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TEAMWORK AND TOUGHNESS LEAD HOCKING WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TO RECORD-BREAKING YEAR

It was a season to remember for Hocking College's Women's Basketball team, closing the year with a program-best 20-9 record and a 12-2 finish in Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) play.

Head Coach Andrew Brown, named OCCAC Coach of the Year, said the success of this year's team came down to one thing—chemistry.

"I think the biggest reason we were successful is the closeness and unity of the team," Brown said. "Everyone recognized each other's strengths and allowed each other to be good at what they were good at."

While the win column is the most obvious sign of progress, Brown said the team's real growth happened behind the scenes, starting from the very first practice.

"Our biggest growth from day one was recognizing our identity and allowing our strengths to lead us to victory," he explained. "We didn't spend time worrying about the things we couldn't control."

That mindset paid off, leading the Hawks to the best season in program history, a milestone that means a lot to Brown and his players.

"Personally, I'm very proud of what this group accomplished," Brown said. "They didn't have an organized preseason and were without direction for the first month and a half of school. As for the program, I believe this can be a major building block toward having consistent winning seasons."

The season was also highlighted by individual honors.

Sophomore Trinity Bellard earned Second Team All-Conference recognition for her leadership and grit.

"Trinity brought great energy and toughness to our team," Brown said. "She played through a lot of pain this season, and it was pretty remarkable she was able to finish the year."

Emily Blevins was named the OCCAC Defensive Player of the Year, thanks to her relentless effort on the court.

"Her intelligence and willingness to really compete set her apart," Brown said. "She's a bulldog."

While Brown is proud of the personal recognition he received as Coach of the Year, he was quick to redirect the spotlight back to his team.

"It's a reflection of the success of our team and the sacrifices everyone made," he said. "I'm thankful for it, but I would gladly trade it if it meant Lilly Weaver being named All-Conference. She deserved it and was overlooked in my opinion."

One game in particular stood out to Brown as the turning point of the season, an early December home matchup against Owens Community College.

"We held them 35 points below their average," Brown recalled. "That's when I knew we were going to be really tough the rest of the season."

Throughout the year, Brown emphasized three key values: teamwork, appreciation, and defense.

"We had very different personalities, but everyone respected each other and we were unselfish," he said. "That's what made this team special."

Looking ahead to next season, Brown is focused on building on this year's success without falling into the trap of comparisons.

"The way we build is to help everyone get the maximum out of their own ability and continue to grow a culture of respect and toughness," he said. "I encourage our returning players to come back better than they were this year and to step up as sophomore leaders. For the new players, it's about being willing to learn, being part of a team, and finding ways to make their individual talents fit into the bigger picture."

With a look at the future, this season's accomplishments, including the highest win total in program history, the best conference record, and multiple conference honors, will serve as both a benchmark and an inspiration for what's to come.

Go Hawks!

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June, 2025

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12 PM - SAUBER CENTER - June 21, 2025



RAPTOR RAVE!
Join us in the Big Oak Shelter House for a fun time learning about Eagles, Owls, Osprey and all sorts of Raptors!

5 PM - LAKE SNOWDEN - June 21, 2025



BIRDING HIKE
Take a stroll with us through the trails to listen and see what types of birds we will see on our way! Please Meet at the Horse Parking Lot! Make sure to wear proper shoes and attire!

4:30 PM - HORSE PARKING LOT - June 25, 2025

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HOCKING COLLEGE CELEBRATES THE
FILM & VIDEO PRODUCTION PROGRAM'S
5TH ANNUAL STUDENT SHOWCASE!

On Friday, May 10, the Athena Cinema in Athens, OH, hosted Hocking College's 5th Annual Capstone Screening, celebrating the creativity, passion, and hard work of the second-year Film & Video Production students.

This yearly event highlights the capstone films of graduating students, showcasing a wide range of standout projects – from narrative shorts to experimental pieces and documentaries – all produced during the 2024-2025 academic year.

Friends, family, faculty, and members of the local film community gathered to honor the accomplishments of this year's cohort. The evening featured screenings, introductions by the student directors, and special recognition for excellence in writing, directing, cinematography, and editing.

"This year's showcase was a reflection of the incredible talent we're able to harness here at Hocking," said Matthew Valdovinos, Program Director. "From the dedication of our staff to the hard work of our students themselves, these past two years have shown tremendous growth. Their stories are bold, authentic, and beautifully crafted. It's exciting to see their voices come to life on screen."

As the program continues to grow, the Capstone Screening remains a cornerstone tradition offering students a platform to present their work to the public the way it deserves to be seen, as they prepare for careers in the film industry.



4TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW:
HUGE SUCCESS!

Showcasing 27 looks, including creations by the Fashion Club, classroom projects, and student designers from the FDRM major. The feature of the evening was the single design looks created by the first-year students and the three design collections of original work under the concept brands of each second-year student. The show was held at the Lodge for ticketed guests to enjoy a designer meet-and-greet with portfolio displays. The event was also broadcast live on the Hocking College YouTube channel and enjoyed far and wide. This showcase brings together staff and students all across campus from various programs to model, volunteer, and learn.



Hocking College celebrated over 300 graduates from the Class of 2025 on May 10, recognizing students from the Schools of Allied Health & Nursing, Natural Resources & Public Safety, Workforce Development, General Studies, and Arts, Sciences & Lifestyle Careers during Spring Commencement at the Student Center.



Hocking's TRiO students wrapped up the semester with an educational field trip to the beautiful Hocking Hills! These field trips encourage our students to experience activities and interactions that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in without guidance.



Brats and Boxing brought the action to Hocking College on April 26! Students, staff, and community members enjoyed an exciting night of live boxing bouts, food, and fun.

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We're proud to share that **Hocking College has once again been recognized as a Tree Campus USA for 2024 by the Arbor Day Foundation!** This recognition highlights our ongoing commitment to campus sustainability, student engagement, and caring for our green spaces.



Hocking College's annual Spring Gala, "Celebrate the Decades," brought alumni, students, and supporters together on May 3 for an evening of music, memories, and fundraising at The Lodge. Guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, and a silent auction—all to support Hocking's mission.

Upcoming Important Dates

Fri. June 6 – Last Day to Order Caps and Gowns

Sun. June 8 – Last Day to Register for 8-Week Courses

Mon. June 9 – 8-Week Courses Begin

Thu. June 19 – **Holiday:**
Juneteenth (College Closed)

Fri. July 4 – **Holiday:**
Independence Day (College Closed)

July 10 – 13: 2025 IBO National Triple Crown, 3rd Leg