

# ODU Town-N-Gown

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November 2024

Marine Corps Birthday (11/10) | Veterans Day (11/11) | National Gratitude Month



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### Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

- Nov 5 ELECTION DAY (Campus Closed)
- Nov 6 *Seeing!* (pg 7)
- Nov 8 U-Nite: Salt & Sea (pg 5)
- Nov 9 Miracle on Monarch Way (pg 8)
- Nov 10 USMC 249<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 12 Town-N-Gown Board Meeting, 9:30am Webb Center
- Nov 12 Great Greek Mythology Olympiaganza (pg 5)
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- Nov 20 + University Dance Theatre Fall Concert (pg 5)
- Dec 3 Town-N-Gown Board Meeting, 9:30am Webb Center

## *Around Campus*



### **In the Provost's Spotlight**

Justin Haegele, professor and director of the Center for Movement, Health, & Disability, is a scholar of adapted physical activity – a relatively new interdisciplinary field in which he has become a leader since receiving his Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 2015. After working with Professor Xihe Zhu, Ph.D. to revive the ODU's Ph.D. program in health and sport pedagogy in 2016, Haegle has seen the program grow from two to 10 students, producing six graduates who are all tenure-track faculty at universities across the country.

Haegele has published more than 265 articles in peer-reviewed journals and won more than \$10 million in grant funding. He is president of the North American Federation of Adapted Physical Activity and the editor-in-chief of peer-reviewed publications “Quest” (the official journal of the National Association of Kinesiology in Higher Education) and “Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly.” He also won the 2024 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) Outstanding Faculty Award.

Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Brian Payne will welcome Haegele into the Provost's Spotlight to discuss his impressive scholarship, dedication to teaching and some of his life experiences. The event will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> in the Yetiv Auditorium, Batten College of Arts and Letters at 3:30pm with a reception following.

Credit: Annette Finley-Croswhite, ODU News

Full story [HERE](#)



### **Mace & Crown Goes Digital, Offers Glimpse into ODU's History**

In the early 1960s, ODU was just taking shape. After years of being an extension of William & Mary, it was renamed Old Dominion College. The school had just adopted blue as its official color, and its new mascot was the Monarch. The student newspaper had also changed its name from The High Hat to The Mace & Crown. Much of what happened during those major changes was chronicled in Mace & Crown in a newsroom in Webb Center filled with typewriters... and a revolving door of students contributing to the publication.

Now, more than 60 years of ODU's history – as reported by its students – are archived digitally through ODU Libraries, allowing those searching the database to use the publication as a primary source and getting a glimpse of what life at the University was like all those years ago.



The project was made possible through a series of donations from Margo Horner ('73), which allowed the University to work with a vendor that specializes in digitizing archival material.

Credit: Kelsey Kendall, ODU News

Full story [HERE](#)

## Native American Heritage Month at ODU

ODU's Office of Intercultural Relations has organized events throughout November to celebrate and spark conversations around Native American heritage and culture. There will be a kickoff event at noon on November 4 in the Mane Hubb in Webb Student Center with cultural enrichment education and giveaways.



Among other events, ODU's Applied Linguistics program is hosting a screening of the documentary film "First Language:

The Race to Save Cherokee" at 8 p.m. on November 13 in the Batten Arts & Letters Building's Yetiv Auditorium. The Emmy Award-winning film follows a Cherokee community trying to revive and preserve their language and culture. Kole Matheson, a member of the Cherokee nation who is learning the language, will introduce the film.

To learn more, visit the Office of Intercultural Relations' website or call (757) 683-4406.

Credit: Jonah Grinkewitz, ODU News

Full story [HERE](#)



## State of the Region Report Projects Economic Growth, Sour Consumer Sentiment

The economy of Hampton Roads is strong and appears to be on target for its fourth consecutive year of growth, according to the 25th annual State of the Region Report produced by ODU's Dragas Center for Economic Analysis and Policy.



