

The Hocking College Press

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HOCKING COLLEGE & PARTNERS LAUNCH AI LAB FOR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

As part of Ohio's growing Artificial Intelligence (AI) PC ecosystem, Hocking College (Hocking) has launched a state-of-the-art AI Lab in partnership with AI Owl and NWN, providing students and community members with hands-on access to cutting-edge AI technologies.

"We've all spent a lot of time talking about AI," said Trace Johnson, Co-Founder and President of AI Owl. "This lab allows people to put AI into action."

The lab is designed to be accessible not just for students in cybersecurity or digital programs but for those in any major. From hospitality to health care, the lab encourages learners to experiment with AI tools that can improve efficiency, spark creativity and solve real problems. Its most distinctive feature is that users don't need to be coders to engage with the technology. Even those with no technical background can explore machine interactions using plain language.

"This lab gives people the tools they need to turn learning into real-world skills," Johnson added.

The partnership began as an idea between Hocking President Dr. Betty Young and Hocking Director of Grant Development and Management Sam Taylor in early January. The college was chosen as a pilot location because its leadership shared a forward-thinking vision for how AI can be used to support both education and workforce development.

"This lab is not just about computers and software. It's about helping our students and our community explore what's

possible and take ownership of their future," said Dr. Young. "We want Hocking College to be a place where innovation meets opportunity, and this partnership makes that possible."

The lab will also house the new Hocking AI Academy, where students will engage with Intel's AI for Workforce curriculum to develop practical solutions such as creating the college's app and developing bots to support various departments. Plans are underway to host community workshops and small business training, helping local residents and entrepreneurs explore how AI can streamline everyday operations.

"NWN is thrilled to partner with Hocking, Intel, and AI Owl to launch this first cutting-edge AI lab in Ohio," said CMO of NWN, Andrew Gilman.

"This is a perfect example of how collaboration can help drive technological progress and economic development in the region. By providing students and community members with advanced AI tools and offerings, we're not just preparing them for the future—we're creating new opportunities right now."

AI Owl and Hocking are also exploring credit-bearing courses that align with employer needs and can prepare students for the evolving job market.

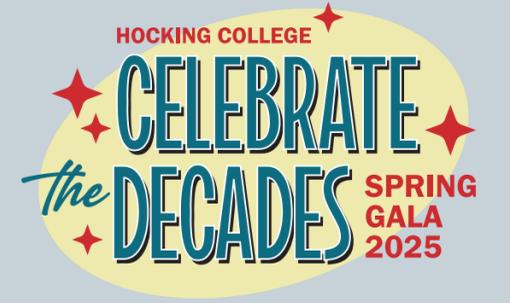
"AI is everywhere, whether you're managing a network or running a bakery," said Johnson. "Understanding how to use these tools responsibly and effectively is the kind of learning that will benefit everyone."



CAMPUS EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, May 3, 5 - 9 p.m.
The Lodge at Hocking College
15770 OH-691, Nelsonville, Ohio




FDRM
FASHION DESIGN & RETAIL MERCHANDISING

The Fourth Annual
FASHION SHOW

A RUNWAY SHOWCASE FEATURING THE
FASHION DESIGN & RETAIL MERCHANDISING PROGRAM

MAY 2, 2025 DOORS OPEN 6:00pm
The Lodge at Hocking College - Nelsonville, Ohio

TICKET SALES AT: WWW.HOCKING.EDU/FASHION-SHOW




HOCKING COLLEGE

EVERY WEDNESDAY

BINGO NIGHT

4 PM DOORS OPEN
BINGO STARTS AT 6 PM

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BEN PATRICK NAMED NEW HEAD COACH OF HOCKING MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hocking College has named Ben Patrick as the new Head Coach of the Men's Basketball team. Patrick brings a strong track record of success and a clear vision for the program, aiming to instill a culture rooted in discipline, determination, and character development.

Hocking's Athletic Director, Rick Walker, voiced his support, citing Patrick's integrity and leadership style. Known for his fast-paced offense and strategic defense, Patrick has earned multiple coaching honors, including District Coach of the Year (2022) and three consecutive District 10 Coach of the Year awards (2020-2022). He has also led teams to top finishes in the Ohio AP Poll and set school records for wins.

