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COME TO NELSONVILLE FOR BLACK
DIAMOND MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL**



The Black Diamond Music & Arts Festival, will be hosted and organized by Hocking College on June 10-11, 2022. Headliners Elle King and Marty Stuart will play on Friday, and Kentucky Headhunters and Elvie Shane will play on Saturday, among several other bluegrass and country music icons scheduled throughout the weekend. Music begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, with campus events occurring on the morning of Saturday before music begins.

General Admission and VIP Tickets are on sale through the website at www.blackdiamondmusicfestival.com and general admission tickets will be sold at the door on June 10th and June 11th. Lodging and camping tickets are sold online and must be purchased in advance to guarantee a camp site or room.

A variety of food options will be available at the festival, including pizza, burgers, hot dogs, tacos, barbeque, ice cream and more! There will also be a wide range of non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages for sale at the festival, including beverages from Hocking College's own Black Diamond Distillery and Starbrick Brewery. Local arts and crafts vendors will also be on site, at the Robbins Crossing Village on Hocking College campus.

Follow the festival on Social Media to keep up with planning and new information! @BlackDiamondMusicFest on Facebook and Instagram, and @BDMusicFest on Twitter.

JUNE

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

[Register for Autumn Classes](#)

JUNE 3

Summer Graduation
Application Due

Students who are completing their program in the Summer 2022 semester must apply for graduation in self service before this deadline.

JUNE 6

Summer 8-Week Classes Begin

JUNE 8, 17 & 29

QuickStart Registration

Quickstart Registration is for future students to finalize their enrollment and register for classes. Sign up for Quickstart by calling 740-753-7050.

JUNE 10-11

Black Diamond Music & Arts
Festival

Bluegrass and Country music festival
hosted by Hocking College.

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JUNE 19

Father's Day

JUNE 20

Juneteenth Observed

[Hocking College Closed](#)

JUNE 21-23

Natural Resources Educator
Workshop

3-Day Workshop hosted by Hocking
College, for teachers and educators in
the State of Ohio.

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CAMPUS NEWS

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS AT HOCKING COLLEGE RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Hocking College has offered its College Credit Plus (CCP) program for several years, through the Ohio Higher Education CCP program. According to ohiohighered.com: “CCP is a dual-enrollment program that provides students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking courses from Ohio colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to enhance students’ career readiness and postsecondary success, while providing a wide variety of options to college-ready students, at no or limited costs to students and families.”

In 2021 alone, Hocking College has saved local families approximately \$2 million in college tuition through over 9,000 credit hours of CCP offerings. In the Spring 2022 Commencement ceremony, Hocking College graduated four High School Senior CCP graduates who earned their Associate Degree while completing High School.

Hocking College is making moves to expand CCP offerings to include more courses, more high schools, and more options for students.

On May 9, 2022, Hocking College was awarded accreditation by the National Alliance of Concurrent

Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) Accreditation Commission for its CCP program.

The NACEP ensures that CCP courses taught in high schools are just as rigorous as the courses offered on the college’s main campus. Meeting these high national standards sets Hocking College apart from other colleges in Ohio. These standards also benefit the teachers who teach these classes in turn giving them continuous professional development.

Hocking College applied for this accreditation on March 1, 2022. Katie Walters, Director of College Credit Plus, felt that having this accreditation would make them a leader among peers in the state. Walters took over the program in January 2020 and has been working hard to rebuild the program, increase the school’s standards, and improve its procedures.

Logan High School is one example of a local school that partners with Hocking College and currently offers 16 CCP courses and three degree pathways. On May 11, 2022, the faculty, staff, and administrators from Logan High School and Hocking College celebrated new opportunities for CCP at Logan High School. The project, which marks Logan High School as an HLC-approved additional location of Hocking

College, increases the number of Hocking College courses that can be offered at Logan High School.

New Associate Degree pathways prepare students to enter the workforce in a career, or transfer on to a bachelor’s degree in arts & humanities, business, and natural and social sciences. Each of these pathways fulfills the general education requirements for four-year institutions saving families in the area thousands of dollars in tuition each year.

More information on CCP at Hocking College can be found online at: www.hocking.edu/college-credit-plus-resource-center.



HOCKING COLLEGE HOSTS STUDENT FIELD DAY

On April 27, 2022, Hocking College students were treated to an End-of-Semester Field Day and Cookout at the Hocking College Golf Course. The Student Affairs Office and Trio Student Support Services worked together to plan the event, with the goal of providing a fun celebration and activity for students during their final full week of classes. Students enjoyed a picnic lunch and games, including corn hole, golf and frisbee.

