



Trace Hacquard with his wife Maggie Hacquard

Circleville High School Language Arts teacher named an Ohio University Communication Fellow

By Sarah Logue

ATHENS, Ohio (March 14, 2019)— Trace Hacquard, a Language Arts teacher at Circleville 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."

Hacquard holds two master's degrees from Ohio University, in communication and in curriculum and instruction. He is currently seeking a doctorate in educational leadership from Miami University.

“Technology has helped me keep an open mind about new ways of instructing students, making meaningful real-world connections, and fostering an environment of critical thinking,” Hacquard wrote in his project proposal. “I have no doubt that using technology in the classroom with my students has helped them get interested in literature, writing, and communicating effectively.”

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.

Hacquard’s proposal expands on Circleville High School’s designation as a Purple Star School (an award that recognizes schools that show a major commitment to military families). The project would establish a committee tasked with improving communication and accessibility to military families.

“An example of one classroom goal would be for CHS to assign groups of technology-driven students to build/improve web pages for military families to access school events and highlights. Each department within the school could have representation, and as the group evolved, we could build upon ideas and maintain open minds for suggestions,” Hacquard wrote.

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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