Ohio State Newark Impacts Students for Life

Alumnus Remembers Lessons Learned

The Ohio State University at Newark continues fostering success that lasts students decades after they graduate. Alumnus Jerry Besanceney graduated from The Ohio State University in 1973, but to this day, he still remembers the lessons he learned while at Ohio State Newark. He recalls taking Latin classes under Dr. Joe Tebben, a distinguished professor in the field of language, whose lessons he still finds useful in his every day life. “You wouldn’t think so, but it helps you with your reasoning, structure and grammar, it was a wonderful course. And the class size was small enough that I could actually take a little time to talk with the professor, and have the kind of experience that’s rare in higher education institutions today.”

Latin was one of many foundational classes that Besanceney took during his time at Ohio State Newark. His most notable experience was ROTC, which later allowed him to serve as an officer in the army. The valuable skills he gained from ROTC and other classes stayed with him long after graduation. Using these skills, he was able to travel and work in countries on three continents, build mills in China and participate on boards of directors in Japan, India, Germany, Mexico and many other countries.

Over the years, Besanceney has found himself continually impressed by Ohio State Newark’s consistent growth, saying, “It’s probably the best example of university planning that I have ever seen.” Ohio State Newark originally began as a single building, appropriately named Founders’ Hall. The campus has since grown to include nine buildings which serve the needs of more than 2,500 students. Some are resident students who live on campus while others commute daily. Either way, their experience is enriched with diversity from peers who represent sixteen different countries around the world, several of which Besanceney has visited in his travels.

“I'm very fortunate to have had such opportunities,” says Besanceney, adding, “and they all came from my time here at Ohio State Newark. Because back then, Ohio State Newark was exactly what it still is today: a fabulous, incredible, institution of learning.”

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The Ohio State University at Newark Alumni Relations Office endeavors to inspire a lifelong relationship between Ohio State Newark and its alumni to support the advancement of the university.

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A message from the dean and director

When I meet with alumni who attended Ohio State Newark, one thing is clear – their time here was special. Alumni know first-hand that Ohio State Newark is a small campus with big possibilities. I want our students to understand that the experience doesn’t have to end when you graduate. You can continue your journey as a member of the Ohio State Alumni Association.

I urge you to stay connected and keep engaged with us regardless of the distance that separates you from the campus. As an alumnus, there are many benefits and services available to you and over half a million alumni worldwide. The enriching experiences can continue through more than 60 societies and 200 local and international clubs that offer opportunities for continued connections to Ohio State.

Alumni members reconnect with other former classmates, explore career opportunities, share important news and attend events together. Keep in touch with us whenever exciting changes happen for you personally and professionally. We want to hear your news and help celebrate your successes. We’ll keep you up to date with news from Ohio State and details of events taking place.

I invite you to learn more about Alumni Association benefits and services and to stay connected with Ohio State Newark no matter where your world-class education takes you.

William L. MacDonald
Executive Dean of the Regional Campuses
Dean and Director of The Ohio State University at Newark

Academic administrators announced

Ohio State Newark has announced changes to its academic administration, effective autumn semester. Virginia Cope, Ph.D., associate professor of english and assistant dean since 2011, has been appointed to the newly created position of associate dean. In this role, Cope will continue to expand the campus’ outreach and engagement with the community and the study abroad, honors, and service learning opportunities available to students.

“Virginia’s efforts in these areas serve to enhance the student experience, as well as to support the university’s strategic goals,” stated Bill MacDonald, Ph.D., Dean and Director. “Students who get involved in service learning opportunities have been shown to have higher GPAs and better job prospects upon graduation, so such opportunities are important priorities.”

Melissa Jungers, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at Ohio State Newark, was also recently appointed to an associate dean position after serving as assistant dean for two years. “Gradually, my role has evolved to include more administration and less hands-on teaching, culminating in my current administrative position. I’m responsible for developing the complete course schedule for Ohio State Newark, as well as overseeing both full-time and part-time lecturers,” stated Jungers.

