

MUSKINGUM

UPDATE



EXCELLENCE IN ACTION:

University Named a "Best Value"
by *U.S. News & World Report*

Coveted Milestone for
2016 Nursing Class

National Recognition for
Choral Program

Welcome
PRESIDENT
SUSAN S. HASSELER

FROM

HAL BURLINGAME '62

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

“Dr. Hasseler is a respected academic leader, teacher and scholar, with deep commitments to inclusivity, community engagement, service and building local, regional and national partnerships.”

With these words, I was privileged to introduce Dr. Susan Schneider Hasseler to our community as Muskingum's 21st President.

When her appointment was announced on February 29, 2016, it was the culmination of a 10-month national search process and a unanimous vote by our University Board of Trustees.

I once again thank Muskingum's Presidential Search Committee, chaired by Trustee Robert W. Patin, Jr. '64, for their sustained and dedicated efforts, and I thank the many Muskingum community members who took the time throughout the process to share their thoughts on the leadership qualities that would be most important for the University's future.

It is a very exciting time to be a Muskie! As President Hasseler leads the University into a new era, she is building upon our solid foundation and honoring our history, traditions and values. Her previous leadership experience at Augustana University, Messiah College and Calvin College has provided her with a deep affinity for our heritage as a church-related institution.

President Hasseler is engaging with our campus, with our surrounding communities, and with our alumni and friends. She is planning for our future with creativity and innovation. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to meet her, I hope you will soon!

Thank you for your ongoing loyalty, generosity and commitment to Muskingum. You play a vital role in the University's continued success.



President Sue Hasseler: Experience and Education

- **President, Muskingum University**
- **Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Augustana University**
- **Dean of the School of Business, Education and Social Sciences and Dean of Community Engagement, Messiah College**
- **Associate Dean for Undergraduate and Graduate Teacher Education, Calvin College**
- **Professor of Education, Calvin College**
- **Ph.D. Northwestern University, M.A. University of South Dakota, B.S. Calvin College**

FROM PRESIDENT

SUE HASSELER

Greetings to all Muskingum University alumni and friends! I am honored and delighted to have joined this wonderful community where our commitment is to **educate the whole person for the whole world**.

Each day, as I walk the campus, I see Muskie **excellence in action**. Our faculty and staff create a rich and vibrant student experience and continually seek to enhance and expand learning opportunities. Our students actively engage with the campus and the region, connecting with others around them.

The Muskie tradition of dedication, creativity and accomplishments has recently yielded **national recognition** of which we can all be proud:

- *U.S. News & World Report* named Muskingum a Best Value in their 2017 *Best Colleges* guidebook, ranking the University fifth among Midwest Regional Universities. Institutions must meet strict criteria to be considered for the Best Values category.
- A group of our newest alumni reached a coveted and uncommon benchmark when 100% of our 2016 Nursing graduates passed their national licensure exam on the first attempt (see p. 10).
- Throughout 2016, our choral music program has been in the national spotlight, as Dr. Zebulon Highben received the American Prize for choral conducting and our Concert Choir performed at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. (see p. 11).

Throughout the pages of this *UPDATE*, you will find many **Muskie points of pride**. From beginning our 2016-2017 academic year and welcoming our Class of 2020 with Opening Convocation, to the exciting hands-on internships our Muskie Fellows enjoyed this summer, to celebrating faculty and alumni accomplishments, the story of our University is truly one of challenge, engagement, service and joy!

My first goal as President has been to get to know our University and its surrounding region. I am so grateful for the very warm welcome I have received and I look forward to continued opportunities to meet alumni and friends in the months ahead. I will also be visiting your inbox regularly with a new email bulletin, **Magenta Lines**, to share stories of how our students experience Muskingum and how our community is fulfilling our promise to them.

Thank you so much for all you do for our students – your support of Muskingum allows them to explore the world!

Contact magentalines@muskingum.edu if you would like to receive President Hasseler's email newsletter.





“Dr. Hasseler’s values, experience and vision uniquely qualify her to advance Muskingum’s mission and continue the University’s tremendous progress into the future.”

