

Central Ohio family businesses honored at annual program
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The Conway Center for Family Business and hundreds of business leaders honored leading Central Ohio family businesses at the 24th Annual Family Business Awards on Wednesday, November 16.

Thirty-five family businesses and individuals across seven categories were honored during the program at the Columbus Hilton at Easton. The popular program attracted more than 400 family business and community leaders to the award ceremony and pre-event Family Business Expo.

The Family Business Awards Program was established by the Conway Center in 1998 to recognize excellence in family business.

Family Business of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Recipients Revealed The Conway Center annually recognizes a family business and family business leader with its highest awards: Family Business of the Year and Lifetime Achievement. The 2022 recipients include family businesses and leaders who have reached more than 35 years of continued business shaping our region with significant contributions to the Central Ohio community in 2022. Each award winner continually demonstrates the values of family business and community.

Family Business of the Year: Equity. Founded in 1987, Equity thrives in their second generation of leadership and celebrates its 35th year in business in 2022. Equity CEO Steve Wathen said the company has made significant progress in their transition to the second generation and has an increased emphasis on community engagement. Wathen said Equity is building momentum by continuing to engage in projects that support and benefit the communities in which they will be located.

Lifetime Achievement: Joe Zanetos, President, Anthony-Thomas Candy Co. Joseph Zanetos is a third-generation candyman who started contributing to his family business at the age of eight years old. He has devoted his life to the Anthony-Thomas Candy Company and has been President and CEO for nearly 30 years. Joe's forward-thinking mindset and faith in the company propelled the business into what it is today. Joe credits a lot of the company's success to a 'strong family connection,' but his family believes it is due to Joe's passion for chocolate and his innate ability to lead that has made him and the company so successful.

Other Family Business Award winners were honored by the Conway Center for Family Business as follows:

- Succession Planning & Implementation - Small (under 10 FTE) – A family business that developed or completed a succession plan or transferred leadership.

- Connolly Companies
- Succession Planning & Implementation - Medium (11-75 FTE)
 - Modlich Monument Company
- Succession Planning & Implementation - Large (76+ FTE)
 - Marker, Inc.
- Next Gen Leader – Recognizes a next generation family member employee who is a leader in their family-owned business and who is making an impact in the Central Ohio business community.
 - **Jessica P. Anderson '00**, President, Anderson Concrete Corporation
- Rising Star – Recognizes a family or non-family employee who is an up-and-coming leader in a family-owned business.
 - Nick Trifelos, Sales & Marketing Manager, Anthony-Thomas Candy Co.
- Supporters of Family Business - Recognizes organizations or individuals that have shown support or demonstrated a commitment to the strength, success or longevity of a family firm.
 - C&A Benefits Group W3; Financial Group

Twenty-six family businesses were honored for reaching significant business longevity milestones in 2022, including:

- 100-year anniversary R.N. Smith Heating and Cooling; Skilken Gold Real Estate Development
- 75-year anniversary Connolly Companies; Crane Group
- 70-year anniversary Anthony-Thomas Candy Co.; Baseman Group
- 65-year anniversary Southeastern Equipment Company
- 60-year anniversary 2J Supply
- 55-year anniversary Insurance Agency of Ohio
- 50-year anniversary Grote Company; Magnetic Springs Water Company; McGohan Brabender; TriAd Marketing & Media
- 45-year anniversary Heiberger Paving, Inc.
- 40-year anniversary King Financial Services
- 35-year anniversary Equity
- 30-year anniversary Kaiser Consulting; Safex
- 25-year anniversary QuickStitch Plus, LLC
- 20-year anniversary Cherry Ridge Retreat; GO-HR; Jorgensen Farms; PMG Employment Consultants
- 15-year anniversary Therapy Advantage
- 10-year anniversary Cloud Cover; Outreach Promos

The Family Business Awards Program is made possible through the generous support of Columbus CEO, First Merchants Bank, Gryphon Financial Partners, Taft/ and Porter Wright.

