Patricia (Alicia) Koroma has been involved in Homecoming planning since the beginning. She connected with the Homecoming Committee and has shared her input from the perspective of a current student in regards to activities and schedules to help make the 2021 Hocking College Homecoming a success. She has taken the lead on driving engagement with the student body, and demonstrated a strong commitment to raising the most funds for Homecoming Court.

Shortly after discovering that the Homecoming Football game and events were being moved due to the last-minute cancellation, Koroma met with Doug Wells, Director of the Hocking College Foundation, to make plans. Within moments, Koroma had plans in place for scheduling new Spirit Week events, communicating the changes with the Hocking College community, and taking full advantage of the extra two weeks they had to continue planning.

According to the current homecoming plans for

October 30, Hocking College will be hosting a tailgate cookout beginning at 11:00 a.m. before the Football Game at 1:00 p.m. where the Hocking College Hawks will play against the College of DuPage. In addition to the pre-game cookout, the college will also be hosting a Homecoming Dance for current students the evening of October 30th.



PATRICIA KOROMA  
STUDENT, MEDICAL RECORDS - HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

# START YOUR CAREER AS A FIRST RESPONDER

October 28th was National First Responders Day, a holiday established in 2017 designed to celebrate and honor our nation's First Responders. A First Responder is defined as someone designated or trained to respond to an emergency, which includes police & law enforcement agents, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. According to the Department of Homeland Security, today there are an estimated 25 million first responders in the United States, with approximately 2.3 million of those being Front Line First Responders, working in the fields of Fire, Police, EMS or Bomb Disposal.

For those interested in pursuing a career as a first responder, there are a variety of paths that an aspiring firefighter, police officer, EMT or paramedic can take. Each career path has an associated certification which can be earned by taking a short-term certificate course and passing a national or state exam, which will provide the graduate with the basic necessary qualifications to enter the workforce in their field. In addition to certifications, a student can choose to pursue an Associates Degree in their field which will prepare the student for greater success in the industry by expanding their knowledge base, covering more in-depth coursework, providing continued hands-on training and give graduates a competitive edge for hiring and/or promotions in the workforce. In the field of Emergency Medical care, according to the National Association of EMS Educators, the National EMS Management Association, and the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics, new employees entering the workforce as EMTs or Paramedics may be required to have an Associates Degree in the future.

Hocking College continues to offer programs to students interested in becoming first responders, with Short-Term Certificate programs as well as Associates Degree programs available.

## FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Associates Degree track for Fire & Emergency Medical Services is a five-semester program that prepares students to meet a variety of community needs. Students may begin the program by scheduling fire courses in their first year, or they can choose to begin with emergency medical courses. Included within the Fire & Emergency Medical Services Associates Degree are the certificates for Firefighter I, Firefighter II and EMT-Paramedic; therefore, this program is a one-stop shop to earn both certifications as well as a related Associates Degree, all while qualifying for financial aid and scholarships.

As part of its training protocol, Hocking College maintains an on-site fire training facility, fire truck and related equipment, as well as a fully equipped EMS vehicle and medical lab classroom that simulates an emergency room, providing practical experience and training to students. Since hands-on training is critical to the Hocking College learning experience, the program continues to invest in modern technologies and resources that will best serve its students; in fact, the Fire program recently received a new fire truck in the Summer of 2021 to replace an older model.



DEARDORFF (LEFT) AND BEST (RIGHT) IN FRONT OF THEIR INDUSTRY EMBLEMS AT HOCKING COLLEGE'S PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES BUILDING



HOCKING COLLEGE FIREFIGHTER TRAINING: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ORIENTATION



HOCKING COLLEGE'S NEWEST FIRE TRUCK



HOCKING COLLEGE OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING: STAGED CRASH SITE INSPECTION

Program manager for the Fire & Emergency Medical Services Associates Degree Rick Best says that in order for students to be successful in the program, they need to stay focused and motivated towards their goals: "They are not here for a few college credits" he says, "They are here to become fire service members". Like many of his students, Best prefers to work hands-on outside of the classroom: the coursework that has been established focuses on practical hands-on skills that reinforce job performance requirements.