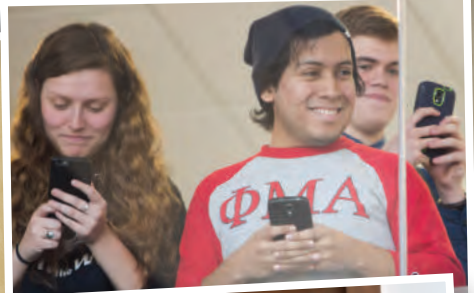
—Hal Burlingame '62, Chair, Muskingum University Board of Trustees

Welcoming MUSKINGUM'S 21ST PRESIDENT

On February 29, 2016, Dr. Susan Schneider Hasseler was formally introduced as Muskingum University’s 21st President by Chair of the Board Hal Burlingame '62.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni representatives and community leaders gathered to welcome Dr. Hasseler and her husband, Dr. Kenneth Hasseler, to Muskingum with special presentations, including video messages from John '43 and Annie '42 Glenn and Jack Hanna '69.

WMCO student journalists conducted an exclusive interview with President Hasseler and participated in the press conference held for the Southeastern Ohio media.



“I am delighted and honored to be selected to lead this exceptional group of faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters into the future. Muskingum University provides that powerful combination of rich tradition, deep dedication to service and a robust commitment to innovation and excellence that prepares its graduates to transform the world.”

—Susan S. Hasseler, upon her appointment as Muskingum’s 21st President



For video of President Hasseler’s introduction and more about her background, visit www.muskingum.edu/Our-21st-President

Since taking office on July 1, 2016, President Hasseler has focused on engaging with the Muskingum campus and its surrounding communities.



She hosted faculty and staff at President's Office Open Houses...

GETTING TO KNOW *You* ON CAMPUS



...and Pizza with the President gatherings for students.



GETTING TO KNOW *You* ON CAMPUS



She greeted the Fighting Muskie fall sport athletes – who are always among the first students to arrive on campus in August – and completed the ceremonial first kick for the women’s soccer season opener...



...and welcomed everyone during “back to school” activities.



GETTING TO KNOW *You* IN THE COMMUNITY

Throughout the summer and early fall, alumni, friends and civic leaders from New Concord and Zanesville came together to meet President Hasseler and to reconnect with each other and the University.

At an on-campus reception, President Hasseler visited with representatives of New Concord's Village Council and administration, the boards of the East Muskingum School District, New Concord Area Arts and Recreation District, the John and Annie Glenn Historic Site, the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra and the Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds.

More than sixty regional business leaders welcomed President Hasseler at a reception sponsored by the Zanesville/Muskingum Chamber of Commerce, held at the Zanesville Art Museum. She and Dr. Ken Hasseler greeted area alumni and friends at the Zanesville Country Club.



President Hasseler and Muskingum's Advancement team look forward to seeing you at upcoming events:

- Janet Heeter-Bass, Vice President of Institutional Advancement
- Jeff Heacock, Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Major Gifts
- Diana Jones, Director of Annual Giving
- Jen Bronner, Director of Alumni Relations
- Penny Selock, Assistant to the Vice President for Special Events
- Dee Tyson, Coordinator of Advancement Services
- Lori Fahner, Database Specialist and Annual Fund Associate

Visit www.muskingum.edu/advancement

Follow the latest photo galleries of President Hasseler in action!
Visit www.muskingum.edu/president/action.html

OPENING CONVOCATION

*The 2016-2017 Academic Year Begins:
Welcoming the Class of 2020 and All Students, Faculty and Staff*



The August 30, 2016 ceremony marked the opening of the University's 179th academic year and its first academic year under the leadership of President Sue Hasseler. Kim Ronald Smith '77 inspired the gathering with her keynote address.

"Today we acknowledge a new chapter in your story... embrace this time, identify your purpose in being here, and make it meaningful."

"Cultivate an experience that makes your story significant, relevant and worthwhile... take advantage of all Muskingum has to offer... lay the foundation... on which the rest of your whole story will be built."

