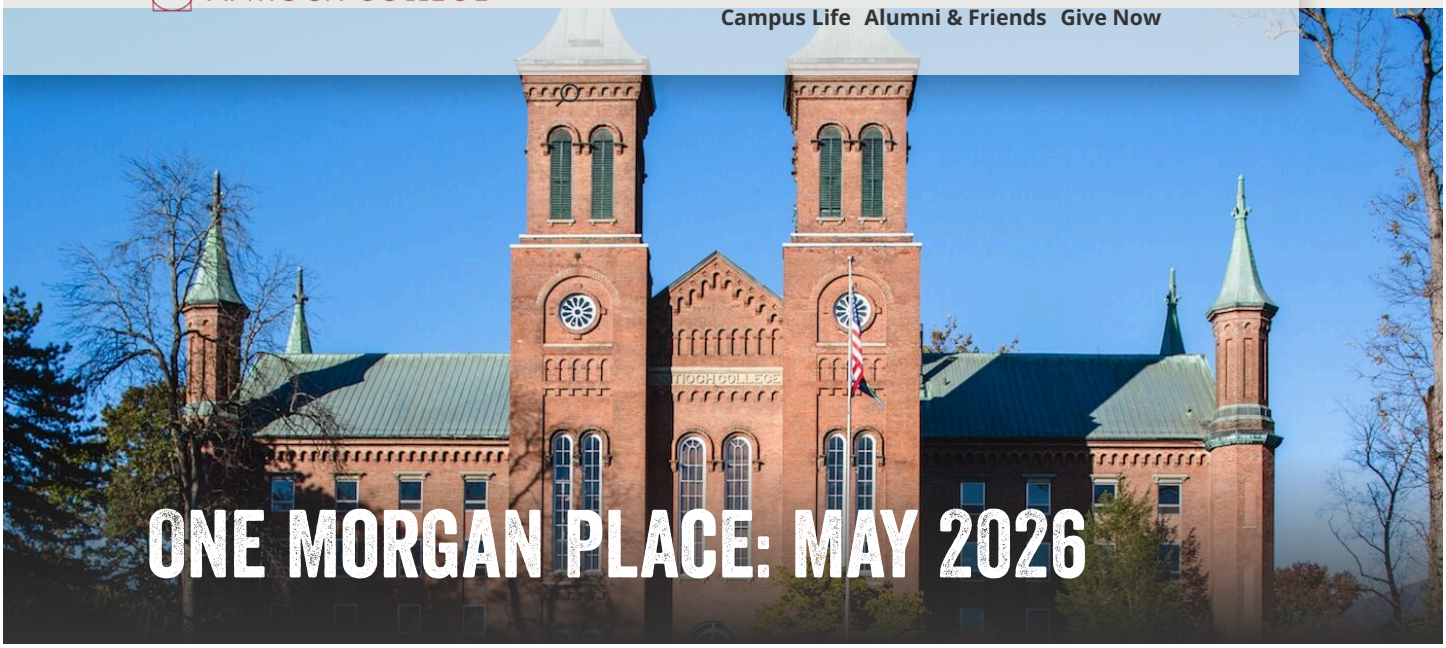

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Monthly College Newsletter

Campus Recap

See what our College community has been up to in the past month in our Campus Recap.

SPRING 2026 COMMUNITY DAY

Students, faculty, and staff gathered this month for Spring Community Day! Projects completed include:

- Restorative Justice Training
- Apothecary Gardening
- Landscape Beautification
- Weston Clean-Up
- Mural and Mosaic Projects with the Concrete Club













HLC REACCREDITATION VISIT COMPLETE

After over a year of work building the College's assurance argument, the Higher Learning Commission completed its reaccreditation visit to campus.

View this message from President Jane Fernandes with details about the visit.

In The News

Pledges sought for Antioch College tennis courts

Yellow Springs News

Mdou Moctar to perform intimate solo show at Foundry Theater in Yellow Springs

Dayton Daily News

Antioch College as a Federal Work College, two years on

Yellow Springs News

This Ohioan won marriage equality at the Supreme Court. Now he's worried about what's next