## POLICE ACADEMY

Hocking College's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) is a 16-week Short-Term Certificate Program which provides direct, hands-on practice in the classroom, crime lab, firing range, and police cruisers. The certificate course meets the educational requirements and prepares students to take licensure exams for the State of Ohio Basic Police Academy, under the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. In order to qualify to enter the academy, prospective students must pass a physical fitness test, medical testing, and background testing. During the academy, three physical fitness classes will be required each week to prepare students to pass a much more strenuous physical fitness test for their state licensure.

A Criminal Justice - Major in Law Enforcement Associates Degree is also available at Hocking College. It is a two-year program that gives students the opportunity to attend the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in their fourth semester, and earn the state OPOTA certification after passing the qualifying state tests. At some police departments, an Associates Degree is required in order to join the force; at others, an Associates Degree is required to advance in the ranks or provides an advantage to employees hoping to earn raises or promotions.

Whether students choose to pursue an Associates Degree or not, Hocking College's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Commander Roger Deardorff says that continuing education is crucial to any student's success: "The Ohio Peace Officer Basic Police program is just that - basic training. It is my goal that the students realize this is just the beginning of their training path and they must continue to take advanced training throughout their career to be successful".

As with all Hocking College programs, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy focuses on real-world hands-on experience to best prepare its students for work in the field. Academy Commander Deardorff says that one of the greatest advantages to the hands-on learning model in OPOTA is the ability to demonstrate what can happen if a procedure is not done properly or if something goes wrong, such as in firearms if the weapon malfunctions. Providing students with the experience to encounter not only "ideal" conditions, but also "worst-case" scenarios ensures that graduates of the program are prepared to face real-world situations.

To view all of Hocking College's program offerings, visit [www.hocking.edu/majors](http://www.hocking.edu/majors)

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LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ASSOCIATES DEGREE

EVENTS

# JAZZ NIGHTS

**RHAPSODY RESTAURANT IN NELSONVILLE HOSTS WEEKLY JAZZ NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING**



Rhapsody restaurant, owned and operated by Hocking College as part of its Culinary Programs' student work experience, is a casual fine dining restaurant located in Nelsonville's historic public square. Culinary Arts students are employed at the restaurant while they study, providing them hands-on experience working in the restaurant business before graduation.

Rhapsody's logo and much of its interior design demonstrates influence of jazz-era aesthetics; and now, Rhapsody hosts a weekly jazz night with local artists Kay Carter and the Bernie Nau Quartet.

Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m., you can find Carter at Rhapsody restaurant in Nelsonville, providing live music to patrons and fans. Carter is a local musician who has been playing solo performances at Rhapsody restaurant for several years, and has also performed at Athens venues such as Casa Nueva, Jackie O's and Tony's.

Alongside the Director of Rhapsody Jannifer Yanity, Carter advocated for the Jazz Night events to bring live jazz music to Nelsonville, Ohio.

Since their beginning in the Summer of 2021, Jazz Nights at Rhapsody have begun to draw larger audiences, and help to bring more business to all of Nelsonville and Nelsonville's Public Square in what would otherwise be a mid-week lull.

For now, Rhapsody plans to continue Jazz Nights every Wednesday, and has no intention of slowing down for the winter season.

The Rhapsody restaurant in Nelsonville, OH is open to the public Wednesday - Saturday 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. and has a Sunday Brunch from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. During open hours, students of Hocking College can also use their Meal Plans to eat at Rhapsody restaurant.

# ATHENS FARMERS MARKET

In many towns, autumn weather means the end of a season for a local Farmers Market. Without access to an indoor venue, and with many fruit and vegetable farmers finishing their summer & fall harvests, it often doesn't make sense to continue a Farmers Market into the winter months.

In Athens, Ohio however, the local Farmers Market runs all year long. The Wednesday morning market ends on November 24th for the season, but the Saturday morning market (Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon) continue through the winter. When the weather begins to turn, the Athens Farmers Market moves indoors to the Market on State Mall, and continues to host local vendors offering meats, cheeses, baked goods, and more.