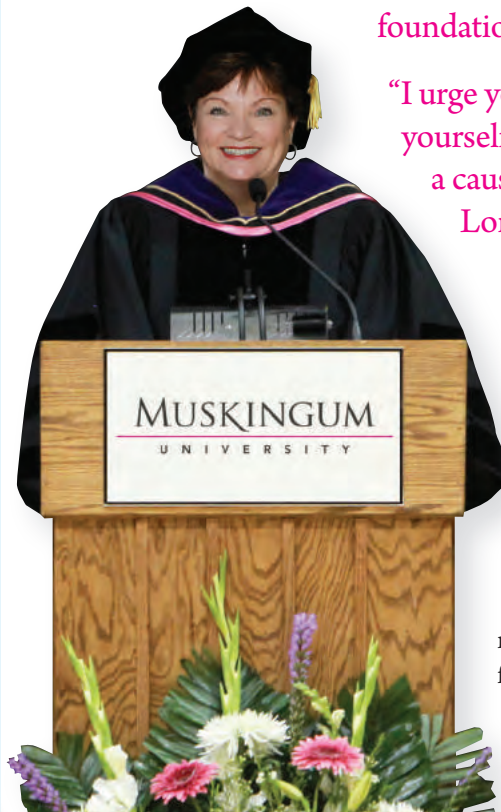
"I urge you to find that cause to which you will be loyal, to see yourself as part of something greater and to devote yourself to a cause that benefits the community, society, the world, the Long Magenta Line."

—Kim Ronald Smith

Ms. Smith is an education and employment law attorney and a volunteer leader for many educational, healthcare and community development organizations. She is of counsel for the law firm Barley Snyder, was previously managing partner of Hartman, Underhill & Brubaker LLP and is a past president of the Lancaster Bar Association. Prior to her legal career, Ms. Smith served as Associate Dean of Students for Muskingum and as Dean of Students for Malone University. A music major at Muskingum, she earned her master's degree from The Ohio State University and her law degree from Temple University School of Law. She has been recognized with the Muskingum Alumni Distinguished Service Award and many other honors for her commitment to serving others.

*My wish for everyone is that the 2016-2017 year be one of **challenge, engagement, service and joy!***

—President Sue Hasseler



Excellence IN ACTION

**COVETED MILESTONE FOR NURSING PROGRAM:
100% PASS RATE ON THE NCLEX**



In a vivid demonstration of Muskie excellence, 100% of our pre-licensure Nursing graduates passed the 2016 National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) on their first attempt.

This exceptional pass rate on the first attempt is an uncommon accomplishment in the rigorous and demanding field of nursing education.

To Dr. Cynthia Wilkins, Director and Chair of Nursing, this outcome reflects the shared goal of everyone involved in the program: "Our students, faculty and staff work very hard every day to reach the highest possible levels of competency in the field. This is proof of their commitment."



Congratulations to the Class of 2016, and to all of the faculty, staff and students who are part of Muskingum's Nursing program!

Did You Know?

Muskingum offers two options in nursing education:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program for traditional students
- RN to BSN adult student program for practicing nurses to complete their degree

Nursing at Muskingum University: The Opportunity to Excel, 100% of the Time.

The Muskingum baccalaureate degree in nursing is accredited by the national Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.



NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR CHORAL MUSIC AT MUSKINGUM

The performing arts at Muskingum have been in the national spotlight throughout 2016 for choral conducting and performance.

In January 2016, Dr. Zebulon M. Highben, Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music, was named the 2015 winner of The American Prize in Conducting: College/University Choral Division. This extremely competitive award celebrates American excellence in the arts and arts education.

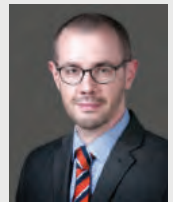
Did You Know?

Muskingum students enjoy abundant musical performance opportunities:

- 12 instrumental and vocal ensembles, plus chamber music groups
- One-on-one relationships with highly-accomplished faculty members
- State-of-the-art facilities in Otto and Fran Walter Hall
- Scholarships available for music majors, music minors, and those in others majors seeking to formally include performing arts opportunities into their university experience

The American Prize on the music of Dr. Zebulon Highben:

“Choral music immediately appealing in its gracious shapes... These choral works take audiences or congregations to worlds beyond themselves... the combination of words and notes as heartfelt as could be imagined.”



Dr. Highben led the Muskingum Concert Choir in performance at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. in February 2016 and on a Study Abroad performance tour to Germany and the Czech Republic in May 2016. Ensembles under his direction regularly perform at numerous music conferences and festivals.

