



CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Bringing together students, alumni, and businesses.

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November is National Career Development Month



November is National Career Development Month, a perfect time to reflect on the importance of career development for college students.

The Impact Center is dedicated to helping students not only prepare for their future careers but also navigate the journey to get there. Whether it's through networking, internships, or skill-building workshops, career development is an essential part of the college experience.

Career development allows students to explore their passions, build professional skills, and make connections that can lead to job opportunities. With a clear career direction, students are more confident and equipped to pursue their goals, making their transition from college to career smoother and more successful.

The Impact Center has been busy creating opportunities for students to engage in career development. We recently hosted the Khanna Career Connections Conference, where students networked with alumni from various industries. Our workshops focus on resume building, interview skills, and professional etiquette, ensuring students have the tools they need to succeed. We've also visited every First Year Experience class to introduce freshmen to the many services we offer, encouraging them to start thinking about their career paths early. As we celebrate National Career Development Month, we invite all students to take advantage of the resources available at the Impact Center. Your future career starts now!

Need more information?



Visit our [webpage](#) for access to career planning resources any time of day. From job search tools to resume templates, we have everything you need to succeed.



Celebrating High Impact Experiences

Behind the Scenes at the White House

Sophomore political science and global studies major **Maria Decaminada** recently completed a summer internship at the White House. As part of the Executive Office of the President in the Contingency Operations Division, she focused on emergency management and continuity of operations.

Maria encourages fellow students to make the most of their internships by networking, saying yes to new opportunities, working on everything they can, and building strong connections. Her experience not only enhanced her professional skills and interpersonal abilities but also boosted her confidence to pursue future opportunities.



A Transformative Journey: Discovering New Cultures, Lifelong Friendships, and a Passion for Public Health

Senior health administration major **Julia Zalmanek** participated in a study abroad experience in Zambia, Africa called African Impact. It is a volunteer organization that leads programs across Africa in healthcare, education, conservation, and community development. Volunteers work with local staff to support impactful projects while engaging in cultural exchange and gaining a deeper understanding of African communities.

Julia's team visited about eight different communities each week. Their main tasks included chronic wound care, blood pressure monitoring, and glucose checks. They also assisted local clinics with baby weighing, immunizations, HIV testing, and counseling. When not in clinics or on home visits, they taught health classes at local schools.



“During this experience, I immersed myself in a new culture, met people from around the world, and made lifelong friends. I was able to help individuals in need and make a meaningful impact on their lives.”

- Julia Zalmanek

KHANNA CAREER CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE

Presented by the Anuj Khanna '86 Family

The Khanna Career Connections Conference, sponsored by Anuj Khanna '86 and his family, is Muskingum University's premier career development event, bringing together students and alumni, to foster meaningful connections and career growth.



The second annual conference was held on September 28, 2024. The event featured engaging discussions, alumni panels, workshops, and networking opportunities. A highlight of the conference was the keynote address delivered by Larry Triplett '80, a lifelong entrepreneur and co-founder of three technology companies.

Attention Alumni!

