



Fall Fest
Toledo-Area Campus



The 2023 Fall Fest was a great experience for the Honors Club to get information out to Owens students new and experienced. The event was full of fun as students explored all the resources and opportunities available to them. Visitors were able to get a travel card stamped by each informational booth to earn an Owens T-Shirt. Free food and snow cones were available to staff and visitors alike, while the OCCR staff was there to provide great tunes! Honors Club members Justin Abner and Cortnie Fogo helped hold down the Honors Program information booth with program director Genesis Downey. The event was a great success, despite the wasp horde’s best efforts to scare everyone off!



As Owens Community College President Dr. Dione Somerville made her way around the tables, she stopped to tell Cortnie how much she enjoyed her short films, *Water Advisory* and *Code Green*. Keep an eye out for the Owens Honors Club submission to the Fall 2023 Oregon Road Film Series short film challenge. Also, don’t forget that there will be a special film prepared by Owens staff!

Indigenous People’s Day
Land Acknowledgements



Unity Week is a time for the students of Owens Community College to reflect on diversity, inclusion, and community. The week long event will begin with a recognition statement that honors the Seneca, Erie, and Odawa cultures that traditionally stewarded the Ohio region for centuries.

Toledo-area Campus: Oct 9, 12:00 pm - HH 123
Findlay-area Campus: Oct 9, 10:00 am - EC 111

Lake of Betrayal: The Story of Kinzua Dam

Hosted by the Oregon Road Film Series, *The Lake of Betrayal* displays the repercussions that come from remaining ignorant to the indigenous cultures that share our country. In 1965 the Kinzua Dam was built on the Allegheny River to prevent flooding in Pittsburg Pennsylvania. This caused a reservoir to form 23 miles away which consumed a vast region of land belonging to the Seneca Tribe. This pushed many indigenous people out and violated the 1794 Canandaigua Treaty. The film explores their struggle to defend the Seneca Nation Allegheny Territory.

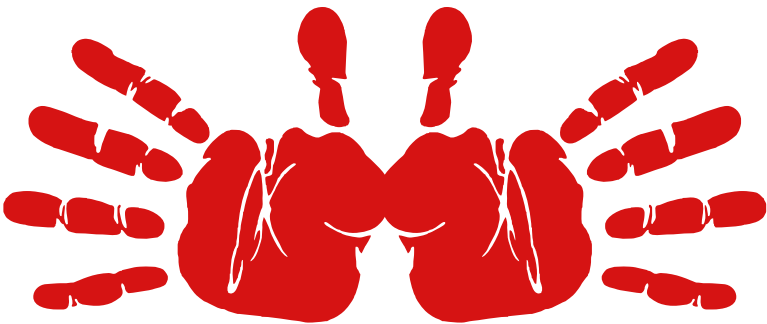
Oct 9, 12:30 pm - HH 123

Presentation by Dr. Barbara Mann



Dr. Barbara Mann is a Professor of Humanities in the Jesup Scott Honors College at the University of Toledo. She has spent much of her career writing about indigenous cultures. Her previous works include *Spirits of Blood*, *Spirits of Breath: Traditional Native American Spirituality*, *The Tainted Gift: The Disease Method of Settler Advance*, and *George Washington’s War on Native America*. She has won the Indigenous Women’s Initiatives 2009 Jigonsaseh Women of Peace Award as well as the University of Toledo’s 2018 President’s Recognition for Outstanding Contributions in Scholarly and Creative Activity. Her research and publications have been widely recognized for their positive impact on the Toledo-area community. Please join us in welcoming her to the Owens campus as her presentation wraps up Indigenous People’s Day.

Oct 9, 1:30 pm - HH 123



Indigenous People’s Advocacy Project
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Throughout Unity Week, students are asked to join in calling for public awareness of missing and murdered indigenous women. This project is in conjunction with this year’s BIG Read, *Carry*, which explores these themes and much more. You can join in showing support for this cause by painting a red hand across your mouth, the symbol of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women movement. Additionally, you can paint a red hand on paper to be hung on Campus. This powerful symbol represents the voices of all the missing women whose voices are not heard, as well as the silence shown by media and law enforcement with regards to this issue. See the times and location below for when and where you can get a hand painted.

Oct 9-12, 10:00 am-4:00 pm - CH 151
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Honors Team Spotlight
Mohammed Elnahal

Mohammed has earned a Ph.D. in contemporary Irish fiction from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2000. Before Owens, he taught at Indiana University of Pennsylvania for two years, and at Elmira College, New York, for two years. He moved to Toledo in 2002 upon being appointed as an Instructor in the Department of Humanities at Owens College. He is married and has two daughters, who are proud BGSU Falcons!



What is the greatest benefit for students involved in the honors program?

The Honors Program benefits students in several ways such as in obtaining grants and scholarships, but the greatest benefit of the Honors Program is that it provides the Honors students with unlimited opportunities to become dedicated researchers and creative leaders through HOCs, Honors courses, civic and campus engagement, and internships.

How can honors students make the most of their time at Owens?

Honors students can make the most of their time at Owens through campus and civic engagement by helping and serving their peers.

What is one of the most interesting HOC projects you have helped a student create?

In one of the Humanities courses that I taught some years ago, an Honors student created a project that helped Arab Americans in Toledo register to vote. It was a great project that benefited the local community.

