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HOCKING COLLEGE EXPANDS COMMUNITY COURSE OFFERINGS

Melinda Casilli

Hocking College has a long history of offering courses for the community, which are open to the public to enroll in without becoming a student. In the past, these courses have been named “non-credit” classes; however, the naming has recently changed to better clarify the types of courses or programs offered. The courses and programs now fit into one of three categories: Makers Network Classes, Leisure Learning Classes, or Nature Center & Robbins Crossing Programs.

The Hocking Makers Network is devoted to empowering people to find their passions through an introduction to tools; approachable, affordable classes; and workshop membership opportunities to pursue their interests on their own.

The classes held are taught by local artisans, and are the perfect place to unlock your passions or discover a new one you didn’t know you had. You can try a new skill, hobby, or even find an exciting new career. These classes will teach you the basics and introduce you to the tools used for each medium. Ceramics, stained glass, painting, or woodworking are areas of focus.

The Leisure Learning classes offered at Hocking College are focused on creating a rich, creative environment that inspires life-long learning. Classes are hands-on, fun and educational! Whether you are continuing your education, learning a new skill or investigating a new hobby, Leisure Learning offers something for everyone!

These affordable non-credit classes are held in various locations both on the Hocking College campus and in the surrounding community. Classes are taught by Hocking College faculty and open to the public, so you don’t have to be a Hocking College student or employee to participate.

The Hocking College Nature Center and Robbins Crossing Historical Village host a variety of educational events and programs which are open to the public.

These programs are run and assisted by the Hocking College Parks and Museum Education students as part of their hands-on curriculum and learning experience. These programs do not require pre-registration and are free to attend. The Hocking College Nature Center is the place for families or classrooms to explore the natural world in a state-of-the-art environment. The hands-on, interactive walk-through displays are a captivating experience from the youngest learners to environmental science professionals. Robbins Crossing Historical Village hosts educational and historical experiences for the whole family during the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons. Programs and events at Robbins Crossing are designed to share a love for Appalachian history, arts, crafts and culture.

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FEB. 5

Ceramics: Intro to Pottery
Workshop
[A workshop for all enthusiasts looking to start a new hobby!](#)

FEB. 14

[Valentine’s Day](#)

FEB. 19

The Great Backyard Bird
Count
[Annual global birdwatching movement. Meet @ Nature Center.](#)

FEB. 21

[President’s Day](#)

FEB. 26

Nature Center at the Athens
County Public Library
[Student naturalists will be set up at the Library with skulls, furs and educational materials!](#)

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CAMPUS NEWS

NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS PROVIDES SUPPORT AND INSPIRATION TO STUDENT POPULATION

Hannah Guada joins Hocking College as the new Vice President of Student Affairs and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer. Hannah's journey in higher education began in New York City in the aftermath of 9/11. One week after the attack, she started at Nyack College Manhattan Center (NMC) in lower Manhattan. She was not aware that she was embarking on a mission to bring compassion to a population of people thirsting for emotional support. The college's campus was a few short blocks from the World Trade Center (WTC) site; many faculty, students and staff witnessed the attack and the devastation. They were greatly traumatized by the attacks on WTC. Working there during that time allowed her to see how her efforts supported students by just the simple act of listening and showing compassion. They came for guidance with appeals, academic issues, registration, and financial aid to help them remain in school. They were desperate for a sense of normalcy. Nyack College is a small campus and many students found themselves in her office. Word got around that Hannah could help. In actuality, she became a beacon of hope because she created an atmosphere of caring that many students flocked to in such a highly stressful environment. She supported them by identifying services they needed to persist in college. Since then, Hannah has worked in many administrative roles in higher education, usually with a focus on student services.

Hannah is originally from the twin Island of Trinidad and Tobago and migrated to the United States to further her education. She lived in NYC for 21 years; Houston, Texas for 12 years and now Nelsonville, Ohio. She is a country girl at heart, who knows how to adapt to the environment in which she finds herself. Right now, her focus is to readjust to the winter climate and come to terms with the possibility of encountering a couple of snakes as the weather warms.

