

Welcome to Fall Semester, 2022!

Greetings, Choose Ohio First (COF) Scholars!!!

North Central State College welcomes the newest class of COF scholars, who are beginning this semester, as well as the continuing scholars who are on target to complete their chosen programs within the next few semesters. As COF Scholars, each of you have chosen a program, degree and/or certificate which is valued highly by the State of Ohio and it is believed that your chosen educational path will lead to a career that will enhance your lives and the Ohio state community.

This fall, there are 73 returning Scholars and 90 new Scholars for a total of 163!!! We are ecstatic about having COF Scholars actively involved in the college community. As Scholars, you are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher, actively participate in co-curricular activities and fulfill a work-based learning experience. Details of co-curricular activities and work-based learning experiences will be discussed in detail at the upcoming COF Welcome Seminar.

There are many people at North Central ready to assist and support you if you should find yourself struggling in a course or just not sure how to proceed. We strongly encourage you to seek assistance by contacting your instructor, advisor, the Tutoring Center or your assistant dean. We understand that the first couple of weeks can be overwhelming and we are here to support and assist you!!

Thank you for choosing North Central and being an active COF Scholar!!!

The Choose Ohio First (COF) Steering Committee

Chairpersons:

Dr. Toni L. Johnson, Dean of Academic Services

Mr. Tom Prendergast, VP of Institutional Effectiveness & Student Services

COF Welcome Seminar

To help acclimate you to the Choose Ohio First program and the North Central community, COF Welcome Seminars are being planned. Schedule for these seminars are:

- Monday, August 29th, 12:00 pm at Kehoe Center in the auditorium, Room 006
- Tuesday, August 30th, 2:00 pm at Health Sciences, Room 116
- Wednesday, August 31st, 1:00 pm virtually via Zoom

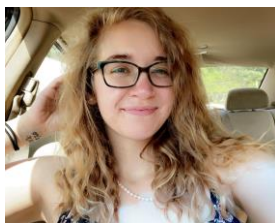
During the seminar, COF scholars will have the opportunity to network with each other and NC staff, learn more about co-curricular activities and work-based learning opportunities. Please remember that in order to maintain your COF scholarship, your full participation is expected. To sign up for one of the seminars, please complete the registration form on the COF webpage or at the following link: <https://ncstatecollege.edu/choose-ohio-first-welcome/> Zoom information will be provided to those who register.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at the Seminars!

COF Webpage & Newsletter

Want to learn more about the Choose Ohio First program? Need to find contact information for one of the COF campus sponsors? Your first place to check is the Choose Ohio First (COF) webpage! <https://ncstatecollege.edu/cof-scholarship/>

This webpage contains information about the program, contact information, special interest blogs, spotlight stories on current & alumni COF Scholars, and copies of COF newsletters, which are distributed periodically throughout the semester.



Student Resources

I am Sarah Swank, North Central State College's Resource Navigator. Students come to me when they need assistance with outside conflicts that may prevent them from doing well in their classes. This might mean that they come to me with food insecurities, housing insecurities, or if they need assistance with childcare. Even if a student just needs an ear to listen or a shoulder to cry on, I can be that person. To learn more about the on-campus resources that are available to students, or for my contact information, you can visit our Advocacy and Resource webpage here:

<https://ncstatecollege.edu/advocacy-and-resources>

Career Development

Welcome to the Fall 2022 semester. As you prepare for the new academic year, you should also begin thinking about your career goals. The Career Development & Internships office is here to help! If you need assistance with exploring careers, applying for internships/jobs, or help with your resume, contact Alicia Camak, Career Pathway & Internship Coordinator, at acamak@ncstatecollege.edu or 419-755-4786.

More information and resources can also be found on the [Career Development website](#).

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Honors College Colloquium (all virtual via Zoom).

To register and obtain the Zoom information, contact Kimberly Lybarger, klybarger@ncstatecollege.edu, or call at 419-755-4876.

Thursday, September 8 – 6:00 p.m. Room 164 Fallerius
Uttara Samarakoon, Associate Professor
All About Cannabis

Tuesday, September 20 – 6:00 p.m. Room 164 Fallerius
Dr. Terri Bucci, Associate Professor of Education
Critical Race Theory

Wednesday, November 2 – 6:00 p.m. Room 164 Fallerius
Judge Shane Leuthold
Redemption & Reinvention Court Programs

Monday, November 14 – 6:00 p.m. Room 164 Fallerius
Kay Spatafore, VP Because I Said I Would Organization
The Power of Keeping Promises

Be sure to follow all instructions to ensure that your attendance at the event is properly recorded.

All events begin at 6:00 pm.