



Up the Hill

Meet The Collaborative Edition

An Oak Hill Collaborative Publication

June bugs are here, and so is the latest *Up the Hill* edition. Where is Up the Slope? Well, you are reading it. Since we are a couple editions in already it does seem odd to change it up, but we are trying new things to see how well they work out. *We are* on a hill, and we are the Oak **Hill** Collaborative, so it sounds about right yeah? A name can span generations and we want to make sure we get it right, even if it is on the second or third try. Please give us your feedback on which one you like better at the URL on the services page!

If you think you're a friend of the Collaborative, or just wanna reach out why not check out our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram? We also have a website with a blog that we keep up to date, packed full of information from yesterday all the way to yesteryear and beyond. So, why not take a peek as to what the collaborative have been up to?

A Virtual Era: Coming Soon

If COVID-19 taught us anything these past couple of months, we know that it's we cannot move forward in a world so embedded in technology without learning to work with it and make it a part of our lives. As work, classes, and monumental life experiences transitioned to an online platform, the versatility of reaching our audiences online became only more obvious. So we're working to provide not only in house programming but to strengthen our online presence and delivery. A form of delivery new to us, Youtube! You can find where to access it on the services page. In addition to Youtube, there may be many other additions in terms of modes of delivery that become available online. Stay tuned!

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Meet Oak Hill Collaborative and Friends!

You might be familiar with some of the faces you see here in these newsletters - but do you really know who the friends of the Collaborative are? Let us make a formal introduction! All around this page and the next are people you will meet when walking into the Collaborative, be it for a program - or just to say hi.

Who is: Patrick Kerrigan

Patrick V. Kerrigan (pictured right) is the executive director of the Oak Hill Collaborative. A former Youngstown Municipal judge, President of St. Patrick's Parish council, and current or former member of numerous

community groups, such as ACTION, Home for Good, Friends of the Mahoning River, and the Needles Eye, to name a few. He now offers guidance to everyone and anyone who walks in the Collaborative to ensure they leave feeling inspired and motivated, and that community organizations are getting what they need to prosper and thrive.

When not busy at the Collaborative, he likes to care for his lawn and relax at home. He is also a competitive volleyball player, often traveling to compete in events.



"One's friends are that part of the human race with which one can be human" – George Santayana

Who is: Anthony Hake

Anthony (pictured far left) is Director of IT at OHC, currently going to school for IT with a focus in database development. As an active part of many student organizations, he hopes to increase collaborative opportunities between other students, OHC, and the community.

When not building something, fixing something, or hard at work, Anthony likes to build Warhammer 40k figurines and play tabletop games.

Who is: Amy Zell

Amy Zell is the Makerspace Manager at OHC, as well as the program developer responsible for the wonderful programs run out of the OHC Makerspace (and online). Also working as a Workforce Developer at Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries, Amy facilitates much of the OHC and Goodwill partnership.

When not working at one location or the other, Amy is the passionate founder of Trevent Fund, a nonprofit suicide prevention and awareness program. She encourages everyone to keep an eye out for their first "Strike Out Suicide" walk at Cafaro Field in 2021 (rescheduled from 8/9/2020).



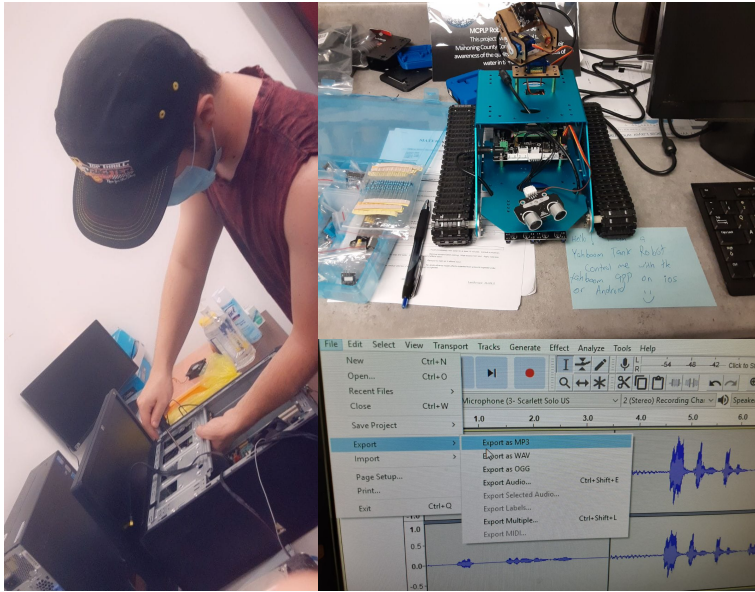
Meet Ra'Cole Taltoan



For many who have come to the OHC waiting for their next meeting or appointment, Ra'Cole can often be the smiling face to greet them and point them in the right direction.