“One of the most appealing things about my new role is the opportunity for broader impact on the campus through cross-campus interaction with administration, staff, students, and faculty,” Jungers explained. In addition to her administrative role, Jungers is pleased to maintain an active research lab in psychology for ongoing work with students.
Our Faculty: Shaping the Future

At Ohio State Newark, we are proud of our credentialed faculty members and how they have helped to prepare this campus for the future. Below are a few of their varied accomplishments, publications and contributions to their chosen field of study from Summer and Autumn Semesters of 2014.

Exhibits
Christopher Taylor, art senior lecturer, exhibited art work at the Sean Christopher Gallery in Columbus.

Contributions
Ron Emoff, professor of music, contributed to online publication Jean Freddy and Nicole Kalolahy: Betsimisaraka Guitar Basesa from the Tamatave Region of Madagascar as well as book reviews for Roll With It: Brass Bands in the Streets of New Orleans and Nationalists, Cosmopolitans, and Popular Music in Zimbabwe.


Robert Hughes, associate professor of English, authored publications in Diacritics: A Review of Contemporary Criticism.

Grants
Ozlem Dogan Ekici, visiting assistant professor of chemistry, received a $5,708 grant from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh.

Michael Stamatikos, visiting assistant professor of physics, received a grant for $150k from the Department of Energy.

Publications
B. Scott Aubry, anthropology lecturer, co-authored a publication in the American Journal of Physical Anthropology.

Melissa T. Buelow, assistant professor of psychology, authored a publication in Assessment; she co-authored publications in Current Psychology, American Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease and Associated Disorders, The Journal of Undergraduate Research at Ohio State, and Personality and Individual Differences.

Robert Cook, associate professor of anthropology, co-authored publications in the American Journal of Physical Anthropology, the Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology, and American Antiquity.

Michael Dornoo, assistant professor of education, authored a publication in Multicultural Perspectives and co-authored a publication in the International Journal of Education and Social Science.

Diana Erchick, professor of education, co-authored a publication in the International Journal of Education and Social Science.


Robert Hughes, associate professor of English, authored publications in Diacritics: A Review of Contemporary Criticism.

Julie Hupp, associate professor of psychology, published an article in Infant and Child Development.

Niles Johnson, assistant professor of math, authored a publication in the Journal of Homotopy and Related Structures; he co-authored a publication in Advances in Mathematics.

Melissa K. Jungers, associate dean, co-authored a publication in Research in Developmental Disabilities.

Kenneth D. Madsen, assistant professor of geography, authored a publication in Placing the Border in Everyday Life and a publication online for Geopolitics.

Marilee A. Martens, associate professor of psychology, co-authored a publication in Research in Developmental Disabilities.

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Dana Munteanu, associate professor of classics/latin, co-edited a publication *Sintaxa Latina*. *Sintaxa Modurilor*: He authored a publication in *Vocabulary for the Study of Religion*.

Lucy Eldersveld Murphy, associate professor of history, authored a book *Great Lakes Creoles: A French-Indian Community on the Northern Borderlands, Prairie du Chien, 1750 – 1860*.

Michael Stamatikos, visiting assistant professor of physics, authored a publication for the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics.

Gleb Tsipursky, assistant professor of history, authored publications in the *Journal of Social History*, *Juvenile Delinquency and the Limits of Western Influence*, and *Forum noveishei vostochnoevropeiskoi istorii i kul'tury*.

Elizabeth Weiser, associate professor of English, authored a publication in *Studies in Philosophy and Education*, special issue: *Rhetoric as Equipment*.

Carrie Wysocki, education lecturer, authored a publication (chapter 11) *Becoming an Inclusive Educator*.

OSU President Drake Visits Newark campus

Dr. William L. MacDonald, stands with President Michael V. Drake during his visit to Ohio State Newark. Dr. Drake held open chat sessions with students, staff and faculty and reflected on how fortunate he is to have become part of such a special university community.

New Director of Student Life Named

Holly Mason, M.A., assistant director of student life and interim director, was recently appointed to the position of Director of Student Life for The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College.

