

## **Zane Trace High School English, Journalism and Yearbook teacher named an Ohio University Communication Fellow**

By Sarah Logue

ATHENS, Ohio (March 27, 2019)— Kelly Congrove, an English, Journalism and yearbook teacher at Zane Trace High School, was one of 10 teachers selected for the second 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.

"If the Communication Fellows program has taught us anything, it's that there is so much creativity and innovation happening at the K-12 level," said Dean Scott Titsworth. "We're committed to using the college's expertise and technology to support those teachers who are improving communication education."

Congrove holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Ohio State University and a master's degree in Education, Curriculum and Instruction from Ashland University. She started teaching at Zane Trace High School in 2011.

"I wish to become a sponge in the program, taking in any information, advice, techniques and/or programs other communication teachers have to offer," Congrove wrote in her project proposal. "I wish to drastically change how my current class is conducted, how they produce media for the school, and to develop an overall understanding of advancements in journalism and be able to properly portray it to my students."

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.

Congrove's proposal focuses on building a supply of resources for her journalism classroom and expanding the class's use of social media. She plans to use the networking aspect of the Communication Fellows program as another resource in her project.

"I would like to see how other school districts use this kind of media in their classroom, making it educational while showing the impact it can have on sharing their ideals and words."

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 50<sup>th</sup> 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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