

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE Foundation & Alumni



NEWSLETTER

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Alumni Spotlight

We proudly welcome our newest alumni - the [Owens Community College Class of 2024!](#)

The Owens Community College Board of Trustees recognizes outstanding graduating students annually in three categories:



Extraordinary Community Engagement or Volunteerism

[Emma Rodeheaver](#) (left) - Radiologic Technology

Exemplary Academic Achievement

[Kirk Gibson](#) (center) - Philosophy Transfer Pathway

Exceptional Student Leadership or Student Life Involvement

[Zoe Wuest](#) (right) - Dental Hygiene

[Read more about their stories](#)

Please join us in congratulating all the Owens Community College award winning graduates (click names for full stories):

Gerald Bazer Award Outstanding Arts and Sciences Graduate - [Branna O'Dea](#)

Peggy Bensman Award - Top Award in Nursing - [Benjamin Tauber](#)

- Barbara Rood Student Choice Award in Nursing - [Kelsey Clemence](#)
- Barbara Rood Student Choice Award in Nursing - [Jessica DeLuca](#)
- Barbara Rood Student Choice Award in Nursing - [Zachary Kalafsky](#)
- Barbara Rood Student Choice Award in Nursing - [Kenneth Warren](#)

Business Technologies Outstanding Graduate - [Brayden Dean-Scheele](#)

Business Technologies Outstanding Graduate - [Aden Hersh](#)

Criminal Justice Outstanding Graduate - [Kaylee Gonyer](#)

Dental Hygiene Outstanding Graduate - [Sara Rodriguez](#)

- Community Service Award - [Haley Elliott](#)
- Community Service Award - [Savanna Killinen](#)
- Colgate S.T.A.R. Award - [Mackenzie Hanes](#)
- Christopher L. Simmons Student Honor - [Isaiah Williams](#)



Diagnostic Medical Sonography Outstanding Graduate - [Rebecca Hawkins](#)

Early Childhood Education Outstanding Graduate - [Khloey Hutton](#)

Education Transfer Pathway Outstanding Graduate - [Jaylee Souder](#)

Environmental Science Outstanding Graduate - [Justin Abner](#)

Health Information Technology Outstanding Graduate - [Britney Jeziorowski](#)

- Spirit Award - [Caressa Evans](#)
- Peer Award - [Alison Rosenogle](#)

Linda Myers Outstanding Radiography Graduate - [Leigha Egnor](#)

Occupational Therapy Assistant Outstanding Graduate - [Peyton Hull](#)

Surgical Technology Outstanding Graduate - [Hannah Beard](#)

- Guiding Scalpel Award for Educational Leadership - [Jacey Lloyd](#)
- Beyond the Scalpel - [Tracey Recker](#)

Vascular Sonography Outstanding Graduate - [Shannon Lange](#)

Please feel free to [share your own Owens alumni success updates here!](#)

Faculty Spotlight

The School of Nursing and Health Professions is proud to recognize three of its faculty and staff members with [*excellence awards*](#). [Read more](#)



Jami Williamson
Exercise Science



Julie Posey
Sonography



Sarah Heldmann
Occupational Therapy Assistant

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 Dan Sheaffer, Director of Findlay Hancock County Economic Development. Sheaffer has a pivotal role in shaping Northwest Ohio's future by attracting new investments, supporting business expansion and fostering a vibrant economic landscape. His tenure in economic development is marked by a keen focus on managing and implementing strategic projects that promote sustainable growth and prosperity in the region. Throughout his career, Sheaffer has demonstrated a commitment to fostering economic development, innovation and strategic growth. His leadership at Findlay Hancock County Economic Development is a testament to his dedication to enhancing the economic well-being and quality of life for the residents and businesses of Findlay and Hancock County, Ohio.

Topics include the role education plays in the long-term economic prosperity of the community as well as what jobs and skills companies are looking for from candidates this year and beyond. [Listen Here](#)

President's Blog: [Triple Crown Powerhouse of Northwest Ohio: Why Owens Stands Out](#)

Owens Community College stands as a symbol of progress and potential for Northwest Ohio. Our pivotal role in training and educating the Region's workforce, advancing educational attainment, and accommodating all learners cements our status as the region's triple crown powerhouse. These avenues to student success fuel our passion for what we do. [Read more](#)

Free Ultrasounds Available June 10 through July 29!