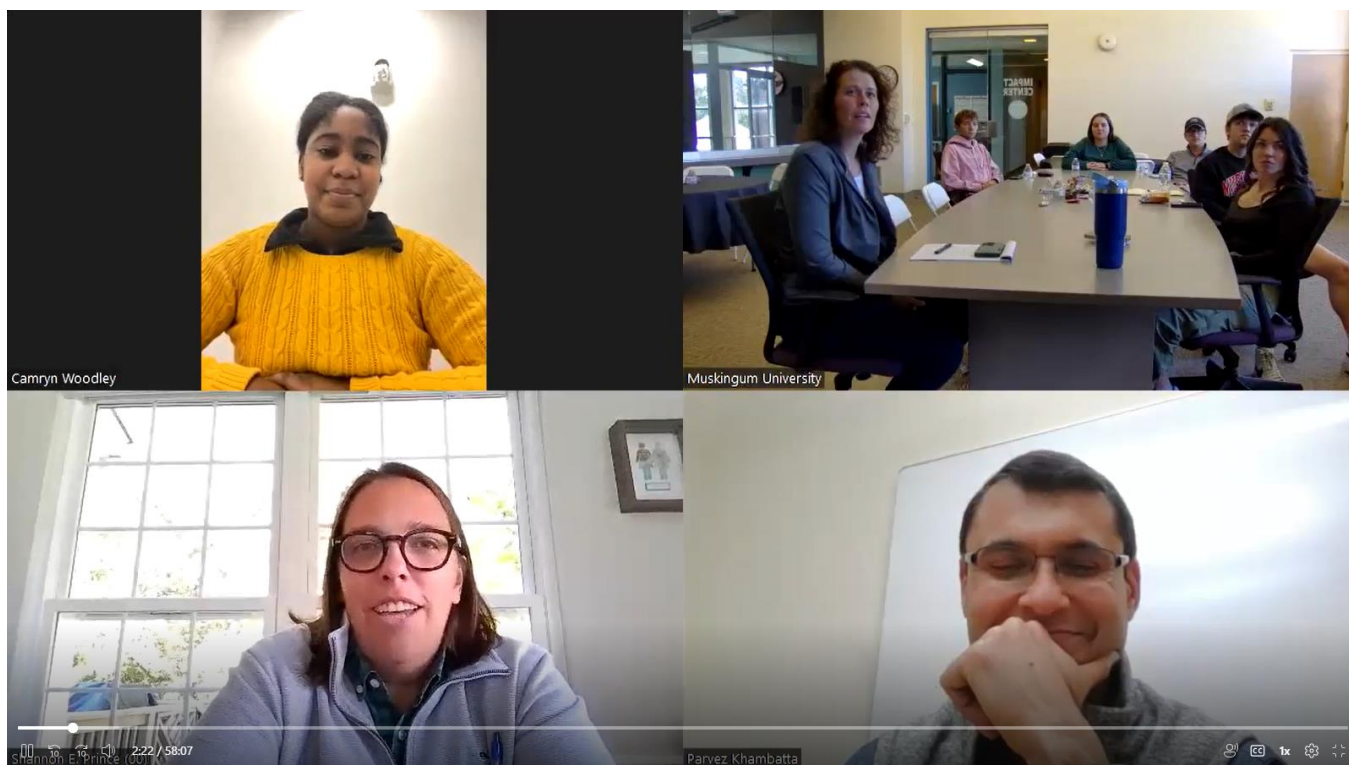
Did you know that the Impact Center has a free Professional Clothing Closet for students? We accept new and gently used professional clothing to give our students a professional edge for internships and jobs.



Want to get involved?
Click [here](#) to learn more about alumni engagement opportunities with the Impact Center.



Connecting STEM students with Inspiring Alumni



The Impact Center recently hosted a dynamic hybrid program tailored for students interested in STEM majors, featuring a diverse panel of alumni who shared their professional journeys and insights:

- **Hope Lewis '24**, PhD graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University
- **Parvez Khambatta '05**, Principal Licensing Engineer for Nuclear Fuels at Westinghouse Electric
- **Camryn Woodley '22**, Project Engineer for The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
- **Shannon Prince '00**, Forensic Examiner for the FBI

During the event, each alum provided details how they reached their current positions and their day-to-day responsibilities. Hope shared her first-year experience at Carnegie Mellon, emphasizing the importance of her lab research. Parvez discussed his role in developing new technologies in nuclear engineering, while Camryn discussed the complexities of managing construction of a multi-story boutique hotel. Shannon offered a captivating look into the FBI's investigative world, highlighting the prep work needed to work as a forensic scientist at the FBI.

These engaging discussions inspired students and provided valuable insights into potential STEM career paths.

This event, and other programs offered through the Impact Center, help students build their professional network and catalyze their career journey. **Join us** for future alumni panels and other great programs at the Impact Center!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Drop in the Impact Center for grab and go career advice.

October 31 - 11am to 12:30pm
Impact Center Learning Lab



ASK ME ANYTHING: GRAD SCHOOL

Join us as we hear from Muskingum alumni about their graduate school experiences.

November 5 - 11am to 12pm
Impact Center Learning Lab



CHOOSING A CAREER PATH

Not sure about your career path? Use Focus2 to learn more about what interests you!

December 4 - 2pm to 3pm
Impact Center Learning Lab



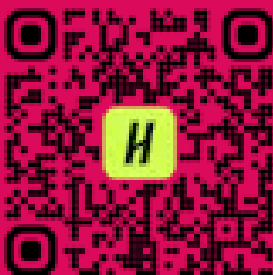
NEED HELP WITH YOUR RESUME?

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR INTERNSHIP?

**The Impact Center now offers Walk-In Hours
Monday through Friday 12 pm to 3 pm**

Handshake

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