Don't miss out on fresh, local goods at the Athens Farmers Market just because you don't see the tents outside! Stop in to the Mall on brisk Saturday mornings to find them.

Visit the Athens Farmers Market online for more information and updates at:

[www.athensfarmersmarket.org](http://www.athensfarmersmarket.org)



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# DENTAL DASH

**HOCKING COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM TO HOST 5K RUN NOVEMBER 6**

Hocking College's Dental Hygiene Associates Degree program, in the School of Allied Health and Nursing, runs primarily out of Hocking College's Perry Campus in New Lexington, OH. This year, the college's dental hygiene school is hosting a 5k run/walk in New Lexington to raise funds for the Dental Hygiene Heroes Club.

The Dental Hygiene Heroes Club consists of current students and alumni of the Hocking College Dental Hygiene school, and the goal of the club is to support dental career choices and spread awareness of oral health access. Proceeds from the 5k run/walk event will go to purchasing oral health supplies (toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss) to supply to schools, nursing homes, shelters, and other locations in need, as well as provide an annual scholarship to one Hocking College Dental Hygiene student.

The event is being held at the Ludowici Community Foundation Park in New Lexington on November 6, 2021.

# SANTA TRAINS

**ENJOY FESTIVE TRAIN RIDES WITH THE HOCKING VALLEY SCENIC RAILWAY, WEEKENDS NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 18**

The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway is an organization providing educational, historic, and entertaining train rides and experiences. It runs out of the historic train station in Nelsonville, OH and runs along a railroad line that was founded in 1864. The original rail line was designed to run from Athens to Columbus, and eventually connected to Toledo in the late 1890s. In the 1980s, the line through Nelsonville stopped running, and was acquired by the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway (previously a smaller rail line from Nelsonville to Carbon Hill). With the new acquisition, the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway made a name for itself as a premier tourist railroad.

The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway's longest-running annual event is the Santa Christmas Train ride, which has been held for over 40 years. The holiday rides begin this year at the end of November, and

run each weekend up through the weekend prior to Christmas.

Late morning trains run each Saturday and Sunday from November 27-December 18, and evening trains run periodically on Fridays and Saturdays during those same weekends. These holiday train rides feature festive decor and jolly music, as well as a special visit from Santa.

Visitors and guests can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Hocking River Valley while Santa visits with each child aboard the train. Stocked with candy canes and overflowing with holiday cheer, The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway's Santa Trains are sure to be a jolly good time for the whole family.

To learn more or register, visit the HVSR online at: [www.hvsry.org](http://www.hvsry.org)

## Important Dates To Remember

### Daylight Savings

**November 7**

Don't forget to turn back your clocks, and make note of the time change.

### Veterans Day

**November 11**

National Holiday honoring military veterans. Many offices and businesses closed in observation.

### Thanksgiving Day

**November 25**

National Holiday traditionally celebrated with bountiful food and family gatherings. Many businesses closed.

STORY

# ASPIRING FOR SUCCESS

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Jimmy Kern wasn't ready to give up on his new student. Kern worked with Ginger Gagne, the office manager of the School of Arts, Business & Science who helped bring Ohio's Aspire program to Hocking College this year. Alongside Gagne and the Aspire program, Kern presented McGlaughlin another chance at this opportunity through funding and free educational resources.

According to Hocking College's website, "The Hocking College Aspire program provides high-quality basic educational services to assist adult learners in acquiring skills to be successful in postsecondary education, training and employment, earn a living wage and be contributing members of society." Although McGlaughlin had never considered himself to be a great student, he says that the Aspire program helped him "refresh his basic math and composition skills, boost [his] self-esteem and help prepare [him] to become more competitive in the job market."

