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Celebrating 50 Years: The Ohio State University at Newark

Campus Founded with Community Support

During the early months of 1957, the community of Newark recognized a milestone opportunity – The Ohio State University planned to establish branch campuses throughout the state. Newark officials quickly took the initiative, inviting the university to locate in the heart of Licking County, with the city’s board of education extending support for the proposal by offering use of their own facilities for college classrooms.

During the following months, individuals, local businesses and civic organizations stepped forward, contributing not only financially, including donating all of the new institution’s administrative office furnishings, but also by giving freely of their own time and effort. It was members of the Newark Jaycees who undertook the task of painting the new administrative office’s exterior, while the Newark Garden Club labored over a landscape design for the grounds.

With outstanding community support and approval, The Ohio State University at Newark held its first classes on October 1, 1957, at the old Newark High School on West Main Street. Eighty students enrolled during that first autumn quarter.

Close to a decade passed, and in 1966 the Newark Campus, as it came to be called, was thriving. Enrollment had grown to 609 students in autumn quarter 1966, when opportunity arose again for the Newark community. Once more the citizens rallied to support their local university, with this goal perhaps an even greater milestone – the creation of a permanent home for The Ohio State University at Newark.

When the Ohio Board of Regents offered \$1,800,000 in state funds for the project, upon the condition that Licking County raise \$650,000 locally, the community response was swift and overwhelming. More than 7,000 citizens pledged over one million dollars that year toward the cost of purchasing 155 acres of land and constructing the first campus building, Founders Hall, which opened in 1968. The generosity of the residents of Licking County had made the Newark Campus Campaign the most successful of its kind to date, raising more money than any other similar Ohio State Campaign in other communities.

From its very inception, The Ohio State University at Newark has benefited from the forethought and generous support of the people of Newark and Licking County. As Ohio State Newark celebrates 50 years of educational opportunities, it also celebrates 50 years of educational partnership with the community it proudly serves.



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A Message from the Dean and Director



The founders of The Ohio State University at Newark might not claim to have foreseen how the campus would come to play a vital role in helping the university fulfill its land-grant mission, but their generosity and guidance are responsible for putting the campus in position to do just that. Fifty years ago, university leaders and members of the local community partnered to extend higher education to the Newark area, making a liberal education accessible to a wider range of social classes and thereby enhancing the degree to which Ohio State contributes to the nation's efforts to meet the goals of the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890. Since then, the local community, with the Board of the Newark Campus Development Fund often taking the lead, has continually contributed to the development of the campus, enhancing its facilities, enrollment capacity, and accessibility. These contributions helped the university continue to fulfill its land-grant obligations when it shifted to selective enrollment at the Columbus campus a few years ago. Without the capacity to enroll so many students at its regional campuses, particularly in Newark, where approximately 10% of Ohio State's first-year class entered the university last year, the university could not continue to be accessible to such a broad segment of the population.

Thus, although Ohio State Newark still serves Licking and surrounding counties, it now also serves a wider region of the state, drawing students from Dayton, Cincinnati, and other areas that are distant from the areas the campus initially served. Imagining how the campus will evolve over the next 50 years is difficult, but considering the addition of the incredible John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center, Ohio's efforts to encourage its citizens to pursue college degrees,

our extraordinary demand for additional residence halls, and the superb quality of our faculty and staff, I believe that the area from which we draw students will grow even larger, that Ohio State Newark will grow to offer a much richer residential experience for our students, and that our integration into the university will grow even stronger. The safest prediction, however, is that those of us fortunate enough to look back at Ohio State Newark's history 50 years from now will say that a century of achievements at the campus constitute, at the heart, a community accomplishment.

William L. MacDonald, Ph.D., Dean and Director

Ohio State Newark

Call for Alumni

Celebrating 50 Years!