NPR Network

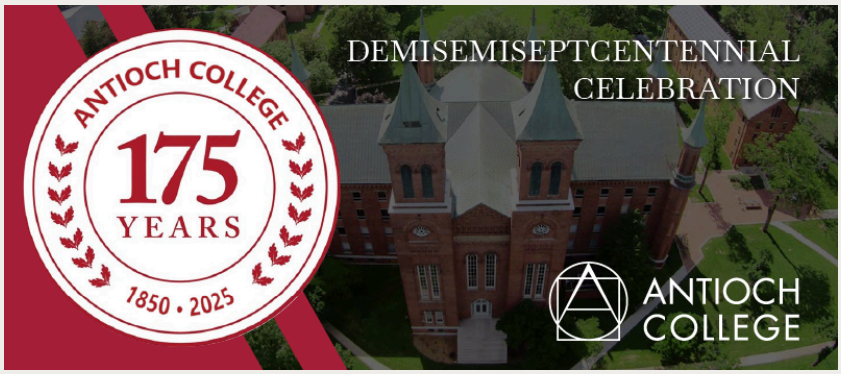
Hampshire transfers may have to repeat years of college — or roll the dice on a final semester

MassLive

Federal Work-Study: What to Know

U.S. News & World Report

Giving Good News



As part of our 175th anniversary "Then & Now" celebration, this month we turn our focus towards athletics. While we famously haven't had a football team since 1929, that absence has never meant inactivity. Across generations, Antiochians have found their own ways to compete, collaborate, and stay engaged—often in ways that reflect the College's independent spirit and values. This week, we'll look at a few examples from the archives:

Aaron B. Champion, class of 1860: Champion moved to Cincinnati after attending Antioch where he became a lawyer. There he became an active promoter of athletic organizations. In 1865 he and others put together the Cincinnati Cricket Club, known as the "Resolutes," and he was elected its president. By 1868, the cricketers had become baseball players, a game Champion advanced as a particularly healthful, distinctively American pursuit. His baseball club soon adopted uniforms featuring colored socks, hence the Cincinnati Red Stockings. Champion would soon move on to politics and served several terms on the Antioch College Board of Trustees, but not before he scheduled the team's first game against his old school in Yellow Springs. What should have been the first professional game became the first major league rainout, which was finally made up 150 years later to the day.

Lowell Fess, class of 1915: Son of College president Simeon Fess, Lowell was known as "Red" for the fiery shade of his hair. He was perhaps the closest thing to Big Man on Campus in Antioch history, serving as class president and debate society president among other leading roles in the student body. He was also a top athlete and a starter on our bygone baseball, basketball, and football teams. In 1914, he led the Antioch College football team to a 6-4 record, the only winning season in the team's history. After graduation he served in the First World War, was a founding member of the American Legion, and spent much of his career in Ohio politics, first as Mayor of Yellow Springs and later in the state General Assembly.

Women's Rugby Team: In 1999 assistant professor of anthropology Melinda Kanner formed a Physical Education class for women to develop confidence and competitiveness in students. She settled on rugby to teach these ideas and promote teamwork. They played their first game against Wittenberg, a 23-0 loss, which did nothing to dampen Antioch's newfound enthusiasm for intercollegiate sports. More games against other schools followed, along with Antioch-appropriate chants such as "no scrum, no peace" and "ask before you crush." The rugby team garnered considerable positive press including a Sunday issue of *The New York Times* under the headline "What was won on the playing fields of Antioch."

From early baseball fields to muddy rugby pitches, Antioch's history reminds us that leadership, courage, and community have always mattered more than the scoreboard.

175 Now: Active Bodies, Engaged Minds

Antioch students stay active through Independent Groups (IGs) like Pickleball, which brings students together week after week for joyful, low-barrier play. Many also earn academic credit through Wellness Center classes that center movement, care, and whole-person learning.

The Wellness Center is more than a classroom—it's a learning lab. In addition to taking courses, students gain real, hands-on teaching experience. This term, current co-op student Maaliyou has taught full-time, offering *Dance in the Sun*, *Talk Circle*, *Freestyle Choreography*, and *Dance Audition / Flexibility & Prep* to the community.

THE CORETTA SCOTT KING CENTER

The Coretta Scott King Center at Antioch College continues Mrs. King's vision of the Beloved Community by advancing racial and social justice through education, dialogue, and action.

Sponsors help sustain transformative programs like the Global Racial & Social Justice Summit, Freedom Forums, student resource spaces, and community care projects. As we prepare to celebrate the Center's 20th anniversary in 2026 and Mrs. King's 100th birthday in 2027, we invite you to partner with us in this vital work.

Learn more at antiochcollege.edu/cskc. Email Jera Oliver if you are interested.

