



Jennifer Rue

Wayne County Schools Career Center teacher named an Ohio University Communication Fellow

By Sarah Roush

ATHENS, Ohio — Jennifer Rue, an interactive media instructor at Wayne County Schools Career Center, was one of the nine teachers selected for the third annual Communication Fellows program in Ohio University's Scripps College of Communication. Focusing on curriculum development in communication across PK-12 levels of instruction, the program provides funding and mentorship support. Participants develop and implement a communication-related classroom project over the one-year course of their fellowship.

"It is a vital goal of our college to foster communication education among the state's youth and support teachers in innovative and dynamic projects relating to communication. My hope for the Communication Fellows program is to increase our impact on the state by bolstering the communication expertise of PK-12 teachers and enriching the education of their students," said Scripps College of Communication Dean Scott Titsworth.

Rue has an Associate of Arts degree in technical study from Kent State University and a Bachelor of Arts in organizational management and leadership from Malone University. Additionally, from Kent State University she earned a Masters of Education in career technical teacher education and is currently enrolled in a Masters of Journalism and Mass Communications program. She has eight years of experience as an interactive media instructor and said she is passionate about preparing students for the workforce through exposure to photography and video production and new technology in the lab setting.

"I am a strong believer in fostering growth and development in both myself and my students," said Rue. "This intrinsic desire to grow, combined with a recent conversation with a fellow Business Professionals of America advisory board member, inspired me to apply (for the Communication Fellows program). Working with Scripps College of Communication is an opportunity I would cherish through the rest of my professional career as I assist students in developing authentic podcasts."

Communication Fellows attend a half-week summer residential experience at Ohio University's main campus in Athens and receive free tuition for a graduate-level online course, a \$1500 stipend and \$1000 classroom stipend. Fellows also work with college faculty

mentors and college leadership to achieve their project proposals. *The COVID-19 crisis may necessitate adjustments to the residential experience for the 2020 cohort.*

Rue's project involves her junior and senior interactive media students creating weekly podcasts to share with the student body and staff and showcase on the interactive media website and in the schools' digital yearbook.

"With the recent rise in podcast popularity, it's no surprise that audio narratives are making their way into classrooms. Teaching with podcasts is a fun and engaging way to teach media content, script writing and to sharpen the students' listening skills," Rue wrote in her project proposal.

Each year, up to 10 fellows are named, with five from rural Appalachian districts and five from urban districts in the state of Ohio. This program was established as part of the Scripps College of Communication's 50th anniversary in 2018.

For more information about the Communication Fellows Program, [visit the program's webpage](#). The Scripps College of Communication at Ohio University consists of five schools, each offering a variety of majors and programs for students who want to pursue communication-related careers. For more information, [visit our website](#).

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