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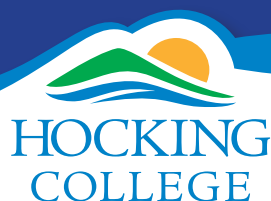
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Hocking College Mission

**We serve as a pathway to
prosperity, teaching and inspiring
all who seek to learn, growing
careers and changing lives.**





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Summer 2025 Commencement

**The Schools of Allied Health and Nursing | Workforce Development |
Natural Resources and Public Safety | General Studies, Arts, Science
and Lifestyle Careers**

Processional*

Welcome

Dr. Betty Young
President of Hocking College

National Anthem*

Student Speaker

Vaneshka Castillo Montalvo
Hospitality & Event Management

Nursing Awards

Jannelle Gaddis
Program Manager Nursing

Presentation of Special Awards

Hannah Guada
Vice President of Student Experience and Success Support Services

Presentation of Graduates

Dr. Betty Young and Dr. Jarrod Tudor
President and Executive Vice President

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Awarding of Diplomas

Dr. Betty Young and Dr. Jarrod Tudor
President and Executive Vice President

Closing Remarks

Dr. Betty Young

Recessional

*Please stand

Summer 2025 Commencement

Degrees Include:

Associate of Science
Associate of Technical Study
Automotive Technology
Baking
Criminal Justice-Major in Law Enforcement
Culinary Arts
Cyber Security & Network Systems
Fire & Emergency Services
Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate
Hospitality & Events Management
Nursing
Physical Therapist Assistant

Hocking College Administration



Stephen Powell, Chief of Staff, **Joe Deer**, Chief Information Officer, **Jarrold Tudor**, Executive Vice President

Hannah Guada, Vice President of Student Life and Success Support Services, **Dr. Betty Young**, President, **Mark Fuller**, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

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Hocking College History

Hocking College has a rich history with its roots tied to the community and region.

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Known initially as Tri-County Technical Institute (TCTI), the institution opened in Autumn 1968. In 1969, TCTI received a charter to grant degrees in 13 technical programs and, in 1970, held its first commencement ceremony with 117 graduates. At the time, it was the largest graduating class from any technical institute in the state's history.

In the 1970s, Tri-County Technical Institute changed its name to Hocking Technical College (HTC) and saw dramatic increases in enrollment. The college also moved to Hocking Parkway and opened Hocking Heights, becoming the only two-year school in Ohio to have residence halls.

Throughout the 1980s, HTC continued to grow. As buildings and programs expanded, HTC became renowned for its Natural Resources, Nursing, Public Safety, and Culinary and Hospitality programs. During the 1990s, Hocking Technical College became known as Hocking College. A satellite campus was opened in Perry County, and the college acquired Lake Snowden, a live learning lab for Natural Resources Programs.



This photo from the Hocking College archives shows the first Hocking College graduating class in 1970.

The Logan Energy Institute at Hocking College opened in 2009 in a new platinum lead certified building featuring alternative energy. From 2000 to the present, Hocking College has continued to be an economic driver for the region, preparing students for the workforce and transferring to four-year schools. The college looks back on its more than 50 years with gratitude and excitement for the future.

Student Speaker



Vaneshka Castillo Montalvo

Hospitality and Event Management

A proud Puerto Rican graduate in Hospitality and Event Management, Vaneshka has been a dynamic presence at Hocking College. She gained hands-on experience as a Front Desk Assistant in Admissions, a Host and Server at Rhapsody Restaurant, and a Community Assistant. A dedicated TRIO student and member of the Black Student Union, Vaneshka embraced leadership, service, and cultural engagement—preparing her to thrive in the hospitality industry. Vaneshka will soon be joining the Disney College Program to further pursue her career in hospitality.



School of Allied Health and Nursing

Dr. Rachel Clift
Dean, School of Allied Health and Nursing

Doris Wilderman
Associate Dean, School of Allied Health and Nursing

Baylee Barrerra
Missy Brown
Amanda Davis
Kandy Fizer

Kyle Fuller
Janelle Gaddis
Terry Hill

Emily Hoffman
Karelle Hopkins
Misti Malfe
Crystal Dawn Shingler

School of Workforce Development

Dr. Andrew Miller
Dean, School of Workforce Development

Mark Abdella
Will Alder
Kelly Barron-Holcomb
Jimmy Carter
Norma DePriest
Yayra Fekpe
Diane Grabow

Chelsea Grooms
Jason Jones
Jonathan Kasler
Zackary Murray
LaDora Ousley
Vincenzo Sclama
Bruce Slusher

Matthew Valdovinos
Coral Wedel
Scott Winland
Trevor Warfield
Coral Wedel
Scott Winland

School of Natural Resources and Public Safety

Robert Weiler

Dean, School of Natural Resources/Public Safety

Cynthia Bauers

Derrick Bosco

James Braglin

Brad Carter

Ronald Cass

Cindy Conner

Roger Deardorff

Jenn McClain-Esky

Homer Elliott

Dale Hatfield

Jessica Hertel

Michael Kessler

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Melissa Molden

Jeffery North

David Runkle

Dr. David Swanson

Timothy Walls

Eric Wilt

School of General Studies, Arts, Science and Lifestyle Careers

Eladio Vassell

Dean, General Studies, Arts and Science

Dr. Alexander

Arrington

Dr. Getachew Boru

Kim Coy

Corey Clary

Dianne Fleming

Migoy Francis

Rebecca Grubb

Awni Mikhail

Adam Phillips

Shawndry Williams

Jennifer Yanity



Student Awards

The President's List Award

Presented to students who demonstrate leadership, service, and superior scholastic performance.

