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## Around the Fire with Dr. Jay



Since our last issue, we have added a new Senior Consultant, Leslie Cellar, and have launched and progressed on several new projects.

Of course, Leslie is the most exciting news! Leslie joins us after 7 years as a School Counselor in Dublin Schools and two years as an Admissions Counselor at Ohio Wesleyan University. Her combination of School Counseling and college admissions work is unusual and will be a real benefit to her clients. Plus, you'll enjoy her positive nature and sense of humor!

In terms of projects, we have recently completed over 40 campus video photo compilations and expanded the Ohio college interactive map on our website. Now, you can click on a school of interest, learn plenty of information and, in most cases, link to a YouTube video campus tour.

We have also begun work on a book that may be titled, "Academics, Co-Curriculars, and Ghosts at Ohio's Private Colleges: The Definitive Guide to the Independent Colleges of Ohio. We hope to complete the work and have copies available within a year.

All that and a box of chocolates!

## On the Trail



This month we visited Marietta College, a private, comprehensive college with a commitment to the liberal arts located in historic Marietta, Ohio. Standing proudly on a ridge overlooking the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers MU boasts a stunningly beautiful campus!

Academically, its liberal arts roots have evolved into a comprehensive set of 45 major offerings including both liberal arts and professional programs. Its signature programs are a set of energy-related majors including Petroleum Engineering (the only one in Ohio), Geology, and Land & Energy Management. They also have solid majors in Education, Physical Therapy, and several leadership-related offerings out of their unique McDonough Center for Leadership and Business.

## Iconic Campus Buildings



*Old Kenyon*

Old Kenyon was the first building erected on Kenyon College's historic and beautiful campus. The building was completed in 1829 and housed the entire college for years.

In the early morning hours of February 27, 1949 the building burned in a massive fire and 9 students lost their lives. This was the worst disaster in Kenyon College history. Old Kenyon was reconstructed almost immediately. The interior of the building was completely redesigned, but the exterior was left true to its original design. The new building opened in 1950 and has housed Kenyon students since.

Architecturally, Old Kenyon was the first example of Collegiate Gothic style in the United States and many consider it responsible for launching the Gothic Revival tradition embodied in buildings on so many of Ohio college campuses.

Old Kenyon is a classic – don't miss checking it out when you visit Kenyon College!

## Majors & Minors



We visit with many students who know that they “like computers” but have no idea of what that means in terms of major offerings. So, let's take a look at a few of the most popular computer-related majors:

### Computer Engineering

Often housed within Electrical Engineering departments, CE focuses on how computers work and how to make them smarter, faster, and more efficient. Through the study of mathematics, physics, and computer science, computer engineering majors learn to analyze, design, and develop computer hardware and software into integrated systems. This

major requires substantial upper level (calculus and beyond) math.

### Computer Science

Study of computers and computational systems with a focus on how to make computers do something. Unlike electrical and computer engineers, computer scientists deal mostly with software and software systems. The curriculum requires at least a year of calculus.

### Software Engineering

Focuses on how to design and build software in teams. Much of the curriculum is similar to Computer Science, but students take additional courses in software architecture, software testing, and software deployment.

### Computer (or Management) Information Systems

Housed in a variety of departments, but most often in Business Schools, CIS/MIS focuses on the practical applications of computers in a work environment. Information Technology courses are about learning how to take computer technology and put it to use in commercial environments. This major requires significantly less math when compared to a Computer Science degree.

Keep in mind that this is a limited list and doesn't include the myriad of majors leading to professions that utilize information technology in the service of getting work done – such as all the design and architecture majors. Still, it's a start!

## Best Kept Secrets



Antioch College is not for everyone, but some students will find it to be a very special place indeed.

According to Loren Pope, author of *Colleges that Change Lives*, "There is no university in the country that makes a more profound difference in a young person's life, or that creates more effective adults" than does Antioch College. The purpose of an Antioch College education is to prepare students for lives of significance and service. An independent liberal arts college, founded in 1850, Antioch exudes the words of its first president, Horace Mann: "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

Antioch offers 13 majors in the arts and sciences but no majors in the professions. Interestingly, Antioch is the only college in the country to require four quarters of off-campus cooperative work program for all students, thus all students graduate with one year of work experience.

Democracy and shared governance, especially as a means to activism and social justice, are at the heart of Antioch College. Students are partners in developing the structure of community governance at the institution. Since 1921 Antioch has blended practical work experience with liberal arts classroom learning, and participatory community governance.

If your student has an activist's heart and is concerned about social issues and walks to the beat of his or her own drummer, Antioch is a must see!

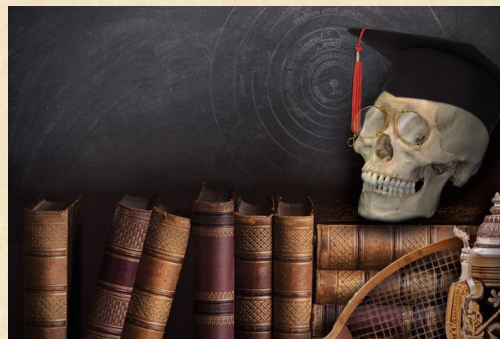
## Traditions: Secret Societies and Treasure



Wittenberg University is a gem of an Ohio college with more traditions and "secrets" than any Ohio college we have ever seen. So many, in fact, that we can only mention a few here.

According to some, **Secret Societies** have been a part of Witt's culture for over a century. Let's see;

there are the Shifters, Wizards, Pirates, Bells, and Knights. Rumor has it that some even have faculty among their members! While these are not "registered student organizations," students remain accountable to the Wittenberg Code of Student Conduct. Members are "tapped" quietly and join on the QT. We could tell you more, but then we would have to shoot you!



We understand Witt also has "secrets" that are guarded by the college itself. For example, many believe there is the "**Secret Treasure of Wittenberg.**" In a time long, long ago, back near the time of the college's beginning (1845), one of the university's founders, a minister in the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, had acquired some pirate treasure. Unable to spend it at the time, it was hidden underneath the road that goes by Myers Hall (which itself is said to be haunted by a ghostly horse). The treasure is said to lay waiting for a time of dire emergency when a set of protocols will be activated, the treasure accessed, and the college saved. How cool is that?

## Happy Trails



Well, it's time to re-pack the backpacks and get on down the trail. Thanks for joinin' us for the fun. See you next time!