



Opening Day 2009-2010



Faculty and staff convened at the Freed Center for the Performing Arts for opening day activities on Sept. 2.

Undergraduate students move in beginning Sept. 4 and classes for the 2009-10 academic year begin Sept. 8.



ONU President Dr. Kendall L. Baker's opening day speech is available at <http://tinyurl.com/mc5umx>

ONU Named 2009 Tree Campus USA

The Arbor Day Foundation has honored Ohio Northern University as a 2009 Tree Campus USA university for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship.

Ohio Northern is the second institution in Ohio to be named a Tree Campus USA campus or university and among a handful in the nation, joining such institutions as Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech.

"The Tree Campus USA program will have a long-lasting impact at Ohio Northern as it engages college students and local citizens to plant trees and create healthier communities for people to enjoy for decades to come," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Ohio Northern will benefit from exceptional tree-care practices on campus as it works with tree-care professionals in the community to improve the tree canopy in Ada."

Terry Keiser, professor of biological sciences, said, "Over the years, we have had the foresight to plant more than 100 species of trees on our campus to use both academically and for their aesthetics. This could not have been accomplished without the support of the several administrations. I remember when we were essentially just bare fields. Look at the natural beauty now! I am proud to have been a part of this."

Tree Campus USA honors college and universities and the leaders of the campus and surrounding communities for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship. Tree Campus USA is supported by a grant from Toyota.



Ohio Northern met the five required core standards of tree care and community engagement in order to receive Tree Campus USA status. Those standards are establishing a campus tree advisory committee;

evidence of a campus tree-care plan; verification of dedicated annual expenditures on the campus tree-care plan; involvement in an Arbor Day observance; and the institution of a service-learning project aimed at engaging the student body.

The Arbor Day Foundation launched Tree Campus USA in fall 2008 by planting trees at nine college campuses throughout the United States. More information about the Tree Campus USA program is available at www.arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA

Freed Center Welcomes Volunteers

The Freed Center for the Performing Arts welcomed more than 50 volunteers for the first "Meet and Greet Volunteer" luncheon.

Like centers around the country, the Freed Center will begin to use volunteers to greet patrons, hand out programs and take tickets. The volunteers came early for the luncheon and received a special backstage tour, then had the opportunity to dine on the stage, a different point of view for most.

Sally Dungan, Freed Center box office manager, said, "It is important to have community members greeting other community members. This way, the Freed Center becomes an even more integral part of the area."

Volunteers will be at each performance offered at the Freed Center this year and are already looking forward to their newly established positions.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Freed Center, call Sally Dungan at 419-772-350.



Prevention is the Best Plan

With classes about to begin, the Centers for Disease Control and other health agencies are issuing warnings, recommendations and guidelines for dealing with H1N1 flu in universities and colleges.

The CDC has created www.flu.gov for current information and recommendations.

Ohio Northern has plans to deal with any influenza outbreak and to minimize its impact on the University and its students, faculty and staff. Those plans involves preventing the spread of the H1N1 virus, limiting exposure and encouraging faculty, staff and students to stay home if they have symptoms.

Flu Shots and Health Screening At the Harvest and Herb Festival

9:00 a.m. – 5:00p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Atrium of Dicke Hall

Flu Shots: \$24.99

- Ages 14 and up (ages 14-17 years must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)
- Covered by Medicare Part B and some other insurance plans (must have card present)

Health Screenings: Free

Offered by Kroger Pharmacy, ONU Colleges of Pharmacy, Nursing and Business Administration

ONU Receives Grants

Dr. J.D. Yoder, associate professor of mechanical engineering, is the recipient of a \$75,000 KEEN III grant from the Kern Family Foundation to expand Ohio Northern University's entrepreneurship efforts to affect all undergraduate engineering students.

