

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**September 16, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m.
Morris University Center, Room 215**

Agenda

1.0 Information and Reports

1.1 Academic and Student Affairs Executive Report

Dr. Sunil Ahuja, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, will report on recent activities in Academic and Student Affairs.

1.2 Advancement and Enrollment Management Executive Report

Mr. Eric Braun, Vice President for Advancement and Enrollment Management, will report on recent activities in the division.

1.3 Recruitment and Admissions Report

Mr. Braun will report on new student recruitment and Admissions activities.

1.4 Weekend of Welcome (WoW)

Ms. Tiffany Hartman, Director of Student Life, will report on the activities of Weekend of Welcome.

1.5 Fall Enrollment Report

Ms. Tami Sheets, Registrar, will report on fall enrollment.

**Academic and Student Affairs Report
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 16, 2022**

I am pleased to present the following Academic and Student Affairs Report to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees and to the Board.

Provost Report

- I presented a Data and Academic Portfolio session to the faculty at Faculty Professional Day to outline our academic portfolio moving forward. It includes enrollment trends and an outline of Shawnee's Four Pillars and Signature Programs.
- The highlights of recent activities in Academic and Student Affairs are noted below.

College of Arts and Sciences

- The College is mourning the loss of Jon Bedick, Professor of Biology, who passed away unexpectedly on August 21st. "Jon engaged our students in dialogue to help them understand their role in conservation, stressed the importance of continued learning and engagement with others, and instilled an appreciation of the wonder and beauty of our world," said SSU Interim Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Kimberly Inman. "He did so with a boundless energy that could not be ignored. Our faculty and students are stunned at this loss and continue to mourn Jon's untimely passing." Jon's obituary may be found here: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/portsmouth-dailytimes/name/jon-bedick-obituary?id=36302024>.
- The College is pleased to welcome new faculty members Dr. Christy Zempter, Assistant Professor in Communication; Ms. Summer Logan, Assistant Professor in Musical Theater; Mr. Michael Reynolds, Visiting Assistant Professor in Game Design; and Ms. Emily Payne, Full Time Instructor in Biology.
- Shawnee State will be the host site for the Scioto County Science Fair and we are coordinating with Sharee Price from the South Central Ohio ESC and Kara Bobo-Stump on event planning.
- The College of Arts and Sciences Recruiting Committee has developed a series of 13 ready-to-go talks from faculty in English & Humanities, Social Sciences, Math, and Natural Sciences that may be requested by area middle and high school teachers in the region. Faculty will present interactive and engaging lessons and also speak a bit about SSU programs in their areas of expertise. We are working with Amanda Hedrick in the Center for Lifelong Learning on spreading the word to high schools.
- English and Humanities:
 - Professor of English Dr. Debra Knutson presented as part of a group of faculty from several Ohio institutions at the 2022 Conference on College Composition and Communication. The group presented on "From Talking to Acting: Ohio's Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Linguistic Justice." Debra spoke specifically on "Statewide Learning Outcomes Redesign: Enacting Antiracist Teaching and Learning."