The non-profit Conway Center for Family Business is Central Ohio's only resource for educational programs, resources, and networking opportunities to support the growth and success of family-owned businesses. The Center celebrates the successes of family-owned businesses at its annual awards program and offers peer group opportunities for next-generation leaders, family business leaders, and women family business owners. The organization includes more than 200 family-owned businesses from Central Ohio ranging in size from three to more than 20,000 employees.

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Rapid 5 nonprofit board members are leaders from all sectors in Central Ohio

By Bonnie Meibers – Staff reporter

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The new Rapid 5 nonprofit has named board members from all sectors in Central Ohio, from the arts to real estate to healthcare.

MORPC, the Columbus chapter of the Urban Land Institute and area design firms came together to develop a plan to better connect the region's waterways. That visioning process led to the creation of Rapid 5, a nonprofit led by Amy Acton, Ohio's former health director.

Acton said the newly tapped board members all reflect one of the five pillars she's developed as Rapid 5's mission: recreation, health and wellbeing, environmental stewardship, economic vitality and equitable access.

"This is changing a way of life for generations to come," Acton said. "And the things that activate that are things like arts, history, culture, wayfinding and human-centered design, because in the end, 80 jurisdictions, neighborhoods and communities will be driving their own visions."

Here is the full list of the founding board members:

- Amy Acton, president and CEO
- Former Ohio State exec Keith Myers, board chair
- Greater Columbus Arts Council CEO Tom Katzenmeyer, board vice chair
- Thrive Cos. President Mark Wagenbrenner, board secretary
- MORPC Chief Regional Strategy Officer Kerstin Carr, board treasurer
- COSI CEO Frederic Bertley
- AECOM Vice President Michael Bongiorno

- Human Service Chamber of Franklin County Executive Director **Michael Corey '01**
- Columbus College of Art and Design President Melanie Corn
- Columbus Downtown Development Corp. CEO Greg Davies
- Nationwide Realty Investors President Brian Ellis
- Continental Real Estate Cos. President of Development **Jonathan Kass '85**
- Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks Executive Director Tim Moloney
- The Nature Conservancy in Ohio Director Bill Stanley
- Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Chief Clinical Officer and interim co-leader Andrew Thomas
- Taft Law Partner-in-Charge Janica Pierce Tucker
- BlockTrain founder **Hannah Wexner '14**

Acton describes the nonprofit's work as that of an ambassador, convener and catalyzer, giving communities help with achieving their goals, which would look different in each project.

Rapid 5 is currently in talks with donors for operational funding. Acton said she envisions the organization mobilizing \$20 million over a five-year period to help communities reach their individual goals.

<https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2022/12/06/rapid-5-selects-board-members.html>

Wellness Wednesday: Football concussion protocol
 All Sides with Ann Fisher
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Last month, Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa sustained a head injury which once again brought concussion risk in football to the forefront. This week on Wellness Wednesday, we're taking a look at concussion protocol in high school football locally as well as changes in the NFL.

Later in the hour, we'll discuss the black sperm donor shortage and addiction treatment for pregnant women.

Guests:

Dr. Ben Bring '03, sports and family physician, OhioHealth
 Amber Ferguson, Senior video editor, Washington Post
 Alex Meyer, Chief Operating Officer, CompDrug

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Grammel Selected to the United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division III Women's Region VII Second Team

DePauw University

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Greencastle, Ind.- DePauw University women's soccer midfielder **Annalise Grammel '20** has been named to the United Soccer Coaches Division III Women's All-Region VII Second Team.

Six players from the NCAC were named to the All-Region VII teams; however, Grammel was just one of two members selected to the Region VII second team.

Grammel led the Tigers in goals (6), assists (5), and points (17) and completed the season second in the North Coast Athletic Conference in goals and assists. Her performance this season garnered an All-NCAC Midfielder of the Year award and a spot on the All-NCAC first team.