Alumni Spotlight



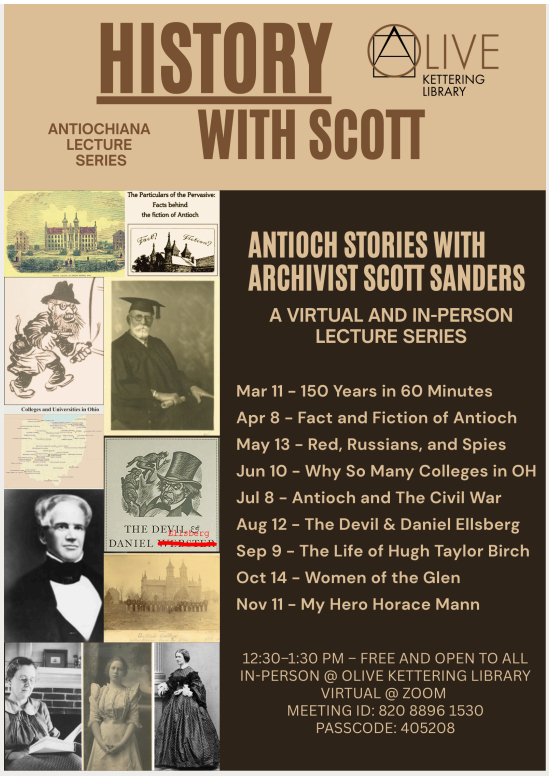
REUNION 2026: ANTIOCH FEAST

Join us for a feast of ideas and celebration during Reunion 2026, JULY 16-19

Antiochians young and old, near and far: It's time to reunite in YSO! Let's break bread with a glass of wine and compelling conversations. All are welcome at this table! Join Antiochians from every corner of the world in Yellow Springs as we celebrate Antioch College's unique commitment to the science, politics, history, culinary arts, and aesthetics of food and wine. Join us at the Antioch Feast!

The schedule of events include social hours, engaging panels, an art fair, presidential address, Alumni Association meeting, performances and screenings, award ceremonies, tours, and shared meals. We also have our perennial favorite activities: the Thursday bonfire, Cabaret Horace on Friday, and on Saturday, DIV Dance!

Register Today!



HISTORY WITH SCOTT: ANTIOCH COLLEGE LECTURE SERIES

Join us at OK Library or online for a series of entertaining presentations on Antioch's notable 175-year history. These talks are free and open to the public. Attend in person, or join virtually via Zoom.

DATES AND TOPICS

OKL & Zoom, 12:30-1:30 pm
RSVP for the series.

June 10 – Why So Many Damn Colleges in Ohio

An attempt to explain the reason for the establishment of over eighty small colleges in the great state of Ohio.

July 8 – Antioch and The Civil War

A history of Antioch College during the central event in American history, the US Civil War, including exploits and experiences of Antiochians who served in the conflict.

August 12 – The Devil and Daniel Ellsberg or How Scott Got Fired

A brief history of Antiochiana and a harrowing personal account of Scott's experiences with Antioch University.

September 9 – The Life of Hugh Taylor Birch

The improbable rags to riches story of a dropout from the 1860s who gave Antioch College a glen (and so much more) and has a dormitory named in his honor.

October 14 – Women of the Glen

The lives of three women associated with the College's former nature preserve: a scientist, an art collector, and a sculptor.

November 11 – My Hero Horace Mann

A biographical picture show about Antioch College's first president.

Alumni Engagement Opportunities

REUNION CLASS AGENTS NEEDED

We're looking for class agents for Reunion! Is this an anniversary year for you? Help us get your class to turn out for this special event. We'll set you up with a roster and you'll contact your classmates to encourage them to attend. Email Alumni Relations to help get the word out: it's time to reunite in YSO!

The big ones: 1976 will be celebrating their 50th anniversary and the Class of 2001 their 25th. But there's more! 2021's 5th; 2016's 10th; 2006's 20th; 1996's 30th; 1991's 35th; 1986's 40th; 1981's 45th; 1971's 55th; 1966's 60th; and 1961's 65th.

We'd love to organize several volunteers from each graduation class to participate. Get in touch with reunion planners to join in! For more info, visit the Reunion website.

VOLUNTEER WORK PROJECT

VWP is an alumni-led volunteer corps that donates their time and labor to the College several times a year. Alums and friends return to campus for a week, working on everything from grounds-keeping to repairs to administrative tasks. Delicious meals and housing is provided.
RSVP now for a uniquely Antiochian volunteer opportunity!