The region is growing faster, on average, than any time over the last 15 years. Wages in 2023 were higher than prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and more people were employed in the civilian workforce than ever before. Inflation, which peaked at 9% in 2022, fell below 3% in the summer of 2024. That trend, along with falling interest rates, will continue next year.

However, not all is rosy in Hampton Roads, the report revealed. Negative points to consider include the departure of residents seeking better opportunities as job growth lags behind Northern Virginia and consumer perception sours on the high cost of housing, goods and groceries. Less promising economic news relates to the lack of affordable housing for the workforce. Housing costs continued to rise due to a 15-year deficit in construction. Home prices are approximately 56% higher than in 2015. Many families are housing-cost-burdened, meaning that more than 30% of wages are spent on a mortgage or rent.

The State of the Region Report also contains chapters about public libraries, the aging population and disability rates. The full report is available [HERE](#).

Credit: Joy Vann, ODU News

Full story [HERE](#)



## ODU Observes Veterans Day



ODU will observe Veterans Day with a week of celebratory events and ceremonies from November 7-15. The week kicks-off with the University's annual Veterans Day ceremony on Kaufman Mall at 12:30 p.m. with Lt. Gen. Donna W. Martin '88, the 67th Inspector General of the U.S. Army, and Casey Barnes, Student Veterans of America (SVA) Chapter President and Navy veteran pursuing a master's degree in Lifespan and Digital Communication, serving as guest speakers.

November 11 will feature a Women's Basketball Military Appreciation Game against Morgan State University at 6:30 p.m. at Chartway Arena. The Military Connection Center (MCC) will continue the observance with several programs for students and veterans. Beginning November 12, the MCC will host the Operation BLUE Pumpkin Smashing event at 12:30 p.m. on Kaufman Mall. There will also be cake to celebrate the Marine Corps' 249th birthday.

MCC welcomes veteran faculty/staff to a luncheon November 13 at noon in Broderick Dining Commons to honor and thank them for their military service. On November 14 at 6 p.m. the Fall 2024 Veteran Grad Cord Social will take place in S.B. Ballard Stadium. The week concludes November 15 with a Men's Basketball Military Appreciation Game against Maryland Eastern Shore at 7 p.m. at Chartway Arena.

Credit: Kenya Godette, ODU News

Full story [HERE](#)



## Ten Faculty Selected as Artificial Intelligence (AI) Teaching Fellows

Ten faculty members were selected as inaugural Artificial Intelligence (AI) Teaching Fellows, part of the Division of Academic Affairs' effort to expand course offerings on AI. The faculty will work together to expand and integrate AI coursework and academic programming in high demand areas including health care, cyber defense, education, AI literacy and supply chain operations.



Faculty selected as AI Teaching Fellows are: Md Morshed Alam, lecturer, School of Cybersecurity ; Ryan Baltrip, clinical assistant professor, Department of Marketing; Joel Bock, lecturer, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies; Rafael Diaz, professor, Department of Engineering Management & Systems Engineering; Jennifer Kidd, master lecturer, Department of Teaching & Learning; Tian Luo, associate professor, Department of STEM Education & Professional Studies; Eva Maddox, lecturer, School of Exercise Science; Santosh Kumar Nukavarapu, lecturer, Department of Computer Science; Xinyue Ren, assistant professor, Department of STEM Education & Professional Studies; and Will Truran, assistant professor, Department of Art.

Credit: ODU News

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### *@ The Barry*

Set sail for a nautical adventure at the museum including a talk by Maritime Historian, Ingo Heidbrink + maritime pop-up activities, guided exhibition tours, and a sea-themed menu of appetizers. *This is a free event.*

The Barry Art Museum | 1075 W. 43rd Street |

757-683-6200 | [barryartmuseum@odu.edu](mailto:barryartmuseum@odu.edu)



### University Dance Theatre Fall Concert

November 20 - 22, 2024 @ 7:30pm

University Theatre

4600 Hampton Blvd.

Parking: Garage D, 45<sup>th</sup>/46th St. & Hampton Blvd.