<https://depauwtigers.com/news/2022/12/1/womens-soccer-grammel-selected-to-the-united-soccer-coaches-ncaa-division-iii-womens-region-vii-second-team.aspx>

Fencing Starts Strong at Temple Open

Columbia Lions Athletics

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PHILADELPHIA — Columbia women's fencing's Zander Rhodes (foil), Tierna Oxenreider (epee) and **Chloe Gouhin '21** (sabre) won their respective events to highlight the Lions' performance at the Temple Open Saturday. The Columbia men also secured five medals Sunday in in all three weapons. Colby Harley (sabre) and Zachary Binder (foil) earned silver medals, while Justin Haddad (epee), Jackson McBride (sabre) and Andrew Zheng (foil) claimed bronze, respectively.

In total, the Lions had 34 fencers compete at the first collegiate event of the 2022-23 campaign.

"Our standard at Columbia fencing is very high," head coach Michael Aufrichtig said. "We had some incredible results and we had some that we know could be stronger. We look forward towards working together to continue our growth during this season."

After earning the top seed in pool play, Rhodes' rolled through to the quarterfinals and out-touched her opponents by a combined score of 45-8. In the semifinals, Rhodes bested Penn State's Samantha Cantantan and then out-dueled Sabrina Cho, 15-11, to reach the top of the podium.

Oxenreider picked up the No. 2 slot in her event and met up with teammate Yana Botvinnik in the quarterfinals, where she edged out her fellow Lion for the right to compete for a medal. After a 15-10 decision in the semis, the first-year defeated Temple's Margherita Calderaro to complete her first collegiate competition successfully.

Gouhin, a sophomore at Barnard College, marched through her first two bouts before facing Tamar Gordon in the quarterfinals. Experience won in a 15-10 decision over the first-year to continue in the main draw. Gouhin had her closest matchup of the day in the semifinals against North Carolina's Sophia Kovacs but pulled out a 15-12 victory to set up the finals against Penn's Sarah Hilado. Gouhin closed out the day with a rousing 15-9 triumph to make it three golds for the Columbia women on the day.

Haddad won his first two bouts in the bracket by 15-8 counts. Two more wins followed for Haddad before he was edged, 15-13, in the semifinals to tie for a bronze medal.

In men's foil, Binder and Joon Paik worked through the field to set up a quarterfinal matchup between the teammates. Binder came out on top and then slipped by Penn's Blake Broszus, 15-13, to reach the last stage. It was nearly an all Columbia final with Zheng breezing through the bottom of the bracket until he was tripped up by Bryce Louie, who also defeated Binder in the final.

First-year Colby Harley matched Binder's finish in sabre, picking up three lopsided wins to reach the semifinals. Standing in his way was McBride to guarantee another top-four finish. Harley slipped by his fellow Lion before dropping a 15-10 decision to Penn's Simon Kushkov.

Columbia is back in action next weekend at the Western Invitational, hosted by Air Force, from November 5-6 in Colorado Springs.

For the latest on Columbia's fencing programs, follow @CULionsFencing on Twitter and Instagram and the web at GoColumbiaLions.com.

<https://gocolumbialions.com/news/2022/10/30/fencing-starts-strong-at-temple-open.aspx>

Scots Cool Off Polar Bears, 72-57
College of Wooster
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WOOSTER, Ohio – Sophomore Jamir Billings was on triple-double watch again, and The College of Wooster men's basketball team harvested another victory, utilizing a different blueprint to success on night two of the Al Van Wie/Wooster Rotary Classic than in Friday's season lid-lifter. More emphasis on winning one-on-one matchups, then unselfishly finding the open shooter or cutter when Ohio Northern University doubled down, resulted in a 72-57 Fighting Scots' win on Saturday afternoon.

