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SUCCESS

NASA PIONEER DR. CHRISTINE MANN DARDEN  
ADDRESSES THE CLASS OF 2018

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# From the President's Desk

Greetings to all Muskingum Alumni and Friends!

Commencement is truly a highlight of our year at Muskingum as we celebrate our graduating students' accomplishments and welcome them to The Long Magenta Line. On this special day, we share in the pride of their family and friends, and in their excitement for what lies ahead as they take the next steps in their life's journey.

Our principal speaker for **Undergraduate Commencement**, Dr. Christine Mann Darden, encouraged and inspired us with her story of how her P<sup>4</sup> philosophy – perceive, plan, prepare, and persist – enabled her to break new ground in science and leadership. We were especially delighted that during Dr. Darden's two-day visit to campus she met with our female engineering students and faculty and delivered a public presentation on her work, graciously answering questions from the alumni and University community members who filled the library colloquium center.

The Commencement morning **Baccalaureate** service was a powerful time of worship with the Class of 2018 and their families and friends. Dr. Rick Nutt preached his final sermon as a full-time faculty member at Muskingum as he is retiring this year.

Dr. Vicki A. Wilson, our 2018 **Graduate Commencement** speaker, urged degree recipients to continue their quest for knowledge. It was a special pleasure to welcome Dr. Wilson back to campus – while serving as a Muskingum faculty member, she helped to launch our Master of Arts in Teaching degree program – and to recognize the impact her leadership has had on K-12 teacher preparation in Ohio and nationally.

The momentum of creative expression that has been so present on our campus this spring continued with the Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir's April concert *O Beautiful for Heroes Proved*, which premiered two new works commissioned by the University in honor of John '43 and Annie '42 Glenn, followed in May by the Concert Choir's **United Kingdom Tour**.

Every day, our University community members reach for excellence, constantly developing their capacity to serve. We are delighted to share news of several **high-impact opportunities** in which our students and faculty have become engaged, in areas ranging from STEM education to civic education to competitive internships and fellowships to sharing their professional expertise with local residents.

I am also very pleased to introduce you to **Steve Brockelbank**, our new Vice President of Athletics and to new Fighting Muskies Head Football Coach **Erik Ieuter**. Both are bringing terrific energy and strong student-athlete and community-oriented perspectives to our athletic program.

As you make your plans for the rest of the summer and the fall ahead, be sure to check our Gatherings pages for information about upcoming alumni events.

Thank you for all you do for Muskingum University and our students! Your support has had a visible, life-changing impact on the Class of 2018 and ensures that the transformational education they experienced will continue for the coming generations.

With warm regards,  
President Susan S. Hasseler

*Keep up with President Hasseler through her monthly newsletter **Magenta Lines**. Email [magentalines@muskingum.edu](mailto:magentalines@muskingum.edu) to subscribe.*



# PASSION DRIVES SUCCESS

DR. CHRISTINE MANN DARDEN  
INSPIRES THE CLASS OF 2018



**C**elebrated NASA pioneer and internationally-known researcher Dr. Christine Mann Darden encouraged Muskingum University's Class of 2018 to adopt a formula that helped her break new scientific ground and ultimately become the first African-American woman promoted into the Senior Executive Service at NASA Langley Research Center.

She called it P<sup>4</sup> – perceive, plan, prepare, and persist. “I believe that in college and beyond, P<sup>4</sup> pushed me to take initiatives, solve problems, take risks, and persist – steps that I may not have taken otherwise – to arrive at a career I loved,” she said.

Dr. Darden's 40-year career was among those highlighted in *The New York Times* bestselling book *Hidden Figures*. She was Muskingum's principal speaker for the 173rd Commencement on Saturday, May 5, 2018 where nearly 350 students received Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees. Muskingum awarded her an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Growing up in Monroe, North Carolina, young Christine Mann was fascinated with how things worked: she took apart her talking doll, fixed the brakes on her bicycle with a coat hanger

and a pair of pliers, and helped her father work on the family car. “As a child in school, I always liked mathematics, but when I took Plane Geometry, I absolutely fell in love with it,” she recalls. “I decided then that I was going to be a mathematician.” She graduated in 1958 as valedictorian from Allen High School, a boarding school in Asheville, North Carolina, and earned a scholarship to Hampton Institute (now University) in Virginia.

“Most of my classmates who were planning to major in pure mathematics came from larger school systems where they offered trigonometry, analytical geometry, and calculus,” she remembers. “When I ran into that wall, I said, ‘I’ll just start with basic Mathematics 101 and learn the rest.’”

When her father encouraged her to major in mathematics education – “this is 1958 and there are few, if any, pure mathematics job for an African American female,” he counseled her – Dr. Darden developed her P<sup>4</sup> framework of getting to a dream career. “My four Ps are **PERCEIVE** (perceive of myself in my dream job); **PLAN** (plan what courses and experiences I needed to get there); **PREPARE** (prepare for this job by working the plan); and **PERSIST** (persist through all the detours and blocked roads that I would encounter.)”

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“I am grateful to have stood on the shoulders of women like Katherine Johnson, who came before me, and it is humbling to think that those who come after me could be standing on mine...You have an amazing opportunity to take your own passions and make your impact on the world.”

– Dr. Christine Mann Darden



“I did as my dad said, because I knew he was looking out for me,” she recalled. “I majored in mathematics education, minored in physics, and used all of my electives to take as many of the higher math classes as I could that were required for pure math majors, graduating with all of my requirements for a teacher’s certificate and about 24 hours of additional higher math credits.”