Owens Community College's General Sonography Program is offering FREE OB ultrasounds conducted by Owens Sonography students. Scans will be conducted on the Toledo-area Campus in a private setting. Patients must be between 20-32 weeks pregnant at the time of scanning and must have already had a normal anatomy scan. Patients can bring up to three guests to the appointment. A registered sonographer will be present at all times and patients will receive a digital copy of 2D images in appreciation for their time. 3D imaging is available for a \$30 fee.



[Schedule an appointment](#)

Register NOW for Kids Summer Camps at Owens!

[Magnet Raceway Engineering Camp \(ages 5-8 years\)](#) Mon-Thurs, 6/10-6/13, 9:30am-11:30pm

[Electric Car Engineering Camp \(ages 8-12 years\)](#) Mon-Thurs, 6/10-6/13, 1:30pm-4:30pm

[Science & Toys \(ages 6-9 years\)](#) Tues-Thurs, 6/23-6/27, 9:30am-11:30pm

[Rookie Robotics \(ages 8-12 years\)](#) Tues-Thurs, 6/25-6/27, 1:30pm-4:30pm

[Candy STEM \(ages 8-12 years\)](#) Tues-Thurs, 7/9-7/11, 9:30am-11:30pm

[Forces and Energy of Nature \(ages 8-12 years\)](#) Mon-Thurs, 7/22-7/25, 1:30-4:30pm

[Around the World in Three Days \(ages 5-8 years\)](#) Tues-Thurs, 7/23-7/25, 9:30am-11:30pm

[Design a Zoo Enclosure Camp \(ages 5-8 years\)](#) Mon-Thurs, 7/29-8/1, 9:30am-11:30am

[Full STEAM Ahead \(ages 7-12 years\)](#) Mon-Thurs, 7/29-8/1, 8am-12pm

[Fun with Food: Kitchen Chemistry \(ages 5-8 years\)](#) Tues-Thurs, 8/6-8/8, 9:30am-11:30am

[Magic of Science \(ages 6-8 years\)](#) Tues-Thurs, 8/6-8/8, 1:30pm-4:30pm

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

Express Women's Soccer

2024-25 Season Begins August

Express Men's Soccer

2024-25 Season Begins August

Express Women's Volleyball

2024-25 Season Begins August

CULTIVATING *the* ARTS

Walter E. Terhune Gallery

[From the Heart:](#)

[Artwork by Annette Fink](#)

Opening Reception

June 13, 2024

5-7pm

The Silo Volume 3: Now Available

Work & Play

Ceramics

Multiple classes and dates available.

Practical Natural Living Series

Medicinal Herb Gardens 6/18/24

Motorcycle Safety Training

Registration is open for classes running through Oct 2024. Classes fill fast, register early at motorcycle.ohio.gov

Your Foundation Support at Work in Summer

As the Owens Foundation celebrates the academic accomplishments of our newest alumni, we reflect on the impact made by your generous support. Together, we understand that to build success in the classroom, a student must maintain stability in their life outside of school.

However, in rare occasions, short-term personal financial matters may arise that could possibly prevent our students from being successful. That is where the Owens Foundation is able to help.

Your continued support makes so many of these successes possible and is key in making Owens a true *COMMUNITY* college. Because of you, the Owens Foundation was able to:

- Award over \$250,000 in Foundation scholarships during the 2023-2024 academic year with over \$235,000 in process of award for '24-'25
- Distributed over \$4,400 in Student Emergency Assistance to assist with unexpected financial hardship which might otherwise be a barrier to completing educational goals
- During the Spring 2024 semester alone, the Campus and Community Connections team has served over 900 students
- Of those, over 300 students received substantial food and other essentials from the pantry and FREE store
- The Findlay campus distributed 1,350 food items during the Spring '24 term



To support the [Student Emergency Fund](#), or contribute to any [scholarship](#) or [program support](#) fund, chose the appropriate designation from the "I want to support" dropdown menu of the [online giving form](#).



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Join the New Facebook Page to Engage Further

You asked and Owens answered - new and improved ways to engage with fellow alumni and friends!

PLEASE VISIT AND FOLLOW [OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALUMNI AND FOUNDATION FRIENDS!](#)

If you like the new monthly enewsletter, just wait until you see our new and improved Facebook page - be sure to like and follow to stay up to date throughout the month and [join the conversation with other newsletter readers!](#)



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