Wooster (2-0) pulled away on a 12-0 run that started with 9:59 left in the game. Billings bookended the scoring spree with field goals. Elsewhere during the stretch, junior JJ Cline found a cutting **Carter Warstler '20**, who had a step on William Miller, made the layup, and completed the three-point play. Next, Billings secured a defensive rebound on a CJ Napier misfire, and dished the ball up court to first-year Vinni Veikalas, whose hustle fastbreak layup was successful. Then, Billings canned a three-pointer with 8:23 to go that pushed Wooster's lead to 58-38. The bucket put him on triple-double alert at 10 points, seven assists, and six rebounds, and he added two to each stat category down the stretch.

Junior Nick Everett enabled Wooster to gain separation from Ohio Northern (2-2) late in the first half. Billings fed the forward the ball, and Everett finished at the rim with 4:28 on the clock, upping Wooster's lead to 22-15. Second-chance points from Everett, with a Najee Hardaway assist, plus a old-fashion three-point play bumped the lead to 10. Veikalas dished the ball off to senior Turner Kurt for a layup with 39 seconds left before halftime that upped the lead to 12 before Wooster settled for a 34-24 advantage at the break.

Hardaway's game-high 17 points earned him Al Van Wie/Wooster Rotary Classic MVP honors. The senior went 7-for-11 from the floor, which included a 3-for-4 day from beyond the arc. He added five rebounds and passed out three of the Scots' 18 assists. Warstler, a junior, added a steal to finish the two-day tournament with seven, and that earned him Defensive MVP honors for the weekend.

Billings and Kurt joined the major-award winners with all-tournament honors. Billings dropped in 12 points, passed out nine assists, and tracked down eight rebounds in the championship game. Kurt finished the day with eight points and seven rebounds.

Wooster got the better of a similarly-matched team in terms of height with a 40-24 scoring advantage in the paint. Wooster shot 49.2 percent (30-of-61) for the day and turned Ohio Northern's 17 turnovers into 18 points.

Adam Scott and Napier earned all-tournament honors for Ohio Northern. Scott finished as the leading scorer for the Polar Bears at 13 points, while Wooster held Napier to just nine points, half his season average coming into play.

The Polar Bears were a cold 35.8 percent (19-of-53) from the floor, and did not fare any better from range, hitting just 23.1 percent (6-of-26) from beyond the arc. Offensive rebounding kept Ohio Northern in the mix early, as the Polar Bears had 13 boards on that end of the floor.

Wooster's win snapped the program's three-game slide against programs that compete in the Ohio Athletic Conference.

Randolph College (3-2) blew out Mount Aloysius College (2-3) 90-66 in Saturday's Al Van Wie/Wooster Rotary Classic consolation game. All-tournament team member Danny Bickey

scored a game-high 25 points on 9-of-14 shooting, and five of his field goals were triples. Will Hagwood scored 24 points and led Mount Aloysius with eight rebounds.

Next, Wooster hosts seventh-ranked University of Mount Union (4-0) on Wednesday, November 23. Tipoff from Timken Gymnasium is at 6 p.m.

<https://www.woosterathletics.com/sports/mbkb/2022-23/releases/20221119toy3a1>

College social app Fizz is growing fast — maybe too fast

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Things are bleak in the tech sphere as we close out a year defined by plummeting stocks, persistent mass layoffs and a fall from grace for major social media companies. Yet Stanford dropout Teddy Solomon's story of co-founding Fizz is so reminiscent of Facebook that he was introduced to his investor and now-CEO Rakesh Mathur as "the next Mark Zuckerberg." So, is it a good time to be building a buzzy new social app, or is it a complete mess?

Venture capitalists at least seem to be eager to fund the future of social media. Fizz closed a \$4.5 million seed round in June, and already, the social media app for college students raised its \$12 million Series A. This fast growth from seed to Series A is almost unheard of in a bear market, but Fizz seems to be embracing the ethos to move fast and (hopefully not) break things.

Fizz is only available to college students, and users can only access the Fizz community for their own college. On the app, students can publish text posts, polls and photos without a username or identifying information attached. Like Reddit, classmates can upvote or downvote what they see in their feed. Users can DM each other, choosing to reveal their identity if they so desire.