- Professor of Philosophy Dr. Nick Meriwether has begun writing a series on natural law to be published in the *The Worldview Bulletin* newsletter. The series is based upon his Ethics course materials, and Nick has plans to develop the series into a textbook on natural law for the college classroom.
(<https://apologetics315.com/2019/05/the-worldview-bulletin-newsletter/>)
- Dr. Tim Nelson, Full Time Instructor in English and Humanities, presented his scholarly work entitled “Creating Cornwall With(in) Britain” at the International Medieval Congress in Leeds in July. He will be presenting “Building Britain and Becoming British” at the 46th Meeting of the Mid-America Medieval Association in Fayetteville, AR, in October.
- Mathematics:
 - Associate Professor of Mathematics Dr. David DeSario gave the talk “Pascal’s Gambling Problem” at MathFest, the annual meeting of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). Professor of Mathematics Dr. Phil Blau participated in the MAA Congress that took place the day before MathFest began as the representative of the Ohio Section.
 - Senior Actuarial Sciences major Franklin (Scott) Ferrell participated in a Discrete and Continuous Analysis in Appalachia REU (research experience for undergraduates), an 8-week NSF funded program at Fairmont State University.
 - Dr. Jinlu Li, Professor Emeritus, gave the talk “Set-valued vector optimizations in ordered Fell topological hyperspaces of partially ordered topological vector spaces” at Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization, an international conference held in Portugal. Jinlu also has a single author and two co-authored research papers accepted for publication in refereed journals.
- Natural Sciences:
 - Dr. Erik Larson, Associate Professor of Geology, has published two papers with SSU student co-authors and additional collaborators from the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith. The two Shawnee students on each paper are Dakota Simpson and David Fitzpatrick, who recently graduated from the Geology program. The paper titles and publications are listed below:
 - Liles, P., Pearson, L., Barnett, S., Simpson, D.G., Fitzpatrick, D.B., Larson, E.B. & Testa, M.P., 2022, GigaPan® photogrammetry for outcrop description, 3D modeling, and 3D printing. *The Compass: Earth Science Journal of Sigma Gamma Epsilon*, v. 92, no. 1, 3.
 - Liles, P., Pearson, L., Barnett, S., Simpson, D.G., Fitzpatrick, D.B., Larson, E.B. & Testa, M.P., 2022, From outcrops to 3D models and printing: *The Professional Geologist*, v. 59, no. 2, p. 19-24.
 - Professor of Biology Dr. Sarah Ivers expanded upon her recent scientific exploration from fall observing Polar Bear populations. This summer, Sarah journeyed to the Hudson Bay in early July to observe the migrating Beluga whale populations. This included kayaking with the whales and learning about first nation life in the region (natural remedies from local wildflowers, etc.). Additionally, Sarah participated in an 8-day photography course in Iceland over the summer to learn more about landscape photography.

- Dr. Logan Minter, Associate Professor of Biology, worked with Portsmouth City Schools over the summer to help them achieve Tree Campus USA K-12 designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. He is also currently working with SOMC to earn a similar designation. Dr. Minter also received a Jenco leadership award from the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.
- BS Biology, Biomedical Sciences Senior Sydnie Jenkins was accepted to Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine and has multiple interviews at other medical schools this fall in WV, OH, and PA.
- BS Biology, Biomedical Sciences Senior Laura Luthy has been accepted into the Marietta College Physician's Assistant Program.
- Hanna Tackett (BS Biology Biomedical Sciences, senior), Sydnie Jenkins (BS Biology Biomedical Sciences, senior, and Gavin Rose (BS Chemistry General Track, senior) each participated in different summer undergraduate research experiences in three states.
- Hanna Tackett participated in the Summer Research Experience Program in Cancer Sciences at the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in Buffalo, NY. Hanna tested two chemical compounds in treatment of both lung and colon cancers in a project titled, "Mitochondrial Unfolded Protein Response in Cancer Cells." Hanna received a stipend from the National Cancer Institute of the NIH as well as a grant from SSU Works via the SSU Development Foundations to help with living expenses.
- Sydnie Jenkins participated in Cincinnati Children's Hospital Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program hosted at the hospital in conjunction with the University of Cincinnati. Sydnie learned molecular biology and cell culture techniques on her project "Role of Negative Regulators in Acetylcholine Receptor Clustering for Neuromuscular Junction Maintenance." This work focuses on identifying potential treatments for diseases of impaired muscle contraction. Sydnie received a stipend from the University of Cincinnati.
- Center for Public History:
 - The center is wrapping up the President's Internal Research Grant, which was meant to advance the Historic Portsmouth Newspaper Project and the Vern Riffe Papers Project. This has enabled the Center to purchase dehumidifiers and air purifiers for the Center's archive, consult with newspaper digitization experts from the Ohio History Center in Columbus, and purchase acid-free archival folders and boxes for re-housing the Riffe Papers.
 - The documentary film, *Peerless Portsmouth*, which features the Center's Historic Newspaper Project, has been awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Ohio Local History Alliance. The Center's collaboration with the Peerless project was also funded by the President's Internal Research Grant and demonstrates the potential uses of the Center's newspaper collection. Professor of History and Director of the Center for Public History Andrew Feight will join the documentary's co-director for the award ceremony in Columbus, later this October.
 - Thanks to the President's Internal Research Grant and a generous donation from former BOT Member, Dr. George White, we anticipate opening the Center's

archive to student research, scholars, and the public later this fall, once the newspapers have all been shelved and their inventory completed.