[TICKETS](#)



### *@ The Goode*



### The Great Greek Mythology Olympiaganza

November 14–16 & 21–23 at 7:30pm;

November 24 at 2pm  
Goode Theatre

Written by Don Zolidis | Directed by Ryan Clemens

Two battling narrators attempt to cover an enormity of Greek mythology using audience participation and general theatrical insanity. Famous myths and famous mythological figures (think Zeus, Pandora, Hercules, and more) jostle about in a fast-paced, playful, wild and silly blast that's fun for audiences of all ages.

[TICKETS](#)

*Free parking in Constant Center North Garage, 3rd floor & up*

@ The Diehn

Ordinary Days

November 14 -16, 2024 @ 7:30pm

Chandler Recital Hall

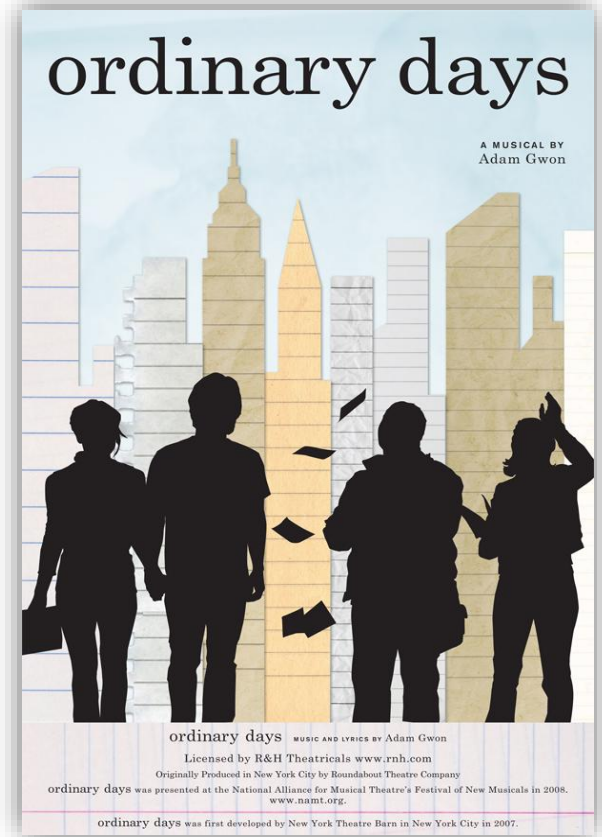
Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Center

Music & Lyrics by Adam Gwon  
Directed by Professor Cristina Loyola

ODU Opera and Musical Theatre Productions present this funny and poignant contemporary musical by Adam Gwon that explores themes of love, art, passion, purpose, sonder, and connection in a post-9/11 landscape. We look at the lives of four New Yorkers - aspiring artist Warren, perpetually dissatisfied grad student Deb, and couple-who-just-moved-in-together-and-are-probably-totally-fine-with-it Claire and Jason - as they each try to figure out what, exactly, is beautiful and meaningful to them in life.

**\*\*Ticket sales for this event are online only\*\***

*This show contains language that may not be suitable for children.*



TICKETS



ODU Unveils the NPHC Plots



A semicircle of nine gleaming onyx monuments, each bearing the crest of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Black Greek Letter fraternities and sororities, has been erected. The Plots were revealed during ODU's 2024 Homecoming in a ceremony uniting the organizations at ODU.

Situated on the Williamsburg Lawn, the monument honors the legacies and founders of each organization and acknowledges their strength and fortitude amid racial discrimination on college campuses. Structures like the plots were born in the first half of the 20th century as Black students began to enroll at predominantly white institutions and encountered racism and exclusion from campus organizations. Black students created nine Greek Letter Organizations more than a century ago and constructed campus spaces like the plots where they felt welcomed and celebrated.

