

# Opportunities abound for MUH students

## Fall Fest brings agencies to one spot to reach students.

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HAMILTON — Miami University Hamilton combined two of its big fall recruiting events for students into one massive Fall Fest on Thursday.

“Fall Fest is traditionally an opportunity for the campus to showcase its student organizations and offices so that students may learn about campus resources and ways that they can get involved on campus,” said Chris Klefeker, coordinator for service learning and volunteerism. “This year, the Center for Civic Engagement’s volunteer fair will join Fall Fest



Miami University Hamilton student Nicole Reckner leads a game of Eat This Not That at The Peer Advocates for Total Health table during the annual campus Fall Fest. GREG LYNCH / STAFF

with 21 community non-profits hosting information tables.”

So while students could get more information on the Photography Club or RotarACT Club, the student version of Rotary International, they could also find out how to become a Big Brother or Big Sis-

ter or a volunteer for a number of area social service agencies.

“It’s one stop-shopping,” Klefeker said. “Some of the students have volunteerism for class requirements and we

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already use a lot of these participants for our service learning program.”  
It was also a way to get

area agencies together in one spot to share information among themselves, she said.

New participants to this year’s Volunteer Fair included First Tee, which uses golf as a platform for character-building and life skills lessons with young people, and Trinity Episcopal Church of Hamilton, which was there to recruit student tutors for its “Terrific Thursday” after-school tutoring pro-

gram.

Trinity’s volunteer coordinator Sue Samoviski said that Terrific Thursday has been in place for eight years, inviting children from nearby elementary schools Fairview, Crawford Woods and Bridgeport for homework help.

“They get transportation to church and a hot dinner,” she said.

Samoviski reported success at Thursday’s

event, signing up at least six new students in the first two hours of the event.

“Our goal is to have 25 tutors because we have 25 kids signed up so far and we want them to have a one-on-one experience.”

Klefeker said she was also signing up students for the three fall Days of Service that the Office of Community Engagement organizes.

The first Day of Service

will be Sept. 27, with additional dates Oct. 26 and Nov. 22.

“All Days of Service have a morning shift and an evening shift,” she said. “We will send them out to our participating partners to spend a fun day volunteering for the community.”

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