Patrick holds a Master's in Coaching and Athletic Administration

and a Bachelor's in Business Administration. He now faces the challenge of building a cohesive team culture at the junior college level, where consistency and player development are key.

His immediate goals include recruiting dedicated athletes, boosting team morale, and laying the foundation for long-term success. As the season nears, fans can expect a fresh energy and renewed focus on both athletic and personal growth under Patrick's leadership.

With a commitment to excellence on and off the court, Coach Patrick is looking to guide Hocking Men's Basketball toward a new era of success. Go Hawks!



MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM EARNS CAAHEP ACCREDITATION

Hocking College's Medical Assisting program has earned continuing accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), reaffirming its commitment to excellence in allied health education. This national recognition ensures that students receive top-tier training that meets rigorous industry standards. Learn more at hocking.edu/medical-assistant or contact Program Director Dawn Shingler at shinglerc@hocking.edu.



The Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) conducted a continuing accreditation site visit on October 28th, 2024.

The accreditors recognized the program's

100% Compliance

with the Nationally Established Accreditation MAERB Standards with

no citations or recommendations



Hocking College's Film Program soared to 3rd place in the 23rd Annual 48-Hour Shootout, outshining seasoned competitors with pure talent, passion, and teamwork!



Mark your calendars for April 26 for the Brats and Boxing Exhibition—a high-energy event featuring multiple rounds of boxing. Doors open at 5 PM, with bouts starting at 6 PM. Ticket prices are set at \$15 for singles, \$25 for couples, and a special rate of \$10 for Trimble and Hocking students, with sponsorship tables available for \$300. This exhibition promises an action-packed evening—just note that alcohol will likely not be served.

YOUR FUTURE, OUR FASHION

Scan here for more info.

FASHION

Turn your creativity into a career with Hocking College's Fashion Design & Retail Merchandising program. This two-year degree prepares students for the fast-paced fashion industry with hands-on experience in design, product development, consumer research, and retail entrepreneurship. Students learn using industry-standard equipment, CLO 3D software, and the Adobe Creative Suite. Lab spaces include a sewing studio, textile dye and print lab, and on-campus retail space. The program culminates in an annual fashion show featuring original student designs. Graduates are ready to launch their own brands or pursue careers in design, merchandising, or fashion marketing. Check out all the details at <https://www.hocking.edu/fashion-design-and-retail-merchandising>.

HANDS ON LEARNING
Gain practical experience through classroom observations and field placements

A REWARDING CAREER
Make a positive impact on children's lives and build a fulfilling career.

LITTLE LEARNERS, BIG FUTURES.

Scan here for more info.

Early Childhood Education

Make a lasting impact on young lives with Hocking College's Early Childhood Education program. This two-year degree prepares students to work with children from birth to age 5 in childcare centers, preschools, and Head Start programs. Students gain hands-on experience through fieldwork and lab settings, learning child development, curriculum planning, and classroom management. Graduates are qualified for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential and ready to enter the workforce or continue toward a bachelor's degree. With a focus on real-world teaching experience, the program sets the foundation for a rewarding career shaping future generations. Learn more at <https://www.hocking.edu/early-childhood-education>.

HOCKING COLLEGE CHOIR BAND

MUSIC ENSEMBLES ANNUAL CONCERT

APRIL 23 7PM, 2025
First United Methodist Church
205 West Columbus Street
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764
Conductor: Dr. Jae Park

Rhapsody Music and Dining

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Make Dinner Memorable
WEDS - SAT 5 PM TO 9 PM

HOCKING COLLEGE CAREER SHOWCASE

Hands-On Program Demos!

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23RD
HOCKING COLLEGE ARENA
10 AM TO 1 PM

DIAMOND DAWGZ Americana EATERY

Now Open!

WEDS - FRI:
11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

SAT & SUN:
8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

THE LODGE AT HOCKING COLLEGE

The Perfect Getaway

Whether you're looking for a relaxing weekend away or a venue for an event, The Lodge has a room for you!

<https://thelodge.hocking.edu/>

Upcoming Important Dates

- Sun, May 12 - Last Day to Register for 12-Week Summer Courses. Make sure you're signed up before the deadline!
- Mon, May 13 - Summer Term Begins (12-Week Courses)
- Mon, May 27 - Census Date (15th Day of Term)
- Mon, May 27 - Memorial Day – College Closed
- Fri, June - Summer Graduation Application Due