She began her career as a high school mathematics teacher, traveling first 60 miles and then 80 miles every weekend to Virginia State College to continue taking higher mathematics classes. When her husband was awarded a Virginia State fellowship to pursue his master’s degree in biology, she secured a Virginia State research assistantship in aerosol physics.

“Dr. Christine Darden’s scientific work laid so many foundations for today’s emerging aerospace research and she truly helped set the stage for female engineers – especially female engineers of color – to follow her example. It was an incredible honor to meet her.”

– Dr. Elizabeth Azhikannickal, Assistant Professor of Engineering



Photo Courtesy of NASA: Christine Darden Supersonic Tunnel 1976.



“Two years later, I graduated from Virginia State with my Master’s Degree in applied mathematics and was hired by NASA. Without the many extra math courses, I don’t believe I would have gotten the physics assistantship or the NASA job,” Dr. Darden said.

She began her NASA career as a Data Analyst in the Computer Office of the Re-Entry Physics Branch, where engineers would bring equations for solutions – the same kind of equations that she had routinely completed during her master’s program.

“Then I found out that several of the engineers in the branch had math degrees,” she remembers. “So, I began to ask about being transferred to engineering.” After her supervisor denied the transfer, she took her request to a senior-level director, a move she said she knew was a risk, but one she was willing to take. Why, she recalled asking, were men and women

with identical backgrounds placed in such different jobs? Two weeks later, she was promoted and transferred to an engineering section.

“I spent the next 28 years working on, and leading research on, ways to reduce the loudness of the sonic boom,” she said. She authored nearly 60 technical papers, primarily in the areas of sonic boom prediction, sonic boom minimization and supersonic wing design; and delivered technical presentations in Germany, England, France, Greece, and Japan.

Throughout her NASA career, Dr. Darden continued her education, earning a Doctor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from George Washington University and completing a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Management from Simmons College Graduate School of Management.

She served NASA in multiple roles, including Senior Program Manager in the High-Speed Research Program Office, Director of the Aero Performing Center Program Management Office, and Assistant Director of Langley for Strategic Planning.

Her final NASA assignment was as Director of the Office of Strategic Communications and Education, overseeing the Center's external and internal communications, community outreach, governmental relations, and educational outreach. Dr. Darden received two NASA medals, in recognition for her role in the Sonic Boom Program and for encouraging students to pursue math and science careers. In March 2018, NASA awarded a contract to Lockheed Martin to build a supersonic Low Boom Flight Demonstrator x-plane, based on Dr. Darden's research from the 1970s through the 1990s.

Dr. Darden retired from NASA in 2007. She and her husband of 54 years, Walter Darden, are the parents of three adult daughters, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

"I bring you greetings today from Katherine Johnson, who was asked to check the flight trajectory numbers for Colonel John Glenn's historic February 20, 1962 orbits around the earth," Dr. Darden told the Class of 2018. "Katherine is a dear friend of mine, who started work at NASA about 15 years ahead of me, and who will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 26, 2018. I am grateful to have stood on the shoulders of women like Katherine Johnson, who came before me, and it is humbling to think that those who come after me could be standing on mine. Passion drives success, and you, this year's graduates from Muskingum University, have an amazing opportunity to take your own passions and make your impact on the world." ■

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*To watch Muskingum's 2018 Undergraduate Commencement ceremony, including Dr. Darden's address, visit [muskingum.edu/live](http://muskingum.edu/live).*



Special events of Dr. Darden's visit to Muskingum included a presentation for alumni and community members, a lunchtime conversation with female engineering students and faculty, a screening of the film *Hidden Figures*, and a display in the University library highlighting her career achievements and impact.

“You have already had a tremendous impact upon those around you in our Muskingum University community and beyond. I have no doubt that you will continue to transform the world in your new role as Muskingum alumni!”

– President Susan S. Hasseler

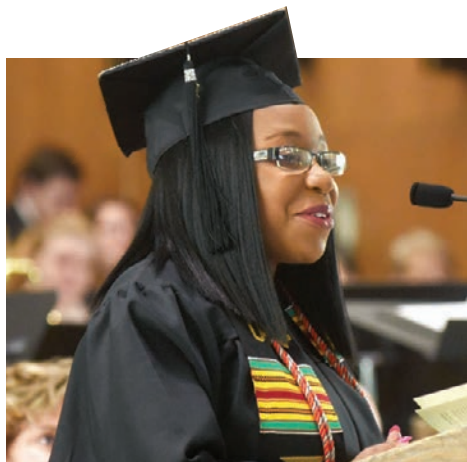
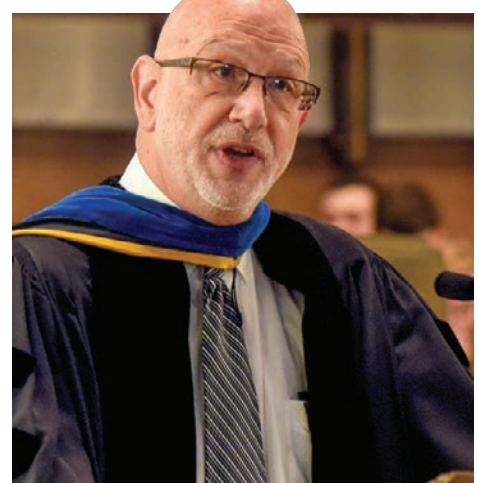


## Baccalaureate

On Commencement morning, graduates, their families, and the Muskingum community worshiped together at the interdenominational Baccalaureate service in honor of the Class of 2018.

