



Kristofer Doran

Trumbull Career and Technical Center Interactive Media teacher named an Ohio University Communication Fellow

By Sarah Logue

ATHENS, Ohio (March 14, 2019)— Trumbull Career and Technical Center’s interactive media teacher Kristofer Doran 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.”

Doran graduated from Youngstown State University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Telecommunications and a minor in Multimedia Website Design. He earned three Master of Education degrees from Kent State University: Instructional Technology in 2009; Career and Technical Teacher Education in 2011; and Digital Science in Cognition and Communication in 2013. He has taught Interactive Multimedia for 11 years and worked in the television industry before teaching.

Doran’s proposal for the Communication Fellows program would create multimedia content that can be streamed to students and teachers. Three programs will be produced each month, each geared toward an audience in elementary, middle or high school.

“Long before I was a teacher, I was a kid who looked at how shows meant to inspire were made and wanted to be part of creating something from the ground up,” Doran said.

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.

“I am excited to sit with faculty and look at how we can make this new show into a reality,” Doran said.

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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