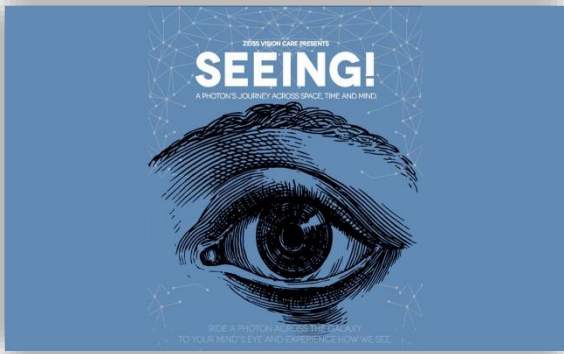
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Credit: Kenya Godette, ODU News | Photo Chuck Thomas/ODU

Full story [HERE](#)



@ The Lê Planetarium



November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

**Seeing!** Follow the journey of a single photon as it is produced in a distant star, before travelling across the vast expanse of space to land on someone's retina. This full dome planetarium show explores some of the fascinating processes of the cosmos, from astrophysics to the biology of the eye and brain.

Narrated by: Neil deGrasse Tyson

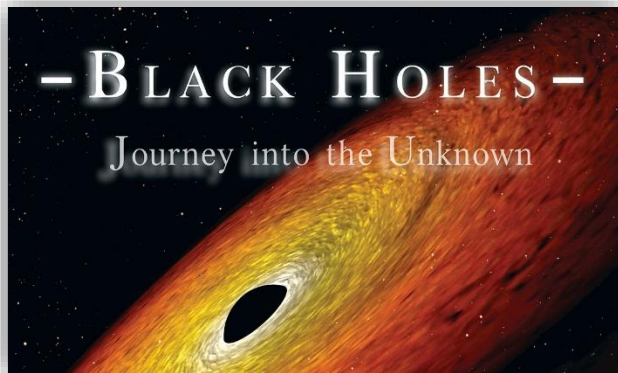


November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

**Birth of Planet Earth** tells the twisted tale of our planet's origins. Scientists now believe that our galaxy is filled with solar systems, including up to a billion planets roughly the size of our own. This film explores some of the greatest questions in science today: How did Earth become a living planet in the wake of our solar system's violent birth? What does its history tell us about our chances of finding other worlds that are truly Earth-like?



Narrated by: Richard Dormer



November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Imagine a place where time stands still; where the universal order breaks down; where the unimaginable becomes reality. Welcome to **Black Holes**. This new planetarium show brings to life all that is fascinating and extreme in the world of black holes. Witness what would happen if you got too close to one? What makes a black hole? How do we find them? Would you survive falling into one?

Narrated by: Geoffrey Rush

All shows \$4 | Cash/credit/debit accepted at the door | No reservations / first-come, first-seated  
Lê Planetarium | 4501 Elkhorn Ave. / Parking Garage 43<sup>rd</sup> & Elkhorn | [planetarium@odu.edu](mailto:planetarium@odu.edu)



## Holly Jolly Big Blue Gets Ready for *Miracle On Monarch Way*



Big Blue is getting ready to serve up bushels of fun at *Miracle On Monarch Way*, a special holiday photo experience, November 9.

Families can take photos with Big Blue and experience the hap-happiest season with a holiday book reading by students from the Department of Teaching and Learning, children’s activities and all kinds of special treats like Lolly’s Creamery ice cream, ODU’s officially licensed BBQ sauce, Big Blue Q, samples of the new licensed coffee from Town Center Cold Pressed, and spice rub.

This year’s *Miracle on Monarch Way* is set to kick off a new tradition for the ODU community. Registration for *Miracle on Monarch Way* is \$20 per group, includes professional photography, and you’ll receive two (2) digital photos via email. The event will be held at the ODU Bookstore, located on 4417 Monarch Way, from 11am to 4pm. To register, go to the ODU [website](#). Ticket proceeds will benefit the Big Blue fund.