The sermon, “Be Doers of the Word,” was offered by Reverend Dr. Rick Nutt, Professor of Religion and Associate Provost, who is retiring as Professor Emeritus after 30 years of service on the Muskingum faculty.

*“Class of 2018, you have heard a lot of words over the time you have been at Muskingum University. In the midst of these words, I hope that you have understood more fully what it is you believe and who you are, hearing the word of purpose for your life.”*



Jaliah Oglesby '18, who earned four State Champion titles for Muskingum's Forensic Team, presented the student reflection.

*“Instead of searching for the end goal, I started searching for my purpose...I am humbled, honored, and eternally grateful to be part of this Long Magenta Line.”*





“As we graduate from Muskingum today, appreciate the time we spent here, remember the people who shaped you to be the person you are today, and show the world what it means to be educated as a whole person for the whole world.”

– Senior Class President Patrick Mullen '18

## Class of 2018 Nursing Pinning Ceremony



The Class of 2018 Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates received their Muskingum University nursing pins in a special ceremony following Commencement. A tradition of the nursing profession, the pin's design is unique to each nursing program.

Prior to the ceremony, each Muskingum graduate selects an individual who is given the honor of presenting their pin. “It’s a very powerful moment,” noted Dr. Cynthia Wilkins, Director and Chair of Nursing Programs and Professor of Nursing. “Our students receive their pin from a family member, faculty

member, coach, or friend whose support during their education has been especially meaningful to them.”

The Brown Chapel pinning ceremony processional begins with a faculty member carrying a lantern which represents both the “light of knowledge” and the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, who was known as “the lady with the lamp” as she tended wounded Crimean War soldiers during the 1850s. When the ceremony concludes, a new nursing graduate carries the lamp to lead the recessional, signifying that the “light of knowledge” has been passed to the next generation.

# Graduate Commencement Address:

## *Continue Your Quest for Knowledge*

**D**r. Vicki Wilson, a former Chair of Muskingum University's Education Department and an accomplished leader in the field of teacher education, addressed degree recipients at the University's 26th Graduate Commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Ninety-eight students were presented with Education Specialist, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Arts in Education, and Master of Information Strategy, Systems & Technology degrees.



**“You will be amazed at the doors that will open to you!”**

–Dr. Vicki A. Wilson

“A degree is more than just proof that you’ve completed a comprehensive program of study,” Dr. Wilson told the graduates as she encouraged them to continue their quest for knowledge.

“It’s also a ticket that will allow you to do what you are capable of doing. You will be amazed at the doors that are open to you when you have a widely recognized proof of your achievement,” she said.

“And is not just knowledge and skills that are signified by a badge, a certificate, a degree. It is also the ambition, the commitment, the dedication, the perseverance – and all the other attributes you have exhibited over the years. My message to you today is to keep earning badges!”

Dr. Wilson’s leadership has had a significant impact on K-12 teacher preparation in Ohio and nationally. As a member of the Muskingum faculty from 1996-1999 and again from 2002-2007, she helped launch the University’s Master of Arts in Teaching degree program and multiple new licensure areas, including those in educational leadership.

While on the faculty, Dr. Wilson served Muskingum as Professor of Education, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for Teacher Education, Education Department Chair, and coordinator for the University’s teacher program accreditation through NCATE, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Nationally, Dr. Wilson helped create and implement the Welcoming Schools Initiative of the International Alliance for Invitational Education (IAIE).

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Dayton, a Master of Business Administration degree in Business/Government Relations from American University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.

In recognition of her distinguished career and lifetime of achievement, Muskingum awarded Dr. Wilson an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during the Graduate Commencement ceremony.

To watch Muskingum’s 2018 Graduate Commencement ceremony, including Dr. Wilson’s address, visit [muskingum.edu/live](http://muskingum.edu/live).





# Concert Choir Tours the United Kingdom

Under the direction of Dr. Zebulon M. Highben, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, 37 members of the Muskingum University Concert Choir traveled and performed in England and Scotland from May 12 through May 20, 2018.

Their performance schedule began with two worship services in London, at St. George the Martyr, Southwark and then at historic St. Paul's Cathedral.

"It is a distinct honor for a choir to be invited to perform at St. Paul's," said Dr. Highben. "We are especially excited that they selected us to sing the Eucharist for the May 14 Feast of St. Matthias. We performed the *Mass for Four Voices* by William Byrd and the motet *O Quam Gloriosum* by Tomás Luis de Victoria, in addition to leading all of the service music."

The second portion of the tour included three concert performances: St. Nicholas Cathedral in Newcastle upon Tyne, St. Cuthbert's Church in Edinburgh, and a collaborative concert with the University of Glasgow Chapel Choir at the University of Glasgow Memorial Chapel. The Glasgow concert featured each choir separately before concluding with a set of jointly performed works.

Muskingum's Concert Choir is the University's premier choral ensemble, performing sacred and secular music from a wide

range of cultures and historical periods. Students are selected by audition and represent majors from academic disciplines across the University.