Hannah has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Nyack College; a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Cairn University in Pennsylvania, and she is in the dissertation phase of a doctoral degree from the University of Phoenix. She has held many titles in her past. Positions include Assistant to the Academic Dean and Associate Vice President, Higher Education Officer, Chief of Staff, Project Manager,

Research Administration Associate to name a few. Each of these roles was instrumental in providing her with skills that led her to Hocking College.

"Hocking College is special", Guada says: "many offerings are unique to this region". As she speaks with students each day and hears what programs they are enrolled in, she is continuously surprised; Hocking has many programs unheard of in other colleges around the country. She listens to these young people's dreams and goals, and sees that they have a desire to earn a living without the fear of not being able to afford a life. They want to change their life circumstances. Hannah believes vocational training is the future of the American workforce. She sees the need for workers to perform the task of building

our country and supporting our citizens. After graduating from our programs, students can earn living wages to take care of themselves and their loved ones. She wants to be part of the legacy of training tomorrow's future workers.

As the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, she will lead a team of passionate and qualified

people to serve students by providing the non-academic support they need to persist. The goal is to help them graduate from Hocking College. Guada says "My role is to accomplish the Hocking College mission through support services. My vision is to support students by delivering services that would inspire them to take responsibility for their lives by learning life skills that would help them make critical life decisions"

Hannah is thrilled to work with a great group of people to advance the mission of Hocking College. She says "We have a mission that is universal and relevant, and I am excited about contributing to the good work faculty and staff are already accomplishing. Additionally, we have local residents vested in the success of our students and the college in general. Having the confidence and support of the community adds value to the work we do at the college."

Hannah welcomes and appreciates the support of the campus and the local community. She and her happy furry buddy Lucky are happy to be here! "If you see us around, feel free to introduce yourself", she says.

SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAUNCHES ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

The Hocking College School of Natural Resources will begin offering a new associate degree program in the autumn semester of 2022. Applicants for autumn 2022 semester can begin applying for this new Environmental Science program now.

This program will prepare students to perform and interpret soil and water testing, understand the ecological relationships between soil and water conditions, plant growth, wildlife health and biodiversity. The program includes a combination of field work, lab courses and lecture classes. The associate degree track provides opportunities for graduates to enter the job market in Environmental Consulting as well as local, state and federal agencies. This degree also provides a foundation for those students who choose to continue on to pursue their bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.

Like all Hocking College programs, the Associate Degree in Environmental Science program will include several hours of hands-on experiential learning opportunities, with classes planned in the field on the Hocking College campus and surrounding college-owned forests and lands. One of the first projects that students will have a hands-on role in will be the resoration of the pond beside the Hocking College Nature Center.

Before Hocking College purchased the land that the Nelsonville campus now sits, the area was heavily mined and logged. This pond beside the Nature Center was established as an acid mine drainage pond, and therefore does not support a healthy network of aquatic life. The pond will serve as a live learning lab for the Environmental Science students to test, research and improve the water conditions so that the pond can grow plants and host fish, frogs, salamanders and other native aquatic species. Students will learn to look for signs of life returning to the pond, beginning with microbial organisms and insect life.

This new program will provide a direct path for graduates to enter careers with the Ohio EPA, adding yet another Natural Resources State Agency to our list of thriving career opportunities for students who graduate from the School of Natural Resources at Hocking College. Learn more about the upcoming Environmental Sciences program at Hocking College by visiting online at:

www.hocking.edu/environmental-science

"WE'D LOVE TO MATCH YOU TO THE RESOURCES YOU NEED", HOCKING COLLEGE LIBRARY SAYS

January 26, 2022: The Hocking College Library celebrated National Library Shelfie Day, a fun library-themed holiday which celebrates bookshelves across the nation. The holiday offers an opportunity for librarians and library lovers to arrange a unique shelf, whether aesthetically, thematically or in a unique way, and share photographs and experiences online to celebrate their libraries.

