It’s hard to believe it but summer is over, and that means students have moved in to the residence halls at The Ohio State University at Newark.

With move-in complete, the first order of business was Convocation 2016, which welcomed first-year students on Monday, August 22. Students loaded on to buses that left the Newark campus and headed to downtown Newark and The Midland Theatre. Students saw a portion of the play 1776 – the most recent production by Ohio State Newark’s Blackbox Theater and the Licking County Players. They also watched a video welcome from Ohio State President Michael V. Drake, and Dean/Director MacDonald moderated a panel of students and faculty talking about opportunities to get involved on campus.

“Holding Convocation in downtown Newark is a great way to introduce students to what the community has to offer,” said MacDonald. “Students learned about faculty research and student organizations on campus, and how those opportunities enhance their educational experience.”

After Convocation concluded, students walked to the Skylight banquet facility for a reception with faculty, staff, students and community leaders.

Graduate Headed to Oxford University

The Ohio State University graduate Bryce Jones of Westerville is headed to the United Kingdom this fall to start his graduate work. The 26-year-old was accepted at Oxford University.

“I was surprised when I got the acceptance letter,” said Jones. “At first I was a little nervous, but then I realized that this is going to be truly an amazing experience.”

Jones graduated from Ohio State in December. He double majored in history and English. Jones will pursue a master’s degree in U.S. History at Oxford.

“My professors at Ohio State Newark have been wonderfully helpful and supportive,” said Jones. “They encouraged me to apply to Oxford, and I’m so glad they did.”

Jones will be at Oxford from October to June. He hopes to eventually pursue his doctorate to become a professor, but he doesn’t know where or when he wants to do that. However, if he could pick any place to be a professor, he knows where that would be.

“If I could teach here, I would,” said Jones. “I love it here. I came to Ohio State Newark because I loved the small campus environment. It was perfect for me.”

Welcome Week for Students Begins with Convocation