This is the third KEEN grant awarded to ONU. Yoder works in collaboration with Dr. Robert Kleine III, associate professor of marketing, and Dr. James Fenton, dean of The James F. Dicke College of Business Administration, on the KEEN projects. The \$75,000 grant for "The ONU Engineering Experience: 2005-2015" will be used to saturate the College of Engineering with the entrepreneurial mindset. Funds will continue to support a summer faculty workshop, additional faculty incentives to encourage incorporation of entrepreneurship elements in courses as well as continued support of student pitch contests and student/faculty/staff travel to conferences. The grant will also support the development of program assessment tools, printing/publicity costs and travel to regional KEEN events. During Yoder's sabbatical, Dr. Eric Baumgartner, dean of the T.J. Smull College of Engineering, will serve as the program director.

Marathon Oil Company has awarded The James F. Dicke College of Business Administration a \$2,000 grant to support the accounting program. Funds will be directed toward faculty and student travel to professional conferences to present joint student/faculty research and to support student travel to the Beta Alpha Psi accounting honorary conference.

Tuition Exchange

Full-time employees who will have a child entering college in fall 2010 are invited to learn about the Tuition Exchange Inc. program in a special session at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16, in McIntosh Room 7.

Questions may always be directed to Dr. Juliet Hurtig at j-hurtig@onu.edu

T.J. Smull College of Engineering Re-accredited

Ohio Northern University's bachelor's degree programs in civil, computer, electrical and mechanical engineering have been re-accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET Inc., and the computer science program was accredited for the very first time by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET Inc., the recognized accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology. ABET accreditation demonstrates a program's commitment to providing its students with a quality education.

"The college's department chairs and faculty should be commended for their efforts in preparing the self-study reports and conducting the site visit," said Dr. Eric T. Baumgartner, dean of the College of Engineering. "Program assessment and continuous improvement processes have become ubiquitous within the College of Engineering, and the results of the accreditation process help to affirm the quality of our programs."

The College of Engineering was recently ranked 38th in the nation among engineering schools with bachelor's or master's degree programs in "America's Best Colleges 2010," which is published annually by U.S. News & World Report. Across the nation, there are approximately 180 engineering colleges in this category, and ONU is only one of two schools in the state of Ohio to be ranked in the top 50. This is the third consecutive year that the college has placed in the top 50 best undergraduate engineering programs in the United States.

Math Paper Published

Khristo Boyadzhiev, professor of mathematics, has published a joint paper in a highly respected mathematical journal, The Hardy-Ramanujan Journal.

"Alternating Euler Sums at the Negative Integers" is co-authored by Boyadzhiev and H. Gopalkrishna Gadiyar and R. Padma of the AU-KBC Research Centre, M.I.T. Campus of Anna University in Chromepet, India.

The abstract says, "We study three special Dirichlet series, two of them alternating, relating to the Riemann zeta function. These series are shown to have extensions to the entire complex plane, and we find their values at the negative integers (or residues at poles). These values are given in terms of Bernoulli and Euler numbers."

In addition, the College Mathematics Journal has published his solution to problem 883 (CMJ, vol 40, Sept. 2009; solution of problem 883 by Khristo Boyadzhiev).

Veterans Wanted

With creation of a new veteran's tuition benefit program (Post 9-11 GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program) ONU has a growing number of veterans enrolling. The financial aid office is seeking faculty and staff who are military veterans to act as a resource and guide for student veterans.

A list of volunteer faculty and staff is being compiled to distribute to incoming veterans if they need academic assistance or want to connect with others with military experience.

If you are a military veteran and would like to be part of the list, contact Melanie Weaver, director of financial aid, m-weaver.2@onu.edu

ABET accreditation is a voluntary, peer-review process that requires programs to undergo comprehensive, periodic evaluations. The evaluations, conducted by teams of volunteer professionals working in industry, government, academe and private practice within the ABET disciplines, focus on program curricula, faculty, facilities, institutional support and other important areas.