In addition to earning performance credit for the tour, students also enrolled in two classes taught during the trip. "British Choral Music" was taught by Dr. Highben and "The Protestant Reformation in England and Scotland" was taught by Professor of Religion and Associate Provost Rev. Dr. Rick Nutt.

President Susan S. Hasseler accompanied the group on this year's tour.

To view pictures and video from the tour, visit [Muskingum Music](#) on



"Travel opportunities are an important part of Muskingum's life-changing education. It was an absolute joy to witness our students' musical performances and their enthusiastic engagement with new learning experiences."

– President Susan S. Hasseler

# O Beautiful for Heroes Proved: A Concert in Honor of John Glenn



The Muskingum University Music Department's students and faculty honored the life and legacy of fighter pilot, astronaut, and United States Senator John Glenn '43 with a concert featuring two new works commissioned by the University and inspired by his remarkable achievements. The premiere performance took place on Friday April 13, 2018 in Brown Chapel, with a second performance on Sunday April 15, 2018 at the First Community Church's North Campus in Columbus, Ohio.

"John and Annie Glenn have had a profound and lasting impact on Muskingum over the decades, and they continue to serve as significant sources of inspiration for our University community," said President Susan S. Hasseler. "These performances, centered on themes of exploration, service, and citizenship, celebrated the Glenns' life-long commitment to serving others, and demonstrated our deepest appreciation for their devotion to Muskingum."

New Concord native John Glenn (1921-2016) served his country as a Marine Corps pilot, astronaut, and United States Senator. During World War II, he flew 59 combat missions in the Marshall Islands, and in 1962 he became the first American to orbit the Earth. Both he and his wife, Annie Castor



Glenn '42, served as longtime members of Muskingum's Board of Trustees and as distinguished alumni faculty.

The Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Dr. David A. Turrill, premiered *Godspeed, John Glenn*, composed by Ryan J. Nowlin, Executive Officer and Senior Assistant Director of

"The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band.

"From his humble birth in Ohio, to his final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery, John Glenn led a life almost too fantastic to believe," said Captain Nowlin. "Any one of his accomplishments would be admirable on its own; taken together they outline a truly exceptional story."

"For this composition, I drew from all aspects of John Glenn's life. While there are cinematic moments reflecting on his adventures, the piece remains grounded in his humility, his partnership with his wife, and his steadfast love and commitment to his family, his country, and his faith." The piece includes a quote of the hymn *Be Still, My Soul*, which held a spiritual significance for John and Annie Glenn throughout their life together.

“Growing up in Ohio, John Glenn was a boyhood hero of mine and he remains an inspiration to me. It was an amazing honor to compose *Godspeed, John Glenn* for his *alma mater*,” Captain Nowlin said.

The Concert Choir, under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Dr. Zebulon M. Highben, premiered “A Memory of Wonder” composed by Dr. Highben and based on texts by Professor of English Dr. Jane Varley and Associate Professor of English Dr. Vivian Wagner.

“When Muskingum commissioned me to write a choral work in memory of John Glenn, I turned to my colleagues in the Department of English and asked if they would write some verses about Glenn’s life and work,” Dr. Highben recalled. “Both responded with vivid, imaginative descriptions of the myriad wonders visible to John Glenn during his landmark spaceflight.”

“Dr. Wagner’s poem included a quote from John Glenn, which reminded me of a contrasting quote from the English writer, poet, and theologian G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936). These two quotations became the bookends for the poetry, which is a composite of works by Dr. Varley and Dr. Wagner. The music of “A Memory of Wonder” uses a variety of compositional text-painting techniques to highlight the rich imagery of the poem.”

## ***A Memory of Wonder***

Choral composition by Zebulon M. Highben  
Text from works by Jane Varley and Vivian Wagner

*We are perishing for want of wonder,  
not for want of wonders.*

Fireflies, or ice  
Shower of sparks  
Bands of color

Clouds along the Cape  
The curl of earth  
Constellations, scratched onto cave walls

The spin of galaxies  
The great sparkling blue  
Tumbling over the sun-kissed horizon

*What can you say about a day  
in which you have seen four beautiful sunsets?*

Wonder

## **Ryan J. Nowlin**

Ohio native and noted composer and arranger Captain Ryan J. Nowlin is Executive Officer and Senior Assistant Director of “The President’s Own” U.S. Marine Band. His music is heard in Marine Band recordings, nationwide broadcasts, concerts, and White House performances. He conducts the Marine Band and Chamber Orchestra, serves as a producer for Marine Band recordings, and manages the Marine Band’s educational outreach initiatives. He is a frequent guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator for high school honors bands and music festivals, university ensembles, and community and municipal bands across the country. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music education from Bowling Green State University and served as an Ohio music educator for more than a decade before joining the Marine Band in 2010.



## **Zebulon M. Highben**

Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities Dr. Zebulon M. Highben has served on the Muskingum University faculty since 2012. An active composer of choral and liturgical music, his works are frequently commissioned and widely performed by schools, churches, and arts organizations. He serves as a guest conductor, clinician, and lecturer throughout the country and in 2016 represented the United States as a Conducting Fellow in the American Choral Directors Association’s International Conductors Exchange Program with South Korea. He received the 2015 American Prize in Conducting for his work with the Muskingum choirs. He earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from The Ohio State University, a Master of Sacred Music degree from Luther Seminary with St. Olaf College, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Michigan State University.