- The Center received a \$20,000 grant from the Ohio Humanities to support the development of the Scioto Historical mobile app and website project. These funds have gone towards the creation of six new historical tours of Portsmouth and the surrounding region. Based upon undergraduate research and beta-tested by students in Dr. Feight's courses, the new tours explore the history of the Portsmouth Earthworks Complex, the Underground Railroad, the Shawnee State Forest, the Civil Rights Movement, the Boneyfiddle District, and Professional Football in Portsmouth. The launch of the new tours begins on 9/10 with the Earthworks tour in partnership with the Southern Ohio Museum, the Arc of Appalachia, and the Friends of Shawnee State Park. The launch will wrap up with the Pro Football Tour on 12/4, the 90th Anniversary of the Iron Man Game, when the Portsmouth Spartans defeated the Green Bay Packers in what many remember as the greatest game in Portsmouth football history.
- The Center has been once again selected as one of ten host-sites for the Ohio History Service Corps (an AmeriCorps program), which provides the center with a full-time volunteer, providing "capacity building" for the Center's projects and assisting with our community outreach efforts in southern Ohio.

College of Professional Studies

School of Education:

- Response to the CAEP accreditation self-study review is due October 1. The School will be hosting their fall stakeholders' meeting before the due date and will gather additional feedback from them on the report.
- The School has converted the computer lab located in the Education Building to a laptop classroom. Students will be asked to bring their own devices, but some will be made available to students if they don't have their own.
- All three sections of the Introduction to the teaching profession are full for Fall semester. Seventy-five new Education majors have enrolled in undergraduate programs.
- Dr. Shipley has met with Portsmouth City Schools and other regional districts to update relationships for field experiences, student teaching placements, and the professional clinical year model. The faculty and students will be targeting their research to focus on the district needs and will be identifying teacher shortage areas to develop joint recruitment programs.
- The Literacy Leaps program has been launched with New Boston Local Schools. This grant of over \$500,000 is being led by Lindsay Monihen and will be focusing on the literacy needs of third and fourth grade students who are below grade level reading, in large part due to COVID, but not exclusively. Primary/Special Education and Early Childhood Education student field and clinical experiences will be housed at New Boston so the University students can earn clinical time while they help tutor and support the primary grade students.

- The Teacher Shortage Grant of over \$220,000 has been launched with six graduate students being funded to take courses over the summer with an additional five students starting in the fall.
- Dr. Charles Kemp has co-edited a soon-to-be-published book, entitled *Collaborative Models and Frameworks for Inclusive Educator Preparation Programs*. Dr. Kemp, Dr. Sandra Beam, Dr. Kim Cassidy co-authored a chapter in the book, while Dr. Cassidy authored an additional chapter individually.
- Dr. Kemp and two recent Early Childhood Special Education graduates have been invited to present at the Tri-State Diversity and Inclusion Conference at Marshall University in September.

Department of Rehabilitation Sciences:

