

August 2023

# Welcome to 2023 Fall Semester!

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

North Central State College welcomes the newest class of 93 COF scholars, who are beginning this fall semester!! 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 80+ returning Scholars who are slated to finish their programs over the next academic year. 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.

There are a variety of "Welcome Week" activities on campus next week for North Central and OSU-Mansfield students. A flyer of activities can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Please plan to attend as your schedule allows.

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

# **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

As a part of the COF program at North Central, each Scholar must participate in co-curricular activities at the college. Co-curricular activities are those which are conducted outside of the classroom but complement your regular curriculum / program of study. These activities are pivotal to North Central's coordinated approach to an "well-rounded" education. Opportunities for co-curricular activities are listed below. Be sure to follow all instructions to ensure that your attendance at the event is properly recorded.

### PROPEL OHIO

Propel Ohio is a statewide student conference organized in partnership with the Ohio Campus Compact to promote civic engagement and student leadership. This all-day gathering will bring together emerging student leaders from Ohio's colleges, universities, and career and technical schools to connect them with resources, network and discuss civic engagement, and hear from Ohio and national leaders.

The Office of US Senator Sherrod Brown is excited to announce applications for the Propel Ohio 2023 Student Leadership Conference are now being accepted. **Applications will be open till September 5**<sup>th</sup> **at 11:59pm.** You can find the application here.

This is the first in-person Propel Conference since 2019. The conference will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. This year's theme is civic engagement with a focus on finding your "why." Students will hear from speakers including Sen. Brown, Connie Schultz, Kurt Russell, Dr. Hanna-Attisha, and more. They will also participate in an engagement fair with the opportunity to network with organizations doing meaningful work across Ohio.

If you decide to submit your application using the link above, please notify Kimberly Lybarger (klybarger@ncstatecollege.edu) and let her know that your application has been submitted.

The Involvement and Community Fair will be held on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm just outside of Eisenhower Hall on the Oval. Come meet community and campus partners to get involved!

## Honors College Colloquium

To register for these events, contact Kimberly Lybarger, <u>klybarger@ncstatecollege.edu</u>, or call at 419-755-4876.

Thursday, September 7, 2023 Gwen England, Catch Court "Human Trafficking, Prostitution and CATCH Court"

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 Elizabeth Them – ALS Awareness "Live What Matters" Tuesday, October 31, 2023 Pawan Divakarla – Data Analytics "Building an Analytics Culture at Progressive"

Monday, November 13, 2023 Eric Williams – 'Fake News' "The Great War and the Birth of Fake News"

### All events begin at 5:00 PM and will be held in Room 164 Fallerius



**NAMI** on Campus is a student group dedicated to mental health awareness, support and education. They are dedicated to normalizing mental health conversation, equipping individuals with mental health resources and creating a culture that accepts and supports anyone with a mental health concern. For more information, contact Aubrie Hall at <u>Aubrie@namirc.org</u> or 419-522-6264 and check out these websites: <u>http://www.namirc.org</u> or <u>https://www.instagram.com/namioncampus419/</u>.



## 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: <a href="https://ncstatecollege.edu/advocacy-and-resources">https://ncstatecollege.edu/advocacy-and-resources</a>





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	MONDAY August 21	<b>Acoustic Karaoke with John Rush</b> Eisenhower Marketplace	6:30-8:30PM
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	TUESDAY August 22	<b>Matt Grisham, Hypnotist</b> Founders Auditorium	7:00-9:00PM
		<b>American Red Cross Blood Drive</b> Eisenhower 217	10:00AM-4:00PM
		Involvement and Community Fair Outside Eisenhower on the Oval	11:30AM-1:30PM
	WEDNESDAY August 23	Minds Matter: Coffee & Conversation Open House Scarlet and Gray Café	3:00-5:00PM
	THURSDAY August 24	Foam Dance Party with Grunt Grub Food Truck Outside Ovalwood Hall	6:00-9:00PM
	FRIDAY August 25	Campus Recreation Center (CRC) Showcase and Mark's Homemade Ice Outside Eisenhower on the Oval	12:00-2:30PM <b>Cream</b>
	MONDAY August 28	<b>Microphone Mondays</b> Eisenhower Marketplace	12:30-1:30PM