

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE Foundation & Alumni



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Owens Community College Foundation 22nd Annual Golf Classic

[Join us](#) at Belmont Country Club on September 16th for an exciting day of golf and philanthropy!

After check-in, golfers will enjoy a generous boxed lunch and watch the Golf Ball Drone Drop, followed immediately by a shotgun start at 12 p.m. During the dinner and awards program, sponsors and tournament winners will be recognized and giveaway prizes will be announced.

Proceeds from the 2024 Golf Classic will be used to fund equipment for the new Owens Healthcare Education Center. [Register today](#) - last year's event sold out early and sponsorships are already filling rapidly!

Drone Drop Tickets

Drone Drop tickets are also available for purchase [here](#). Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony and need not be present to win. Prices include cash and gift cards!

Alumni Spotlight



Alumni Hall of Fame

Honorable Mention:

Sharon Crawford

During Sharon Crawford's junior year in high school, she realized her interest in helping people when she volunteered for the Special Olympics. Her professional time is now used to support families and educate youth on how important they are. Receiving her associate degree from Owens Community College gave her the skills as a Preschool Specialist at the Family House Homeless Shelter - providing education in spite of residents' circumstances. Also, through a radio station offering remodeling projects, Sharon's nomination was chosen for a no cost classroom renovation - providing desperately needed new furnishings, toys, educational materials and computers. Sharon has an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education from Owens Community College and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Grand Canyon University. Both degrees have helped her succeed in roles in education, mental health, behavioral health, chemical dependency, and family engagement. She is committed to early intervention and leading by example. Sharon enjoys volunteering her time to the Toledo Youth Commission, The Social Butterfly Health and Business Expo, Inspire to Reach Higher Youth Projects, and Partners in Education.

Honorable Mentions of the 2024 Alumni Hall of Fame Awards will continued to be featured in the newsletter throughout the remainder of the year. All nominees will be considered for three years following their nomination.

[Nominations for the 2025 awards will open November 1, 2024.](#) Please feel free to [continue sharing your Owens alumni success updates here!](#)

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!](#)



[Listen here](#)

In this episode, Dr. Dione D. Somerville sits down with Sandy Spang, Executive Director of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG). Spang plays a crucial role in steering Northwest Ohio toward a brighter future through her commitment to economic development, community empowerment, and regional planning. Their conversation includes Spang's success in private business before moving to the public sector, the highly successful Water Workforce Coalition and her vision for TMACOG.

Owens Community College, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, and the City of Toledo are partners in the [Water Workforce Coalition](#), which was formed thanks to a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. EPA. The program graduated its [first cohort of 21 students in May 2024](#).

Register NOW for Kids Summer Camps at Owens!

[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

Department Announcements and Event 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

Owens Express Student-Athletes Awarded Academic All-Conference Honors

Seasons Opening in August:

All home games free to attend

[Express Women's Soccer](#)

[Express Men's Soccer](#)

[Express Women's Volleyball](#)

CULTIVATING *the* ARTS

Walter E. Terhune Gallery

[From the Heart:](#)

[Artwork by Annette Fink](#)

Through August 2, 2024

2024-2025 The BIG Read

Book Club: July 24, 2024 at 12pm

Join us as we dive into the 2024-2025 BIG Read Book, the *New York Times* bestseller *True Biz*, by Sara Novic

The Terrace View Café

Owens Culinary Center Receives "[Clean Plate Award](#)" from the Wood County Health Department for second consecutive year!

Work & Play

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

Owens Legislative Day Open House featured tour of Toledo-area campus on June 10th

Led by Owens [President Dr. Dione D. Somerville](#), her presentation highlighted several recent developments to the many education and training solutions Owens Community College provides the region during an open house and tour of the Toledo-area Campus including the [Center for Emergency Preparedness](#), the new \$31.3 million [Healthcare Education Center](#) and commenced in the [Center for Campus and Community Connections](#), an office focused on student resource stability initiatives.

"For all of our students, you need to look at the level of support provided by our wraparound services to understand why we are so passionate about what we do," Dr. Somerville stated. "Student barriers include child care, transportation and the lack of immediate cash or credit. Our staff works to help resolve barriers that exist so that students can engage in education."

Owens is supporting the hunger-free campus bill to establish the Hunger-free Campus Grant Program and designation; House Bill 590 is in review. [Contact the Owens Foundation](#) if you wish to discuss how you or your company may be able to help in any of these critical areas:

- [Center for Emergency Preparedness](#) will require significant investments for upgrades in the near future to meet the next generation of first responder training needs.
- [Healthcare Education Center](#) is in final stages of construction with several levels of [named giving opportunities](#) available for the main center as well as the [Dental Hygiene and Assisting Labs](#).
- [Center for Campus and Community Connections](#) is the main referral source for the Student Emergency Fund and served nearly 1,600 students from its food pantry in the 2023-2024 academic year. The Owens Food Pantry was the first one established at an Ohio community college and functions as a model for other institutions.



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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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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