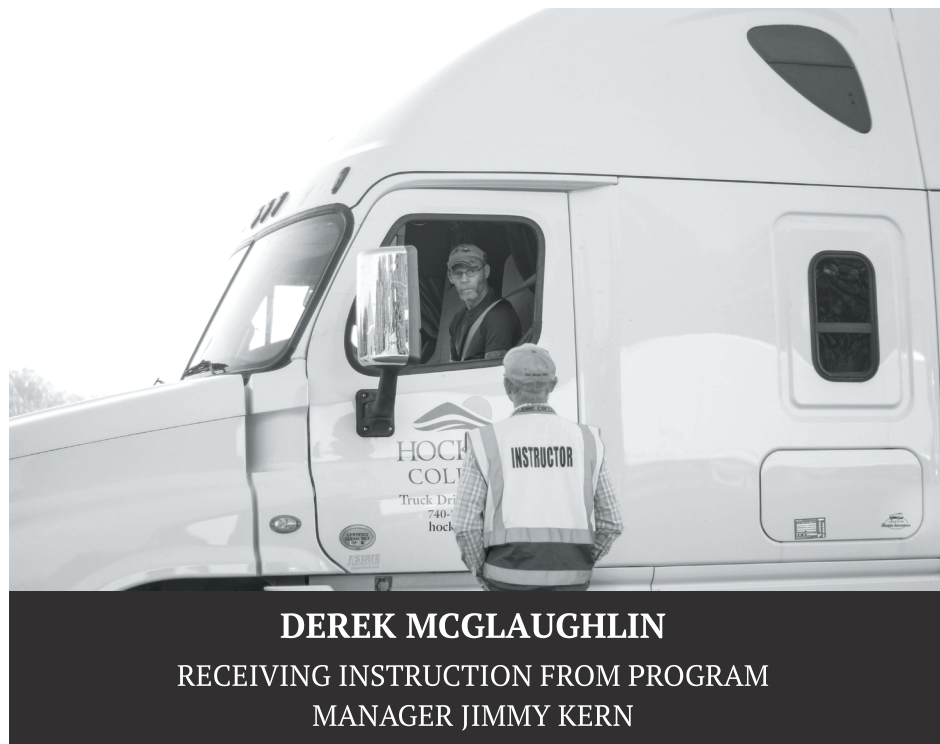
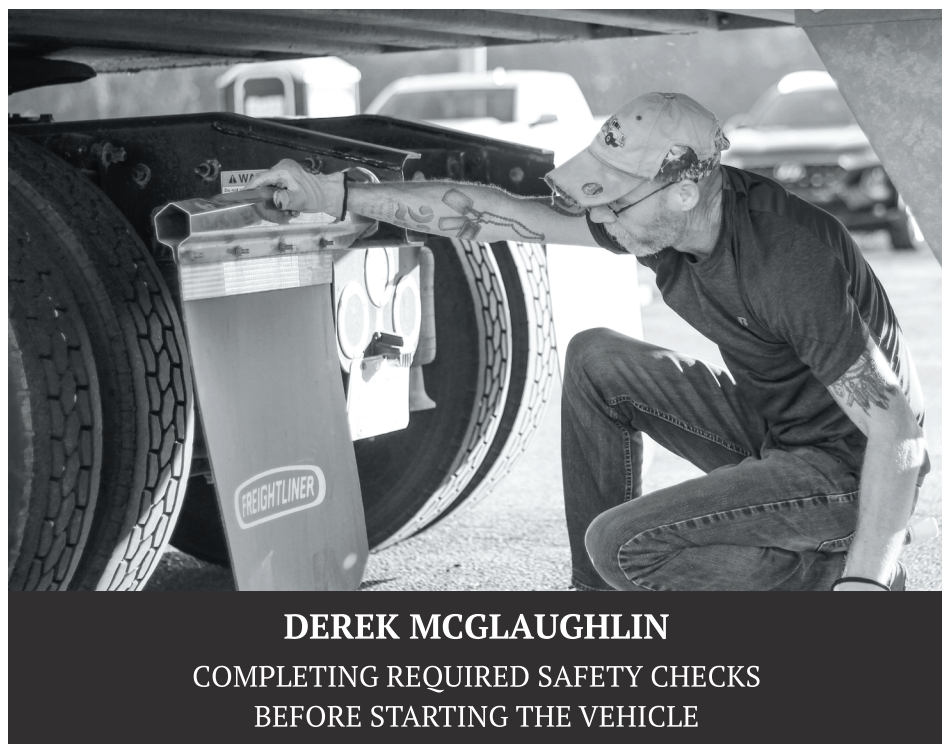
On McGlaughlin's new road to success, he (as with all Hocking College CDL students) began his first forty hours of Commercial Drivers License training in the classroom learning to keep accurate logs and being introduced to all of the rules and regulations that professional truck drivers must abide by. The second portion of their training involves learning to drive trucks in a designated parking lot on the Hocking College campus. When discussing his experience learning to drive the truck, McGlaughlin described it as "intimidating - but only for about three days". He credits his change in attitude to his primary instructor, Jimmy Kern. McGlaughlin says that "he made time for each of his students. This helped make everyone become less fearful and built up every student's level of self-confidence".