When TechCrunch covered Fizz's seed round in October, the app had launched on 13 campuses (each campus has its own individual community). In under two months, that number has doubled to 25 campuses. With the help of its Series A, led by NEA with participation from Lightspeed, Rocketship, Owl Ventures, Smash Ventures and New Horizon, Fizz's goal is to reach 1,000 campuses by the end of 2023.

"What we've found is that Fizz is impactful across a variety of campus cultures, from highly academic Ivy League schools to party schools and now HBCUs," co-founder and COO Teddy Solomon told TechCrunch. "Fizz is all about providing students with a safer, private and engaging space to connect about their shared experience of living on the same college campus, whatever that experience and culture may be."

Fizz says it has reached 95% penetration among iPhone users (it doesn't have an Android app yet) on campuses like Stanford, Dartmouth, Pepperdine and Bethune-Cookman — but the download numbers might be a bit inflated, since Fizz employs tactics like offering free donuts in exchange for downloads, which is standard among college-founded apps. Regardless, Fizz claims that over half of its users are engaging with the app every day, an impressive statistic in itself.

Fizz's ascension has not been without conflict, though.

As reported by the Stanford Daily earlier this month, Fizz had a serious security vulnerability in November 2021. Three Stanford students discovered that anyone could easily query the app's Google Firestone-hosted database to identify the author of any post on the platform, where all posts are billed as anonymous. They also found users' personal information like phone numbers and email addresses — plus, the database was editable, which made it possible to edit posts and give any user moderator status.

"As soon as we became aware of the vulnerability, we worked with a security consultant who helped us to resolve that specific issue in 24 hours, which ended the risk for our users. Subsequently, we notified all of our users of the fix and published the changes on our website," **Ashton Cofer '20**, Fizz's co-founder and CTO, told TechCrunch. Fizz told users about the issues via a blog post.

It is industry standard that when good-faith researchers find such glaring vulnerabilities, they report their findings to the company so that they can be mended before bad actors can exploit them. But these well-intentioned students told the Stanford Daily that "Fizz's lawyer threatened us with criminal, civil, and disciplinary charges unless we agreed to keep quiet about the vulnerabilities." The student newspaper obtained a copy of the letter (note: Fizz was called Buzz at the time).

Lawyers from the Electronic Frontiers Foundation (EFF) represented the three Stanford students in a response to Fizz's legal threat.

"Your legal threats against the students endanger security research, discourage vulnerability reporting, and will ultimately lead to less security," the EFF lawyers replied to Fizz.

TechCrunch asked Fizz why its team chose to pursue legal action at the time. Cofer said that he and Solomon had followed the recommendations of a cybersecurity consultant.

"Following the letter, we sat down with the hackers and resolved the matter amicably, and no further legal action has been pursued," he said. "As we were a small team at the time, we chose to follow the advice of our consultants and legal counsel and we're glad we were able to close out the discussion with the researchers on good terms."

Cofer added that the security vulnerability also stemmed from the fact that the team was so small at the time — it was just Cofer and Solomon, who were then full-time college students. Now, Cofer says Fizz has a team of 25 employees, including engineers with decades of experience.

“Our security practices have significantly evolved and we remain committed to the security and privacy of our users as Fizz grows. Following this incident, we have ensured that the personal identifiable information (PII) of our users is stored in a separate, secure database, which is only accessible by Fizz administrators. This means that at no point can Fizz users, moderators or launch teams see another user’s PII,” Cofer said. Fizz outlines its security practices in more depth on its website.

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Ohio State experts to review FDA regulation of prescription opioids Team composed of scholars in law, public health, pharmacy, medicine
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A team of Ohio State University experts has been awarded a contract through Brilliant Corporation to complete an independent review of the Food and Drug Administration’s regulatory actions and decisions on currently approved opioid medications.

The review, due to be completed in January 2023, will also consider how to alter the agency’s approach to support appropriate use of opioid painkillers in an expanded public health context, said **Patricia Zettler ’98**, associate professor in Ohio State’s Moritz College of Law, who is the subject matter lead for the team review.

