

Begun Bulletin



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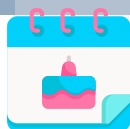
- June 30 is the Fiscal Year Close; new Fiscal Year (FY26) begins July 1.

- CWRU takes 2 begins Friday, May 23.



New Projects Awarded:

- * CC Courts VIP Project Alliance (PI - Dr. Kretschmar)
- * CC ADC Expansion Project SAMHSA (PI - Dr. Kretschmar)
- * Byrne SCIP - OCJS (PI - J. Evenden)
- * CPD Data Collection and Analysis (PI - Dr. Flannery)



Upcoming Birthdays

June

01: Maggie Ogonek
03: Milen Embaye
07: Jeff Kretschmar
10: Satabdi Samtani
16: Katherine Lewis
17: Steve Shober
18: Sarah Fulton
26: Michelle Riske-Morris
30: Dan Flannery

July

05: Ed Dabkowski
06: Luma Masarweh-Zawahri
18: Anya Nazarenko
24: Bobbi Beale

Celebrating Workiversaries

THANK YOU
for another year!

June

Richard Shepler
Heather Distin
Pam Mitterling
Shauna Volpe
Milen Embaye
Sarah Fulton

July

Mark Singer
David Hussey
Kelly Fischietto
Branka Primetica
Dennis Donkor
Ewa Zielinska
Crystal Smith

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Upcoming Windows 11 Upgrade:

Beginning Monday, May 19, the university will begin deploying the latest version of Windows 11 to all eligible university-managed devices. Additionally, any university-managed Windows 10 devices that meet the upgrade requirements will receive an in-place upgrade to Windows 11 as part of this rollout. Please ensure you save your work regularly and reboot your device as needed to allow the update process to complete smoothly.

Dissemination & Media Articles.

Governor Mike DeWine's Appointments

Richard A. Kruszynski has been appointed to the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board for a term beginning May 2, 2025, and ending December 23, 2027. Here's the [Link](#) to the article

The Daily mention: **Meet four Arab American members of the CWRU community**

Luma Masarweh-Zawahri was featured on CWRU's The Daily

Colleges with the best Professors in U.S.? According to one study, here are the top 25

Dr. Flannery's picture at the Akron Roundtable's presentation on juvenile crime and gun violence was published in the article

Dr. Flannery on WWL New Orleans Newell Normand show

Dr. Flannery was interviewed by a producer at WWL (a nationally syndicated radio program), where they're working on a piece about the decrease in overdose deaths in the US in 2024 (according to the CDC).

OFR Conference in Portland OR

Drs. Riske-Morris and Deo attended the **2025 National Forum on Overdose Fatality Review: Turning the Tide**. The conference was beneficial to the work they perform on the OFR and as part of the BJA grant as it covered advances OFRs had made in the last few years for preventing substance misuse and future overdose deaths. Staff attended plenary sessions, workshops and skills training, and were also able to connect with colleagues from different states to learn about their process and share ideas. Dr. Deo also presented at one of the plenary sessions with Manreet Bhullar, "**Leveraging Overdose Fatality Review Data to Bring Multilevel Changes in Cuyahoga County**".

Dr. Flannery conducted multiple trips during his sabbatical describing Begun Center's structure, focus & related works.

* **RTI (January 15-16)** "Addressing the Opioid Overdose Epidemic Via Community, Law Enforcement and Research Collaborations" as part of the RTI Fellow Seminar Series.

* **CDC Injury Control group (January 21-22)** "Bullying, Violence Exposure and Mental Health in the Era of Social Media: What to Know, What to Do".

* **University of North Carolina-Charlotte (January 25-27)** "Addressing the Opioid Overdose Epidemic Via Community, Law Enforcement and Research Collaborations".

* **Arizona State University (March 17-18)** "Addressing the Opioid Overdose Epidemic Via Community, Law Enforcement and Research Collaborations".

* **University of Arizona/ PAXIS Institute (March 19-21)**

* **Virginia Commonwealth University (April 28-29)** "Bullying, Violence Exposure and Mental Health in the Era of Social Media: What to Know, What to Do".

* **University of Virginia (May 1-2)** "Challenges to Positive Youth Development: Violence and Mental Health in Everyday Life".

* **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (May 5-6)** "Preventing bullying Through Science: Impact on Practice".

* **New York University (May 8-9)** "Challenges to Positive Youth Development: Violence and Mental Health in Everyday Life".