For this year's Library Shelfie Day, the Hocking College Library staff and student workers held a special staff meeting to arrange a unique heart-shaped display in the Hocking College Library, located on the first floor of Davidson Hall, and posed with books from the library that matched the clothing they were wearing. The goal of this activity was to bring more awareness and interest to the library at Hocking College, and to ensure that all students know of the resources and tools that the library on campus offers. The student workers, alongside the Manager of Library Services LaDora Ousley, have plans to incorporate more student events, educational opportunities and more to the library's offerings in coming semesters. Currently, the library offers tutoring, Trio Student Support Services, student disability services, free computer and internet access, ebook rentals and has board games available that students can borrow and use at the library with their friends.

The Hocking College library is open 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Fridays and 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays & Sundays during the Spring Semester.

To learn more about the Hocking College library and get paired to the resources you need to help you achieve your academic goals, please contact the Manager of Library Services, LaDora Ousley by emailing ousleyl@hocking.edu or calling 740-753-7062.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

AGROECOLOGY AT HOCKING COLLEGE GROWS PASSIONS AND CAREERS

Stephanie DiFrancesco

The Agroecology program at Hocking College is a comprehensive associate degree program which explores the relationship between commercial and residential agriculture, livestock farming and the related ecosystems. The program takes an ecology-based approach to understanding and improving the farming industry for future planning and use. This includes the study of dynamics between technological advances, biophysical interactions, socioeconomic relationships and the geology/geomorphology of a region.

Use of local resources, conservation and preservation of the environment and efficiency (saving both money and resources) are the goal for success in farming via Agroecology. This is ideal for a small farm in areas that may suffer economically or have limited natural resources (due to overuse, difficult terrain or small parcels of land available). Traditional production agriculture is changing as people begin to question where the food that they eat originates, what chemicals were used, if crops have been genetically modified or if growth hormones were used. Smaller farms must be more efficient and learn to grow crops that have higher value (monetarily or in high demand) in order to compete with larger “mega” farms. Technology and interdisciplinary education can help small farmers succeed, and the goal of this program is to provide that education through technological advances to become more economically and environmentally responsible.

Choosing unique crops or animals, such as heirloom annual vegetables, perennial fruits and nuts, organic crops, medicinal herbs, antibiotic-free and pasture raised livestock (goats, sheep, cattle), wool (sheep, llama, alpaca), winter-hardy grapes (that can be sold to local wineries) are all examples of the interesting and profitable choices for small farming.

At Hocking College, the Agroecology program utilizes all of its resources to grow crops and herbs and to raise chickens and pigs. Students gain hands-on experience at farms working with crops and livestock, and learning how different soil conditions, natural fertilizers, water levels, access to natural pollinators and even weather can affect a variety of plants and animals. So far this school year, the Agroecology program welcomed six baby guinea hogs which were born from a sow that the previous class of students helped birth only last year. Students will learn how to effectively raise and care for these guinea hogs, as well as learn the uses for this variety of pig in the farming and livestock industry. They also acquired an angora rabbit, which is housed in the Nature Center at Hocking College. Students will learn how to collect and spin fiber from the rabbit’s fur, making yarn. Earlier last year, the farm at the Logan Campus was able to build a new greenhouse, allowing students to learn unique growing techniques and continue growing herbs and other plants past the local growing season.

Similar to several other programs at Hocking College, the Agroecology program runs its own entrepreneurial venture, providing students with the hands-on experience of sales and entrepreneurship during their education. The vegetables and products that the program’s farm produces are sold to the Hocking College community: staff, students and faculty. Items available this winter have included eggs, kale, carrots and herbs. In other seasons, the farm sells peppers, heirloom tomatoes, potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli, squash, beets and more.

Agroecology program manager Sasha Sigetic joined Hocking College in Spring 2019 as an adjunct instructor. She came to Hocking College with several years of hands-on experience managing livestock and permaculture farming, and has worked with a wide variety of local and commonly farmed plants and animals in the field. Sasha is excited about the improvements that the program has made to its available infrastructure, including the new greenhouse at the Logan campus farm and the new Nature Center location. She looks forward to seeing the students’ continued success in learning new skills.

