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HOCKING ALUM KICKS HIS

WAY INTO THE SPOTLIGHT



Photo credit: Kansei Matsuzawa's Official Instagram

When Kansei Matsuzawa enrolled at Hocking College in 2019, he had never played football before. In fact, he had only just started kicking months earlier, teaching himself the basics by watching YouTube videos. What he lacked in experience, he more than made up for with determination.

At Hocking, Matsuzawa found his stride as a kicker, even connecting on a 50-yard field goal during his sophomore season. His time as a Hawk put him on the path toward one of the most inspirational journeys in college football.

After transferring to the University of Hawaii, Matsuzawa continued to shine. In 2024, he became the Rainbow Warriors' starting placekicker, finishing the season 12-for-16 on field goals and a perfect 32-for-32 on extra points.

This fall, he captured national attention after nailing a 38-yard game-winning field goal to lift Hawaii over Stanford in the season opener. The moment represented years of hard work, perseverance, and the relentless mindset he carried with him as a student-athlete in Nelsonville.

Matsuzawa's story has been shared by national media, but for us at Hocking, it represents something even more meaningful: proof that talent and drive begin here. His success is a reminder that with dedication, opportunities extend far beyond the classroom or the field.

From Nelsonville to Hawaii, we are proud to call Kansei Matsuzawa a Hawk for life.

Please note: Information for this article was pulled from national news stories.

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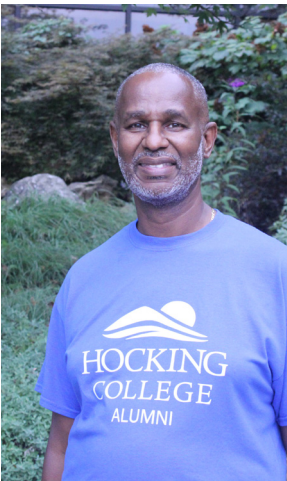
LARRY JOHNSON

REFLECTS ON A LIFE OF

SERVICE AND LEARNING

Larry Johnson, a Cleveland native and 1984 graduate of Hocking College's EMT-Paramedic Program, still remembers the quiet campus, outdoor opportunities, and small-college atmosphere that made Hocking special.

One of his fondest memories came in 1984, when he was chosen as one of 13 students and faculty to study abroad for two weeks. The group visited St. John's & St. Mary's Institute of Technology in Taipei, Taiwan, and The Metropolitan College of Technology in Tokyo, Japan. He also recalls experiences unique to Hocking – water rescue training, rappelling, the annual Paul Bunyan Show, and the chance to know nearly everyone on campus.



"I even remember people talking about how shiny the floors looked in the main building," Johnson said with a smile. "What they didn't know was that my work-study job was cleaning and buffing those floors every night."

After graduating from Hocking, Johnson enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. There, he worked in the Emergency Department at Malcolm Grow Medical Center, building on the skills he learned at Hocking.

Following his service, Johnson moved to Columbus, where he earned a nursing degree from The Ohio State University in 1992. Over the course of his career, he has worked in Nursing Management, the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the Post Anesthesia Care Unit.

Since 2021, Johnson has served on the Hocking College Foundation Board of Directors. He lives in Columbus with his wife, Tracy, their son, Preston, and their dog, Lola. His daughter, Emily, is a student at Kent State University.

CANAL CAR SHOW &

STREET CRUISE ROLLS

INTO HOCKING

COLLEGE

Hocking College's Auto Tech Club hosted its first Canal Car Show & Street Cruise on Saturday, Sept. 27, bringing car lovers to The Lodge at Hocking College for an afternoon of engines, food, music, vendors, and raffles. Led by Automotive Instructor Jason Jones, the show welcomed "any and all" entries across five categories: Best Domestic, Best Import, Best Truck/SUV, Best of Show, and the student-voted Student Choice Award. The Student Choice pick gave Hocking automotive students a chance to ask technical questions, see a range of builds, and connect with the local auto community. Sponsors, including Pepsi and several local businesses, contributed awards and door prizes. After the show, participants cruised together through the community. "This



was our first one, and we want it to grow into a tradition that brings car lovers and neighbors together at Hocking," Jones said.

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BEN PATRICK NAMED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT HOCKING COLLEGE

Hocking College is excited to welcome Ben Patrick as its new Athletic Director. With over a decade of coaching and administrative experience, Patrick brings a proven track record of program development, athlete mentorship, and championship-level leadership. Patrick previously served as Athletic Director at Tree of Life Christian School for five years and as Assistant AD at Fairfield Christian Academy during the 2023-2024 school year. His coaching career includes multiple honors such as District Coach of the Year, MOCAL Coach of the Year,

and leading teams to historic finishes in state rankings and tournaments. "I'm honored to lead Hocking College Athletics into its next chapter," said Patrick. "We'll build a culture of discipline, determination, and pride-focused not just on winning, but on developing character and leadership in every student-athlete." Patrick holds a Master's in Coaching and Athletic Administration from Concordia University and a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Ashford University. He lives in Lancaster, Ohio, with his wife Emily and their son Ben.



HAWKS START STRONG AT HOME, 41-12 OVER OHIO VAL CCC

Hocking College opened its home slate with a statement win, beating Ohio Valley Community Christian College 41-12 on Saturday in Nelsonville. The Hawks controlled the pace from start to finish, giving the home crowd plenty to cheer about as the offense piled on points and the defense kept OVCCC in check. It's a strong start at home and a momentum boost for the weeks ahead. Go Hawks!



HOCKING DESIGNERS EARN TOP HONORS IN NATIONAL CHALLENGE

Hocking College's Fashion Design & Retail Merchandising program is celebrating two standouts: Fatmata Feika (grand prize) and Courtney Cole (runner-up) in the Catalyst Brands LLC x Fashion Scholarship Fund Design Challenge. Winners receive scholarship support and the opportunity to have their designs sold in JCPenney stores. Feika, a program alumna, is now pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fashion Design at Kent State's School of Fashion. Cole is a current Hocking student in Fashion Design & Retail Merchandising.

MOVE-IN WEEK!



Move-In Week brought families to Nelsonville as students settled into residence halls and kicked off the fall semester.



Henry the Hawk made the rounds on campus, trading high-fives and photos with fans!



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Mon, October 13 - Wed, October 15
▶ Fall Break - College Open, No Courses

Wed, October 15
▶ Last Day to Register (second 8-week courses)

Thu, October 16
▶ Second 8 Week Courses Begin

Mon, October 20
▶ Spring Enrollment

Tue, November 11
▶ Veterans Day - College Closed

Fri, November 14
▶ Last Day to Drop/Withdraw (16-week and second 8-week courses)

Thu, November 27 - Fri, November 28
▶ Holiday - Thanksgiving Break - College Closed

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