## **Jane Varley and Vivian Wagner**

Professor of English Dr. Jane Varley has served on the Muskingum University faculty since 2000. She authored the non-fiction book *Flood Stage and Rising* and the poetry chapbook *Sketches at the Naesti Bar*, and co-authored *You Must Play to Win*, a memoir by National Fastpitch Hall of Fame member Donna Newberry.



**Dr. Wagner and Dr. Varley**

Associate Professor of English Dr. Vivian Wagner has served on the Muskingum University faculty since 2003. A poet and essayist, her work has appeared in multiple publications, including *The Atlantic* and *O: The Oprah Magazine*. She authored the memoir *Fiddle: One Woman, Four Strings*, and *8,000 Miles of Music* and a poetry collection, *The Village*.

Visit [muskingum.edu/live](http://muskingum.edu/live) to watch the broadcast from the John Glenn Concert.

# Making an Impact

## Dr. Sandra Soto-Cabán Selected for Leadership Institute

Associate Professor of Engineering Dr. Sandra Soto-Cabán has been selected to participate in a coveted Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL) program sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. She will attend the July 2018 PKAL STEM Leadership Institute held in Adamstown, Maryland. The institute is designed to support faculty engaged in the national transformation of undergraduate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education. PKAL works to increase the number of competitively trained and liberally educated students in STEM fields; to develop a scientifically literate citizenry; and to foster quality, diversity, and social responsibility within the STEM fields.



## Kayla Wilkerson '19 Awarded Newman Civic Fellowship

Junior Kayla Wilkerson is one of only 13 students attending Ohio universities to be awarded a national Newman Civic Fellowship.

This highly-selective program provides extensive training and resource opportunities to support

the next generation of public problem solvers in their personal, professional, and civic growth.

The Newman Civic Fellows are sponsored by Campus Compact, a national coalition of more than 1000 colleges and universities committed to civic education and community development, and to preparing students for active and engaged citizenship.

## Students Capture Competitive Internships and Fellowships

During the Summer of 2018, our students will be engaged in hands-on learning through a wide variety of internships and research projects across the country and on campus.

This year's group of 13 student-faculty research partnerships includes nine Muskie Fellows, a Lovejoy Fellow, an Anderson Fellow, and two students involved in virtual reality rehabilitation research. Their projects span disciplines including biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering science, history, library science, economics, and business.

Several students were recently selected for highly competitive, national opportunities:

- Luke Lloyd '19 secured a finance internship with CNBC
- Levi Hall '19 will intern at Phi Kappa Tau fraternity's National Headquarters
- Camille Walker '18 will apprentice at the Smithsonian Institution
- Parker Lee '19 was awarded an athletic training internship with the Columbus Clippers minor league baseball team.



## Second Annual Sisterhood ReCoded Camp Accepting Registrations

Do you know of any girls aged 10-15 who would like to learn to create mobile apps?

The second annual Sisterhood ReCoded, a free coding camp for girls, will take place August 13-17, 2018, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. each day on the University campus.

Participants will be introduced to the Information Technology field and will be mentored by female Muskingum computer science students.

Working in small groups, campers will identify a social problem and create an app to address it.

Campers who participated in 2017 are welcome to return and further develop their skills.

*For more information and to register, visit [Sisterhood.zone](http://Sisterhood.zone).*

## Muskie Accounting Students Share Their Expertise with Community Residents

In a unique partnership with the United Way of Guernsey, Noble & Monroe Counties, Muskingum accounting students volunteered their Saturdays during tax season to provide free tax preparation workshops for local residents.

The group of 10 students were trained as certified tax counselors and were also currently enrolled in or had already completed Muskingum's course in Advanced Taxation.

Philip Laube '09 MISST, Muskingum Vice President for Finance & Operations, supervised their work. "Our students are serving others, having a tangible economic impact on our local community, and gaining real-world, practical experience in their field," Mr. Laube said. "They assisted more than 60 residents in completing their taxes, saving them more than \$10,000 in tax preparation fees alone. By focusing on often-overlooked tax benefits for low-income workers, our students also enabled many taxpayers to obtain refunds they were due."

Stephanie Laube '05 is the Executive Director of the United Way of Guernsey, Noble & Monroe Counties and helped facilitate this partnership.



# Meet Steve Brockelbank

Vice President and Athletic Director



“Steve Brockelbank’s diverse leadership experiences have shaped his thoughtful and unique perspective on recruiting and developing student-athletes for a lifetime of leadership and service. His emphasis on excellence, both on and off the field, firmly aligns with our vision for Muskingum athletic programs.”

– President Susan S. Hasseler



Following a national search, Steve Brockelbank became Muskingum's Vice President and Athletic Director on April 1, 2018. An experienced athletic administrator, former coach, and former student-athlete, he leads Muskingum's Athletic Department, which offers 21 NCAA Division III varsity sports.

He most recently served as Associate Athletic Director for Communications and Administration at NCAA Division I Miami University (Ohio), leading key divisions including communications, broadcasting, human resources, facilities management, and game operations.

His professional experience spans collegiate coaching as well as collegiate and high school administrative roles.

He previously served as Assistant Head Football Coach at NCAA Division II Grand Valley State University where his teams posted a 38-3 record and won two national championships, and as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Ludington Area Schools (Michigan) where he led more than 500 student-athletes in 24 sports.