This coming semester, Sasha and her students are looking forward to working with the new angora rabbit which the students have started to call “Yeti”. The rabbit is housed at the Nature Center and is now ready to be groomed to collect fiber (the process includes brushing the fur regularly, and occasionally trimming the fur around the face and rear) which will then be spun into yarn and utilized by Hocking College’s Fashion Design and Retail Merchandising program for natural dye lessons.

For more information about the Agroecology program at Hocking College, please contact Sasha Sigetic, Program Manager of Agroecology at sigetics@hocking.edu.



**PICTURED TO THE LEFT:
THE ANGORA RABBIT, LOVINGLY
NICKNAMED “YETI”, PRODUCES
FIBROUS FUR THAT SHEDS WHEN
BRUSHED AND CAN BE SPUN INTO A
SOFT YARN.**

**PICTURED BELOW:
THE NEW GREENHOUSE AT THE
LOGAN CAMPUS FARM GREW A
VARIETY OF VEGETABLES IN THE
SUMMER OF 2022.**



LOCAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

FASHION SHOW

APRIL 22, 2022



HOCKING COLLEGE TO HOST *INTRODUCTION TO WILDLIFE REHABILITATION* WORKSHOP IN FEBRUARY

On February 26, 2022, the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (OWRA) will be leading a workshop titled *Introduction to Wildlife Rehabilitation* at Hocking College. The course will cover wildlife rehabilitation regulations in Ohio, neonatal care of orphaned wildlife, zoonotic diseases and more topics specifically regarding Category 1 species. According to the OWRA, Category 1 species includes tree squirrels, ground squirrels and cottontail rabbits. This class or an equivalent course is required by the Ohio Division of Wildlife to apply for the Category 1 Rehabilitation Permit.

This course is an all-day class and participants must provide their own lunch and beverages. Registration is done online by visiting www.owra.org and interested participants must be registered by 5:00 p.m. on February 25th when registration closes. The course is discounted for current students (with proof of current student status) and for OWRA members.

Those interested can scan the QR code below or visit the link to see more information or to register.



owra.org/event-4643955

FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF FASHION DESIGN & RETAIL MERCHANDISING STUDENTS TO HOLD FASHION SHOW IN APRIL 2022 WITH HAND-SEWN AND ORIGINALLY DESIGNED CLOTHING

Hocking College will host its first public fashion show with student-designed and sewn pieces on April 22, 2022. The show will be held at The Lodge at Hocking College, and proceeds from the show will go to support future generations of Fashion Design & Retail Merchandising students, through both scholarship opportunities and supply purchasing.

In this event, the graduating class of students in the Fashion Design & Retail Merchandising program will display three outfits that they designed and crafted themselves. They will also be responsible for sourcing models, planning and marketing the event, and networking with industry professionals during and after the fashion show. First-year students in the program will display one outfit that they designed and crafted, and will assist with event planning. This event provides students with the opportunity to learn and be involved in the details of the entrepreneurial endeavor of owning a fashion line or running a fashion show. It is a valuable experience for them as they move on in their careers after college.

Follow Hocking College social media for more information regarding the fashion show, including registration information and lodging availability for those traveling from outside the local area.

For more information about the Fashion Design & Retail Merchandising Associate Degree program, visit:

www.hocking.edu/fashion-design-and-retail-merchandising

DAIRY BARN ARTS CENTER

OH+5 SHOW NOW OPEN

The Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio has been an important hub for local artists and artisans for over 40 years. The barn, which was built in 1914, was marked as a historical building in 1978 and the Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center was founded. The first exhibition that was organized was a Quilt show in 1979 which celebrated local quiltmakers and reflected the artwork of quilting in this region.

The Dairy Barn Arts Center’s most recent show is called OH+5: Contemporary Art of Our Region, which promotes artists residing in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The exhibition runs through March 13, 2022 and open gallery hours are Thursday-Sunday 12-5p.m. General admission is \$7 but is discounted to \$5 for students and seniors.