After only three weeks of classes, McGlaughlin got a head start in looking for job opportunities in truck driving. To his amazement, in the short time between posting his resume online and checking for updates on prospects, he had received nine job offers - conditional on his successful completion of the program and licensing exam. In regards to his potential as a truck driver, instructor Kern says that McGlaughlin possesses the three essential qualities needed to be successful in the trucking industry: perseverance, punctuality and the ability to be a team player. He went on to describe his former student as "someone who came to this program for not just its end results, but also to be good at the job his training prepared him for".

McGlaughlin stated that he is extremely grateful for the second chance at life that the Aspire program gave him. In particular, he wanted to thank Ginger Gagne and said she was "always ready to go above and beyond to make sure I had the support, encouragement and financing I needed to succeed in the program". Overall, he credits the Aspire program with "changing the entire trajectory of [his] life".

To discover how you can benefit from Hocking College's new Aspire program, visit [www.hocking.edu/aspire](http://www.hocking.edu/aspire) or contact Ginger Gagne at [gagneg@hocking.edu](mailto:gagneg@hocking.edu).

To learn more about Hocking College's CDL Certificate Program, visit [www.hocking.edu/CDL](http://www.hocking.edu/CDL) or contact Jimmy Kern at [kernj40015@hocking.edu](mailto:kernj40015@hocking.edu).



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SPORTS

FALL SPORTS AT HOCKING COLLEGE

# HOCKING COLLEGE BASKETBALL STARTS NEW SEASON



College Basketball season begins in November, and Hocking College's Men's Basketball team is preparing for its first season competing in Division II. The team finished the 2021 Spring Season with a record of 13-3 (6-3 in conference play), and placed two members on the All-OCCAC (Ohio Community College Athletic Conference) Team. This year, Hocking College will be playing against several Ohio teams such as Ohio Christian, University of Rio Grande, Clark State, Edison State, Lakeland Community College and more. Hocking College's first home basketball games will be November 2nd. The Women's Basketball team will hold their first game at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 2 and the Men's Basketball team will begin their first game at 7:30 p.m. vs. Clark State the same evening. The Hocking College Men's Basketball season schedule through the end of the calendar year is listed below.

**November 2 - 7:30 p.m. vs. Clark State**

November 5 - 7:00 p.m. vs. CCAC Allegheny  
In Pittsburgh, PA

November 6 - 1:00 p.m. vs. Westmoreland County Community College  
In Youngwood, PA

November 9 - 7:00 p.m. vs. Salem University JV  
In Salem, WV

**November 12 - 7:00 p.m. vs. Ohio Christian University JV**

**November 14 - 3:00 p.m. vs. University of Rio Grande JV**

November 17 - 6:00 p.m. vs. University of Rio Grande JV  
In Rio Grande, OH

**November 21 - 3:00 p.m. vs. Miami University Middletown**

**November 28 - 3:00 p.m. vs. Kent State Tuscarawas**

November 30 - 7:00 p.m. vs. Ohio Christian University JV  
In Circleville, OH

**December 2 - 7:30 p.m. vs. Edison State Community College**

**December 4 - 7:30 p.m. vs. Wayne County Community College**

**December 8 - 7:00 p.m. vs. Salem University JV**

December 11 - 3:00 p.m. vs. Wayne County Community College  
In Detroit, MI

December 18 - 1:00 p.m. vs. Potomac State College  
In Keyser, WV

Home games are in **BOLD** text.