Molly Watson, director of Trio programs at Hocking College and Kevin Cox, head of Student Programming spearheaded the event planning. They both note that many of our students, especially those who live on campus in the residence halls, are looking for more on-campus activities, and students rarely turn down free food. Cox and Watson have plans in place for more events like this in the future, and hope to foster stronger student engagement across campus.

Current students can learn about these events and more in their weekly Hocking Herald Newsletter email, which goes out to students, staff, and family members who subscribe. Future students can find out what events Hocking College has planned by visiting the events calendar on the website at hocking.edu/events.

HOCKING COLLEGE OFFERS DEBT FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

According to the Ohio Department of Higher Education, “1.5 million Ohioans have some college, but no degree.” These students started college but didn’t finish, and most have debt from their time in school. That debt can be a barrier keeping those students out of the classroom, unable to start better careers earning more to provide for themselves and their families.

In July 2021, Hocking College began a debt forgiveness program with the assistance of the State Attorney General’s Office and the State of Ohio

Department of Higher Education. Hocking College wants to help students get back into school, then across the graduation stage, and finally into a better career. The college currently has students enrolled in this program.

To be eligible for this program, students must not have been enrolled in classes in either of the previous two semesters. For the purpose of counting the number of semesters without enrollment, include fall semester, spring semester, and summer semester.

Students must also:

- Be 100% seat ready for the starting term
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.0 with Hocking College
- Have no more than \$3,000 in Debt with Hocking College
- Have not received previous Debt Forgiveness from Hocking College

To apply for Debt Forgiveness please complete the form at the link below:
www.cognitofirms.com/HockingCollegeFinancialAid/ApplicationForDebtForgiveness

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ALLIED HEALTH & NURSING CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN THE PROFESSION



Doris Wilderman is the Associate Dean of Allied Health and Nursing at Hocking College, and after 50 years in the healthcare field, Wilderman still has a deep passion for nursing. She's seen many changes over the years in healthcare. She notes that some changes have been incredible, thanks to breakthroughs in technology that allow doctors to diagnose diseases earlier, saving countless lives.

Other changes haven't been as positive, such as the strict policies insurance companies place on hospitals concerning the length of time patients can stay in the hospital after a procedure, or the rules concerning the types of treatments patients can receive. Recently, staff shortages from nurses quitting due to the pandemic and nurses retiring have put a strain on the healthcare field, and patient care is what suffers.

Wilderman is also passionate about giving back. When she was a senior in high school, she remembers sitting in her school's auditorium for an assembly to announce the names of seniors who had won scholarships. Wilderman was busy in her notebook when the girl sitting next to her told her they had called her name. Wilderman then heard her name spoken over the loudspeaker. She had just won a full two-year scholarship to the local community college. Winning that scholarship allowed her to go to college and be the first generation in her family to do so. She realized the gift given to her and decided to one day get into education to give back.

She graduated high school in 1969 and started nursing school at Florida Community College that same year. She also began working as a nurse's aide at the local hospital during this time to help her learn more about the field. She graduated from nursing school fifty years ago in 1972 and began working as a graduate nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville, FL., before becoming a registered nurse after taking the boards.

When Wilderman became a nurse, IVs were glass bottles that nurses had to mark lines on to track the amount of fluid a patient was receiving, and uniforms were crisp and white with matching white stockings. The one thing she loved when she started working was the nurses she worked with: they were some of the best in the field, she said, and taught her so much.

She worked in different areas throughout her career, including surgery and on some special teams such as the open-heart team, trauma, and brain surgery. She often worked doubles, working her regular shift and then taking a second shift on one of the floors to keep her skill set up. She has had some unique experiences that made her realize the awesomeness of the human body: she once held a human heart in her hands during a transplant surgery and realized that the organ would soon give someone life.

Wilderman began teaching at Jones College in Jacksonville, Fl. in 1982. She was the Medical Assisting Instructor and Clinical Coordinator. That position began her teaching career that has spanned 29 years. During those years she was the Medical Assisting Instructor at Ivy Vocational Technical College, in Sellersburg, IN. The Director of Education & Medical Assisting Instructor at the International Career Institute, in Tallahassee, Fl. And the Medical Assisting Program Manager and Instructor at Keiser University, in Tallahassee, Fl. before coming to Hocking College in 2017. While working at Keiser University, she took classes and earned an Associate of Science in Business Administration, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and a Master of Science in Nursing. Her GPA for each degree was 4.0.