A Michigan native, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University, a Master of Education degree from Spring Arbor College, and a Master of Educational Leadership degree from Grand Valley State University. He and his wife Heidi are the parents of three daughters: Hayley, 22; Madisyn, 20; and Morgan, 15.

## 5 Questions for Steve Brockelbank

- 1 What attracted you to Muskingum?**  
The support from President Hasseler and the Board of Trustees for the athletics program is outstanding. Muskingum's mission clearly values athletics and the role it plays in the education of the "whole student for the whole world," so it's an exciting opportunity to lead a program in this type of environment.
- 2 What has made the greatest impression on you so far?**  
There's a uniqueness to being in a town that is University-centered. With such a strong sense of community here on our beautiful campus and in the region, Muskingum is a welcoming place. We want to encourage even more local interest in our program, from both the recruiting and attendance standpoints – it brings such positive energy when community members come out to support our student-athletes.
- 3 What are your goals for Muskingum's athletic program?**  
The key goal is to build a culture where our student-athletes strive every day to meet the standard of excellence and give their best effort to every challenge, from working toward A's in the classroom, to putting themselves in a position to make big plays on the field, to competing at a championship level.

Part of that culture is a strong work ethic demonstrated by our coaches and staff, through the time and energy they devote to guiding their teams, developing their players, and recruiting prospective student-athletes to the University. We want to fuel our student-athletes with a passion for winning.

We want to create the best learning environment possible for our student-athletes – by supporting their success in their academics and by being great teachers of our sports and of the life lessons that come from athletic experiences.

- 4 How can Muskie alumni and friends help support your efforts?**  
Keep on showing your Muskie pride and support for our teams! If you're in the area, come on out to Sherman Field and all of our venues to cheer on our players. Follow us on social media, watch our live stream contests on [FightingMuskie.com](http://FightingMuskie.com), and wear your Muskie gear. If you know any high school student-athletes, help us spread the word about the Muskingum education.
- 5 What do you like best about Muskie gear?**  
The Muskie mascot! I'm a fisherman and an outdoorsman, and I know firsthand that Muskie fish are fierce predators who well-deserve their reputation as the "sharks of the freshwater." I love wearing the Athletics Logo with the Muskie and seeing everyone else wear it too!



# New Head Football Coach Brings Strategies for Success

**E**rik Ieuter joined Muskingum University as Head Football Coach of the Fighting Muskies on March 19, 2018. The team will take the field under his leadership for the first time on September 1 when they open the 2018 season at Waynesburg University.

“Coach Ieuter’s championship-winning offenses are known for their consistency and discipline, and his players for their academic and athletic achievements,” said Muskingum Vice President and Athletic Director Steve Brockelbank. “He is a very talented game day strategist and recruiter with a track record of success at every level, and he has a demonstrated commitment to developing well-rounded individuals who succeed both on and off the field.”

Most recently, Coach Ieuter spent the 2017 season in the NCAA Division I Southeastern Conference at the University of Florida, working with the team’s quarterbacks and making strategic offensive game day preparations.

He previously served 11 years at NCAA Division II Michigan Technological University, first as wide receivers/special teams coordinator and most recently as offensive coordinator. During his tenure there, Michigan Tech’s offense finished among the top five in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) in both total offense and rushing offense three times. Several of Coach Ieuter’s players set school records and received All-GLIAC honors. In 2012, the team won the GLIAC North Championship and in 2014 made the NCAA Division II Playoffs.

As a graduate assistant at NCAA Division II Grand Valley State University, Coach Ieuter worked with the team’s wide receivers and offensive line during their 2005 undefeated (13-0) season, when they captured the GLIAC Championship and NCAA Division II National Championship.

A Michigan native, Coach Ieuter attended NCAA Division III Albion College, where he was a wide receiver and punt returner, helping to lead the Britons to two Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Conference Championships while earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Management and English. He later earned a Master of Arts degree in Health and Physical Education from Adams State College.

“My time as a Division III student-athlete provided some of the best experiences of my life, and I have dedicated my career to providing a similar experience for others ever since,” said Coach Ieuter.

“I’m excited by the tremendous opportunity and positive energy here at Muskingum, both on campus and in the regional community. Our team will be bringing a passion for excellence and great Muskie pride to everything we do. I can’t wait for opening day on September 1 and for our first home game on September 15 at Sherman Field!”

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*Follow the Fighting Muskies and watch game day live streaming of all the action at [FightingMuskies.com](http://FightingMuskies.com).*



# Congratulations to our 2017-18 Student-Athletes

Fighting Muskie student-athletes excel in the classroom and on the team!

They received multiple honors from the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC), regionally, and nationally, as well as from peers and mentors through the Golden Hook Awards and Muskingum Athletic Department Awards.

Visit [FightingMuskie.com](http://FightingMuskie.com) to view video clips, photos, and the complete list of honorees from the 3rd Annual Golden Hook Awards celebration, hosted by the Muskingum Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) in April.