Summer Project, July 13-16 – Reunion is July 16-19
Fall Project, October 19-23



WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH

Facebook Pages

Antioch College Page

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Facebook Groups

There are also several community-moderated groups, such as Antioch College Alumni & Community and ANTIOCH COLLEGE.

Instagram

Antioch College @antiochcollege

LinkedIn

Antioch College on LinkedIn

The Antiochian

Don't forget to subscribe to *The Antiochian*! The official online alumni magazine — a collaboration between the Antioch College Alumni Association and Antioch College — keeping you up-to-date on the community. Have it delivered to your inbox or visit https://antiochian.antiochcollege.edu.

Upcoming Events

Commencement 2026

When: Saturday, June 20, 2026 at 10 AM

Where: Antioch College Foundry Theater

Speaker: Dr. Ruha Benjamin

Commencement Weekend Community Brunch

Antioch College is preparing for a very special post-Commencement gathering on June 21 featuring keynote reflections from Dr. Ruha Benjamin: "What We Tend, What We Pass On: Collective Care and Creative Futures."

This gathering is designed to celebrate graduates, foster meaningful community, and create space for conversation during Commencement weekend.

We are inviting those who have flexibility in their finances to consider modeling collective care through philanthropy by becoming a Table Conversation Sponsor.

Sponsorships help:

- **Support the Antioch College Student Success Fund**
- **Make general admission tickets (*available in June*) more financially accessible for students, their families, alumni, and community member**
- **Model collective care through philanthropy**

Sponsors may also dedicate tables in honor or memory of loved ones, families, classes, or organizations.

Current sponsors include the Family of Jim Heitler '65 and Dr. Carolyn & Rezvan Mazloomi.

Become a Sponsor:
https://secure.qgiv.com/for/idksv2/event/commencementweekendcommunitybrunch/



YS Speaker Series: Defining American in the Heartland: A Conversation Between Jose Antonio Vargas and Dr. William Lopez at the Foundry Theater

Friday June 5th, 2026 at 7 PM at the Foundry Theater

The Yellow Springs Speaker Series is coming to the Foundry Theater at Antioch College!

Get your tickets today for this engaging conversation between journalist Jose Antonio Vargas and author Dr. William Lopez.

The discussion will explore many aspects of the current state of immigration in America, as well as the role of activists and authors in the process of understanding and shining light on the struggles our neighbors face.

Tickets: https://antiochcollege.edu/event/ys-speaker-series-defining-american-in-the-heartland-a-conversation-between-jose-antonio-vargas-and-william-lopez-at-the-foundry-theater/

Antioch History with Scott Sanders

June 10th, 2026 at 12:30 PM at the Olive Kettering Library

Join Antioch College Archivist Scott Sanders in-person at the Olive Kettering Library or online for this month's History Talk: **Why So Many Colleges in Ohio?**

Rightstarter Live

June 13th, 2026 at 8:00 PM in the Herndon Gallery at Antioch College

Don't miss the closing event of the Rightstarter exhibit which includes a live musical performance!



EcoFarm and Food Foresting Certificate Program

Over three weekends in July

Weekend 1: July 11 & 12, 2026

Soil Health, Nutrient Cycling & Small Farm/Garden Planning

Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Weekend 2: July 18 & 19, 2026

Specialty Crops for the Market Garden & Community Engagement

Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Weekend 3: July 25 & 26, 2026

Regenerative Practices, Native Plants & Food Forest Pollinators

Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Registration:
https://secure.qgiv.com/for/z8mgjg/event/antiochecofarmfoodforestingprogram/

Summer Arts Institute: Myths Magic and Folklore thru Clay and the Creative Spirit

Antioch College invites you to a week-long creative workshop exploring Myths, Magic, and Folklore through Clay and the Creative Spirit. This immersive experience is designed for adults interested in bringing stories to life through handcrafted mixed-media figures.

When: July 26 – August 1, 2026

Where: Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387

Registration:
https://secure.qgiv.com/for/herndongallery/event/mythsmagicandfolklorethruclayandthecreativespirit/

Roots and Wings Youth Camp

Planting life skills for grounded and confident growth

A summer day camp filled with Farm Adventures, Fitness Fun, Performing Arts, Culinary Activities, Social Awareness, Creative Writing & Crafts & Games.

For: Recommended for students entering 2nd grade – 6th grade, Fall 2025

When: Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 10, 2026, 9am-4pm Daily

Where: Wellness Center at Antioch College

Register your child today!

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