Wilderman loves educating the next generation of nurses. She feels a great obligation to instill in her students the awesome responsibility they will have every day. She wants to make sure they realize the trust patients and their loved ones put in nurses. Her goal is for her students to enter the field with a strong foundation to build on, to develop a good work ethic, and empathy for their patients. She believes students need integrity, compassion and honesty to be successful nurses.

Wilderman wouldn't change a thing over her 50 years of nursing. Each part of her career has been special and so rewarding. She especially loves graduation, feeling proud of the student's enormous growth and becoming confident in their skills, instead of being scared and anxious. She has witnessed their struggles and for them to finally walk across the stage and accept their degree is an accomplishment. Wilderman knows they will go on to do great things in nursing, helping those around them and in their communities.


 HOCKING COLLEGE
 START TOWARDS YOUR CAREER IN
HEALTHCARE

- *Dental Hygiene*
- *Practical Nursing*
- *Registered Nursing*
- *Massage Therapy*
- *Medical Laboratory*
- *Healthcare Informatics*
- *Medical Assistant*
- *Physical Therapist Assistant*

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DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS OFFER FREE DENTAL CARE TO LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

On April 27, Hocking College Dental Hygiene students completed community service hours by working in the Dental Clinic in New Lexington, OH, providing dental cleanings, sealants, fluoride treatments, and exams to students in the Perry County School District for free. Students at New Lexington Elementary School were bused to the clinic and then back home.

Misti Malfe, Program Manager of the Dental Hygiene Program, Karelle Hopkins, and Baylee Barrera worked with Hannah Burton from New Lexington Schools to provide dental screenings and services for students, many of whom have little to no access to dental hygiene resources in their community.

This partnership between the Dental Hygiene program at Hocking College and the local school systems provides benefit to both. For dental hygiene students, the majority of practice that they get during their education comes from working on other adults, such as their peers in the program or other Hocking College students who take the opportunity for free teeth cleanings at the clinic. With this partnership, the students get hands-on experience working with children, a population which they will most likely interact with in their professional career. Furthermore, the young students of Perry County received dental hygiene care, at no cost to their families.

Malfe stated, "We want to work with the community to help those students who cannot afford dental treatment." They have also worked with New Lexington Headstart, and Malfe hopes to begin busing students from schools in Roseville, Ohio, to the clinic in August for similar services for those students.

The Dental Hygiene Clinic at Hocking College is open to the public, with regular cleanings starting at only \$20 for adults or \$10 for children, and free to seniors.


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LOCAL EVENTS

CITY OF NELSONVILLE INVESTS IN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Nelsonville, Ohio continues to invest in community infrastructure and public spaces throughout the city, including road renovations, new gas line updates, a historical marker project, and two major park projects that are currently underway.

The City of Nelsonville established a Historical Marker Committee in May 2022, seeking for volunteers interested in researching and proposing historical sites in the city to be marked with informational historical markers. These markers, along with the educational information that they provide, will add to the historic value of the city and communicate Nelsonville's rich heritage.



Example of Nelsonville Historical Marker Image from the Nelsonville, OH Facebook page

The first park project to be completed in coming months will be named the Nelsonville Greyhound Park, to commemorate the former Nelsonville High School Greyhounds. Donations made by community members and former Nelsonville Greyhounds are making this community park project a reality. The park will be located at the corner of Fayette Street and Jefferson Street, and demolition began last month of a donated property for the purpose of creating a public green space.



Site of the future Nelsonville Greyhound Park Image from the Nelsonville, OH Facebook page

Another major undertaking for the City of Nelsonville is an ongoing project to build a dog park in the city. The park is planned to be located on a 2+ acre lot at the site of the current Nelsonville Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is scheduled to close in 2023. The new dog park will provide a fenced area where dogs can safely run and play off-leash, and pet owners can socialize. It will include a large dog area, a small dog area and a designated training area.



Site of the future Nelsonville Dog Park Image from the Nelsonville, OH Facebook page

The City of Nelsonville, OH makes efforts to include community members into the conversations and decisions made in the city, and hosts bi-weekly City Council meetings which are open to the public, and recorded for online listening. Planning and Development Committee Meetings, Parks and Recreation Committee Meetings, Dog Park Board Meetings, and other city meetings are also open for the public to attend. More information and schedules can be found at cityofnelsonville.com.