The Ohio State University at Newark will officially mark its 50th anniversary at a Celebration on Saturday, December 1 at the Reese Center. The University is truly a community made up of its students, faculty and staff; it would not be thriving as it is without the involvement, support and talents of that community.

With that in mind, we want to be sure that all former students and indeed,



the graduates, are included in the Celebration. Those from the first few decades are especially encouraged to contact the school so that we may honor you at the Celebration.

Please contact the University at 740.364.9514 or lwalsh@cotc.edu. Be sure to check our web site for updated information: www.newark.osu.edu.

New Students Welcomed to Ohio State Newark

Ohio State Newark greeted incoming students on Tuesday, September 18 with a formal Convocation, opening with a faculty procession in full academic regalia. New students, their families and the campus community were welcomed to the university by speakers, food and music.

Held in the Reese Center's Alford Performing Arts Hall, Convocation 2007 drew over 200 attendees. Dean and Director William L. MacDonald opened the program and told the students that the university is committed to their success.

Student trustee Josh Maccombs spoke about "What it means to be a Buckeye," and encouraged the students to get involved in the campus community as well as the world around them.

Keynote speaker Michael Medved, author, film critic and syndicated radio host, told the students they are "among the luckiest people in the most fortunate generation on this planet."

Associate Dean Paul Sanders led the group singing "Carmen Ohio," the university's alma mater and John Berry, director of student affairs, closed the program with words of welcoming and encouragement. He urged the students to get involved on campus and reminded them to get enough sleep.

Lunch was served in the Reese Center and guests dined in the Center and on the lawn. Outdoors, CD101 played music and offered games and prizes.

Holly Reynolds, assistant director of student affairs, said, "We have received positive feedback from students, parents, faculty and staff who said they enjoyed it. Plans for next year are already underway!"



Keynote speaker Michael Medved addresses the incoming students at Convocation 2007.

2007-8 Faculty Lecture Series Opens with a Buzz

The Ohio State University at Newark will open its 2007 - 2008 Faculty Lecture Series on Thursday, November 1st when Karen Goodell, Ph.D., presents "Buzziness as usual? The status of bees and pollination in a changing environment." Hosted by William L. MacDonald, Dean and Director of Ohio State Newark, the series is free and open to the public. All lectures begin at 7 pm in the Reese Center Ballroom, followed by a reception with light refreshments.

Dr. Goodell, assistant professor in the department of evolution, ecology and organismal biology at Ohio State Newark, will discuss her research on the role of unmanaged, native bees in the pollination of squash and pumpkins in central Ohio. She will also highlight her research on one factor that influences the abundance and diversity of native bees, invasions of exotic plant species. Dr. Goodell will show how interactions between bees and exotic plants can have cascading effects on the pollination and reproduction of native plants in natural settings and potentially in agricultural settings.

Dr. Goodell received her Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolution from SUNY Stony Brook in 2000 and has conducted extensive research regarding the interactions between plants and their pollinators, and how these interactions change as a result of human activities.

The series will continue on February 7 when Mitchell Lerner, Ph.D., associate professor of history, will discuss "Re-examining Lyndon Johnson," and then on May 1 when Ron Emoff, Ph.D., assistant professor of music, will present "Resurrecting Place in the Non-Nation: Accordions, Drumming and the Sub surreal on Marie-Galante, French Antilles."

For more information or to RSVP, please call 740.364.9635 or visit www.newark.osu.edu.

Governor Strickland Visits Campus



Ohio Governor Ted Strickland shared ideas about the University System of Ohio during a visit to The Ohio State University at Newark on August 28. The governor toured the campus with Dr. William L. MacDonald, dean and director, accompanied by State Representatives Jay Hottinger and Dan Dodd.

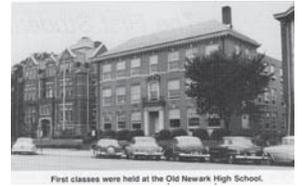
All Ohio institutions of higher education will be linked under the name the University System of Ohio to increase a collaborative, cooperative educational environment across the state. Each institution will maintain its own identity, Strickland noted, but credit transferability between schools will increase.

