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Congrats New Racer Alumni!

The University of Northwestern Ohio sent one of their biggest graduating classes out to take on the world on Sunday, June 9th. 742 graduates received one or more degrees during two separate commencement ceremonies at the Veterans' Civic Center. The graduates come from 39 states and 24 different countries.

UNOH alumnus Russ Decker was the commencement speaker, and he told the graduates to use what they have learned as a steppingstone to better things.

"I am going to be challenging them to build on that foundation. And you do that by challenging yourself. Challenge yourself to keep learning; challenge yourself to take some risks and get outside of their comfort zone, and that is how they grow," says Dr. Russ Decker, Manager of Special Projects, Nutrien Lima.

This was the 104th annual commencement ceremony for UNOH.

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UNOH Alumni Association Needs Your Input!

We are looking at all the ways we can better serve and engage our expansive alumni community across the globe.

Please take a few minutes to answer a few very important questions about your experience as a graduate and share your ideas about you would like to see. Your feedback is everything!

[ALUMNI SURVEY](#)



Alumni Masyn Derf & Tim Jaynes Team Up at FSi Racing

UNOH graduates Masyn Derf and Tim Jayne grew up near each other in Northern Indiana. In 2009, they became classmates and carpool buddies until graduating with their High Performance, and Automotive degrees in 2011.

At first, they took very different paths. Tim started out in a muffler shop and then chose the manufacturing route, working for an orthopedic company that makes tools for surgery. He cut his teeth in CNC machining, working his way up to supervisor. Eventually, he was put in charge of programming the machines.

Masyn spent the first nine years out of school as a technician at a Chevrolet dealership where his dad was the service manager. Outside of their day jobs, he and Tim were always working on race cars. "I would work 6:30 am-3:30pm at my manufacturing job and then 4:00 pm until 11:00 pm doing side work," Tim explains. "I just couldn't do it anymore."

So in October of 2020, Tim and Masyn decided to invest in their true passion and teamed up to open FSi Racing & Tuning in a pole barn on Masyn's property. It's a high performance shop specializing in late-model GM vehicles. Masyn runs the business end and the build side of it while Tim (known as "Nub") performs the tuning, runs the dyno, and orders parts.

They still have high-power dreams on the side. When not working in their shop, you can find them traveling regionally to race in many no prep drag racing events.

Tim and Masyn look back fondly on their time at UNOH. "I doubled up on classes to get through and I wish I would have taken more time to enjoy all the school had to offer." Masyn reflects. "It's the place to be if you want to work in high performance."

FSi Racing now has four employees and Masyn wants to keep growing. They are happy to connect with other UNOH Alumni who share common interests and may want to hear about the lessons they learned on this journey. You can find FSi Racing & Tuning on Facebook as well as their website: fsirace.com.



College Grad Rebate Program

Bedford Nissan in Bedford, OH is offering a special \$500 rebate for UNOH Alumni who have graduated within the last two years. This rebate is on top of all other incentives. A job is required and there can be no blemishes on your credit report.

Students and Alumni also receive 10% off in the Parts and Service Departments. University ID must be shown for the special promotions.

For any questions or personal service, contact Clinton Bowen at ClintonB@bedfordnissan.com or 440-376-2995.

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Kyle Ketz Scholarship Fundraiser

This fundraiser is to keep Kyle's spirit alive by helping 4 students per year with their tuition of \$2000 each at the University of Northwestern Ohio. Kyle's passion for trucks led him to UNOH where he graduated with an associates degree in high performance automotive in November 2022.

Kyle was the type of man that would make sure everyone around him was taken care of. He had your back even if you didn't know it. Kyle's smile, laugh, charisma & character makes him so unforgettable.

June 9, 2000 to August 31, 2023

Kyle Ketz '22 Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

In August of 2023, Kyle tragically lost his life in a car accident. Family, friends and UNOH classmates have come together to keep his memory alive through this scholarship.

On June 8th, more than 100 people came together in Lorain, OH to celebrate Kyle's life and raise scholarship funds through a memorial golf tournament. The outpouring of support was evident with all the work that was put in to organize the event, cook the food and gather the raffle items. Many players who won cash prizes opted to donate back their winnings.

We will feature the four inaugural scholarship recipients in the July 2024 edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

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