JUNE & JULY COMMUNITY COURSE SCHEDULE

Introduction to Writing and Storytelling

This workshop will focus on developing skills to make your writing shine. This includes lectures on writing, writing exercises, and discussing and critiquing your own and others' writing. No writing experience is required.

Cost: \$35 Dates: June 6, 9, 13 & 16

Trail Design & Layout

Completion of this 4 part course will result in a certificate for trail planning, building, and maintenance.

Cost: \$100/course or \$360 for all 4 Dates: June 6, 13, 20 & 27

Introduction to Stained Glass

In this workshop, you will learn Tiffany style stained glass and will include instructions on how to create your own stained glass window from start to finish. You will not only walk away with the knowledge of creating your own windows, but also a special piece to take home and treasure!

Cost: \$100 **SOLD OUT - check back for more**

Caregiver Walking and Transfer Training

This workshop will train community members about how to safely handle walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, and canes, as well as how to transfer patients safely from bed to other surfaces.

Cost: \$25 Dates: July 9 or July 16

Virtual Aspire Courses

Ongoing courses are available, which are free for qualified individuals. Interested participants should contact the Hocking College Aspire program at aspire@hocking.edu.

READY-TO-WORK PROGRAMS

The School of Workforce Development at Hocking College is pleased to offer Ready-to-Work programming and Pre-Apprenticeship Training at the Fairfield County Workforce Center. Students who participate in Ready-to-Work courses or Pre-Apprenticeship Training Programs gain the skills necessary to apply for entry-level positions in their respective fields.

Ready-to-Work HVAC

Earn your NATE Ready-to-Work Certificate in less than 8 weeks! The NATE Ready-to-Work Program is a non-credit course designed to cultivate new technicians into the industry with the essential skills needed to start a career in HVAC.

Cost: \$1700 Dates: June 13 - August 5

Ready-to-Work Phlebotomy

Complete this introductory Phlebotomy course in just 6 weeks! This non-credit course provides an introduction to the Medical Laboratory Profession (MLT), safety in the lab, OSHA, universal precautions, lab equipment, quality control, maintenance, and phlebotomy.

Cost: \$2324 Dates: June 27 - August 5

Ready-to-Work CDL Class B

Earn your Class B Commercial Driver License in less than two weeks! A Class B CDL lets you drive a single vehicle weighing 26,001 pounds or more without a trailer. It also allows you to operate any vehicle towing a trailer that weighs less than 10,000 pounds.

Cost: \$2324 Dates: July 11-July 19 or July 25-August 2

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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CAREERS & OPPORTUNITIES

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT AT HOCKING COLLEGE

Thanks to several program expansions, increased enrollment and campus updates, Hocking College is looking to fill job openings on the Hocking College campus here in Nelsonville, Ohio. With a focus on career and professional development both in and outside the classroom, Hocking College is a great place to work and learn. Full-time employees at Hocking College enjoy the benefits of free tuition for applicable certificate and degree programs, to further their education and help them achieve their professional goals. They also earn a state retirement plan, have paid vacation time and paid school breaks, health insurance and HSA contributions.

Hocking College students, if not eligible for a full-time position, have the option to work part-time at the college to help pay for the cost of their education and their living expenses, and several options are available for scholarships, grants, and state and federal funding to make earning an education affordable. Hocking College's on-campus Financial Aid team is best-in-class at simplifying the process of enrolling in financial aid, and serving students to get all of the potential funding available to them.

Apply as a student at www.hocking.edu/apply or visit www.hocking.edu/careers for more details about career opportunities.

CAREERS AT HOCKING COLLEGE

FULL-TIME OPPORTUNITIES

Office/Administrative

Dental Hygiene Program Receptionist

The Dental Hygiene Clerical/Receptionist will be responsible for assisting the program manager and faculty in preparing course materials, correspondence, maintaining student records, and providing supportive services for student recruitment and admissions activities. They will assist in the operations of the dental hygiene clinic including management and scheduling of patient appointments, maintain patient records, answering the dental hygiene clinic phone, collect patient payments and print receipts, greet patients in the reception area and screen for COVID.

Hospitality Purchasing Manager

Under the direct supervision of the Culinary Program Manager, the Hospitality Purchasing Manager directs and coordinates all activities at the Hocking College Commissary and is responsible for inventory control of all food and non-food items for the Hospitality academic programs and all Hospitality commercial operations including Rhapsody Restaurant, the Lodge at Hocking College, Hocking College Dining Services, Hocking College Catering, and the Hocking College Food Truck. Candidates should be highly organized, have a high attention to detail, and experience using inventory control systems and Microsoft Office Suite.