“The focus of our review is forward-looking,” Zettler said. “How could the FDA use the authority it has to better serve its public health mission, and what additional legal authorities might be useful to improve opioid regulation?”

An average of 44 people in the United States died each day from prescription opioid painkiller overdoses in 2020, accounting for almost 18% of all opioid overdose deaths that year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The 16,000-plus overdose deaths in 2020 represented a single-year 16% increase in prescription opioid-involved deaths.

A report on national strategies to address the opioid epidemic issued by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) in 2017 recommended that the FDA seek this external review. The NASEM report, which was requested by the FDA, generally recommended that the FDA use a comprehensive approach for incorporating public health considerations into the regulatory framework for prescription opioids, including accounting for benefits and risks to patients, households and society as well as incorporating such considerations at the clinical development stage.

“One of the really challenging things is that these are not products without benefits,” Zettler said. “Prescription opioids have important benefits for a lot of patients under many different circumstances. So there is a need to figure out how to best maximize those benefits while also minimizing the really serious risks of the products.”

Ohio State is home to a collection of scholars with the right mix of expertise in law, public health, pharmacy and medicine to address the many policy considerations at issue, said review team member Micah Berman, associate professor in the College of Public Health and Moritz College of Law. Both Zettler and Berman have worked at the FDA in the past, and Zettler was a consultant to the NASEM committee that issued the 2017 report.

“We have the interdisciplinary skills to look at the whole process all the way from the clinical trial to design to some of the post-marketing issues, but also to look at questions of legal authority and how the FDA might want to reconsider the standards it uses for approvals or any new authority that it might need,” Berman said. “It’s a pretty broad mandate to look at all of those things – the process the agency used and the decisions that it came to, and the broader lessons that can be gleaned from the FDA’s past experience regulating opioids – and to approach those questions from the research side, the clinical side and the legal side all at the same time.”

Ohio State scholars joining Zettler and Berman for the review are Kathy Lancaster, associate professor of epidemiology in the College of Public Health; Macarius Donneyong, assistant professor of outcomes and translational sciences in the College of Pharmacy and College of Public Health; and Marty Fried, clinical assistant professor of internal medicine in the College of Medicine.

In a recent blog post, FDA Commissioner Robert Califf described the upcoming review.

“While the FDA’s previous strategies have largely focused on opioid use and overdoses, the evolving nature of the overdose crisis calls for both a new approach and honest reflection about what the FDA can do differently moving forward. ... We have initiated this review with the intended goal of understanding what revisions are needed to support appropriate use of opioid analgesics. Our ‘lessons learned’ will actively inform our future approach,” he wrote.

The opioid crisis was determined in 2017 to be a public health emergency, and that designation is still in effect, Califf wrote, noting that illicit opioids – particularly heroin, fentanyl and

compounds with similar chemical structures – are huge contributors to the problem of misuse and overdose deaths.

For the purposes of this review, the focus will remain on regulatory activities related to existing prescription opioid medications – as well as new pain-management products that will come up for approval in the future.

“It’s laudable for the government to seek external input on its approach, particularly for a problem this large and this complicated,” Zettler said. “Although there isn’t likely to be one solution, we’re looking forward to using our expertise to help serve the public health and help inform the agency’s regulatory decisions.”

<https://news.osu.edu/ohio-state-experts-to-review-fda-regulation-of-prescription-opioids/>

Chef **Avishar Barua '05**, One Line Coffee featured at new Columbus airport lounge
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John Glenn Columbus International Airport tapped a local chef and local coffee for its newest amenity.

The airport's new 2,800-square-foot lounge, dubbed Escape Lounge – The Centurion Studio Partner, includes a menu designed by chef Avishar Barua and coffee from the Short North’s One Line Coffee.

Barua was the founding executive chef at the much revered Service Bar restaurant. He's since struck out on his own with Joyas, a café he opened in Worthington this summer, and Agni, a new restaurant in the Brewery District and German Village area coming soon.