While also known by her warm welcome and jovial personality, many are quick to learn that as an accountant she is a strong advocate for financial growth and economic opportunity in her community. Despite initially starting her business elsewhere, she has greatly benefited from the resources provided by OHC Business Incubation program. Her business RockBrook Business Services, clearly fueled by her own passion for economic prosperity, provides financial consultation services to help those in need.

Moving forward, her plans for the future are to move Rockbrook Business Services into their new location and open by January, and to generate interest in her nonprofit "RISE Youngstown", an organization with an initiative towards success and entrepreneurship



Makerspace Reopening: Come on Down!

As of June 3rd, we began the process of safely opening our makerspace to the public again. For those unaware of what makerspace night is, they say a picture is worth a thousand words. If you believe that, then you must understand how many words an experience is worth, and why we can't fit it all in a simple newsletter!

To put it frankly, members of the Collaborative have been operating tirelessly to ensure that anyone can access the resources and material required to start and complete a project. Makerspace night is an invitation to use those resources, and an invitation to this open house like event where anyone can work on projects or showcase them. There are multiple labs in that can be safely worked in, all free of charge, to utilize the equipment we have available.

These labs include: Audio and Recording Lab, 3D printing lab, robotics lab, C&C woodworking area, and of course our computer lab. All of these are stocked with their respective materials, technologies, and software to make any project come to life, and are constantly improving. Pictured above is a robot from Youngstown Penguin Hackers that is currently acting as an interactive display in the robotics lab. The operation of which is as simple as downloading an app to your smart phone or smart device.

While we are offering face masks, sanitation measures, and limiting the max occupancy of each lab, we understand the concerns of those immunocompromised, elderly, or uncomfortable with the idea of traveling in a state of pandemic. This is why we are also offering online Makerspace Night sessions. To learn more about these, check the services page for more details!



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Women Warrior Nominations

Woman warrior nominations are a huge honor in the Youngstown-Mahoning area. Done by the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, every week they nominate a new woman warrior for their valiant efforts.

The Collaborative has played an active part in this, nominating who we believe is looking out for the best interest of others in these uncertain times. For week two Leah Sakacs was nominated. Leah Sakacs, being the coordinator for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and playing an active part in other community organizations showed that a little effort can go a long way by organizing food bank and medication/PPE/Toiletry mobile distribution. Dione Dowdy, executive director of United Returning Citizens, has dedicated herself to supporting citizens returning from incarceration or those affected by citizens incarcerated through re entry support, entrepreneur development, legal assistance and policy/advocacy. As of late she has been working very hard to ensure prisons and similar institutions are getting face masks to stay safe in these times of COVID. We are very proud of these two community members, and we hope to continue seeing them do great things for their community!

To nominate your own Woman Warrior, Visit the link below:

www.cfmv.org/nominate-a-woman-warrior-today/

Q/A? Contact Us!

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Oak Hill June Services:

Makerspace Night Online Programming

Whats been happening virtually (Zoom) at OHC during the pandemic?

- 2 Makerspace Storytime Workshops (3 Sessions Each)
- 1 Code and Create (Six Week Program)
- Girls who code programs (2 Programs for Grades 3-5, 2 Programs for Grades 6-12, both six weeks in length)
- A Family Makerspace Storytime
- 1 Rubberband Glider Workshop

Interested? Email amy@oakhillcollaborative.org for info on any of these programs!

Business Incubation and Startup

Since opening in early 2014, Oak Hill Collaborative business incubator program has assisted more than a dozen small businesses. With services like office space, business planning, grant writing, and networking. We provide a network of individuals to collaborative on projects with, tools and programs to develop skills for those tools. In addition to this we provide guidance and consulting necessary to make sure those start-up and growing businesses have the tools necessary to succeed. Curious about what our Business Incubation services offer? Want to make sure you have what you need to thrive as a business owner? Reach out on the email on the left to set up an appointment.

Digital Media and Content Creation

Recently we've seen a surge in content and media creation. Many people are switching to digital mediums for communication, entertainment, and business purposes. One concept that is increasing becoming more dominate in this field is: streaming. As a result of further reflection on this, Oak Hill has decided to upgrade our sound and audio lab to permit "broadcasting and streaming capabilities". Equipment is still being set up, but we're hoping to have YSU students from Rookery Radio do their radio shows and Twitch streamers to consider our studio as an alternative site. All made possible with production equipment, high definition video recording, and our dedication to providing a digital advantage. To come check it out as it develops, come out to Makerspace Night or set up a tour by emailing the Director of IT:

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