Credit: Kelsey Kendall, ODU News

Full story [HERE](#)



## *Around Town*

### Alumnus Finds Success at Virginia Maritime Association, Mentors Current Students

ODU alumnus Will Fediw ‘08 was one of the school’s first students of maritime and supply chain management when the topics were first offered in the Strome School of Business. He had just pivoted from biology to business when he met Professors Sara Russell Riggs and Wayne Talley, the latter’s whose name is synonymous worldwide for supply chain management and scholarship. As ODU’s Eminent Scholar of Economics and professor of maritime and supply chain management, Talley, now retired, planted the seeds of the program with Russell that led to this fall’s opening of the School of Supply Chain, Logistics and Maritime Operations.



Fediw graduated from Old Dominion in 2008 and has worked on the water since then, first serving in the United States Coast Guard, then working in the commercial oil and gas industry, and most recently as the senior vice president of the Virginia Maritime Association.

This is a busy time of the year for Fediw. He [was] formally recognized as an “Inside Business” Top 40 Under 40 professional in October. He’s also the executive producer of the VMA’s annual maritime and supply chain symposium that drew some of the biggest names in the business to Norfolk last month. Entitled “Harnessing the New Normal,” discussions covered how flexibility is more important than ever in the blue economy.

Credit: Joy Vann, ODU News

Full story and interview [HERE](#)







(Event formally known as Wine-ter Wonderland)

Join d'Art Center for an evening filled with spirits, wine, and art. This in-person event is the perfect opportunity to unwind, socialize, and appreciate the beauty of art. The wines and spirits are perfect for serving and/or gift giving during the holiday season. Purchase original and unique artworks from d'Art Center's Artists for yourself or as a gift, bid on unique items in our silent auction, and/or shop at The Center's Boutique during this event. Tickets are \$60 and include wine and spirit tastings, valet parking, and some seasonal bites! Whether you're an art enthusiast or just looking for a unique night out, this event is perfect for everyone.



[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)



**SCAM ALERT - BEWARE OF GIFTS FROM UNKNOWN SENDERS!!**

In case you haven't heard...passing along some recently received important and timely information:



A scam called "brushing" has been gaining traction and showing up in many states. A "brushing" scam is when someone receives an unexpected item or gift in the mail from a place like Amazon or other known company. The item has not been ordered by the recipient. Examples of gifts include rings, bracelets, necklaces, Bluetooth speakers, etc. The gift will have the recipients address, be from a known retailer, but does not include the sender's information. When the recipient opens the package to see what it is, and possibly who sent it, there is a QR code to scan to find out who sent the gift. Once the code is scanned, all the information from that phone will be sent to scammers. The scammer(s) receive all access to the phone. All personal and financial information is accessible and often, the victim's bank accounts are drained.

With the coming holiday season, be sure to track your purchases. If you receive an unexpected package, especially if the sender information is absent, do NOT scan any QR code that may be included.



***Town-N-Gown Notes***

If you missed the October meeting of the Town-N-Gown Board of Directors, you missed a treat! We were most fortunate to welcome Timothy Hackman, Dean of ODU Libraries, as our guest speaker. The range of services provided to the ODU community by the collective libraries is incredible! We are most appreciative of Tim’s willingness to share his time with us and look forward to visiting the many new facilities available on-campus. Thank you Dean Hackman!

*Join Us!*

The November Town-N-Gown Board meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 9:30am due to the campus closure for the elections. Our guest speaker will be Cathy Lewis, Community Engagement Liaison, ODU Office of Community Engagement and the new University Liaison to Town-N-Gown. We are extremely pleased and most fortunate to have Cathy onboard!

Contact Pamela McNaught ([pamelamcnaught@aol.com](mailto:pamelamcnaught@aol.com) or text 757-641-5043) for location details.

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***\*\* Thank you for your continuing support of Town-N-Gown & Old Dominion University! \*\****

**GO MONARCHS!!**