He taught and performed this year in South Korea as a 2016 Conducting Fellow in the International Conductors Exchange Program.

As a composer, Dr. Highben has won awards from ASCAP and the American Composers Forum and was a finalist for the 2014 American Prize in Choral Composition. More than 40 of his works are published in the United States and Sweden.

Congratulations to Dr. Highben and the Muskingum University choral program!

HANDS-ON STUDENT

Muskie Fellows and MCBI Fellows

Hands-on original research has long been a touchstone of the Muskingum experience. Each summer, the Muskie Fellows program enables competitively selected students to partner with a faculty member in collaborative individual research or a collaborative creative endeavor. The students receive a stipend and University housing for the summer.

During the summer of 2016, the program expanded to support additional fellowships with the Muskingum County Business Incubator (MCBI), the regional entrepreneurship development organization led by Larry Triplett '80. Four fellowship students participated in MCBI training and each partnered with an MCBI client business.



Ciara Smith '19 researched the dystroglycan complex in the epidermis and constructed a system to understand the function of the complex at a cellular level, partnering with Dr. Amy Santas, Associate Professor of Biology.



MCBI Fellow Steven O'Hara '18 interned at Storied Rivals, helping to create, maintain and market an online apparel store. Storied Rivals, an award-winning sports multi-media company, is run by Aaron Spragg '03.



Keri Hunt '19 and Johanna Whetstone '19 studied the ecology of grasslands birds living adjacent to The Wilds wildlife preserve, with Dr. James Dooley, the Bill and Martha Lovejoy Distinguished Professor in Biology, and Dr. Danny Ingold, the Homer A. Anderson Distinguished Professor in the Natural Sciences. In addition to the Muskie Fellows project, John Raugh '17 and Maria Thurston '19 continued the long tradition of Muskie summer internships at The Wilds.

EXPERIENCES:

A Muskingum Hallmark

NOTHING BUT CHOCOLATE

MCBI Fellow **Madison Stephen '17** produced in-store and online marketing materials and managed daily sales accounting for Nothing But Chocolate.



MCBI Fellow **Sarah Watson '19** interned with Ripple Rock Fish Farms. She performed fish tank chemical tests, recorded fish data, researched and created marketing tools, and assisted with the company's online presence.

Five additional projects rounded out the 2016 Muskie Fellows and MCBI Fellows experience:

Jessica Noll '18 collaborated with the Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District to analyze agricultural nutrient efficiency, partnering with **Associate Professor of Chemistry Dr. Lois-Zook Gerdau**.

MCBI Fellow **Josie Baum '17** interned at Shirley K's Supply Storage Trays, performing market research on large distribution center and manufacturing plant leads.

Levi Angel '20 investigated the concept of non-transitive dice with **Professor of Mathematics Matt Davis**.

Brett Lenarz '18 researched new ideas about student engagement in the classroom environment with **Assistant Professor of Business Kristine Pray**.

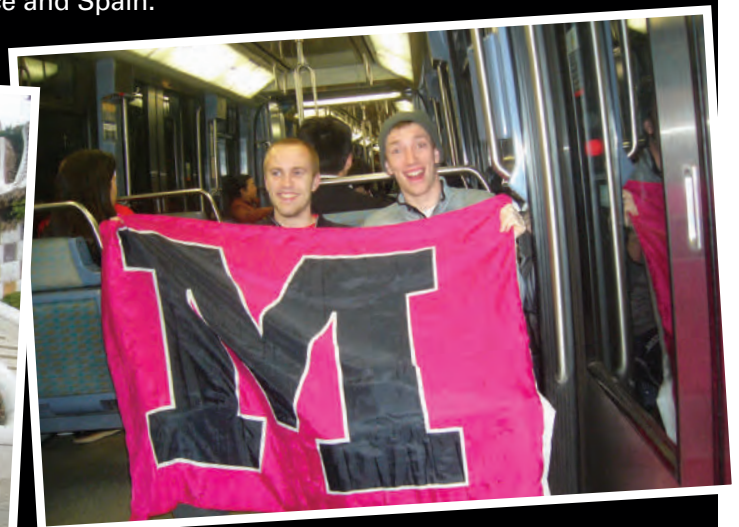
Quin Deng '19, Xinxin Wei '18, Man Zhang '19 and Xiaoxuan Zhang '18 investigated how different types of companies respond differently to a slowing Chinese economy, with faculty partners **Professor of Accounting Dr. Martin Brady** and **Professor of Political Science Dr. Walter Huber**.