- After three years of adapting to limited ability to participate in community-based fieldwork experiences, the MOT students will be providing wellness and disability prevention programs at area schools, nursing homes, and SOMC hospice center.
- The MOT students will also continue a very successful virtual education partnership with Area Agency on Aging District 7, with the "Fall-Free Fridays" program. MOT students prepare and present a live-stream education program addressing fall prevention for older adults in the community. Programs are recorded and posted online with additional resources. Information about the spring 2022 initiative can be found below. Second year MOT students will begin offering the program again in September with MOT faculty Sandra Allen being mentored by Dr. Christine Raber.
- MOT faculty Ann Marie Allen has community projects this fall at Rosemount Pavilion, 14th Street Community Center, and Golden Bears.
- MOT students will develop "Intentional Relationships" with community volunteers from Golden Bears and an additional opportunity to have students check blood pressure with faculty Ann Marie Allen. Ms. Allen and students will also work with the 14th Street Community.
- MOT Students Walking and Balance Program for elderly living in the community: They will complete an 8-week walking and balance program to increase student knowledge of analyzing movement and its benefits for clients. Participants will receive information on the importance of exercise and good balance techniques for safety and use.
- MOT students in their pediatric course this semester will be evaluating and preparing educational supports for struggling readers at West Elementary School and Portsmouth STEM Academy with Dr. Barb Warnock.
- Dr. Christine Raber has been appointed as a reviewer for the American Occupational Therapy Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee. The appointment is for 2 years, and awards over 50 scholarships to students studying occupational therapy.
- MOT program had 100% pass rate on the national board exam this year.
- OTD program has admitted 13 students since its launch and have graduated six. Four students will graduate this fall. The faculty have revised the curriculum so students may apply and enter the program any semester now. Capstone projects are all clinical-based studies.
- Students in the OTA program are completing Level I fieldwork with Ms. Erica Parsley at Horizon House and Ms. Mendy Sissel at Portsmouth Rehabilitation & Wellness.

- Full accreditation received from CAPTE this past July. The accreditation has an effective date of April 2022.

Department of Allied Health Sciences:

- The Dental Hygiene program is developing its request for their accrediting body to increase their annual cohort size.
- As a result of a successful grant application, the University will receive two Anatomage Tables this week with one being installed in the Health Science Building and one in the Library. The tables, which provide 3-D interactive images of the human body, will be available to all students pursuing health-related degree programs at SSU. The tables may be programmed by faculty for specific lessons and include multiple images that are produced using images of actual human bodies.
- Tony Ward is meeting with KDMC Workforce Development representatives to discuss adding the Respiratory Therapy and Radiologic Technology students back into our clinical affiliation agreements in order to increase clinical sites.

School of Nursing:

- Nursing has established new or renewed contracts with Concord Nursing Home, KDMC Ohio, and Christ Care Pediatrics.
- Through successful grant applications, the department will receive new computers for classrooms and labs, 4 new skills mannequins, a new IV arm, and a new laptop for skills lab (med admin, etc.).
- The department worked with the Grants office to include a request through the RAPIDS equipment grant project to receive funding for a new adult mannequin for Sim Lab, a new child mannequin for Sim Lab, new Birthing torso for Sim Lab or Skills Lab, a new camera/speaker system for Peds in Sim Lab, and speaker in TV room in Sim Lab.
- ACEN (accreditor) Site Visit will be held February 7-9. The self-study documents are due December 23, 2022.
- A faculty search will be conducted this year in preparation for MSN Program. The program has a planned start date of Fall 2023.

Department of Engineering Technologies:

- The Digital Simulation and Gaming Engineering Technologies program held a “sorting ceremony” event to assign new students to their gaming “houses.” Modeled after the Hogwarts School in the Harry Potter series, each student in the program is assigned a “house.” The gaming houses are designed as a way to develop community, engagement, networking and peer mentorship amongst students. An estimated 175 students attended the event.
- The Plastics Engineering Technology Program was awarded an additional \$92,500 as an amendment to the Regional Job Training Program Funding through OVRDC. These funds are to be spent on equipment such as an Impact Tester, Moisture Analyzing equipment, 3D Printers, and Robotic Vision system.
- The Electromechanical Engineering Technology program welcomed new faculty Dr. Jeong Tae Ok as visiting faculty this fall. Dr. Ok will be instrumental in the development

of the electromechanical programs to include a bachelor's degree with a plan for a master's degree.

- The Information Security program and its faculty were transferred to the Department of Engineering Technologies effective July 1st.

C.H. Lute School of Business:

- The Academic Resource Management Committee proposal for the new MBA program has been completed and is in the final review stage before being sent to the committee for review and approval at the next meeting. New program & course proposals are being prepared and will be submitted to the Graduate Council for review by the end of September. The Ohio Department of Higher Education's (ODHE) Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS) proposal submission is planned by early January.
- Faculty position searches for Management and Accounting/Management are in process. The Management intended start date is January 2023 to replace a retired faculty from that area, and the Accounting/Management position is intended to start August 2023.
- New Finance faculty, Dr. Paeng, has had a publication of his research and he has been accepted to present at a national conference.