Hocking College athletics schedules are subject to change. Please visit the Hocking College Athletics website for the most updated news and games.

The complete Basketball schedule continues through March 2022. Stay tuned for the remainder of the season's schedules, or visit us online to view all Hocking College athletic schedules.

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

## HOCKING COLLEGE'S ESPORTS TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Hocking College's new eSports coach Mark Riley is taking the team to the next level this season.

Riley grew up nearby in Athens, Ohio and attended Alexander High School. While in high school, he began taking classes at Hocking College and eventually earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio University. Riley began teaching at Hocking College part-time in 2014 until he became the Cybersecurity and Network Systems program manager in 2019.

What drew him into the eSports world? Two things he loves: sports and technology!

Riley said that he never saw himself becoming a coach. "I've always been a video gamer and got into PC gaming by building high-end gaming machines for people. I've always followed video games and the emerging eSports industry. I was excited when Hocking College added eSports to their Athletics program in 2019."

Although Riley doesn't have a background in coaching, he stated that his background in teaching helps him coach the team towards their main goal.

"[I expect] academic excellence in the classroom from all my student-athletes. Since we are only in our 3rd year, I want us to continue to build the program and increase the number of students we have participating. I would also like my team to be involved in the campus community as well as the surrounding Nelsonville community."

Hocking College offers two eSports teams: Overwatch and Rocket League. In order to succeed in one or both, Riley said that students should be able to communicate effectively, strategize and be able to problem-solve. However, if you're on the fence about joining the team, Riley says that they welcome gamers of all skill levels.

The eSports program at Hocking College is a member of two national collegiate level conferences; the National Junior College Athletic Association eSports (NJCAAE) and the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC).

eSports athletes at Hocking College can major in anything from Culinary Arts to Natural Resources Law Enforcement, to Cybersecurity and Network Systems. The team is open to any student who meets the school's student-athlete academic requirements.

The Hawks take competition seriously, and eSports athletes are expected to put in the time to practice and improve their skills. As a testament to the team's competitiveness, in the Fall of 2020, the Overwatch team made it to the national playoffs for the NJCAAE. They narrowly lost in a tight match to advance to the grand finals, ending in 4th place overall. In the Spring season of 2021, the Overwatch team had an undefeated 4-0 record.

The team takes pride in the fact that several of their players were brand new to PC gaming – and through their program and training, in connection with hard work and dedication – they are now competing and winning at the national level against collegiate teams composed of lifelong PC players.

For more information, please contact head coach Mark Riley at [rileym24177@hocking.edu](mailto:rileym24177@hocking.edu).

### ARCHERY RECAP



After last year's archery season came to a halt due to COVID-19 travel restrictions and tournament cancellations, Hocking College's archery team began its 2021-2022 school year with renewed energy and refurbished bows.

First-year coach Erick Smith noted that the majority of his team were first-year students, and made a point not to place too much pressure upon the team for their first competition. He said that they all agreed "to focus on having fun and learning from the experience". After the competition, he said: "I was encouraged to see a pattern of improvement throughout the two-day tournament culminating with a first-place finish in the women's 3-member team barebow competition on Sunday".

During that tournament, the team won several individual medals as well, including a first-place finish in Men's Barebow, and a second-place & third-place in Women's Barebow competitions.

### MEN'S FOOTBALL STATS

The Hocking College's Men's Football Team is currently ranked #23 in NJCAA Division I Football. Overall to date, the team has won 4 games this season and lost 3, and they have won every home game they have played this fall.