Academic

GIS/GPS Manager

Provides leadership and expertise in the area of Global Information Systems and Global Positioning Systems to oversee the use and maintenance of Hocking College's map-making equipment and resources in accordance with Hocking College's policies and procedures to maximize the financial benefit of the College and to maintain a safe campus environment. Responsible for providing instruction and revitalization of the GPS/GIS Certificate Program.

Nursing Instructor

Under the direct supervision of the Nursing Program Manager, performs the following functions: Provides instructional services; Performs academic advising activities; Engages in continuous professional development in both teaching and discipline-specific theory and practice; Participates in department activities; Participates in new student enrollment activities.

Program Manager, Criminal Justice

The Program Manager manages the Criminal Justice (CJ) program. The Program Manager leads both independent project management and collaborative efforts with the Dean and Department Chair to create, maintain, and process associated materials; teaches classes each semester of the year; leads program review and accreditation efforts; and supervises adjunct faculty assigned to teach courses within the program.

Program Manager, Fermentation Science

Under the direct supervision of the Dean of Workforce Development, the Program Manager will provide leadership over the Fermentation Science academic program at Hocking College. The Program Manager will serve as the lead instructor of the Fermentation Science program, as well as oversee the production of craft beer, distilled spirits and wine for the college. The Program Manager will manage fermentation staff at both the college-owned brewery and distillery, leading the business efforts of both operations. The candidate should have a strong background in craft beer brewing and operations.

“We serve as a pathway to prosperity, teaching and inspiring all who seek to learn, growing careers and changing lives”

Specialized Skills & Trades

Full-Time Cook Supervisor

Coordinates all activities, on a daily basis, in one food service area (Rhapsody, Catering, Dining Hall, Commissary). Provides work direction and training of food preparation and food service staff and student employees. *Become qualified for this job by enrolling in Hocking College's Culinary Arts program and earning an Associate Degree.*

Licensed Electrician

Provides industry level licensed electrical work in the performance of preventative maintenance, maintenance, repair, reconfiguration, construction, and/or restoration. Provide customer service to College departments, staff, students, representatives, partners and to the public. Must adhere to Ohio, OSHA and institutional safety standards and plan, prioritize, and complete work in the most safe and efficient way while working in accordance with all city, state, and federal electrical codes. *Become qualified for this job by enrolling in Hocking College's Construction Management - Commercial & Residential Electricity program and earning an Associate Degree.*

Licensed HVAC Technician

Provides skilled HVAC expertise and work in the performance of preventative maintenance, maintenance, repair, reconfiguration, construction, and/or restoration with service-oriented approach to College departments, staff, students, representatives, partners and to the public. Must adhere to Ohio, OSHA and institutional safety standards and plan, prioritize, and complete work in most safe and efficient way while working in accordance with all city, state, and federal codes. *Become qualified for this job by enrolling in Hocking College's Construction Management - HVAC program and earning an Associate Degree.*

Licensed Plumber

Provides skilled plumbing expertise and work in the performance of preventative maintenance, maintenance, repair, reconfiguration, construction, and/or restoration with service-oriented approach to College departments, staff, students, representatives, partners and to the public. Must adhere to Ohio, OSHA and institutional safety standards and plan, prioritize, and complete work in most safe and efficient way while working in accordance with all city, state, and federal codes.

PART-TIME OPPORTUNITIES

Student Employment

Student Employment

The purpose of Student Employment for current Hocking College students is to help the student balance the demands of the classroom with the financial needs of pursuing a college degree, while also preparing for their desired career. Opportunities available for the 2022-2023 school year.

Academic

Adjunct Faculty

Provides instructional services; assists with development of course outcomes and curriculum which are consistent with Academic Affairs, department and technology/program goals. Participates in department activities. Fields include:

- American sign language (ASL)
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Business
- Certified dog trainer
- Certified pet groomer
- Chemistry
- Criminal justice
- Culinary/Chef
- Dental hygiene
- English
- Environmental science
- Fire/EMS
- Humanities
- Nursing
- ODPS CDL trainer
- Speech
- Wireless tower technician
- & more

Other

Police Officer - Hocking College Police Department

A Police Officer will perform a variety of duties in the enforcement of laws and the prevention of crimes; to control traffic flow and enforce state and local traffic regulations; to perform investigative activities; and to perform a variety of technical and administrative tasks in support of the Police Department.