More information can be found on The Dairy Barn Arts Center webpage by visiting dairybarn.org.

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE NATURE CENTER



In A Galaxy Not So Far Away
February 2 @ 7:30 p.m.

This event is held at Lake Snowden in Albany, OH.
Join our student naturalists on a guided exploration of the night skies above us! Dress for cooler temperatures.



The Great Backyard Bird Count
February 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

Hocking College joins the Great Backyard Bird Count, an annual global movement of birdwatching. Beginner and experienced birders welcome. Dress for the weather.



Find us at the Athens County Library
February 26 @ 11:00 a.m.

Join us to celebrate Library Lovers Month. Student naturalists will be set up at the Athens County Public Library with skulls, furs and educational materials!

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT THE NATURE CENTER					
<p>Guided Nature Trek Saturdays @ 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Join the naturalists on a hike exploring the nearby trails, woods, meadows and pond.</p>	<p>Trekking Turtles Saturdays @ 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Come to the Hocking College Nature Center to take a closer look at some of our hard-shelled native Hocking turtles.</p>	<p>Animal Encounter Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Join us for a rotating animal encounter experience! Which animal ambassador will our student naturalist bring out today?</p>	<p>Trekking Turtles Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Come to the Hocking College Nature Center to take a closer look at some of our hard-shelled native Hocking turtles.</p>	<p>“Ew! Do You Smell That?” Sundays @ 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Join the naturalist for a closer look at our misunderstood friend, the striped skunk.</p>	<p>Animal Encounter Sundays @ 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Join us for a rotating animal encounter experience! Which animal ambassador will our student naturalist bring out today?</p>

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

STUDENTS TAKE PART IN 56TH ANNUAL HOCKING HILLS WINTER HIKE

Melinda Casilli

Saturday, January 15, 2022: the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Hocking Hills State Park hosted 2,485 hikers for the 56th Annual Winter Hike. The 6-mile hike follows the trail from Old Man’s Cave to Ash Cave, the perfect backdrop to showcase the beauty of winter in our region.

The Winter Hike is a tradition started back in 1965 by Norv Hall, a Park Naturalist who wanted to bring more people out to experience the region in the winter. Norv was also a Hocking College faculty member in the late 1970s and help to create several programs. The first year of the Hocking Hills Winter Hike, there were only 60 hikers. Since then, the hike has grown in popularity, with 2010 drawing the biggest crowd yet with 5,400 hikers.



HOCKING COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE PARKS AND MUSEUM EDUCATION PROGRAM OFFER AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE TO HIKERS ABOUT THE WILDLIFE NATIVE TO THIS REGION OF OHIO.

New this year were historical items on display at Ash Cave. Hikers were able to see a native grinding mortar and pestle and see how it worked, along with several articles of clothing. The Parks and Museum Education Program offered at Hocking College brought students who discussed how the early settlers used the cave for camping, ceremonies or church services. Hikers also were able to participate in games and activities of that era, led by the Hocking College students.

At Cedar Falls, the halfway point, hikers were offered a lunch of Kiwanis Bean Soup and Cornbread for a small donation. Then at the end of the hike, they enjoyed donuts, hot cocoa and shuttle buses to return them to their starting point.



Students from the Natural Resources Law Enforcement Program offered at Hocking College had the opportunity to experience what it is like to assist with a busy outdoor event that required parking controllers, crowd monitoring and safety monitoring. They attended the law enforcement briefing before the event, then assisted hikers along the trail and at warming stations.

Hocking College has been part of the Winter Hike tradition since the late 70s. The experience allows students to hone their park education skills while networking with future park directors, managers and fellow naturalists. Students and faculty alike remark on the value of the experience for students, not only for the public speaking practice and time spent working with park visitors as they would in their future careers, but also for the networking opportunities that it offers when meeting park staff from around the state.