Study Abroad

Many Muskingum students experience international travel with their professors and classmates through our faculty-led Study Abroad program. Recent trips have taken students to England, Ireland, Scotland, France and Spain.



Park Güell in Barcelona, Spain



Paris Metro in Paris, France

Faculty Awards:

CELEBRATING THE HEART OF OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Muskingum faculty daily lead our students on their educational journeys. They encourage and challenge; share wisdom, knowledge and guidance; and champion our learners throughout their university years – and very often in the years far beyond as our graduates make an impact on the world around them.

Each year during Opening Convocation, Muskingum recognizes the enduring bond that our faculty members create within our learning community with the awarding of three Distinguished Faculty Awards for outstanding contributions in Teaching, Scholarship and Service.

THE WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP

One of America's leading scholars and educators, William Rainey Harper, Class of 1870, was the founder and first President of the University of Chicago.

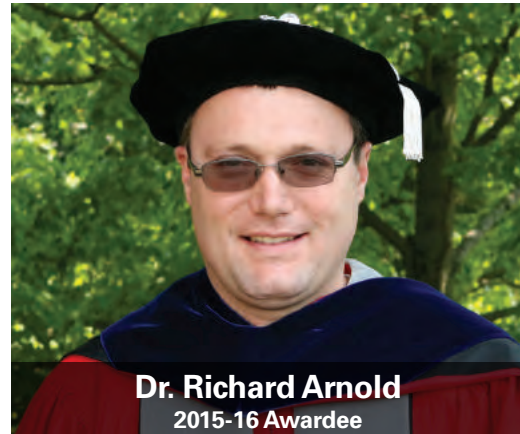


Dr. Karen Dunak
2016-17 Awardee

Dr. Karen Dunak, Associate Professor of History, has served Muskingum since 2010. Her 2013 book received glowing reviews in the leading journals of her field. She earned her B.A. from American University and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Indiana University.



**As Long as We Both Shall Love:
The White Wedding in
Postwar America**
By Dr. Karen Dunak
New York University Press
ISBN-13: 978-1479858354



Dr. Richard Arnold
2015-16 Awardee

Dr. Richard Arnold serves as Associate Professor of Political Science and oversees Muskingum's Model United Nations program. Since joining the University in 2009, his publication record includes a book, three book chapters and seven articles in leading journals of his field. He holds his B.A. from the University of York (United Kingdom) and his M.A. and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.



**Russian Nationalism and
Ethnic Violence**
By Dr. Richard Arnold
Routledge: Europe Country
Perspectives Series
ISBN-13: 978-1857438598

THE WILLIAM OXLEY THOMPSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Renowned educator William Oxley Thompson, Class of 1878, served for 26 years as President of The Ohio State University, following eight years as President of Miami University.



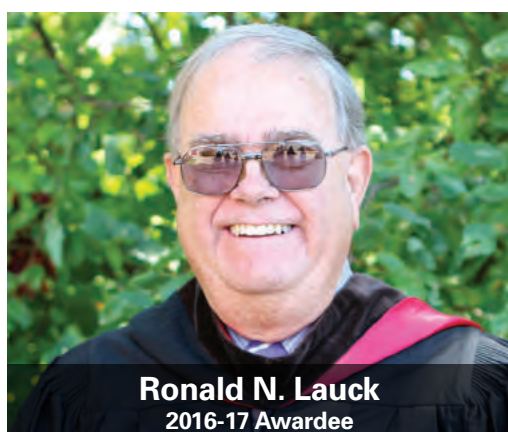
Dr. Sandra Schroer, Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Associate Professor of Sociology, is known for incorporating hands-on and service learning experiences into her classroom. Her research focuses on family issues, and she also serves as the advisor for the University's minor in Gender Studies. She earned her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from Western Michigan University and joined Muskingum in 2004.