Communications Officer

Performs the following operations: Responsible for directing the activities of field personnel and providing patrol units with information upon which they may act. Assists the public, students, faculty and staff by giving directions, information and other aid as needed.

Hall Director, Lead

Under the direct supervisor of the Manager of Housing (MoH), must be able to work independently, demonstrate initiative, display strong commitment to student learning, communicate effectively, and work collaboratively with housing staff and other campus departments.

Professional Tutor (including TRIO positions)

Perform supportive participant related activities to increase the level of academic success and retention of Hocking College students; assist with program outreach, tutoring and perform other duties as assigned.

Licensed Independent Contractor Massage Therapist

The Lodge at Hocking College is currently hiring for a Licensed Massage Therapist. Candidate would work as an independent contractor and must have a State of Ohio Massage Therapy License and liability insurance. Candidate must be able to supply a copy of their Massage Therapy License and their insurance coverage to be kept on file.

Other Opportunities:

- Electrician
- Cook
- Bartender
- Receptionist
- Painter
- Catering
- Safety Technician
- Custodian
- Construction
- Bus Driver

SPORTS

HAWKS SOFTBALL FINISH STRONG ON SUCCESSFUL FIRST SEASON

The Hocking College Hawks softball team wrapped up its first season in school history this weekend, by splitting a pair of doubleheaders with Edison State Community College. With the wins, it lifted their overall record to 16-15. The Hawks also finished with an 11-12 record in conference play, good enough to land them in 4th place for their inaugural season.

It can be a difficult task to start a program from the ground up, but Coach Kevin Lewis did a great job rallying the girls and preparing them for each game. Coach Lewis said, "I am very pleased how things ended with us this year. Being a first-year team, we faced a lot of trials and tribulations and had to overcome a lot of unanticipated obstacles. The girls bounced back well and faced adversity nicely. I can't express the gratitude I have for the players that are on the inaugural team of Hocking College. We were #2 in the country in batting average and top 5 in on-base and slugging percentage. That is something to be very proud of. We also have the #3 hitter in the country coming back for her sophomore season. I have tried to research and cannot find a team that was as successful at any level for their first year as we were this year; that is something special to be proud of."

With the ups and downs that come with any athletic competition, the Lady Hawks were able to make a name for themselves and establish Hocking College as a force to be reckoned with, not only in the conference (OCCAC) but in the nation (NJCAA) as well. In conference play, the Hawks swept both doubleheaders against Lorain County and won at least 2 games against Bryant and Stratton, Clark State, and Edison State. They are also 4-3 in non-conference play, winning games against serious competition, such as their win against Anoka-Ramsey Community College who finished the year ranked 9th in the nation.

The Hawks used two pitchers the entire season, Erika Bowman and Andee Lester. Bowman finished the year with the most strikeouts, saves, shutouts and lowest earned run average while Lester finished the year giving up the least amount of hits, most games started and had the most wins on the year. At the plate, standout shortstop, Jadyn Mace, finished the season establishing numerous school records.

Mace led the team in hits (64), doubles (18), triples (3), RBIs (43), stolen bases (5), and on-base percentage (.607), slugging percentage (.882), and batting average (.567). In fact, Mace finished the year with the 3rd highest batting average in the nation in Division II. Mace and her teammates look forward to returning to Hocking in the fall and preparing themselves for an even better second season.



Pictured: Front - Taylor Hendershot; **1st Row (L to R)** - Kenzie Schmittauer, Katie Pettis, Brandi Weber, Ashley Tackett, Kamy-Jo Pendarvis; **2nd Row (L to R)** - Coach Adam Fowler, Erika Bowman, Tehya Avery, Carlee Gray, Molly Miller, Jadyn Mace, Andee Lester, Nariah Mack, Head Coach Kevin Lewis. Photo by Mindy Helton.

HAWKS BASEBALL COACHES OPTIMISTIC AFTER INAUGURAL SEASON

The Hawks baseball team finished their first season in school history this weekend, falling to Edison State Community College in two doubleheaders. The Hawks compete in the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference and play some of the best competition in Junior College baseball. The team started the season with over 20 men on the roster,

but as the year progressed, injuries would take out key players in the lineup. Although the numbers dwindled, the Hawks still put up a fight in every game. They finished the season with a 5-22 record. For a brand new program, five wins is a great starting point moving forward. All five happened to also come in conference play (OCCAC).