Why did you decide to become a professor?

My father had a great impact on me in deciding to become a professor. He taught me that a professor is like a honeybee that looks for nectar even in the most unexpected of places, pollinate flowers, and produce honey out of nectar. Similarly, a professor helps students to find the nectar (their strength) in themselves, pollinate the flowers (give back to the community), and produce honey (new knowledge).

Have you published any written works?

Yes, I published an article in Studies in Humanities, and I wrote the introduction for Virgin Falls. Virgin Falls is selected poems for some minority Canadian and American poets.

What is your favorite book?

My favorite book is Plato's The Republic. In this masterpiece, Plato discusses the concept of justice and how a utopian society looks like.

Oregon Road Film Series
Fall 2023 Short Film Challenge



The Oregon Road Film Series Short Film Challenge is a fast paced, fun activity that pushes students to tap into their creativity and produce a short film from start to finish in one weekend. All writing, rehearsing, costume/set design, shooting, editing, graphics, visual effects, sound design, and music must be completed in the two day time frame. Students need to work together to accomplish their movie production in a fast and furious fashion. The most intriguing aspect of the film challenge is that, until the launch meeting, no one knows what genre their team will have. There will also be a surprise line, location, object, and character name to include in the movie.

This year will be special as the launch day falls on Friday the 13th of October. Should teams expect a spooky surprise? We will have to see! The Film Challenge staff, led by Jen Hazel and Rob Thomas, will also be producing their own short film.

Pre register here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnpLD9nZzuFrElBS22zJ0muwE5bCQ8u4qHIgaJCRWn7RjtA/viewform>

Challenge: Oct 13-15
Kick-off: Oct 13, 12:00 pm - CH 170



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Career and Transfer Services

Transfer Fair

Owens is hosting a transfer fair for all students transferring in or out of the college. The event will include vendors representing 28 universities from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and some online universities. The goal is to allow students an opportunity to explore their educational options. Additionally, incoming students will have an opportunity to see what Owens has to offer them now and in the future.

Toledo-area Campus: Oct 19, 10:30 am-1:30 pm - HH 123 A&B
Findlay-area Campus: Oct 31, 11:00 am-1:00 pm - EC 111

Register online at: <https://www.owens.edu/transfer/fair/>.

STEM Job Fair

Open to Owens students, alumni, and the community, this job fair is a chance to talk with employers in the fields of:

- Applied Engineering
- Automotive
- CAD
- Computer Programming Technology
- Environmental Science
- Information Systems Technology
- Welding

Students attending should bring copies of their resume and dress professionally, this is an opportunity to get your name out to the field you're interested in entering after your studies at Owens. There is no need to RSVP, students may walk in at any time.

For more information, contact: peter_kowal@owens.edu
careerservices@owens.edu
Or visit: www.owens.edu/STEM

Oct 26, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm - HH 123

Open House

Civic Engagement Opportunity

Honors students can earn some of their civic engagement points by volunteering at the October Owens Open House. Simply inform visitors on what the program is about by sharing your experience with them. Help new students understand the admission process, tuition options, scholarship opportunities, and much more. By explaining what your life has been like on campus, you can make a memory for new students and be the guide we all needed during our first college exploration.

To volunteer, contact: genesis_downey@owens.edu

Octo 9, 10:00 am-5:00 pm - Toledo-area Campus

Wednesday Wellness

Gratitude Journaling

Working to meet deadlines can be spooky. However, honors students understand that the challenge is worth the reward. Take some time to appreciate the things you are grateful for with gratitude journaling. The positive psychological impact of reminding yourself about the things you are thankful for everyday will increase your overall happiness. Learn more about it at this month's Wednesday Wellness

Oct 4, 11:00 am-12:00 pm - Owens Community College Library

Owens Community College Radio

Shock Radio

The OCCR is hosting a special radio event that will haunt the airwaves throughout October. Students with the OCCR app can tune in to Shock Radio until the dead of night for hair-raising horror stories. These radio shows will revive old classics and present fresh meat to satisfy your hunger for horror this Halloween Season!



We interviewed Herbey Atkinson from the OCCR to investigate what kind of paranormal activity he will be summoning to our plane.

What can people expect to hear on Shock Radio?

So, Shock Radio Night Shifts will air on OCCR at 6pm until Midnight starting on October 23rd and will run all day on Halloween until midnight.

Listeners can expect to hear scary music, old classic radio shows, scary stories and tales and sounds of the macabre.

Were there previous Halloween events like this?

This will be the 5th year for Shock Radio and the 2nd year for Shock Radio Night Shifts.

Is there a particular time period you are basing the shows on?

We try to include all scary time periods as long as they're scary.

Of all the shows planned, do you have a favorite?

I love listening to all of the old classic radio shows such as The Outer Limits and The Inner Sanctum that were truly groundbreaking radio, so I consider our rebroadcasting of those shows my favorite.

Is there any way for students to request songs?

They can reach out through the app or contact me at: herbey_atkinson@owens.edu

Is there anything special planned for Halloween night?

Shock Radio all day and night until midnight.

What was the most memorable Halloween costume you've ever donned?

When I was in the 8th grade, I made my own zombie make up and freaked a lot of people out.

What is your favorite horror movie and Halloween song?

John Carpenter's Iconic Halloween Theme.

