

## Intel's New Semiconductor Plant

by Henry Shobert

Set to begin construction this year, Intel's new semiconductor plant coming to Licking County will provide new opportunities for students across the state, along with a boost to Ohio's economy.

Dr. LeeAnn H. Coutts, professor of psychology and dean of the school of natural and social sciences at MVNU, offered insight into the impact the institution of the plant will have on students. She explained "Through our Intel-supported partnerships with Kent State University and the Ohio-southwest Alliance on Semiconductors and Integrated Scalable-Manufacturing (OASIS), which includes institutions such as the University of Cincinnati, Wright State University, University of Dayton, and Miami University, our students will receive hands-on technical training in semiconductor manufacturing and cleanroom protocols." She continued, "These opportunities will be offered through intensive summer programs, hybrid immersive experiences, short courses, micro-credentialing, and virtual reality simulations."

Not only is there going to be a large impact on students throughout the state, but the plant is also going to largely influence local communities as well. Coutts discussed some of the positives, "For starters, Intel plans to bring 3,000 new jobs to the area. They not only include positions in engineering but also many other fields. What is more, many companies are likely to follow Intel and move into the central Ohio area, bringing even more employment opportunities with them. This should boost Ohio's economy." Along with the positives, however, Coutts discussed some of the cons that will come with the plant. She said, "Unfortunately, we will likely see an increase in the population of central Ohio, so small communities like Mount Vernon should grow. The increase in population will also likely mean stiff competition for resources, such as real estate, which will likely drive prices higher."

Intel's semiconductor plant coming to Licking County is bound to generate new opportunities for students and communities across Ohio. Construction of the plant is set to begin by the end of this year, with an expected completion date set for 2025.



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## Archaeology Students Prepare to Open Excavations of Biblical City

by Cat Dugan

Bible and Archaeology minors at Mount Vernon Nazarene University will travel to Israel next summer as a core component of their academic program. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, MVNU has postponed this trip for the past three years. To compensate for lost revenue, travel companies have inflated their prices, leading these 11 students to seek additional financial support beyond their network and MVNU's Financial Aid Office.

The trip will span between June 15 and July 10, 2023. Residing in a Kibbutz community during their stay, students will enjoy local cuisine and visit biblical landmarks. MVNU's cohort was invited to open excavations of Hazor, a Canaanite city whose destruction is documented in the book of Joshua.



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Dr. Michael VanZant, archaeologist and professor of Biblical Literature, has led his students on multiple trips to the Holy Land. As he approaches the end of his teaching career, this excavation trip will be his final assignment as a professor at MVNU. He fondly recalls the excitement of students seeing the land that they have studied for the first time. "Students who have traveled with me in the past found that the Bible came alive," Dr. VanZant said. He considers this trip to be a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" for these students to "improve their preaching and teaching."

Not only will this archaeology trip enable these students to graduate, but this trip will also immerse the 11 students in the Israeli culture for nearly a month, forever changing their worldviews. Those who feel led to donate can do so through the Linktree in the School of Christian Ministry's Instagram or Facebook, both found under @mvnuscm.