Pictured: 1st Row (L to R) - Head Coach Stewart Clinger, Jaron Langley, Daniel Malone, Ryan MacDonald, Konnor Learn, Caleb Eplin, Drew Gifford, Assistant Coach Jason Sturgill; **2nd Row (L to R)** - Preston Brady, Sam Buddelmeyer, Nate Vasquez, Wes Carpenter, Blaine Rowlette, Mason Ratcliff, Terrion Moss; **2nd Row (L to R)** - Jude Huffman, Nathan Simmons, Jay Burnside.

The Hawks were led offensively by Sam Buddelmeyer, who finished with a .377 batting average, collecting 26 hits on 69 plate appearances and smacking a team-leading two home runs. Buddelmeyer was also named 2022 OCCAC All-Conference 2nd team.

On the mound, the top pitcher for the Hawks was Nathan Simmons. Simmons pitched 43.1 innings and had an earned run average (ERA) of 5.40. Simmons also struck out 42 batters while only walking 15. Jaron Langley was the leader on the diamond as he collected 25 assists by the season's end.

When asked about how he felt about the season and what he has to look forward to for next year, Head Coach Stewart Clinger said "Injuries really killed us down the stretch, but we had 9 players in the field and at the plate giving 100% effort. When August 2022 gets here, there will be a lot of new faces on the team as we've had a full year to recruit, and word of our program has now made its way across the state, it goes a long way to build up our roster.

But there will also be something new to this 2nd year team, and that will be experienced players returning for their second "swing" at the title. Baseball at Hocking in year 2 will be a lot of fun!"

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

HOCKING COLLEGE WELCOMED OVER 300 NEW STUDENTS INTO THE RANKS OF ALUMNI ON MAY 7

This ceremony covered students from all five Hocking College Schools: the School of Arts, Business & Science, the School of Natural Resources, the School of Nursing & Allied Health, the School of Public Safety Services, and the School of Workforce Development. It was hosted by Hocking College's president, Dr. Betty Young, alongside the college's Vice Presidents, Deans and Board of Trustees. Colonel Moorman, the Commander of the 178th Medical Group of the Ohio Air National Guard, in Springfield, Ohio was the keynote speaker.

The following students won awards from the college:

Jeff Aime - Scholar Athlete Award Madeline Linscott - Student Employment Award

Audra Cunningham - Inspirational Award Colson Barnett - Environmental Award

Nadia Policoff - Hocking College Trustee Award

Jeff Aime, Colson Barnett, Kylee Cessna, Jazmin Cruz, Savannah Henderson, Zoie Jackson, Madeline Linscott, Matthew Majkszak, Lauren Parrish, & Nadia Policoff - President's List Award

Kathryn Kozel - Richard Elston Leadership Award

Kipp Harlow - Veteran of the Year Award

CCP GRADUATE COMPLETED ASSOCIATE DEGREE BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Hocking College has been part of Audra Cunningham's life since she was a child. Her grandmother Sheree Cunningham worked as a secretary at the college, and every time Audra and her parents came to visit, she would stop and visit the college campus; she has fond memories of her mother and her surprising grandmother at her desk.

At fifteen, Audra's mental health began to suffer. She went through a very dark period, feeling entirely alone, and hopeless. During this time, she started drawing, and it quickly became an outlet to release and express how she was feeling. Seeing her emotions through her pictures helped her make sense of them.

Her mom told her that Hocking College offered a College Credit Plus (CCP) Program. When Audra discovered she could take art classes at the college and receive credit for them while in high school, she jumped at the chance and enrolled in art classes at Hocking College. Art classes made her feel excited again, and her love for school returned. She threw herself into her classes, feeling the need to push herself to have a healthier outlook on life. CCP was the perfect opportunity for her to focus and prove to herself that she had the potential to accomplish whatever she wanted.

Audra loved learning to paint using oils, ceramics, color theory, and creative and critical thinking skills. This past year she has focused on taking fashion classes from the Fashion Design and Retail Merchandising Program, with her favorite class being a draping class. She likes that classes feel more like a work environment and hands-on individualized learning. Audra loves her instructors, Coral Wedel and Mellissa Miller. They are "fantastic, driven, motivating ladies" who have pushed her to pursue her goals. She enjoyed the one-on-one instruction from them and loved that they accepted her for who she was from the beginning.

At 17, Audra was diagnosed with a neurodevelopmental disorder; however, this diagnosis hasn't stopped her from accomplishing her goals. In fact, she hopes to be a voice for others to help them realize that they can accomplish their dreams in the same way that she has, despite any obstacles.