Over the course of the games played so far this season, the team's offense has scored an average of 27.3 points per game, and currently averages 181.7 passing yards per game and 92.5 rushing yards per game.

On the defensive side, the team has completed 11 defensive interceptions so far this season, with an interception return average of 26.5 yards per interception. They have scored 5 defensive touchdowns.

The team's kickers have 100% field goal percentage at 9-9 and 100% PAT percentage at 19-19 across all games this season.

So far, the Hocking College Hawks have played against Erie College, Sussex County Community College, The College of DuPage, Nassau Community College, Gordon State College and Lackawanna College, with the games against ALN Sports Prep and Erie being cancelled by the opposing teams.

The Hawks will play against the College of DuPage once again on October 30th for its rescheduled Homecoming Football Game. The final two games for the Hawks Football regular season will be November 6 vs. Detroit Christian Community College and November 13 vs. Monroe College.

## EXPLORE LOCALLY

# CELEBRATE NATIONAL HIKING DAY

Stephanie DiFrancesco

Southeast Ohio has one of the largest collections of parks, public lands, and walking trails in the state, and its hilly, forested terrain makes a beautiful backdrop for autumn and winter hikes.

Celebrate National Hiking Day in Southeast Ohio with one of our hike suggestions, or share your own suggestions for a local hike online with the hashtag #HockingHiking.

No one is quite sure on the origins of National Hiking Day, but it is designed to celebrate the activity of hiking, enjoying nature, and spending time outdoors. Whether you choose to hike along the Hocking Adena Bikeway, visit a local playground, or backpack on the Buckeye Trail this National Hiking Day, be sure to celebrate the holiday with us on November 17, 2021 and please recreate responsibly.

The hike suggestions listed here are a collection of favorite trails and parks from some of Hocking College's faculty, staff and students. It is organized into three categories: Paved Hikes, Trail Hikes, and Backpacking Hikes.

We hope to see you out on the trails this month, and even into the winter months. Make sure to research ahead and be prepared for your hike, no matter how far from home you plan to go. To help keep our local outdoor community clean, please practice the seven tenants of Leave No Trace:

(1) Plan Ahead & Prepare, (2) Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces, (3) Dispose of Waste Properly, (4) Leave What You Find, (5) Minimize Campfire Impacts, (6) Respect Wildlife and (7) Be Considerate of Other Visitors.

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## PAVED HIKES

**Hocking Adena Bikeway** - A 21 mile bike path running from East State Street in Athens, OH to Canal St. in Nelsonville, OH. The path is fully paved and available for use by foot or bicycle. Along the 21-mile stretch, you will pass both the Ohio University campus as well as the Hocking College Campus. You will also pass The Lodge at Hocking College which serves local beer brewed by the college's Fermentation Science students.

**The Ridges** - The Ridges at Ohio University contains mostly brick pathways and sidewalks, and has views of the surrounding forests, hills, and historical sites. Take a moment to also visit the Kennedy Art museum which frequently hosts local artists and seasonal curations.

## Hocking Hills:

**Conkle's Hollow** - A large portion of the Lower Trail at Conkle's Hollow, a State Nature Preserve situated in the Hocking Hills, is paved and wheelchair accessible.

**Old Man's Cave Visitor's Center** - Some paved trails branch off from the Old Man's Cave Visitor's Center at Hocking Hills. The majority of the trails diverge into steeper, more rugged terrain after stopping at observation points.

## TRAIL HIKES

**Moonville Tunnel Rail Trail** - This trail is currently growing in development, and has plans to reach 16 miles long once completed. Built along a former railroad line, the trail is mostly flat for less rugged hiking. The current trail is over 8 miles long and comprised mainly of gravel and grass.

**Strouds Run State Park** - Surrounding Dow Lake, Strouds Run has several hiking trails and some mountain biking trails. It also has boat rentals available seasonally, and a public beach for day use. In the winter, Strouds Run encourages visitors to showshoe or cross-country ski on its multi-use trails as well.

**Sells Park** - Connected to Strouds Run via hiking/mountain biking trails, the City of Athens manages Sells Park which also contains access to local rock climbing opportunities.