## FIGHTING MUSKIE AWARDS BY THE NUMBERS

**40** Academic  
All-OAC

**23** All-OAC

**12** OAC Players  
of the Week

**1** OAC Freshman of  
the Year  
Cross Country:  
Rachel Timberlake '21

**2** All-Ohio  
Track & Field:  
Blake Weidner '18  
Tristen Wiles '18

**1** D3hoops.com  
All-Region  
Men's Basketball:  
Marcus Dempsey '20

**2** All-Great Lakes Region  
Men's Basketball:  
Marcus Dempsey '20  
Cross Country:  
Rachel Timberlake '21

**2** USBWA National  
Player of the Week  
Men's Basketball:  
Marcus Dempsey '20  
(twice named)

**2** Academic All-American  
Men's Basketball:  
Marcus Dempsey '20  
Wrestling:  
Jordan Burkholder '19

**1** All-American  
Track & Field:  
Tristen Wiles '18  
8th in Javelin  
NCAA National Championships



## Muskies Cruise in Florida

Alumni and friends enjoyed a beautiful evening for the St. Pete Beach, Florida dinner dance cruise on April 15.



## Muskie Nights

Spring and Summer Muskie Nights:

- Washington, D.C. on March 8, 2018
- Hilton Head Island, South Carolina on May 22, 2018
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 8, 2018
- Cleveland, Ohio for the Indians game on June 22, 2018.

Mark your calendar and join us on:

- July 18, 2018, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, 4:00 p.m., for the second annual gathering including first-year students. Be among the first to welcome the Class of 2022!
- September 22, 2018, 7:30 p.m., Columbus Crew vs. the Colorado Rapids at MAPFRE Stadium.

To RSVP, email or call Jen Bronner:

[jbronner@muskingum.edu](mailto:jbronner@muskingum.edu) or 740-826-8463.



## I Reunion Weekend @ Homecoming: October 19-21, 2018

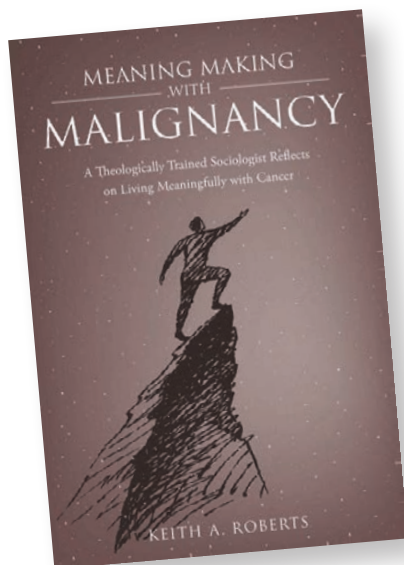
Save the date and don't miss our new **Reunion Weekend @ Homecoming on October 19-21, 2018**. We've combined Homecoming with our traditional June Alumni Weekend into one great celebration of Muskies for all reunion classes!

Catch up with your classmates; greet your favorite faculty and staff members; get to know some current Muskies; congratulate our Distinguished Service Award honorees and first-ever Emerging Alumni Award honorees; cheer on the Fighting Muskies at the traditional Homecoming game; take in the spectacular fall foliage in New Concord; and much more!

Watch your mail and email for more details coming soon!



**SAVE THE DATE:** Come back for our very first Reunion Weekend @ Homecoming!



## I Alumni Book Notes

Keith A. Roberts '69 is the author of *Meaning Making with Malignancy: A Theologically Trained Sociologist Reflects on Living Meaningfully with Cancer*. A collection of essays based on his experiences following a cancer diagnosis, the book's perspective is applicable for patients, family and friends, caregivers, medical professionals, clergy, and counselors. Keith is retired from the sociology faculty of Hanover College (Indiana) and his wife Judy Conkle Roberts '69 is retired from Hanover's education faculty.



## A Minute with Muskingum Society Member Bil Kerrigan

*Dr. William T. (Bil) Kerrigan has been a faculty member at Muskingum since 1997. As the Arthur G. Cole and Eloise Barnes Cole Distinguished Professor of American History, he has taught generations of Muskies in his classroom. In his role as Faculty Executive Secretary, he has served on the University's Board of Trustees since 2017.*

"I became a Charter Member of the Muskingum Society because I was excited by the opportunity to contribute to the University in a new way. I welcome the chance to give back to a place that has given me so much.

"It's a privilege to work and build a career within a community that values academic excellence and believes in preparing students to have an impact on the world through leadership and service.

"Even more importantly, I have the privilege of working with Muskingum students throughout their college years.

I see their growth and development from their first-year Opening Convocation to their Commencement, and I know how powerfully the Muskingum education changes their lives.

"Being a member of the Muskingum Society is a way for me to help keep Muskingum affordable for our students, so that the transformational opportunities we offer can remain within their reach.

"I hope others will consider joining me in The Muskingum Society!"

## Planning for the Future

One of the ways you can help extend The Long Magenta Line and transform the lives of Muskingum students is through a Charitable Gift Annuity.

To create a Charitable Gift Annuity, you can transfer an asset to the University now and receive fixed payments back for your lifetime, with a rate based upon your age and applied to the value of the asset. The gift annuity can be funded in a number of ways, such as through an appreciated block of stock.

You can benefit from the immediate charitable income tax deduction; you may be able to reduce the amount of capital gains tax on the asset; and a portion of the annuity payment may be tax free.

For more information and a personalized analysis of planned giving opportunities with a charitable gift annuity, contact Paul McClelland, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement at [paulm@muskingum.edu](mailto:paulm@muskingum.edu) or 740-826-8648.