In May 2022, Audra walked at the Hocking College Spring Commencement, earning her Associate Degree in Individualized Study of the Arts. In June of this year, she will also graduate from the Ohio Virtual Academy with her high school diploma. This unique opportunity that Hocking College and CCP offered allowed her to earn an Associate Degree alongside her High School diploma, and even graduate from college before graduating from high school. Her ability to overcome the hardships that she has endured, and the achievement of earning her associate degree earned her the Inspirational Award at Hocking College's 2022 Spring Commencement Ceremony.

She has accepted a full-time job at All American Trophies and Sporting Goods in The Plains, where she will work in textiles and embroidery. In preparation for her new job, she helped program manager Coral Wedel to set up and test run the new embroidery machine at Hocking College, and bringing the knowledge that she gained in the workplace back to the Fashion Program at Hocking College.

While at Hocking, Audra joined Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society and worked at HC Alterations with Coral Wedel, Program Manager of the Fashion Design and Retail Merchandising Program. HC Alterations is an entrepreneurial venture where fashion students gain experience doing alterations for students and staff of the college. She learned how to do basic alterations and how to operate an industrial sewing machine.

Audra wants to tell other students: "do it. Living with fears like that aren't even worth your time. The environment in the fashion department here is unlike anything you will find in the larger institutions. Not that those aren't fantastic but the small group here is a great start and Coral and Mellissa give you an insane amount of opportunities for even bigger things away from here."



BUSINESS GRADUATE LEAVES HOCKING COLLEGE WITH JOB & UNIVERSITY TRANSFER LINED UP

Makenzie Bostian graduated on May 7, 2022 from Hocking College with an Associate Degree in Business and a Dog Training Certificate. Before graduation, she accepted a job with Penske Trucking and Logistics and is also registered for classes at Youngstown State University to complete a bachelor's degree. While attending YSU, she plans to participate in the Penske college program learning all sides of the company for future growth and professional development opportunities.

Makenzie is from Rogers, Ohio, and heard about Hocking College from some friends at school. She wanted out of her small town but knew she didn't want to live in a city. Hocking College was the perfect fit. It was far enough to feel like she was away at school but close enough to go home when she wanted. When Makenzie came to visit she fell in love with the atmosphere at Hocking. Having grown up on a 150-acre farm, being so close to national parks and tons of hiking trails felt like home to her.

She describes her classes as fun, with interesting discussions. Her instructors are "great and will tell you everything you need to know." In one of her business classes, she noted that she especially enjoyed learning how to invest in the stock market by using stock simulations.

Makenzie was involved in different organizations throughout the college. She was the President of the Marketing Club, a member of the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success and she also worked in student employment at the school as a Career Center Associate. In each of those roles, she was given leadership and career development opportunities which will help her in the workplace.

In regards to how she feels about entering the workforce, Bostian says: "I feel very confident. I have had a lot of great experiences that have made me want to go out and work."

Bostian will pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Youngstown State University, and will continue to work while continuing her education to gain more hands-on experiences in the workforce. In regards to her dog training certificate, she has enjoyed the experience of working with animals in her time at Hocking College and hopes to continue working with them in the future, even if it's only her own pets that she is training for now.


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Athens Farmers Market		Summer Graduation application due	Athens Farmers Market
			Jazz Night at Rhapsody			Nature Center Free Programs
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Summer 8-week classes begin		Athens Farmers Market		Black Diamond Music & Arts Festival	
Nature Center Free Programs	Trail Planning & Maintenance Workshop		QuickStart Registration	Intro to Writing & Storytelling Workshop		Nature Center Free Programs
			Jazz Night at Rhapsody			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Trail Planning & Maintenance Workshop		Athens Farmers Market			Athens Farmers Market
Nature Center Free Programs	Intro to Writing & Storytelling Workshop		Jazz Night at Rhapsody	Intro to Writing & Storytelling Workshop	QuickStart Registration	Nature Center Free Programs
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day			Athens Farmers Market			Athens Farmers Market
	Juneteenth Observed	Natural Resources Educator Workshop				
Nature Center Free Programs	HOCKING COLLEGE CLOSED		Jazz Night at Rhapsody			Nature Center Free Programs
26	27	28	29	30		
	Trail Planning & Maintenance Workshop		Athens Farmers Market			
Nature Center Free Programs			QuickStart Registration			
			Jazz Night at Rhapsody			

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