Clark Memorial Library

- The HVAC replacement project is nearing completion. We had a very dedicated group of students who braved the heat and worked in the library this summer. We are very appreciative of the cool air flowing in the building.
- The CML, once again, hosted a Weekend of Welcome party on Saturday, August 20th. We welcomed back DJ Drew Carter, and had SSU Alumni Charlie Haskins lead a group of students in painting a picture of the Massie Lion. We had a total of 433 students come through and check out the library. Funding for the party was provided by Selby Fund.
- During the first full week of classes the library saw 3,931 visitors. This total reflects an increase of 557 visits from the same time last year. Our 24-hour study space, The Bear Cave had 357 visitors this week. We are making good gains on returning to pre-pandemic usage level.
- Over the summer, the Library's webpage was updated and refreshed to a sleek and clean look. See www.library.shawnee.edu. The library made great progress scanning and uploading student newspapers to the Digital Commons from our archives. We were able to get copies of the Chronicle, dating from 1992 to 2002; and The Star, from 1985, uploaded. Browse the papers here: <https://digitalcommons.shawnee.edu/newspapers/>. New content is being added weekly.

Respectfully submitted,

Sunil Ahuja, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

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Alumni and Community Events

The **Shawnee State Alumni Association** is planning Homecoming, Alumni and Family Weekend on September 23 and 24, 2022. Events during the weekend include the 2022 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Volleyball game vs. University of Indiana - Kokomo, parade, tailgate, Women's and Men's Soccer game vs. Thomas More University, Alumni Awards Banquet for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 winners, and an Alumni Social. Other alumni events planned for this semester include a mixer during the Shawnee Game Conference and luncheons during Pre-Med Day. The Fall Bear Run is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19.

The Office of Alumni and Community Events has scheduled and assisted with over 500 in person events from June to September including meetings, campus visits, programming events, and community events.

The renovations in the **Morris University Center Ballroom** are nearly complete including a new AV system, new carpet, and a facelift to the walls.

The **Golden Bear Program** hosted Golden Bear Orientation on August 17 and 90 members attended to learn more about the program and events scheduled during the academic year. Events such as stretching classes, water aerobics classes, bingo and monthly birthday celebrations occur weekly.

Athletics

This will be our final season competing in the Mid-South Conference. We will transition into the **River States Conference** starting with the 2023-24 Academic Year. Members are Alice Lloyd College, Brescia University, Indiana University East, Indiana University Kokomo, Indiana University Southeast, Midway University, Oakland City University, Ohio Christian University, Point Park University, University of Rio Grande, Saint Mary-Of-The Woods College, and WVU Tech.

Successful **summer camps** were held in Soccer, Volleyball, Women's & Men's Basketball, and Esports.

Fall seasons are underway with Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Cross Country, ESports, and Volleyball. Other teams competing are Tennis, Golf, and JV Softball.

Development Foundation

Four **major philanthropic gifts and pledges** were received totaling \$376,650.

AEP-Ohio awarded \$50,000 over two years for the continued programming and infrastructure in the Kricker Innovation Hub.

Southern Ohio Medical Center provided \$10,000 for the upcoming Vern Riffe Center for the Arts Performing Arts Series.

King's Daughters Medical Center agreed to \$20,000 to support scholarships for students in Scioto, Lawrence, Boyd, Carter, and Greenup counties. Eligible students must be studying Nursing, Radiology, or Med Lab Tech.

The **Scioto Foundation** granted \$10,000 to support grant writing.

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The **Matthew Holt Scholarship for Writers** was established through a donation from Dr. Jerry Holt and Lucrecia Guerrero Holt. The annual scholarship will support aspiring fiction, non-fiction, or technical writers that demonstrate financial need.

Casino Night with a bourbon tasting hosted by President Bauer is scheduled for November 19th, on campus at Shawnee State. This is the first year for the event which will benefit The Shawnee Fund.