Dr. Lisa Marshall '03, serves as Associate Professor of Communication and manages Muskingum's award-winning campus radio station WMCO and student newspaper *The Black and Magenta*. A faculty member since 2007, she earned her B.A. from Muskingum, her M.A. from Ohio University, and her Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University.

THE CORA I. ORR FACULTY SERVICE AWARD

Muskingum faculty member and administrator Cora I. Orr served the University with devotion and distinction for four decades.



Ronald N. Lauck is Associate Professor of Communication and Theatre. He is known for his one-on-one mentoring of student theatre technicians, which prepares them to go directly from Muskingum into successful technical careers or prestigious graduate schools. He earned a B.S. from Bluffton University, M.A. from Bowling Green State University and M.F.A. from the University of South Dakota, and joined Muskingum in 1986.



Dr. Paul S. Szalay, Professor of Chemistry, served for six years as Chair of the Chemistry Department. His many leadership accomplishments include guiding departmental course development when the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and the Muskingum Adult Program were established. A faculty member since 2001, he holds a B.S. from Baldwin Wallace University and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

MUSKIES MAKING AN IMPACT:
INSPIRING, ACHIEVING, LEADING, CONNECTING

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At each ceremonial milestone of the 2015-16 academic year, our students heard from highly accomplished Muskies, who recalled how their Muskingum years shaped their lives and their ability to impact the world around them.

JAMES A. PURDY '85

Opening Convocation • September 8, 2015

"You truly won't have success unless you fail first and more likely fail often. The reality is failure now may turn out to be the foundation of your successes later in life. Do yourself a favor – challenge yourselves to take some real chances as success is not guaranteed and failure is even likely."

Jim Purdy is Managing Partner of Vittoria Purdy & Cavallaro LLP, where he advises leaders in New York City's finance, sports, arts and entertainment worlds on trust, estate planning and tax matters. He serves on the Board of Directors of the LeRoy Neiman Foundation, which creates arts education opportunities for at-risk youth and talented visual arts students. He is a graduate of the Wake Forest University School of Law. At Muskingum, he majored in History and Business, was on the varsity football team, and was President of the Ulster Club. He and his wife Lisa reside in Bronxville, New York, and are the parents of Jimmy, Scott and Tommy.



PRASHANT GUPTA '95

Doctor of Humane Letters ~

Graduate Commencement • May 5, 2016

"Remember to reach back... and help the generations that follow. Make sure that you enjoy what you do and work hard at it."

As an independent hedge fund advisor and private investor, Prashant Gupta enables his clients to positively impact their communities through business growth, economic development and support for education, the arts and non-profit services. Previously, he was Chief Financial Officer of LAMB Partners, a Forbes 400-family office, and Partner and Chief Financial Officer of Delaware Street Capital, a multi-strategy hedge fund. At Muskingum, he majored in Economics, Business, Accounting and German, and minored in Mathematics and Computer Science, before earning a Master of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Virginia. Prashant and his wife Jennifer Pingledis '96 reside in Wilmette, Illinois and are the parents of Elainia, Reena, Mira and Nikhil.



FRANK L. FESTI, JR. '75

Doctor of Humane Letters ~ Baccalaureate Service • May 7, 2016

"Build a better you. That is exactly what you have been doing. Now you are a college graduate, but not just any college graduate. You are a Muskingum University graduate."

Frank Festi is Executive Principal of Rea & Associates, a leading Ohio accounting and consulting firm with 11 locations and a staff of more than 200 professionals. A Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner, he has advised closely held private companies and prominent individuals since becoming a Rea principal in 1981. He helped found the Medina City Schools Foundation and the Medina County Performing Arts Foundation, and has served as President of multiple civic organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life in his Medina community. He and his wife Spring Sardelli Festi '76 are the parents of Tiffany and Mark, and the grandparents of Anna, Luke and Keira.



HENRY D. BULLOCK '77

Doctor of Humane Letters ~

Undergraduate Commencement • May 7, 2016

"Once you've made a life decision, don't look back. Go with passion. Attack it with a positive attitude, and if you do that, then that major decision is likely to work out."