**Join the Muskingum Society by June 30, 2018**

**to become a Charter Member and receive an invitation to the**

# *Muskingum Society Gala*

**on Friday, September 7, 2018 at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**

## **Help prepare the Muskies of today and tomorrow to impact the world!**

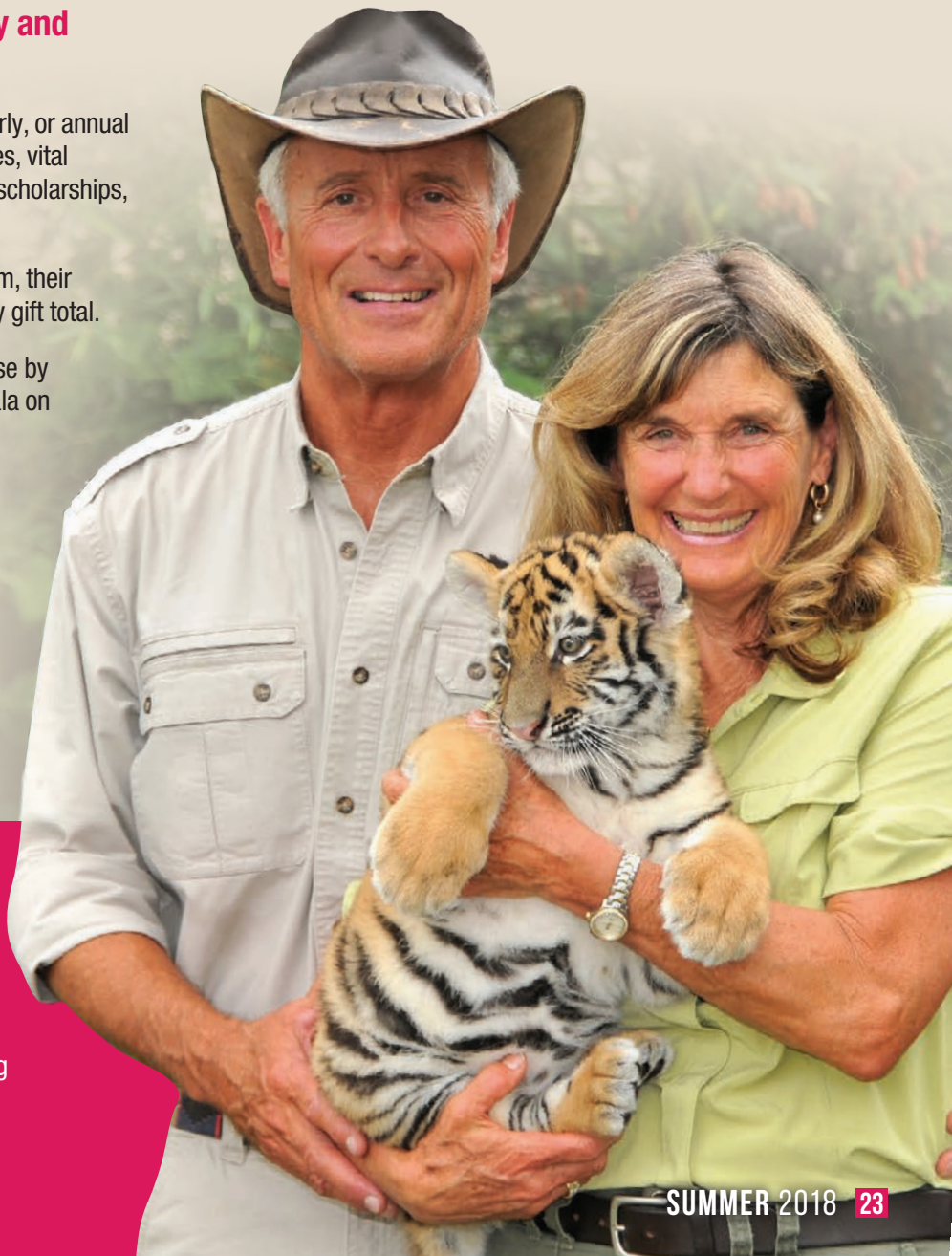
Your annual gift of \$1000 – in monthly, quarterly, or annual payments – supports life-changing experiences, vital educational facilities and technology, student scholarships, and much more!

If your employer offers a Matching Gift program, their match counts toward your Muskingum Society gift total.

Make your \$1000 gift or pledge for any purpose by June 30, 2018 and be part of the Inaugural Gala on September 7, 2018.

Join President Susan S. Hasseler, Jack and Suzi Hanna from the Class of 1969, and fellow Muskingum Society Charter Members for an unforgettable evening including cocktails, dinner, music, and dancing at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium!

Visit [Muskingum.edu/society](http://Muskingum.edu/society), email [muskingumsociety@muskingum.edu](mailto:muskingumsociety@muskingum.edu), or call 740-826-8130.



### **Charter Members of the Muskingum Society enjoy:**

- Permanent recognition on campus
- An invitation to the Muskingum Society Gala on September 7, 2018
- Invitations to private events, including during Reunion Weekend @ Homecoming
- An exclusive Muskingum Society pin or tie

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## FACULTY ADVISING TAKES FLIGHT

**Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Scott Pray and Associate Professor of Political Science Brian King** recently participated in a tandem jump with the U.S. Army Golden Knights in Ft. Benning, Georgia.

The jump was part of a three-day immersive educator training experience designed to enhance advising for students considering military careers.

Muskie Jeff Johnson '04, a U.S. Army Captain who has served multiple tours in Iraq as an armored cavalry tank commander, facilitated this unique opportunity.

*Photo of Scott Pray and SFC Jen Espinosa courtesy of U.S. Army Golden Knights.*