The **Bear Club Challenge** opened August 22nd and will run through September 29th. The Bear Club supports Shawnee State Athletics and \$19,200 has been raised thus far through philanthropic gifts and sponsorships, 27% of the way to goal of \$70,000.

SSUDF reported **increased year over year giving in FY22**. Philanthropic gifts and grants were up 83% at \$1,197,414. Total giving up 77% at \$1,256,236.

Grants and Sponsored Programs

The Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs is managing \$15,083,835 of total **grant awards**. Eight **new grants awards** have been received for the current fiscal year totaling \$2,513,752. We were also just awarded a new Upward Bound Math Science award that will allow us to support local students for the next five years.

Working on several grants which would benefit our Plastics Engineering Technology program by providing equipment and programmatic activities.

Center for Lifelong Learning & Campus Partnerships

21st CCLC program grants were renewed for four local schools and one new grant applicant is awaiting the selection results for FY23. All programs are being evaluated and reports will be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education during the first week of September 2022. Fiscal year 2023 budgets are being prepared for each school without any carry over for the year and communication has been completed with each site coordinator to review the FY23 budgets. Materials are being ordered and delivered for the out of school programs which will operate from October 17, 2022 through April 14, 2023.

Verizon Innovative Learning summer STEM camps served 130 middle school students in grades 6-8. Students completed the Flex Factor Sprint Course that encouraged students to identify a problem, create a solution, and pitch a business plan to launch their proposal. Students explored careers in manufacturing, visited Yost Engineering, and were recognized by Senator Brown with a certificate for their participation. During the closing ceremonies on June 24 and August 5, students demonstrated skills learned in artificial intelligence, robotics, augmented and virtual reality, coding and digital product innovations. The Verizon team is planning a fall VIL Open House event in partnership with SSU's Ohio Tech Day.

Project BEAR wrapped up the 2021-2022 program year. 29 members served over 500 students during the program year in 23 classrooms in Scioto and Pike counties. Members also served in various capacities in the 7-county region through partnerships with Easter Seals and the Candyland Children's Museum. In Scioto, Pike, and Ross counties service members led summer Kindergarten Readiness Camps.

The **Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)** program received the 2022-23 Program Year Grant Award Notification and is funded at the same level, about \$450,000 per year. Achieving Program Goals for 2021-22 is proving to be a challenge. The goal of 1650 participants is difficult in light of demographic changes, reduction in referral resources, and programing changes throughout the region. EOC staff remain committed to achieving the goals.

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Upward Bound Math Science completed a successful summer program and served 42 students. The average ACT score raised 1 point with some students realizing a 5-point increase. UBMS staff started research to launch programs that will provide potential scholarships for our students: UBMS eSports Team, Environthon, Robotics team, AAN Neuroscience Research, Trig-Star, and Conrad Challenge.

The **Dr. Miller and Genevieve Toombs Children's Learning Center** hired Heather Howard as the CLC Director. Open House was held on Friday, August 19 to welcome children, staff, and families. The fall semester began on August 22 with 77 children enrolled.

Final reports are being submitted to OhioCorps to close out the **College FIRST** grant. SSU is returning \$106,580.51 due to the small group of participants and OhioCorps not allowing recruiting after June 30, 2021. College First had 5 graduates: 3 enrolled into college with 2 of the 3 attending SSU; 1 enlisted in the Navy; 1 undecided.

Vern Riffe Center for the Arts

For the first time since the 2019/2020 season, the VRCFA has reinstated **series subscriptions** and our patrons are delighted to secure their favorite seats. We have a wonderful, wide-ranging series of events including: Teresa Walters, Concert Pianist in September; HarpOhio and Legally Blonde, The Musical in October; A Christmas Carol in December; Schubert's Die Schone Mullerin in January; I Have a Dream in February; Genti, The Gentlemen Trio in April; and Madagascar, The Musical in May.

