

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE Foundation & Alumni



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

Join Owens in Celebrating Community College Month

April is Community College Month and the perfect opportunity for Owens alumni and friends to make an impact for current and future students!



Your [support](#) of the Foundation makes it possible for Owens Community College to meet the mission of being the conduit to changing lives for the better in northwest Ohio through affordable, accessible, high quality education and training. Your gifts of [scholarships](#), [student assistance](#), and [program enhancements](#) create the pathways to a better quality of life and [progress for the Region!](#)

The Owens Foundation relies on [private donations](#) to [help students](#) who need it most. Can we count on your [support](#) this year? Every dollar you [donate](#) will go directly to the fund or program of your choice!

Please also join us at any one of several events outlined below to share your Owens pride this Community College month! [Reconnect](#) and share your Owens success story to be featured in an upcoming [newsletter](#) or on social media. Your continued engagement provides invaluable encouragement and inspiration to current and prospective students.

However you choose to show pride for Owens, **thank you** for keeping the Community in our College through your generous support of Owens students and programs!

Alumni Spotlight

Join us at [Creative Expressions](#) on April 20, 2024, as the inaugural inductees of the [Alumni Hall of Fame Awards](#) will be recognized for their professional achievement, advocacy for education, and proud representation of Owens in our community and beyond. **RSVP BY APRIL 8**

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



School of Business, Hospitality
Management and Public Safety

David W. Seeger, Ed.D.

'80, AAB – Marketing and
Sales Technology



School of Liberal Arts

Melanie L. Dunn, AAS

'11, AAS – Commercial
Art Technology



School of Nursing and
Health Professions

Glenn E. Houck Jr., MSM

'04, AAS – Radiography



School of Science, Technology,
Engineering and Mathematics

Lesa M. Swimmer, MA

'96, AS – General Concentration



Community Service

Sarah R. Heldmann, BS

'14, AAS – 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 Bryan Ashton, the chief strategy and growth officer of Trellis and head of Trellis Strategies. Trellis is a nonprofit corporation with a mission to develop and advance initiatives that grow individual economic mobility and expand community prosperity. Bryan's career trajectory has been marked by a deep commitment to enhancing the financial literacy and success of college students.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Ashton is a sought-after speaker and advocate for higher education reform. His work is driven by a belief in the transformative power of education and the importance of equitable access to financial resources.

His commitment to student success is reflected in his leadership at Trellis, where he continues to champion initiatives that empower students to navigate the financial complexities of higher education with confidence and resilience. His approach combines data-driven research with community engagement, fostering collaborations that lead to meaningful policy changes and support services for students. [Listen Here](#)

[Read more about the Trellis Company feasibility study for Owens](#)

[Stay tuned for the April 11th release of Conversations featuring Tom Daniels, Foundation Board Alumni Committee](#)

BIG Read Author Event

Toni Jensen will be on both Toledo and Findlay campuses on April 25, 2024 to discuss her book!



Toni Jensen is the author of *Carry: A Memoir of Survival on Stolen Land* (Dayton Peace Prize finalist and New York Times Editors' Choice) and *From the Hilltop: Stories*. An NEA Creative Writing Fellowship recipient in 2020, Jensen's essays and stories have appeared in *Orion*, *Catapult* and *Ecotone*, among others. She teaches at the University of Arkansas and the Institute of American Indian Arts.

**April 25 | 10 a.m. | CFPA Theatre (Toledo-area Campus) and Livestream: [click here >>](#)
3:30 p.m. | EC 111 (Findlay-area Campus)**

[Contact the Foundation](#) by April 8 for information regarding lunch with the BIG Read author, Toni Jensen, on April 25, 2024 - limited seating available!

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

4/19 Day Doubleheader at Fifth Third Field

Express Men's Baseball

Home Game Dates:

4/2 - Hocking
4/4 - Delta College
4/6 - Spring Arbor
4/9 - Bryant & Stratton
4/13 - Lorain County CC
4/19 - Community Christian (Mich.)
4/23 - Lakeland CC
4/27 - Terra State

Express Women's Softball

Home Game Dates:

4/2 - Delta College
4/6 - Edison State
4/9 - UNOH
4/12 - Cuyahoga CC
4/13 - Hocking
4/20 - Lakeland CC
4/27 - Terra State

CULTIVATING *the* ARTS

Walter E. Terhune Art Gallery:

2024 Student Art Show

4/12/24 Opening Reception & Awards
Exhibition Showcase Through May 10th

Spring 2024 Student Production

Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812
April 18 - 21, 2024

Creative Expressions &

Alumni Hall of Fame Awards

Saturday, 4/20/24, 5:30pm
RSVP by 4/8

BIG Read: Author Visit with Toni Jenson

Thursday, 4/25/24 - Free and Open to Public
10am (Toledo) Livestream
3:30pm (Findlay)

Accent on the Arts:

Dave Sharp Worlds Quartet

Thursday, 4/25/24, 7:30pm

Work & Play

Dream Interpretation

Mondays, 4/22-4/29, 5:30-7pm

Ceramics - Beginning and Beyond

Wednesdays, 4/24-5/29/24

OR Mondays, 5/13-6/24/24

Studio Art Welding

Saturdays, 4/27-5/8, 8am-12pm

Mosaic Address Plate

Tuesdays, 4/30-5/21, 8am-12pm

DIY Home Repairs & Reno

Mondays, 5/6-5/16, 6pm-9pm

Loose Incense Making

Wednesday, 5/15, 5pm-7pm

Herbal Tea Garden

Monday, 5/20, 6:30pm-9pm

Kids Summer Camps

June 10 - August 8, 2024



Contact us!

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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 newsletter, 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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