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Permanent reminders



Congressman Greg Landsman lifts his shirt sleeve to show a tattoo of the Torah verse Micah 6:8 written in Hebrew on his left shoulder at The Enquirer newsroom in downtown Cincinnati on March 14. The verse reads, “To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” PHOTOS BY SAM GREENE/THE ENQUIRER

Each tattoo on this Cincinnati congressman’s body tells a story

Scott Wartman
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Congressional etiquette dictates business attire on the U.S. House floor. That means no jeans for representatives while voting.

Capitol Hill rules don’t regulate what’s underneath the clothes.

There’s no rule on tattoos. And while there is no Tattoo Caucus, the newest member of the delegation that represents Greater Cincinnati proudly displays his ink.

Of the four representatives and four senators who represent the region, only Greg Landsman, a Democrat from Cincinnati’s Mount Washington neighborhood, acknowledged having any tattoos.

Landsman has seven. He plans on getting three more soon.

They aren’t random tribal bands or flaming skulls or snakes. Each one, he said, is special and tells a part of his life story.

These are their stories.

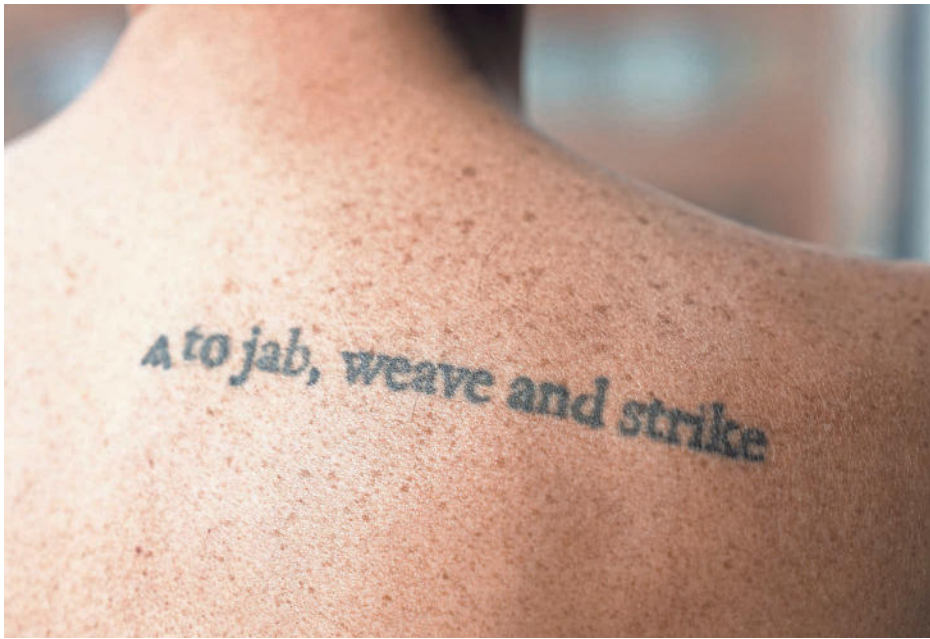
His family’s names in Hebrew

Landsman’s first tattoo came in 2014, when he was 38. He said he had thought about getting inked for a while.

“I wanted to have anything that was going to be on me forever, tattooed on me, to be incredibly meaningful, so where do you start?” Landsman said. “You start with the most meaningful people in your life.”

With his first tattoo, Landsman

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Landsman shows a tattoo of a verse from the Cincinnati Tattoo Project reading “to jab, weave and strike.” The line reflects his amateur boxing career and “it’s been a good metaphor for me in life and politics,” Landsman said.



Landsman shows a tattoo on his right wrist in cursive: “Never give up.” It’s his daughter Maddie’s handwriting. She wrote it in 2017 after he won his first race for Cincinnati City Council.

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Is Xavier starting a medical school?

Board in May to consider president’s bold plan

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When Colleen Hanycz came to Xavier as president 1½ years ago, she told university leaders she wasn’t interested in the status quo.

She wasn’t kidding.

Xavier is seriously considering starting a medical school, The Enquirer has learned. It’s just one of Hanycz’s big, bold ideas for growing Cincinnati’s private, Jesuit university.

“I’m only interested in big swings,” Hanycz told The Enquirer’s “That’s So Cincinnati” podcast.

The medical school plan is scheduled for a vote by the Xavier Board of Trustees on May 5. Though nothing is finalized, Hanycz said the university is considering plans to build a new on-campus facility for a school of osteopathic medicine, hiring faculty and even a start date – fall 2027.

The plan is part of Hanycz’s vision to grow enrollment. She projects a medical school would bring 600 new students to campus. Xavier has long offered a pre-med major in biomedical sciences, a program Hanycz believes is a natural building block for starting a med school. In 2021, graduates of Xavier’s pre-med program had an 85% acceptance rate into medical schools, according to university data. That was double the national average.

No Greater Cincinnati university currently has a school of osteopathic medicine, often the pathway to becoming a primary care doctor. Osteopathic medicine takes a holistic, mind-body-spirit approach to care. Ohio University has an osteopathic medical school.

The University of Cincinnati has a traditional medical school. There are currently seven medical schools in Ohio, with Ohio State and UC having the largest, most comprehensive colleges of medicine. Xavier would become the second private university in Ohio to have a medical school, joining Case Western Reserve in Cleveland.

Hanycz praised UC President Neville Pinto for offering advice and guidance about launching a medical

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Dr. Colleen Hanycz, Xavier University president. ALBERT CESARE/THE ENQUIRER