"We must understand that collaboration, not competition, will lead us where we want to be," said Strickland. "To be competitive in the 21st century, we must ensure that high quality higher education opportunities are available for all Ohioans."

The Ohio State University at Newark

1957

- The Ohio State University at Newark administrative office opens on June 1. Newark High School biology teacher and basketball coach Max K. Douglas is named part-time director.
- Ohio State Newark first class sessions begin October 1. Classes are held in the evening at Newark High School with 80 students and eight faculty members.



1962

- October – Ohio State Newark enrollment reaches 289.



1965

- February 9 – Newark Board of Education allows Ohio State Newark to use the new Newark High School for fall classes.
- July 1 – Dr. Robert A. Barnes becomes full-time director of The Ohio State University Newark Campus.
- Newark Campus site selected by Ohio State; construction to begin in 1967 on a 125-acre tract of land between Granville and Sharon Valley Roads.



1966

- Seven thousand Licking County residents pledge more than \$1 million toward the cost of land and construction of the first campus building.



1968

- Founders Hall, construction at a cost of \$3 million, is completed. Classes are first held in Founders Hall on November 20.

1971

- Central Ohio Technical College opens and shares the campus with Ohio State Newark.

1972

- The Ohio State University at Newark receives full accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

1975

- Hopewell Hall opens.

1978

- Adena Hall opens in the fall, containing both a gymnasium and a childcare center.

1980

- Dr. Julius Greenstein appointed Dean and Director of Ohio State Newark, effective July 1.



Celebrating 50 Years of

Historical Highlights



1986

- Campus residence hall opens.

1993

- LeFevre Hall opens – home to technical education, performing arts and faculty offices.

1994

- Dr. Rafael Cortada named Dean and Director/President.



1999

- Dr. Anne Federlein is named President of the Newark Campus.
- The Martha Grace Reese Amphitheatre opens.



2004

- Dr. William L. MacDonald is named Dean and Director of The Ohio State University at Newark.
- The John Gilbert Reese Center opens. This state-of-the-art educational facility and conference center contains classrooms, a 600-seat auditorium, ballroom, executive boardroom and a Cyber Café.

2006

- The John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center groundbreaking. This facility will feature 25,000 feet of library space. Anticipated completion date of July 2008.
- The Ohio State University Board of Trustees approves the Newark Earthworks Center.

2007

- The Ohio State University at Newark celebrates 50 years of education for citizenship.
- December 1 – a public celebration for Ohio State Newark's 50th anniversary will be held in the Reese Center.



You are invited!

*The Ohio State University at Newark
50th Anniversary Celebration*

*Saturday December 1
7 – 9 pm Reese Center Ballroom*

*RSVP by November 23 to 740.366.9211
or by email to: rsvp-newark@osu.edu*

Education for Citizenship

Grad Honored with Awards



Recent grad,
Kristin Hayes.

Kristin Amber Hayes received a BA in History from The Ohio State University at Newark in June 2007. She graduated magna cum laude with a research distinction in history and plans to pursue an advanced degree in history.

Hayes was a recipient of the Dean's Award, LeFevre Fellowship, Research on Research summer grant program and the Robert A. Barnes Academic Excellence Award.

During her academic career at Ohio State Newark, she received the Dean's Award, LeFevre Fellowship, Research on Research grant and the Robert A. Barnes Academic Excellence Award.

Receiving the prestigious Barnes Award "was a great honor," she said.

Hayes was a member of the Ohio State University at Newark Honors Society, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society. She was a regular on the Dean's list as well as an Ohio State University Academy History presenter.

Hayes has worked closely with the Newark Earthworks Center, conducting and analyzing interviews in order to create accompanying finding guides. "It's been a great experience. I've gotten to meet and work with many fascinating people, and I've developed a real love of and appreciation for Native American culture," she said.