One of the key elements of ABET accreditation is the requirement that programs continuously improve the quality of education provided. As part of this continuous improvement requirement, programs set specific, measurable goals for their students and graduates, assess their success at reaching those goals, and improve their programs based on the results of their assessment.

In addition to providing colleges and universities a structured mechanism to assess, evaluate and improve their programs, accreditation also helps students and their parents choose quality college programs, enables employers and graduate schools to recruit graduates they know are well-prepared, and is used by registration, licensure and certification boards to screen applicants.

ABET is a not-for-profit organization, owned and operated by its more than 25 professional and technical member societies. An internationally respected organization with some 1,500 volunteers, ABET has set the higher-educational standards in its fields for nearly 75 years. More information about ABET, its member societies and the evaluation criteria used to accredit programs can be found at www.abet.org

Papers Published

Keith F. Durkin, associate professor of sociology and chair of the department of sociology and psychology, has co-authored two papers that are being published this fall.

"The Comparative Impacts of Risk and Protective Factors on Alcohol-Related Problems in a Sample of University Students" will be published in a special fall issue of the Journal of Offender Rehabilitation focused on substance abuse and crime.

Durkin co-authored the paper with four ONU students, Amber Blackston, Shalagh Frantz and Trevor Eagle, all 2009 psychology/sociology graduates, and Sabrina Dowd, a senior in psychology from Mount Juliet, Tenn.

"419 Fraud: A Crime without Borders in a Postmodern World" will be published in the International Review of Modern Sociology and deals with the Nigerian Letter online scam.

Durkin co-authored the article with Richard Brinkman, a junior in psychology from Delphos, Ohio.

Designer Quoted

Kathe DeVault, resident lighting designer and production manager for the Freed Center for the Performing Arts, is quoted in the September issue of Stage Directions. The story, "Portfolios That Wow," offers eight steps to help theatre artists create the perfect portfolio.

Read the article at <http://tinyurl.com/mm9xzk>

Northern Events Sept. 3-9

Campus Events

Sept. 3

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – College Faculty Development Sessions

Sept. 4

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – College Faculty Development Activities

Sept. 5

Morning – New undergraduate students arrive

5:00 p.m. Picnic for new undergraduate students, new transfer students and new commuter students

Sept. 6

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – College and department orientation for new undergraduate students (To be announced by colleges)

Sept. 8

8:00 a.m. – Undergraduate classes begin

8:00 – noon – Registration and add-drop for all students (Ballroom) Deans, department chairs or representatives present

1:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Registration and add-drop for all students (Registrar's Office)

Deans, department chairs or representatives present

Sept. 9

8:00 a.m., Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling (OACAC) articulation meeting

11:00 a.m, Chapel Worship Service, English Chapel

Arts and Lectures

Sept. 4

4:30 p.m., Just Jazz Inn, Dean Alstaetter, The Inn at Ohio Northern University

Sept. 8 – Oct. 2

Noon – Deeper Than Dreams, paintings and drawings by Tom Connelly, Elzay Gallery of Art and Stambaugh Studio Theatre Gallery



Athletics

Sept. 4

1:00 p.m., Women's Soccer ONU Classic, ONU Soccer Field

3:00 p.m., Volleyball hosts ONU Invitational, ONU Sports Center

5:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Bridgewater, Va., at Roanoke, Va.



Sept. 5

9:30 a.m., Men's and Women's Cross Country at Akron Invitational

1:00 p.m., Women's Soccer ONU Classic, ONU Soccer Field

1:30 p.m., Football vs. North Central, Ill, Dial-Roberson Stadium

3:00 p.m., Volleyball hosts ONU Invitational, ONU Sports Center

7:30 p.m., Men's Soccer at Roanoke, Va.

Sept. 7

4:00 p.m., JV Football vs. Heidelberg, Dial-Roberson Stadium

Sept. 9

7:00 p.m., Men's Soccer at Ohio Dominican



For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event