

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE Foundation & Alumni

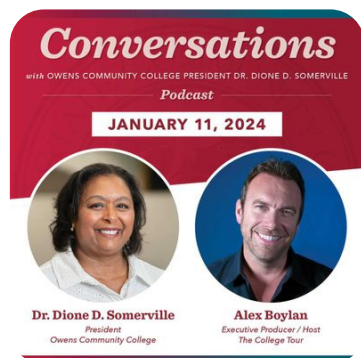


NEWSLETTER

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Conversations Podcast with Dr. Dione D. Somerville

The award-winning Conversations podcast features Owens President Dr. Dione D. Somerville sitting down with community leaders each month. The Conversations podcast is available on Amazon, Apple, Google, iHeart Media, Spotify and many more podcast streaming platforms. Also check it out on the podcast's host site: [Listen Here](#). Then join the conversation - tell us about YOU by taking the four-question [Listener Survey!](#)



In this episode, Dr. Dione D. Somerville sits down with Alex Boylan. After winning CBS's The Amazing Race shortly after graduating from Jacksonville University with a B.S. in International Business, Alex's sense of adventure catapulted him into the limelight, creating a successful and dynamic entertainment career both in front of and behind the camera. His latest adventure has been exploring higher education, as creator, host and executive producer of The College Tour, for which he has gained recognition as a college expert, most recently being named one of Ed Tech Magazine's Top 30 IT Higher Education Influencers to Follow in 2022. [The Owens Episode of The College Tour](#) streams globally on Amazon Prime on February 27, 2024. [Listen Here](#)

Welcome (Back) to Owens

Owens Express Names Alumni Nate Baer to Lead Men's Soccer Program Which Last Competed in Fall 2015

Baer brings a wealth of experience and success having previously served as head coach for two prominent high school soccer programs in both Mason and Ottawa Hills high school.



"I couldn't be more excited to be chosen to lead the restart of Owens Community College Men's Soccer program. First off, I would like to thank the athletic administration - Shelley Whitaker, John Parisho and Ann LaVoy. Owens holds a significant place in my journey as a student-athlete, person and now coach. I look forward to the connection, opportunities and impact Owens Men's Soccer will bring to the Toledo soccer community. The program will provide a platform to compete at the next level while creating a pathway for additional opportunities at 4-year institutions. I am excited to pave the way and restore the tradition of competing at both the regional and national levels." [Read more](#)

Alumni Spotlight



Congratulations to Greg Cook ('92, Financial Management Technology), on his recent acceptance of the position of President & Chief Executive Officer of University of Toledo Federal Credit Union!

"We are thrilled to welcome Greg Cook to our team," said Tom Trimble, UTFCU's Board Chairperson. "We are confident that he will provide strong leadership and strategic vision and innovative communication as we continue to grow and serve our members."

Crediting his Owens education for starting his success, Greg stated, **"we learned from real life professionals who had much to share from their real life experiences."**

After graduating from Owens and working in financial services, Greg has also served on the Financial Management Technology Advisory Committee alongside his former instructors.

[Share your Owens alumni success updates here!](#)

Owens Keeps the Wheels of Commerce Rolling

Congratulations to the first Findlay class - scheduled to complete training hours in February!

Owens Community College is answering the call to boost transportation through commerce with its Commercial Driver's License program which recently expanded to the Findlay-area Campus.

Licensed instructors lead this short-term training program which requires 160 course hours - 40 in the classroom and 120 hours of hands-on training on the road. This course provides students with the skills needed to become a professional CDL Class A truck driver. [Learn More](#)



Save the Dates

We would love to see you at one of the many on-campus activities available to our community! Please be sure to check details and RSVP for events which may require pre-registration due to limited seating availability.

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Men's Basketball at the SHAC

Monday, 2/19/24, 5pm
Saturday, 2/24/24, 12pm

Women's Basketball February Away Games Schedule

CULTIVATING *the ARTS*

Accent on the Arts: Ellie Martin Quartet

Thursday, 2/22/24, 7:30pm

Melodic Expressions: Owens Voices

Monday, 3/4/24, 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATE: Creative Expressions

Saturday, 4/20/24, 5pm

Work & Play

Podcasting & Vlogging

Mon & Wed, 2/12 & 2/14, 6:30-8pm

Studio Art Welding

Saturdays, 2/24-3/16, 8am-12pm

DIY Home Repairs & Reno

Wednesdays, 2/28-3/6, 6pm-9pm

Your Foundation Support at Work

In addition to [Foundation scholarships](#), so far during the 2023-2024 school year, your support of the Owens Foundation has directly impacted students through:

- over \$6,000 funding for supplies and meals at the [Harvest Food Pantry](#) for students
- value of \$5,000 [in-kind donation of 50 laptops](#) for need-based distribution to students
- over \$3,400 through the [Student Emergency Fund](#) to help with emergencies, such as car repairs and utility bills.



Brian Simmons, Kelle Pack, Breon Hicks, Marcus Whitmore, Zyan Belcher, Krista Kiessling, Dominic Bracey, Ty Fries

Your continued support helps Owens students overcome obstacles that otherwise could keep them from attending classes or completing coursework.

To make a gift to either the Harvest Food Pantry or the Student Emergency Fund click the [GIVE](#) button below, or make checks payable and mail to:

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