She helped to design the Center's web site based upon her research on Native American population trends and analyses of Native American oral histories. Hayes also helped to organize and plan Newark Earthworks Day 2006.

About her future, Hayes said, "I'm not really sure what is in store for me. I love history and want to do research and teach at the college level, but I have many passions and interests that I want to pursue." She would like to "learn more about Native American culture by going to more powwows and talking with Native people about their spirituality and traditions."

From Non-Traditional Student to Board Member

Non-traditional students have a role model and advocate in Marlene Eader, a former Limited Stores, Inc. executive. She has been a member of Ohio State Newark's Board of Trustees since 2002 and became chair in August 2007. Her continued involvement with the university reflects her love of education as well as for Ohio State University.

"I knew that I wanted to be a Buckeye when I was a child!" she said.

In 1992, Marlene decided to make that dream come true. With her youngest child starting school, she enrolled full time at Ohio State Newark.

Marlene appreciated being able to attend a nationally recognized university while transitioning back into being a student in a small campus setting. She said she loved history and psychology courses. She was a member of the honors program, under then-advisor Dr. Richard Shiels, associate professor of history.

"Marlene was one of those exceptional students who came to school as an adult, with a family and a successful career, and excelled at everything. She has been excited about education for as long as I have known her," Shiels said.

In 1993, Marlene received the Phi Sigma Scholastic Honorary Award, which honors the top 40 students in a class.

She was accepted into the Fisher College of Business and in 1996 received the Max M. Fisher College Pacesetter Award. Marlene graduated summa cum laude with a BS in Business Administration and Human Resource Management.

Being a non-traditional student helped her to better understand the importance of education, she said, and that her experience at Ohio State Newark helped prepare her for her continued education at Fisher College.

"I loved my experience at Ohio State Newark," she said.

Marlene has lived up to the saying that "a good citizen is an involved one." Her community work boasts a long and impressive list of organizations and duties, including Gahanna-Jefferson City Schools, where she's served as both Vice President and President of the Board of Education.

As chair of the Board of Trustees for Ohio State Newark, Marlene is helping to mark the 50th Anniversary, and she sits on a task force that is looking into ways to create additional housing for students.

"We want to provide a quality first year experience," she said, "and for some, housing is an important component."

William L. MacDonald, Dean/Director of Ohio State Newark, said that Marlene is a great example of an Ohio State graduate who is fulfilling "both her own promise and the university's promise."

"As an advocate for both secondary and higher education, she is an engaged citizen, which is exactly what Ohio State hopes to see in its graduates," he said.

"I'm proud of the Newark campus... It is a treasure!" said Marlene.



Marlene Eader,
Chairman of the
Board of Trustees at
Ohio State Newark.

Warner Center Topping Off

On September 5, close to 100 members of the faculty, staff and administration of Central Ohio Technical College and The Ohio State University at Newark celebrated a topping off ceremony for the forthcoming John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center. Work on the eagerly anticipated 81,000 square foot building is on schedule, with a projected completion date of summer 2008. Mrs. Christine Warner Powell, the building's benefactor along with her late husband, John L. Warner, was also in attendance.

A long-standing tradition within the construction industry, a topping off ceremony marks the moment when the highest structural point in the building construction is accomplished. To commemorate this milestone, the final steel beam is signed by those present before being hoisted into place. An evergreen tree is placed on the beam to symbolize that the building project has proceeded well, without injury, and to serve as a good luck charm for the future occupants of the building. The tree is then reserved to become part of the landscape of the future building.

The new library and student center will feature 25,000 square feet of library space. The student center will include a modern food court, student affairs offices, student organizational space, a learning commons, various lounge and activity areas and a new bookstore.