Henry D. Bullock is Chairman of the Board of Menlo Equities, which he founded in 1994 in San Jose, California. The company holds \$3 billion in net assets and more than seven million square feet of technology-focused commercial real estate in the Silicon Valley region and throughout California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Texas. At Muskingum, he majored in Philosophy and Economics, before earning a Master of Business Administration degree from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management of Northwestern University. A member of the Muskingum University Board of Trustees since 2004, he previously served on the Muskingum Alumni Council. His extraordinary planned bequest commitment to our students will enable the future construction of Henry D. Bullock Hall.



TERRY M. HOLCOMBE

Doctor of Humane Letters ~

Undergraduate Commencement • May 7, 2016

A long-time friend of Muskingum University, Terry Holcombe's varied career spans international anti-poverty efforts and the advancement of higher education. Under his leadership in the 1970s, the global nonprofit ACCION pioneered the use of microfinance loans for grassroots community development: these initiatives now annually reach 20 million clients in 32 countries. Mr. Holcombe later led institutional advancement for Whittier College, Columbia University, and Yale University, serving as Yale's Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs for nearly two decades under six Yale presidents. A graduate of Yale University and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, he continues to advise educational institutions worldwide.



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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to three Muskies who were honored with the 2016 Distinguished Service Awards for exemplary service to others in their personal and professional endeavors. Alumni Council President and University Trustee James R. Gray '74 presented the awards during Alumni Weekend's Convocation ceremony.



R. GREGORY ADAMS '81

Serving others through business creation, regional economic development and community leadership, Greg Adams is the Chief Executive Office and co-owner of TDPI Ventures, an entrepreneurial consulting and venture capital company. Together with Larry Triplett '80, he co-founded and co-owned for three decades Resource Systems, recognized by *Inc.* magazine as one of the fastest-growing companies in America. From 1988-2015, Mr. Adams was the Mayor of the Village of New Concord, and he is currently an officer of the Ohio Appalachian Business Council, President of the Muskingum County Community Foundation, and a board member for multiple non-profit organizations. A mathematics major at Muskingum, he and his wife Eileen McComb Adams '80 are the parents of Chelsea and Clare. He was recently named to the Muskingum University Board of Trustees.

LADY MARJORIE HLAVACEK CROCKETT '64

Lady Marjorie Crockett's international volunteer service spans community leadership roles across Europe and America, from London, England and Basel, Switzerland to New York City, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco. A French major at Muskingum, she earned a master's degree from Howard University. While living in Switzerland, she established Centrepoint, an English-language library and community center to promote cultural interaction between local residents and English-speaking expatriates. Her husband, Sir Andrew Duncan Crockett, 1943-2012, was an internationally-recognized economist, banker, policy-maker and diplomat whose achievements included leading the Bank for International Settlements, the financial organization which serves the central banks of 60 countries around the globe. They became the parents of Alexander George Crockett, Keith Russell Crockett, and Inja Margaret Crockett.

LAWRENCE R. TRIPLETT '80

Larry Triplett's service to others focuses on business creation, entrepreneurship development, regional economic development, and civic leaderships. He is the Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the Muskingum County Business Incubator (MCBI), which he helped to create in 2004. A co-founder of the East Central Ohio Tech Angel Fund, he shares his expertise with educational institutions to help establish a culture of entrepreneurship throughout the region. He is also Chairman of the Board of Bethesda Hospital and of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce. Together with Greg Adams '81, he co-founded and co-owned for three decades Resource Systems, recognized by *Inc.* magazine as one of the fastest-growing companies in America. He earned his Muskingum degree in Business and Speech Communication. He and his wife Debbie reside in Zanesville.

Do you know a Muskie whom you wish to nominate for a Distinguished Service Award?
Visit www.muskingum.edu/alumni/dsa.html for further information.

SPOTLIGHT ON MUSKINGUM ATHLETICS:

Congratulations to the 2015 Class of Inductees into the Muskingum University Hall of Fame.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2015 INDUCTEES

JEFF HEACOCK '76

FOOTBALL

An Associated Press All-American and Kodak AFCA All-American First-Team honoree, he served Muskingum as Head Football Coach for 26 years and Athletic Director for seven years, and he is now the University's Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Major Gifts. He earned his B.A. in Physical and Health Education.