Holly’s dedication to this shared campus is long-standing and unfailing, and her willingness to serve in several key roles simultaneously with a positive, engaging demeanor speaks volumes. She is currently the staff advisor for Phi Theta Kappa and chairs the Ohio State Regional Homecoming Committee. As well, Holly is the Student Government Advisor and chairs the Student Leadership Awards Selection Committee and has served on numerous other committees and teams on campus over the last twelve years.

As the Director of Student Life, Holly serves as the chief student affairs officer for COTC and Ohio State Newark, providing leadership and direction for the units within student life: student activities, judicial services, athletic/recreational/intramural sports, career development & experiential learning, health & counseling, disability services, and multicultural affairs. She also serves as student life liaison with the Columbus campus in areas relevant to student life.

Holly Mason holds a Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with a Minor in Music from Muskingum (College) University.

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Homecoming Court Named

Six students were honored with being named to the Ohio State Newark Homecoming Court: Wyatt Bowman, Richard Welsh, Dominic Hall (King), Brittany Henry (Queen), Nicole Cotton, and Olmares Penã.

Students were selected based on the strength of their campus and community involvement, grade point average, interviews and student vote on each campus. Since 2011, Homecoming courts with a king and queen have been selected from each of Ohio State’s regional campuses: Newark, ATI, Lima, Marion and Mansfield.

The courts from the all the campuses met at the Longaberger Alumni House to learn which court members represented their campus as homecoming queen and king at the official Regional Campus Homecoming Court Crowning Ceremony.

The Ohio State Marching Band Performs on Newark Campus

Members of the Ohio State Marching Band arrived on the Newark campus just in time for Thanksgiving. The Best Damn Band in the Land held a live performance at the John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center outdoor learning circle.

Fourth Annual Community Book Club Hosted by Ohio State Newark

Members of the community participated in the Fourth Annual Community Book Club, hosted by The Ohio State University at Newark and made possible through the generosity of Russell G. and Melissa Warner Bow. The endowed fund supports the purchase of a set amount of books as well as an annual reception.

Club members met to discuss the book, “The Glass Castle” by Jeannette Walls, in the John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center. Elizabeth Weiser, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Rhetoric and Composition, facilitated the discussion. “The Glass Castle” is also the book being read by new students in Ohio State Newark’s FYE (First Year Experience) program, making this a shared-book experience, community-wide.

Jeannette Walls moved from West Virginia to New York City at age 17, later graduated from Barnard College, and became a successful journalist living on Park Avenue. For years Jeannette hid the truth about her family: she and her three siblings were raised in poverty by parents who preferred being jobless nomads. Set primarily in the 1960s and ’70s, this memoir details much of Jeannette’s early life as her family moved from town to town in the Southwest. Eventually they settled in a poor West Virginia town, where neglectful parents and exceptional squalor compelled Jeannette and her siblings to fend for themselves and leave home. Despite the vivid details of poverty and neglect, this is not a depressing book. Walls’ childhood stories are charmingly told, and there is a sense of tenderness and humor throughout the book.
Artist’s Reception and Newark Earthworks Events Honor Native American Culture

More than 75 works focusing on the rich culture of the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Indians by Potawatomi artist, illustrator, and educator Candi Wesaw were featured in a recent exhibit in the LeFevre Hall Art Gallery. Eighteen elders of the Pokagon Band travelled to Newark from southwest Michigan and northwest Indiana to attend the Gallery Opening.

Candi Wesaw is from Hartford, Michigan, and is deeply connected to her community, culture, heritage, and the arts. She works in multiple mediums and formats, many of which are on display in the exhibit. Drawings depict tribal rituals of the past, while photographs show how her tribe continues these traditions in modern day Michigan and Indiana.

“The Shwatso Shkote Collection, or “Prophecy of the Eight Fires,” was an especially moving collection; showing where the Potawatomi have come from and the possibility that we all may be fated to disappear if we choose to over-rely on technology to solve our human problems,” stated Josh Robison, student participant. He added: “The entire day was very educational and moving; it helped me to better understand the struggles that Native peoples have gone through in this country.”