The building was made possible through the foresight and generosity of John L. and Christine Warner, who are credited with the unique concept of combining the library and student center into one facility. The Warners' generous donation consists of a \$4.5 million lead gift, followed by the establishment of three charitable remainder trusts of varying amounts and years.

Be a Buckeye Brainiac...

- Community efforts built Ohio State Newark, starting in 1957 when individuals, civic groups and local businesses joined together to furnish and even paint the first administrative building.
- Ohio State Newark's first classes were held in the old Newark High School.
- In 1957, there were 80 students and 8 faculty members and classes took place in the evenings.
- The first student to enroll at Ohio State Newark was John Paul Harlow, a graduate of Newark Senior High School Class of 1953.
- Ohio State Newark will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a public celebration on December 1st.
- Completion of the John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center is on track and expected in July 2008.



Staff and faculty sign a Warner Center steel beam before it is hoisted into place.

Long-Time Staff Member Reflects on Campus Change

Over the years, Sandy Sturman has seen an incredible amount of growth at The Ohio State University at Newark: campus buildings have been added; enrollment has increased; and students have been able to complete a growing number of OSU degrees entirely in Newark. But through the years, notes Sandy, one very important aspect of the campus has remained unchanged – the outstanding quality and character of the faculty and staff.

Sandy, a Heath resident, began working at Ohio State Newark in the autumn of 1968 for Dr. Robert A. Barnes, Ohio State Newark's first full-time director, and has worked with each successive director since. She serves as executive assistant to the current dean and director, Dr. William L. MacDonald.

"This campus is positive in every aspect," says Sandy. So many people have benefited from Ohio State Newark, she adds, from being able to work or live at home while pursuing a degree, to paying lower fees for their education.

"But even after all of these years, I still love the first day of autumn quarter," says Sandy. "I love to see the new students arrive, and the excitement and energy that they bring with them."

This autumn quarter, Sandy is proud to note that her granddaughter, Kyle Smith, is also among those first-year entering students. "I think that the new students recognize how much this campus has to offer," says Sandy. "We have an excellent faculty, and our small class size gives students wonderful opportunities to interact or conduct research with their professors."

"Sandy has spoken about the outstanding quality of the faculty and staff on this campus," adds Dr. MacDonald, "and she is the perfect example of those qualities in action. Her dedication to Ohio State Newark, and to helping our faculty and staff succeed in every way, is tremendous."



Sandy Sturman, executive assistant to the dean and director.



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Campus Calendar of Events

Newark Mayoral Debate and Meet the Candidates Reception

Tuesday, October 30

7:30 pm

Reese Center Auditorium

Faculty Lecture Series –Karen Goodell, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, EEOB

“Buzziness as usual? The status of bees and pollination in a changing environment”

Thursday, November 1

7 – 9 pm

Reese Center Ballroom – RSVP to 740.364.9517 or marketing@newark.osu.edu

COTC Transfer Fair

Wednesday, November 7

11 am - 1 pm

Hopewell Cafeteria

FREE and Open to the Public

The Mind of Adolf Hitler: A Study in the Unconscious Appeal of Contempt

Lecture by Dr. Edward Green

Thursday, November 8

7:30 pm

Reese Center Rooms F&G

FREE and Open to the Public

Ohio State Newark Group Information Sessions

Tuesday, November 13 and November 20

1 pm

OSU Admissions Office - Founders Hall

Reservations preferred: <http://newark.osu.edu/enrollment/register/infosess.asp>

Buckeye Visit Day

Friday, November 30

9:15 am - noon

Reese Center

Free/Reservations Required. Go to <http://newark.newark.osu.edu/enrollment/register/buckeyedays.asp>

Holiday Celebration – Annual holiday family fun!

Friday, November 30

Santa from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

University Chorus at 7:30 pm

Reese Center Gallery

FREE and Open to the Public

50th Anniversary Celebration Reception -The Ohio State University at Newark

Saturday, December 1

To RSVP call 740.366.9211 or email to rspv-newark@osu.edu

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