WADE CHAPMAN '02

WRESTLING

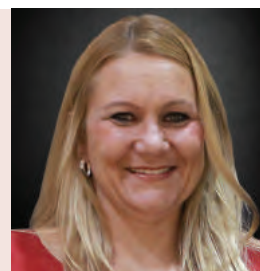
An All-American, two-time NCAA Division III Scholar All-American, and four-year letter-winner, he helped lead Muskingum to the OAC Tournament Championship in 2000. His 99 wins rank among the most in Muskingum history. He earned his B.A. in Elementary Education.



HEATHER SHINGARY BYARD '98

SOFTBALL

A four-year letter-winner, she received multiple All-Region and All-OAC honors and tournament team selections. She was a member of two OAC Championship teams, two NCAA regional teams, and one World Series squad. She earned her B.A. in Business.



JESSICA GATES GRANDY '03

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

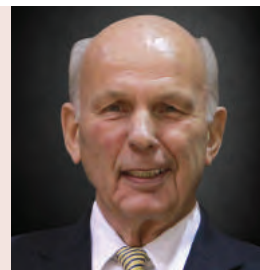
A four-year letter winner and three-time All-Ohio honoree, she ranks fifth all-time at Muskingum in career scoring and holds five school records for free throws, including best career and season percentages, most career attempts, and most career and season throws made. She earned her B.A. in Physical and Health Education.



JACK LOFSTROM '58

FOOTBALL

An Associated Press Little All-American, two-year team captain and four-year letter-winner, he was a member of the 1955 undefeated Ohio Athletic Conference Championship Team and was invited for a free-agent tryout with the Cleveland Browns. He earned his B.S. in Biology and Chemistry.



Visit www.fightingmuskies.com for more information on the Athletic Hall of Fame.

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IN MEMORIAM

Muskingum mourns the loss of three dedicated members of our community.
We are grateful for their leadership and their commitment to our students.



RAYMOND D RATAICZAK • 1944-2016

Dr. Rataiczak, a 36-year Muskingum faculty member, was Professor of Chemistry and Chair of the Science Division. He led the development of four new academic programs – Engineering, Nursing, Information Systems, and the Master of Information Systems, Strategy and Technology (MISST), directed the MISST program, and chaired the Informatics Department. He also served as the University's Chemical Hygiene Officer and as Special Assistant to the President for Regional Technology Partnerships. A two-time recipient of Muskingum's Cora I. Orr Faculty Service Award, he was known as a stellar and caring teacher and advisor, a respected researcher, a prolific grants writer, and a valued colleague. He was recognized across the Southeastern Ohio region as the Moderator for WHIZ-TV's High School Honors Society Quiz Show and worked with K-12 educators and community groups to encourage young people to explore science careers. He held a B.A. in Mathematics from Waynesburg College and a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Saint Louis University. He is survived by his wife Connie, daughter Heather Traver, son Michael, step-children Dave Stephen, Jim Stephen and Debby Sylvis, and 26 grandchildren. A Muskingum scholarship has been established in his memory.

ROBERT E. FELLERS • 1927-2015

Mr. Fellers served as a Muskingum Trustee from 1987-2005 and as an Emeritus Trustee from 2005-2015. A graduate of Bowling Green State University and a World War II U.S. Navy veteran, he owned and operated a group of McDonald's restaurant franchises in Zanesville and Cambridge for nearly three decades. He was a leader in many civic and service organizations, and a champion of the Zanesville Museum of Art. Preceded in death by his wife Leona, he is survived by his daughter Debbie Moore and his son Doug Fellers, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



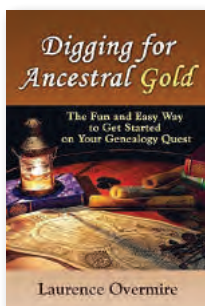
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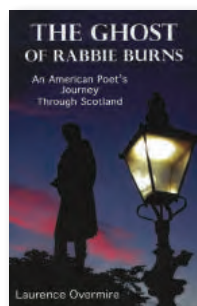


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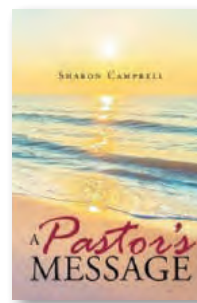


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