Some of the other experiential learning opportunities that the Parks and Museum Education students participate in include leading educational programs at the Robbins Crossing historical village and the Hocking College Nature Center, as well as gaining experience running a park and campground at Lake Snowden. Meanwhile, the Natural Resources Law Enforcement students also gain experience by working patrols alongside HCPD officers at Lake Snowden, and assist in parking control for large-scale on-campus events at Hocking College.

Prospective students interested in learning more about Hocking College’s Parks and Museum Education Program or the Natural Resources Law Enforcement Program should contact the admissions office or apply online at:

www.hocking.edu/apply
740-753-7050
admissions@hocking.edu

UPCOMING COMMUNITY COURSE SCHEDULE

Hocking Makers Network

Visual Arts Center

3301 Hocking Parkway, Nelsonville, OH 45764

Intro to Pottery Workshop: February 5th @ 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$35
Intro to Flameworking Workshop: February 12th @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$35

Wood Lab

17690 Sylvania Avenue Nelsonville, OH 45764

Router Basics Workshop: February 4th @ 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$50
Hand Planes and Chisels: February 25th @ 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$50

Leisure Learning

Public Safety Services

3301 Hocking Parkway, Nelsonville, OH 45764

Fire Extinguishers: March 31st and April 11th @ 6:00 Cost: \$25

Arts, Business & Science

3301 Hocking Parkway, Nelsonville, OH 45764

Virtual Aspire Courses: Ongoing courses available. Cost: Free for qualified individuals

Course offerings are subject to change. New courses are being added regularly. Register for Community Courses online by visiting:
www.hocking.edu/leisure-learning



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SPORTS

MEN’S BASKETBALL RANKS #1 IN OCCAC
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL RANKS #3

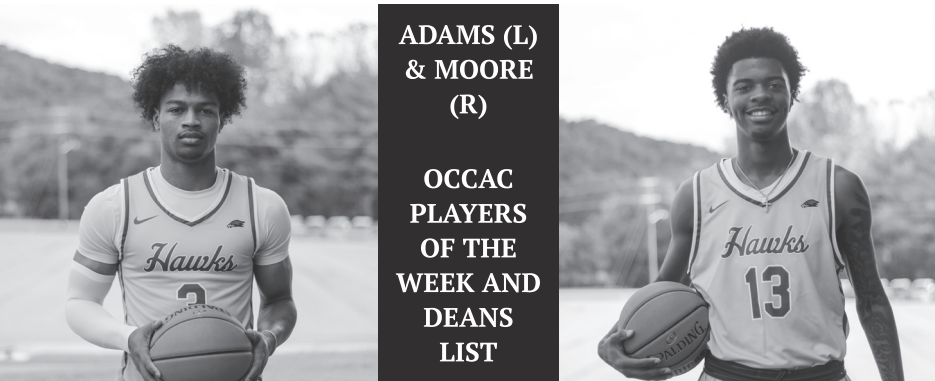
Men’s and Women’s Basketball at Hocking College have entered their conference season, and continue to advance in state and national rankings. In the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC), Hocking College Men’s Basketball is currently ranked #1 in the state with a winning streak of 18-0 overall (5-0 conference). The Women’s Basketball team is ranked #3 in the OCCAC at 6-4 overall (4-1 conference).

The OCCAC has named two Hocking College Men’s Basketball players as multi-time winners of the OCCAC Player of the Week: #3 Trevell Adams has earned the OCCAC Player of the week status three times (Nov. 8, Dec. 6 and Jan. 24), and #13 James Moore has earned the award twice (Dec. 20 and Jan. 17). According to Coach Miley, these players serve as positive examples to the rest of the team on and off the court, and demonstrate what Hocking College Athletics is all about.

In the NJCAA, Hocking College Men’s Basketball is currently ranked #16 in the nation in DII basketball and the Women’s Basketball team is moving up in the national rankings after their last 2-win streak in conference games.

In addition to their scores on the court, Hocking College Athletics puts an emphasis on academic success: the coaches of every sport at Hocking College will tell you that the players are students first and foremost. In order to maintain ‘player’ status on any team at Hocking College, players must maintain a minumum GPA of 2.0. This semester, the Men’s Basketball team has achieved an average GPA of 3.08. In fact, the two players to earn OCCAC Player of the Week awards, Adams and Moore, were also honored on the Hocking College Dean’s List for autumn 2021 semester.