The VRCFA has been chosen as a **World Fest hosting arts organization** for the upcoming three years. Sponsored by our regional arts partner, Arts Midwest, World Fest is a program that 'thinks global' and allows us to 'hear it local.' This experience will be a week-long residency, where the artists will provide school and community workshops consisting of music-making, teaching, interaction, question/answer sessions, and a public performance. This year's featured artists are Pamyua which is a musical group from Alaska that showcases Inuit culture through music and dance performance and Okaidja Afroso, a native of Ghana, who weaves together cross-cultural influences to create hypnotic sonic landscapes. His unique artistic vision has led him to combine his native rhythms with unforeseen pairings of musical styles.

Workforce Development

The **Federal Work Study Experiment** program was used to pay wages to more than 40 work-study eligible students during the spring and summer while they performed field experiences relevant to their majors. Most of these have been student teachers or MOT students performing Level II field work. On June 23, we received an additional initial allocation for the 2022-23 award year of \$59,039. This award year will be the final one of this experiment.

SSUDF presented an **SSU Works Grant** in the amount of \$2,400 to Hannah Tackett, a junior Biomedical Sciences major who participated in a ten-week undergraduate research field experience at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in Buffalo, NY. In the near future, we will award \$1,000 to Kathryn Matson, a senior Middle Childhood Science/Social Studies Education major who is commuting from Meigs County and performing fieldwork in Jackson.

The **BESTOhio** industry sector partnership, sponsored by SSU, was recently endorsed by The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA). On August 3, OMA received a \$23,492,808 award from the Economic Development Administration's American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge program. BESTOhio's portion of this is \$930,000 to support implementation of Entry Level Earn & Learn programs and development of the sector partnership which covers Scioto, Pike, Ross, Jackson, Adams, and Highland counties.

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SSU is partnering with BESTOhio to offer a **WISE Pathways** course to introduce local residents to careers in manufacturing. The 10-week class runs two nights/week and begins students on the path to becoming credentialed as a Certified Production Technician 4.0. Meals, childcare, and transportation are available, and tuition is free. We are already receiving interest from local manufacturers in hiring those who complete the course.

Since June, Workforce Development has visited with OSCO Industries, Vinyl Kraft Windows & Doors, General Mills, Sole Choice, Fluor-BWXT, Graf Transport, Benestar Brands, and EG Industries. We continue to work on action items related to our Hospital Partnership Plan with SOMC, King's Daughters, Adena, and Holzer. Our in-person Business & Manufacturing Career Fair is scheduled for October 18.

We are currently working with Admissions and Financial Aid to award more than \$130K in **Choose Ohio First** (COF) scholarships to incoming or transfer students in Occupational Therapy, Computer Engineering Technology, CADD, Information Security, Nursing, Allied Health, and Biomedical Sciences (new addition). Our annual COF reporting was submitted by the deadline in August. Two of our COF gaming scholars worked for the Verizon program over the summer.

As a Regional Programming Center (RPC) for the **Ohio Cyber Range**, SSU received \$30,000 from ODHE to facilitate collaboration across the OCRI-RPC Ecosystem that stands at 16 designated RPCs and includes a total of 22 institutions. This budget and program plan will carry through June 30, 2024, and will be used to support cybersecurity education, recruitment, and K-12 career outreach.

Kricker Innovation Hub & Entrepreneurship

The Kricker Innovation Hub concluded our second annual **Ignite Portsmouth Entrepreneurship Bootcamp** on June 30th with 7 aspiring entrepreneurs completing the program. This 8-week program worked with entrepreneurs to develop their business plans, connect with mentors, and pitch in front of a panel of judges. This program led to one new business start and two existing businesses improved following completion of the program. The Hub also organized an Ignite Portsmouth networking event and happy hour on August 17th for the 2022 cohort and the 2021 cohort. Thanks to support from the Tri-State Angel Investment Group, \$5,000 in prize dollars were given out by the SSU Development Foundation. The LIGHTS-INC grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission concluded June 30th.

Two new AmeriCorps VISTAs are starting their year of service at the Innovation Hub thanks to a partnership with the Center on Rural Innovation. This initiative will seek to expand access to and completion of digital skilling programs in conjunction with the SSU Center for Lifelong Learning.

On August 20th, the Hub and AmeriCorps VISTAs participated in the **SSU Weekend of Welcome**, and 43 students completed an activity brainstorming an idea for a new business. This semester, the Hub will continue to advance a Shawnee Entrepreneurship Club.