Wesaw and other citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian Nation also attended an Open House earlier in the day at the Newark Octagon Earthworks as guests of the Newark Earthworks Center (NEC), an official center of the university. The NEC hosts Octagon Open Houses regularly on the four days each year when the public is allowed full access to the site. Open Houses included guided tours of the Octagon Earthworks, American Indian crafts and other activities. The Newark Earthworks Center strives to protect and preserve Ohio’s ancient earthworks and recognize Native American Indian achievements, past and present, through public education projects. Candi Wesaw’s art exhibit is a perfect example of such recognition.

For more information about the Octagon Earthworks including upcoming events, contact the Newark Earthworks Center at earthworks@osu.edu.
Recent Donation of Artwork Celebrates Arts, Culture and Education

Central Ohio Technical College and The Ohio State University at Newark were honored to receive a generous donation of sculptures from the Thomas J. Evans’ Foundation, titled the “Great Contributors Series” created by sculptor Gary Lee Price.

“We could not be more grateful to J. Gilbert and Louella H. Reese, again, for purchasing the artwork through the Reese Family Foundation and for so generously placing these sculptures on our campus to enhance our students’ experience; their dedication to this campus and to arts in our community is tremendous,” stated William L. MacDonald, Ph.D., Dean and Director at Ohio State Newark.

“These famous contributors to our world have become synonymous with education... from George Washington to Claude Monet... from Albert Einstein to William Shakespeare... their impact on our culture and society is unmistakable,” said Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D., COTC President. While Price’s artwork is not exclusive to the Newark Campus, these beautiful pieces that the artist selected are certainly being well-received by students and campus visitors.

From the artist’s website, “Gary Lee Price sculptures capture this unique human spirit.

This is the essence of his work. This is his life’s journey” http://garyleeprice.com. “How fitting for these sculptures to be placed on a campus where each student is on a unique journey toward a lifetime of learning, and where community service and engagement opportunities abound,” Coe said.
Carol on Campus Held at Newark Campus

Once again The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) hosted a visit from that famous elf from up north. The festive annual event “Carol on Campus” was held on Friday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center, Newark campus. Members of the community attended this free event and enjoyed a reading of “Twas the Night Before Christmas,” and caroling led by the University Chorus, directed by Paul D. Sanders, Ph.D. Santa Claus also made an appearance and visited with the children.

Newark Campus Hosts 6th Annual Diversity Conference

The Ohio Diversity Officers Collaboration (ODOC) held its 6th Annual Diversity Conference at its host institution, the shared campus of The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College (COTC). The conference, entitled “New Diversity Challenges and Solutions”, provided current and future diversity professionals at institutions of higher education with cutting-edge speakers and best practices presentations.

Keynote speaker was David Johns, Executive Director, White House Initiative on educational excellence for African Americans. Featured speakers at the conference were Martin H. Belsky, J.D. – Randolph Baxter Professor of Law and Co-Chair of the University’s Diversity Council, and former Dean of the Law School at the University of Akron. His presentation was entitled “Brown vs. Board of Education after 60 Years”. “Title IX at 42 Years – Under the Microscope” was presented by Yulanda McCarty-Harris, J.D., Director of the Office of Institutional Equity, Senior Certified Affirmative Action Professional, Cleveland State University and Joshua D. Nolan, J.D., Associate at Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC and recognized on the 2014 Ohio Super Lawyers List.

Two Graduate from HERS

Two of Ohio State Newark’s administrators, Virginia Cope, Ph.D., and Jacqueline Parrill, Ed.D., recently graduated from the Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Summer Institute held in Denver, Colorado.

Virginia Cope is an assistant dean and associate professor in the Department of English at the Newark campus. Jacqueline Parrill is the vice president for Institutional Planning & Human Resources Development at Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) and director of Human Resources, Campus Relations, and Planning Support at The Ohio State University at Newark.

HERS is an educational non-profit providing leadership and management development for women in higher education administration. In the past thirty-five years, HERS has provided leadership and management programs for more than 4,000 women in higher education.

The Summer Institute, a partnership between HERS and Bryn Mawr College and the University of Denver, is a premier, two-week residential professional development program. The intensive curriculum allows participants to gain skills and perspectives they can put to use immediately, while also building a national network for continuing exchange of information and expertise.