De-Ray Brooks

Student Employment Award

Presented to a student who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in a position of student employment, to show extraordinary commitment to the job and provide outstanding service.

De-Ray Brooks

We Are One Hocking - Cross Cultural Award

Presented to one graduating American and one graduating International student who, through their actions and involvement, has made a significant impact on the cross-cultural understanding and campus unity at Hocking College

Vaneshka Castillo Montalvo

Richard Elston Leadership Award

In memory of Richard Elston, a former Hocking College Student Senate president, this award recognizes a graduating student whose outstanding leadership has positively impacted the Hocking College Community.

Vaneshka Castillo Montalvo

Awards are selected from nominations made by faculty, staff, students and administrators. The recipients are then selected by the graduation committee, which is made up of faculty and staff from throughout the college.

Honors Designations

Students Graduating with Honors

(Symbol: ∞)

Any graduate with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or greater receives a gold honor cord to acknowledge exemplary work and outstanding academic achievements.

Phi Theta Kappa

(Symbol: ¥)

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of two-year colleges. Students must achieve a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for official membership. Phi Theta Kappans may choose to wear their gold honor stoles during commencement. Officers may wear their officer medals.

Honored Veterans

(Symbol: †)

Graduates who have been honorably discharged from military service and those currently serving as members in a branch of the United States Armed Forces are honored for their service through the red, white, and blue honor cords. Hocking College recognizes the personal sacrifices they have made in the service of our great nation as well as the perseverance they have shown in the successful completion of their program of study.

Student Athlete

(Symbol: ◇)

Student athletes balance an academic schedule while training, traveling, and competing in athletics, developing their skills in leadership, teamwork, discipline, pride, and commitment to accomplishment. These students are honored with blue and white cords for their dedication.

National Society of Leadership and Success

The National Society of Leadership and Success is a national leadership society for both two and four year institutions. Students must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and complete 8 hours of leadership training before induction. Members of NSLS wear black and silver cords.

School of Allied Health & Nursing

Graduating with Honors ∞ Phi Theta Kappa ¥ Honored Veterans † Student-Athlete ◇

Medical Assistant

Melanie May Smyers

Nursing

Shanyl Nicole Kittle

Kelsi Jade Martin ∞

Adriana Awura Adwoa Morrison ∞

Carissa LeaAnn Nickell †

Mercy M. Nji ∞

Dioklaaneh Wilson Paye ∞

Faith Ann Marie Pickett

Brandi Whalen

Kimberly Sue Williams

Physical Therapist Assistant

Jacob Edward Campbell ∞

Braxton Ray Crisp ∞

Lauren A Doss ∞

Serena Durben ¥

Natalie Rose Holter ∞

Jonathon Daniel Morgan ∞

Musante LaRon Porter ∞

Lillian Grace Katusiime Richards ∞

Rebecca Jane Scholl ∞

Meghan Danielle Shivak ∞

Abram Talbert ∞

Wylee Elizabeth Underwood ∞

School of General Studies, Arts, Science and Lifestyle Careers

Graduating with Honors ∞ Phi Theta Kappa ¥ Honored Veterans † Student-Athlete ◇

Associate of Science

Keian Lowell Reed

Associate of Technical Study

James Kenneth Richard Braglin

School of Workforce Development

Graduating with Honors ∞ Phi Theta Kappa ¥ Honored Veterans † Student-Athlete ◇

Automotive Technology

Jason S Jones

Baking

Denval Delano Daley

Aurora Maria Edwards

Culinary Arts

Bethany Ann Ashbaugh

Gabriel Satania Grant ∞

Valensia Akeisha Jennings ∞

Cyber Security & Network Systems

Brandon Michael Lemke

Early Childhood Teacher Education

Jace Elizabeth Agriesti ∞

Ericka Warren

Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate

Alexander Kade Irey

Haven L Wallace ∞ †

Hospitality & Events Management

Sheldon Lennox Beverley ∞

De-Ray Anthony Brooks ∞

Vaneshka Castillo Montalvo

Kimeisha Maria Morgan ∞

School of Natural Resources\Public Safety

Graduating with Honors ∞ Phi Theta Kappa ¥ Honored Veterans † Student-Athlete ◇

Criminal Justice- Major in Law Enforcement

Nathan Phillip Hysell

Nicholas Vincent Stewart

Fire & Emergency Services

Meryah Catherine McDonald

Commencement Ceremonies are Coordinated by the Office of Student Life

Ceremony Curation: Terry Koons, Executive Director of Student Engagement and Success

Special Thanks to the Graduation Team 2025-2026:

Diane Wolf, Registrar

Doug Wells, Director, Hocking College Foundation

Thomas Gawf, Operations Manager, Student Center

Michael Rodrigue-Barnes, Marketing & Communication
Manager

Kyle Salmons, Director of Student Activities & Engagement

Sam Taylor, Director of Grant Development and Management



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