This summer, the Hub applied to the Economic Development Administration's **Build to Scale** program to develop and launch a technology entrepreneurship accelerator program. This 3-year grant would also support continuation of existing entrepreneurship programs such as the Ignite Portsmouth Bootcamp. The EDA will decide in September on grant awards.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Andrew Braun, JD
VP for Advancement & Enrollment Management*

Fall 15th Day Comparison

	Fall 2020 15th Day	Fall 2021 15th Day	Fall 2022 15th Day	
New Undergraduate Enrollment				
First-time Freshmen	646	552	652	
Transfer	138	138	149	
Total New	784	690	801	
Difference from prior year		-94	111	16.09%
Continuing Undergraduate Enrollment				
Freshmen	206	134	298	
Sophomore	531	492	352	
Junior	481	434	448	
Senior	804	740	535	
Total Continuing	2022	1800	1633	
Difference from prior year		-222	-167	-9.28%
Total Degree Seeking Undergraduate	2806	2490	2434	
Difference from prior year		-316	-56	-2.25%
New Graduate Enrollment				
Graduate - New	35	22	56	
Total New	35	22	56	
Difference from prior year		-13	34	154.55%
Continuing Graduate Enrollment				
Graduate - 1	85	98	99	
Graduate - 2	57	30	17	
Graduate - 3	4	24	21	
Doctorial	0	10	13	
Total Continuing	146	162	150	
Difference from prior year		16	-12	-7.41%
Total Graduate	181	184	206	
Difference from prior year		3	22	11.96%
Total Degree-Seeking Enrollment	2987	2674	2640	
Difference from prior year		-313	-34	-1.27%
Non-Degree Enrollment				
NT - Visiting	0	1	0	
NO - Non-degree	34	12	21	
NH - Highschool not CCP	1	0	0	
NP - College Credit Plus	218	461	603	
ND - Returner CCP and non-CCP	182	0	0	
NC - Non-degree Certificate	4	54	29	
NS - Senior Citizen	4	14	11	
Total Non-Degree	443	542	664	
Difference from prior year		99	122	22.51%
Grand Total	3430	3216	3304	
Difference from prior year		-214	88	2.74%

Fall 2022 15th Day Main and eCampus Comparison Report

	Main	%	eCampus	%	Fall 2022 15th Day
New Undergraduate Enrollment					
First-time Freshmen	633	97.09%	19	2.91%	652
Transfer	129	86.58%	20	13.42%	149
Total New	762	95.13%	39	4.87%	801
Difference from prior year					762
Continuing Undergraduate Enrollment					
Freshmen	273	91.61%	25	8.39%	298
Sophomore	338	96.02%	14	3.98%	352
Junior	418	93.30%	30	6.70%	448
Senior	489	91.40%	46	8.60%	535
Total Continuing	1518	92.96%	115	7.04%	1633
Difference from prior year					1518
Total Degree Seeking Undergraduate	2280		154		2434
Difference from prior year					2280
New Graduate Enrollment					
Graduate - New	22	39.3%	34	60.71%	56
Total New	22	39.3%	34	60.71%	56
Difference from prior year					22
Continuing Graduate Enrollment					
Graduate - 1	26	26.26%	73	73.74%	99
Graduate - 2	9	52.94%	8	47.06%	17
Graduate - 3	21	100.00%	0	0.00%	21
Doctorial	0	0.00%	13	100.00%	13
Total Continuing	56	37.33%	94	62.67%	150
Difference from prior year					56
Total Graduate	78	37.86%	128	62.14%	206
Difference from prior year					78
Non-Degree Enrollment					
NT - Visiting	0		0		0
NO - Non-degree	21		0		21
NH - Highschool not CCP	0		0		0
NP - College Credit Plus	603		0		603
ND - Returner CCP and non-CCP	0		0		0
NC - Non-Degree Certificate	29		0		29
NS - Senior Citizen	11		0		11
Total Non-Degree	664		0		664
Difference from prior year					664
Grand Total	3022	91.46%	282	8.54%	3304
Difference from prior year					