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# College of Nursing receives grant

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The Ashland University College of Nursing received a \$199,325 grant from the Ohio Board of Nursing’s Nurse Education Grant Program.

The program gives out grants to nursing colleges, like Ashland, that allows the programs to build, while giving nursing students a quality education that benefits and prepares them for their futures after graduation.

The \$199,325 grant is renewable for two years and is in connection with Marion Technical College and Stark State College.

According to Dr. Faye Grund, the Dean of the Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences, faculty from AU, Stark State and Marion Technical are all ecstatic about the grant and being in connection with each other to help the growth of nursing.

Grund discussed the program’s excitement with receiving the grant and what is expected to come from the money.

“Goal one of the project is to increase Ashland University’s RN to BSN program enrollment capacity by 50 students in 2019,” Grund said. “Associate degree students at partnering institutions will have the opportunity to dually enroll at their institution and Ashland’s CONHS to streamline their pathway from an associate’s degree to a bachelor’s degree.”

Along with the hope of the program growing in the future, faculty member, Dr. Jody Hostetler, talked about her anticipation for what the grant can do with improving the impact of the nursing program.

“This model promotes adult student success by offering courses in a more manageable and supportive 16-week hybrid delivery meth-

od on the grant partner campuses,” Hostetler said. “Avita Health System nurses will receive support for those new to online learning including a hybrid delivery of the seven-week courses in the 16-week semester, both face-to-face and online at the Avita Health System campuses.”

The grant also comes with plans of increasing the number of nursing graduate students by 2019. Grund hopes that the growth of nursing students will become a reality due to “recruiting resources, student advising and education models for graduate candidates at partnering institutions.”

There are high hopes for what the grant can bring with the connection with Stark State College and what students and faculty can expect from the renewable grant Dr. Kathy Sommers, Dean of Health and Public Services at Stark State College said.

Sommers talked about how the connection with Ashland’s nursing program will benefit students for the future.

“The partnership with Ashland University provides students the opportunity to pursue baccalaureate professional nursing education, which is important to the students and our community,” Sommers said. “We both look forward to continuing the partnership, to advancing student success and to supporting health care in our communities.”

Ashland University is also expecting a new program called Master of Science in Nursing through the Ohio Department of Higher Education, along with the North Central Association of Higher Learning Commission and the Commission on Collegiate College Nursing.

If approved, the program will be ready in 2018.

# Terror in Las Vegas

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At least 58 people were killed and over 500 people were injured at an outdoor country music festival in Las Vegas in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history on Oct.1.

Stephen Paddock, 64, of Mesquite, Nevada has been identified as the shooter.

Paddock was located on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino when he opened fire into a crowd of over 22,000 people on the final day of the three-day Route 91 Harvest Music Festival.

The gunshots broke out at 10:08 p.m., according to Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Sheriff Joseph Lombardo.

Multiple witnesses say that the gunfire continued for “10-15 minutes.”

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval described the scene in Las Vegas as a “war zone.”

The panic occurred at the height of the concert while Jason Aldean, the headline singer, was performing.

Paddock was shooting out of the window in his room that police say he broke out with a hammer-like device, according to Lombardo. Police were able to locate the room that Paddock was in on the 32nd floor of the hotel and were able to

respond with force at 11:20 p.m.

The SWAT team that was on the scene breached the door and upon entering the room found Paddock had been killed and authorities believe that he had killed himself.

Police searched the room and found 23 rifles. So far, there has been no evidence that Paddock obtained the weapons in an illegal manner, but authorities say that the guns were altered from semi-automatic rifles to perform as fully automatic.

The motive of the shooting is not yet known, but authorities have said that there appears to be no link to a foreign terror group.

Paddock rented two rooms and had been staying at Mandalay Bay since Sept. 28. Police are searching security footage to see verify that he was working alone.

Lombardo said that the department had no prior knowledge of Paddock or his intentions.

“We had no knowledge of this individual,” Lombardo said in a statement to the press. “I don’t know how it could have been prevented.”

The home where Paddock had been living was located in a retirement community in Mesquite, Nevada. The home was searched after the attack and there was a variety of weapons and ammunition found in the home according to sources.



**Stephen Paddock shot from the Mandalay Bay Hotel across the Las Vegas Strip into a crowd of nearly 22,000 people at the Route 91 Festival killing 58.**

Paddock’s father, Benjamin Hoskins Paddock, was on the FBI’s most wanted list from June 10, 1969 until May 5, 1977 for bank robberies. Benjamin Paddock died a few years ago, according to his son, Eric Paddock.

President Trump commented on Twitter immediately following the attack saying, “My warmest condolences and sympathies to the victims and families of the terrible Las Vegas shooting. God bless you!”

Trump also ordered the White House to fly their flag at half staff until Oct. 6 and hosted a moment of silence on the afternoon of Oct. 2.

Aldean turned to Instagram to comment on the massacre.

“Tonight has been beyond horrific. I still don’t know what to say but wanted to let everyone know that me and my crew are safe. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone involved tonight. It hurts my heart that this would happen to anyone who was just coming out to enjoy what should have been a fun night,” Aldean wrote.

Aldean is scheduled to continue his tour in Columbus, OH at the Schottenstein Center on Oct. 19.

## Swipe cards to be replaced by new proximity reading ID cards

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Ashland University students will be administered new ID cards in relation to a technological advance from swipe cards to proximity readers.

These upgraded proximity readers will be instituted by the end of this calendar year, switching out the now obsolete swipe cards for students to gain access into on-campus buildings that require ID verification.

Matthew Portner, director of auxiliary services, explains that the improvements in technology called for the replacement of a security access system that has been in place for several years.

“We’ve had some of the swipes around for 15 years, so technology comes and goes and with the updates it just came to be time,” Portner said.

The new ID card itself is an antenna that works through proximity to a touch pad which works as a key mechanism.

The card can either be placed on the touch pad, or activated by a certain distance Portner said.

“I think if anything it could be easier. You could have it in your pocket and as long as your pocket is close enough to the door you might be able to just open it,” Portner said.

He said the process will take time to completely permeate throughout campus due to the number of doors that require security access, but by December the switch should be in full effect.

“The plan is to have them done within this calendar year, but it could take some time because there are a lot of doors,” Portner said.

Students are expected to claim their new cards through the Eagle Card Office located in the John C. Meyers convocation center.

Portner said that fraternity circle will be included in this new renovation as well.

“The fraternities are going to come online too...with this upgrade we’re going to go in and they’ll have proximity readers put on their doors,” Portner said.

In past years, fraternity houses have used a key-in-lock system, so this change will be a large step in the direction of improved technology for students living in fraternity houses.

The proximity readers are only phase one of the technological upgrade taking place at Ashland University. Portner hints at a future upgrade that will take place in the dining halls which involves a touch pad system.

“If we continue, which we probably will, next year there would be changes so you wouldn’t swipe for a meal, you would tap,” Portner said.

Students are advised to check their email from the Residence Life office that specifies a week that each dorm is to go and receive their new card.

Below is the when each dorm should go to have their cards printed:

Kem, Amstutz, and Kilhefner-week of September 24th

Clark-week of October 8th

Clayton-week of October 15th

Jacobs-week of October 22th

Myers-week of October 29th

Senior Apartments A, B, C-week of November 5th

Andrews & Fraternity Circle-week of November 12th

Miller Apartments-week of November 19th