With the support of their coach, team and community, these players serve as an inspiration to current and future generations of college students and show how academic and athletic success go hand-in-hand at Hocking College.



BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL AT HOCKING COLLEGE
STEP UP TO BAT



Hocking College Men’s Baseball and Women’s Softball teams are preparing for their inaugural season which begins this month in February 2022. These teams will be playing home games at local high school baseball and softball field locations, as well as playing away games across the region. The Baseball team and the Softball team were the eleventh and twelfth intercollegiate sports added to the athletic offerings at Hocking College, and they will both be competing in the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference under the National Junior College Athletic Association’s rules.

The Men’s Baseball team, led by coach Stewart Clinger, will play their first game on February 27th, 2022 against Miami University - Hamilton campus. This game and subsequent three games will all be away games. The team’s first home game is scheduled for March 16, 2022 against Alice Lloyd College.

The Women’s Softball team, led by coach Kevin Lewis, plays their first game on March 12, 2022 against UC-Clermont College. Their first two games will be away games, and their first home hame is scheduled for March 19, 2022 against Lorain County Community College.



LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

NELSONVILLE - YORK

Boy’s Varsity

February 2 @ 7:30 p.m. VS River Valley High School

February 4 @ 7:30 p.m. VS Athens High School

Girl’s Varsity

February 3 @ 7:30 p.m. VS Jackson Jr-Sr High School

ATHENS

Boy’s Varsity

February 1 @ 7:30 p.m. VS Meigs High School

Febryary 8 @ 7:30 p.m. VS River Valley High School

Girl’s Varsity

February 3 @ 7:30 p.m. VS Wellston High School

LOGAN

Boy’s Varsity

February 5 @ 2:30 p.m. VS Parkersburg High School

February 8 @ 7:30 p.m. VS Warren High School

Girl’s Varsity

February 7 @ 7:30 p.m. VS Fairfield Union Schools

February 10 @ 7:00 p.m. VS Chillicothe High School

NEW LEXINGTON

Boy’s Varsity

February 4 @ 7:15 p.m. VS Meadowbrook HS

February 11@ 7:15p.m. VS West Muskingum HS

COACH STEWART CLINGER (TOP) AND COACH KEVIN LEWIS (BOTTOM)

Stewart Clinger (pictured above) joined Hocking College’s coaching team from a background in coaching; in fact, he has coached boys’ baseball teams of all ages for nearly 30 years. When he served as an assistant coach for the Delaware Cows of the Great Lakes Collegiate Wood Bat League, he decided that he was most passionate about coaching college baseball. After eight years of coaching at Ohio Wesleyan University, Clinger was excited to join the Hocking College coaching team and take on the challenge of developing a new team and bringing the sport to Hocking College. He wants to start a winning tradition from the very start.

Kevin Lewis (pictured above) brings over 25 years of softball and baseball training experience and coaching at the high school and collegiate levels. Lewis was playing baseball for the Springfield Capitals of the Independent Frontier League when he injured his rotator cuff. A friend convinced him to play a game of fast-pitch softball while he recovered from the injury, and he fell in love with the game. Years later, Lewis began coaching high school softball and brought the team to state championships within three years of coaching, where he was also named District and Regional Coach of the Year.

The Baseball and Softball teams (pictured above) are looking forward to the new field currently under construction on Hocking College’s campus, and are expecting to begin practicing on those fields later this season. Home games are planned on campus by Spring 2023.

To view the full Baseball and Softball Spring 2022 season schedules, visit www.hocking.edu/athletics and navigate to each sport, or look for the March edition of the Hocking College Press for the upcoming home game

SPRING HS SPORTS

NELSONVILLE - YORK

Baseball

Boy’s Varsity Baseball begins March 26th.

Softball

Girl’s Varsity Softball begins March 26th.