**Lake Hope State Park** - This park contains several moderate trails for hiking and mountain biking, as well as some of the best (in one staff member's opinion) cabins and camping options in the state. If you happen to visit on a Sunday, consider having brunch at the Lake Hope Lodge for their exceptional brunch buffet.

**Hocking Hills** - The Hocking Hills region is renowned for its exceptional hiking and beautiful views, particularly if you like rock formations, caves, and waterfalls. Some of the most popular hikes among the Hocking College community include Cantwell Cliffs, Ash Cave, Old Man's Cave, and Whispering Cave.

## BACKPACKING HIKES

**Zaleski Backpacking Trail** - Located within the Zaleski State Forest is one of Ohio's best beginner backpacking trails, which is a 23-mile loop and several locations to stop for overnight camping at various intervals. Those new to backpacking can complete the loop in 2+ nights, while experienced backpackers can use the trail for a relaxing overnight or a test run with new gear. The park also contains shorter hikes and historic landmarks for visitors who prefer a day visit.

**Buckeye Trail** - The Buckeye Trail is the state's largest backpacking and hiking trail at 1444 miles long in total. It loops the state of Ohio, reaching into the greater Cleveland, Hocking, Cincinnati, Dayton and Toledo areas. The trail also contains two smaller loops on its Eastern side for shorter trip options, and day hikers are always welcome along the trail sections. The closest section of the Buckeye Trail to Nelsonville, OH would be the New Straitsville section.



## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS



### BASKETBALL

#### ATHENS

Upcoming Home Games

Girl's Varsity Basketball - November 24th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Ironton High School  
November 27th @ 1:30 p.m. vs. Lancaster High School

Boy's Varsity Basketball - November 6th @ 9:00 a.m. vs. Amanda-Clearcreek HS

#### NELSONVILLE-YORK

Upcoming Home Games

Girl's Varsity Basketball - November 9th @ 6:00 p.m. vs. Warren High School  
November 20th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Belpre High School  
November 22nd @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Logan Sr/Jr High School

Boy's Varsity Basketball - November 30th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Southern Local Jr/Sr HS

#### LOGAN

Upcoming Home Games

Girl's Varsity Basketball - November 6th @ 9:30 a.m. vs. Logan Elm High School  
November 29th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Athens High School

Boy's Varsity Basketball - November 30th @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Jackson Jr/Sr High School

#### NEW LEXINGTON

Upcoming Home Games

Girl's Varsity Basketball - November 2nd @ 6:00 p.m. vs. Lakewood High School  
November 5th @ 6:00 p.m. vs. Unioto High School  
November 13th @ 11:00 a.m. vs. Lynchburg-Clay HS  
November 27th @ 2:15 p.m. vs. River View High School

Boy's Varsity Basketball - November 10th @ 6:00 p.m. vs. Caldwell High School  
November 18th @ 6:00 p.m. vs. Fairfield Union Schools  
November 23rd @ 6:00 p.m. vs. Fort Frye High School  
November 27th @ 7:15 p.m. vs. Licking Valley HS

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## NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Athens Farmers Market				Athens Farmers Market
	National Ohio Day					Dental Dash 5k Run
	Home Basketball Game	Jazz Night at Rhapsody				FASFA Workshop
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Daylight Savings			Athens Farmers Market	College Closed	Last Day to Drop/Withdraw from classes	Athens Farmers Market
				Veterans Day		
			Jazz Night at Rhapsody		Home Basketball Game	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Athens Farmers Market			Athens Farmers Market
			National Hiking Day			
Home Basketball Game			Jazz Night at Rhapsody			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Thanksgiving Break - No Courses Nov. 22-26.			College Closed Nov. 25-26		Athens Farmers Market
			Athens Farmers Market	Thanksgiving Day		Santa Trains
Home Basketball Game			Jazz Night at Rhapsody	Athens Running Club Turkey Trot		
28	29	30				
Santa Trains						
Home Basketball Game						

**LEGEND**

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

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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