The lounge also has premium and local beer, spirits and wine, and amenities including high-speed Wi-Fi, activity packs for children and a digital library with more than 7,000 publications from more than 120 countries via PressReader.

“We’re pleased to introduce this new amenity for passengers looking for an elevated airport experience,” Joseph Nardone, president and CEO of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, said in a release. “(The lounge) allows passengers to relish the travel experience, to escape to a relaxing space before boarding their flight.”

Nardone previously told Columbus Business First a luxury lounge has long been requested by travelers.

The lounge is on Concourse B near gate 32 and will be open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Complimentary access is available to certain American Express card holders including Platinum, Business Platinum, Corporate Platinum, Delta SkyMiles Reserve and Delta SkyMiles Reserve Business. SkyMiles card holders must be flying on Delta that day.

Passengers flying out of Concourse A or C — Delta, for example flies from C — would need to go through security at B to access the lounge, then go through security again on their concourse prior to flight.

Other travelers can pay \$40 in advance at [EscapeLounges.com](https://www.escapelounges.com) or \$45 at the door for access to the lounge.

Escape Lounges, which is owned by England-based CAVU, teamed up with American Express to develop the spaces. The Centurion Lounge is the credit card company's signature lounge program, which includes the work with Escape Lounges as well as other brands.

Existing Escape Lounge locations include the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport, Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Phoenix-Sky Harbor International Airport, Sacramento International Airport and others.

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Young Eyes on the Past

BROKEN PROMISES: THE 1868 TREATY OF FORT LARAMIE BY MALACHY SULLIVAN

The United States is commonly championed as a beacon of diplomacy, as a uniter of nations and peoples and as a leader on the global stage, though the history of its interactions and diplomacy with territories, states, groups and individuals with less power or military strength paints a very different picture.

From the annexation of Hawaii to the invasion of the Philippines to, most notably, the exploitation of Native Americans, the U.S. approach to many to whom it feels superior has often been characterized by mistreatment and marginalization. The context, decision and aftermath of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie display the brutality of the U.S. government in full effect.

This year's National History Day theme was *Debate & Diplomacy*. Having done a project on the Plains Wars in the prior year, my familiarity with the U.S. treatment of Native nations led me to approach this topic from a different perspective.



The signing of a peace treaty by William T. Sherman and the Sioux at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, 1868.

The history of U.S. diplomacy is quite the opposite of diplomacy: essentially, it's been a lack of diplomacy. The U.S. government has continually used its power as the dominant military and technological force to exploit those just trying to make peace with it. As it has entered negotiations, it's used its leverage to avoid compromise and to coerce the other party to succumb to its will. When one party feels superior to another, true diplomacy can never exist.

THE TREATY OF FORT LARAMIE

When you look at the brutal result of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie, you must understand the context to understand why the Native nations signed such an exploitative treaty.

On the way toward their "manifest destiny" and promises of vast wealth in the West, settlers armed with superior weapons, superior modes of communication and superior numbers of soldiers trampled through the sacred and ancestral lands of the Native Americans.

They terrorized Native settlements and individuals at the Sand Creek Massacre (and at many others), they seized Native lands as their own and they decimated the Native Americans' most crucial source of food, the bison.

Facing a severe loss of food, land and life, it's easy to imagine the fear of the Native Americans. Then, after all of that, the U.S. approached them with an offer of "diplomacy."

From the beginning, this offer was never about amicable and equitable diplomacy. It was about getting the Native Americans out of the way as easily as possible. The Native Americans knew this, and yet there was nothing that they could do.

A LOPSIDED AGREEMENT

The U.S. government had created an environment where entering into a lopsided and exploitative agreement with it was the only option Native Americans felt they had. As the conference over the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie started, the eight white members of the U.S. government's Indian Peace Commission were given stools and crates to sit on, and Native Americans were dismissed to the floor. Symbolically, this was an early sign for the talks to come.