ATHENS

Baseball

Boy’s Varsity Baseball begins March 12th.

Softball

Girl’s Varsity Softball begins March 12th.

Tennis

Boy’s Varsity Tennis begins March 26th.

LOGAN

Baseball

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

HOCKING COLLEGE STUDENT FINDS HER PATH IN ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL SERVICES CAREER

Melinda Casilli

Elizabeth Howard will graduate in May 2022 from Hocking College with an Associate Degree in Accounting & Financial Services. She is the first generation of her family to ever attend college, and the first to earn a degree.

This will be Elizabeth’s second degree from Hocking College. Her first was an Associate of Arts Degree which she obtained in the autumn semester of 2020. But these degrees almost didn’t happen, and they didn’t come without challenges to overcome. However, with the help of Hocking College, her family, and a few special programs, she was able to receive the support she needed to be successful and is looking towards a bright future.

Elizabeth grew up in Guysville, Ohio on her grandparent’s farm and later moved to Albany, Ohio. She never thought about going to college because no one in her family had, so after high school, she started working in the fast food industry. When she was 20, she started training to be an assistant manager at the same restaurant that she had started at years prior; but after that position went to someone else, Elizabeth decided she needed a change.

Elizabeth first enrolled in the Nursing Program at Hocking College. She wanted to follow in her mother’s footsteps who was a State-Tested Nurse Aid (STNA), and also help people. A year into the nursing program, she faced her first big challenge: Elizabeth discovered she was pregnant and almost dropped out of school. The stress of the nursing program, her pregnancy, and the struggles financially had her wanting to give up.

Her family offered to help if she agreed to stay in school and graduate. They were thrilled she was in college working towards a degree, and their ongoing encouragement kept her motivated to finish school. The understanding and support from her instructors and advisors at Hocking College were instrumental in her motivation as well. Elizabeth changed her first degree to Associate of Arts, and while she was in that program, she discovered a passion for accounting.

The Hocking College Trio Program has also helped Elizabeth. The program is federal-funded and helps first-generation college students stay in school by giving them academic support, financial aid, and counseling. Elizabeth has used many of the resources Trio offers to students like tutoring, training on the correct way to fill out financial aid forms, and writing assistance. They were even able to provide her with a loaner laptop when hers broke, so she didn’t fall behind with her online schoolwork.


Once she discovered a passion for accounting, she began to focus on a degree in Accounting & Financial Services. Elizabeth is already working in her field at The Septic Provider Inc, where she does payroll, taxes, record keeping, and scheduling. While she loves the challenge of it, she also finds organizing finances relaxing, and she is looking forward to her continued future in that career field.

While at Hocking College, she has been involved with the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) and also the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS). Elizabeth says she has gained so much knowledge about her field from her instructors; they have provided real-life work scenarios and have been extremely helpful. She’s also learned how to interview for jobs and even practiced these skills in class.

“There is so much that is offered at Hocking College”, Elizabeth says. “Without the help from Trio, instructors, and family, I would not be where I am today. I am the first in my family to graduate from college, and I have everyone to thank for that. I just want folks to know, it is never too late to change your path. Everyone has potential, just have to find your groove and what best fits you, and I am sure the instructors will help guide you to your goals and dreams.”

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Jazz Night at Rhapsody Home Women's and Men's Basketball Games		Spring Graduation Application Due	Nature Center Free Programs
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Nature Center Free Programs			Jazz Night at Rhapsody			Valen-Times with Horses HC Campus Event
						Arts West Valentines Prints, Plants & Pots Sale
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Arts West Valentines Prints, Plants & Pots Sale	Valentine's Day		Jazz Night at Rhapsody Home Women's and Men's Basketball Games			The Great Backyard Bird Count @ Nature Center
Home Men's JV Basketball Game						Home Women's and Men's Basketball Games
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Nature Center Free Programs	President's Day		Jazz Night at Rhapsody			Nature Center Library Event @ Athens Library
						Introduction to Wildlife Rehabilitation Workshop
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
Nature Center Free Programs						

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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