Under this guise of "diplomacy," the U.S. government coerced the Native people into signing a treaty that forced assimilation into a majority culture and way of life, confined them to small plots of land out of the way of white settlers and shipped their children away to violent and manipulative boarding schools.

Their manipulative diplomacy, intended to justify and perpetuate their exploitation, marginalization and violence toward the Native Americans, has created lasting impacts on Native Americans today. More than 150 years later, Native Americans continue to face racial and societal discrimination, and suffer mental health issues disproportionate to the population

at large. They have struggled to preserve their culture and spiritual strength.

The World Population Review found that 33% of all Native Americans live in poverty. The impact of the treaty's abusive education mandates continues to this day, as the school dropout rate for Native Americans is twice as large as the nation's average.

Land thievery only continues, as corporations exploit Native American land for timber, oil and gas. And the forced assimilation first heavily perpetrated by the Treaty of Fort Laramie continues to affect and whitewash Native American culture to day.

Only 175 of more than 300 Native languages continue to be spoken, and it's predicted that only 20 will remain by 2050. In comparison to the nation's average, Native Americans have lower income, lower levels of homeownership and less access to health care.

Diplomacy can never be achieved unless both sides approach negotiations as equals and in good faith. The racist ideologies of supremacy to the Native Americans caused diplomatic talks to spiral into a manipulative and exploitative treaty that left a lasting legacy.

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The Southern Plains delegation, photographed in the White House Conservatory on March 27, 1863, five years before the signing of the Treaty of Fort Laramie. The interpreter John Simpson Smith and the agent Samuel G. Colley are standing at the left of the group; the woman standing at far right is often identified as Mary Todd Lincoln. The American Indians in the front row are, left to right: War Bonnet, Standing in the Water and Lean Bear of the Cheyennes and Yellow Wolf of the Kiowas. Yellow Wolf is wearing the Thomas Jefferson peace medal. The identities of the American Indians in the second row are unknown. Within 18 months after this photo, all four men in the front row were dead. Yellow Wolf died of pneumonia a few days after the picture was taken, War Bonnet and Standing in the Water died in the Sand Creek Massacre and Lean Bear was killed by troops from the Colorado Territory.

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Alex Wesaw is the Ohio History Connection's director of American Indian Relations. He recommends the following:

As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock by researcher and activist Dina Gilio-Whitaker "explores the fraught history of treaty violations, struggles for food and water security, and protection of sacred sites, while highlighting the important leadership of Indigenous women in this centuries-long struggle."

In *"All the Real Indians Died Off" and 20 Other Myths about Native Americans*, scholars Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dina Gilio-Whitaker "tackle a wide range of myths about Native American culture

and history that have misinformed generations. Tracing how these ideas evolved, and drawing from history, the authors disrupt long-held and enduring myths" including "Indians Were Savage and Warlike," "Europeans Brought Civilization to Backward Indians" and "The United States Did Not Have a Policy of Genocide."

Young Eyes on the Past highlights work by Ohio students in grades 4–12 participating in regional, state and national History Day competitions organized annually by the Ohio History Connection and local sponsoring organizations statewide.

In memory

Thomas Beckett Reed IV '78 (AB Harvard and MIT 1982), (Ph.D University of Hawaii 1987) of Honolulu, HI, died on October 1, 2022, while awaiting a heart transplant in San Francisco. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Inesa Levitz and their children Thomas and Emma, as well as his brother Hazen B. Reed (1984), sister Maggi-Meg Reed and their families. Tom had a robust appetite for life and adventure, which he pursued from the depths of the world's oceans (which he regularly plumbed for Oceanic Imaging Consultants, Inc., the company he founded and led), to the peak of Mt. Mauna Kea, where he loved to hunt, and to volcanic Mt. Kilauea, where he loved to bring visiting family and friends to walk the freshly cooled (but still hot!) lava. His life was cut short far too soon, and he will be sadly missed.

Obituary provided by **Hazen Reed '84**.