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President Krendl with students at the Shannxi History Museum in China.

To learn more about Otterbein's Choir trip to China, visit [otterbeinchina2010.wordpress.com](http://otterbeinchina2010.wordpress.com). To read the T&C and the student's praise for her professor and Otterbein, visit [Otterbein360.com](http://Otterbein360.com).

knew that because you have lived it. In fact, these days more of you are looking for ways to continue adding those Otterbein experiences to your lifetime—whether through enrolling in our summer camp on writing your life story, pursuing an encore career, earning an advanced degree, or participating in programs like the Cardinal Migration. Otterbein experiences change everything.

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~ President Kathy Krendl



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Megan Johnston, a senior psychology major and dance minor, performs in this year's annual dance concert. Photo by Karl Kuntz.





## Choir Comes to the Rescue

Roger Routson,

I was very pleased to read about the Concert Choir in the Fall 2010 issue of the *Towers*. Even though I never sang in the choir, I have always said that the choir was responsible for me staying in college.

My best friend and I started classes at Otterbein College in the fall of 1963. He went home the day after we arrived, leaving me alone and feeling isolated and secluded. I was a socially inept, small-town boy and, except to go to summer church camp, this was my first time away from home. In the middle of the first week at dusk I was laying on my bed in Garst Hall by myself feeling lonely, homesick, apprehensive and desperate. I was in the midst of making a decision that may affect the rest of my life: was I staying or leaving. I heard in the distance a faint sound of choral singing. The faint sound was followed by an angelic crescendo of the old spiritual, *Going Home*. Had a spiritual attendant come to lift my burden? The upper-class choir members had come to serenade the freshmen. The voices were soothing. How did they know I was feeling hopeless? They had walked that path. That was a gift of support and perhaps an answered prayer. I felt at home. I decided to stay.

**Jerry L. Pearson '67**



**Students gather to serenade a couple outside of Cochran Hall, circa 1950.**

## English Language Program Attracted Foreign Students

To the Editor:

As a long-time and dedicated supporter of internationalizing college campuses and of cross-cultural learning, I was not only excited by the international focus of the Fall 2010 issue of *Otterbein Towers*, but very happy to learn that Otterbein has established and staffed a new Center for International Education and Global Engagement. Also gratifying is the handsome award to the University from the Association of American Colleges and Universities to further the development of its intercultural programs. This award brings both honor and splendid possibility to the University.

I was particularly interested in Jenny Hill's article on the history of international students at Otterbein. Some of your readers may remember another important chapter in that history – the existence of an English Language Program (ELP) which was established in 1977 to attract foreign students and give them instruction in English and which continued until 1990.

Roger Neff, Chair of the Foreign Language Department, initiated the program, and members of the department, including James Carr and Paulette Loop, taught the first classes. Nur Hussein of the English Department assumed the duties of Otterbein's first Foreign Student Advisor, and Meredith Martin in the Admissions Office oversaw the admission of foreign students. As the program grew, ESL teachers were hired to staff the multiple levels of instruction, and in 1983, Holly Harris filled the newly created position of Director of International Student Programs responsible for the co-curricular life of foreign students. Later, Charles Vedder succeeded to this position.

As Jenny Hill's article noted, during the time of the ELP, students came to Otterbein from every part of the world—Africa, the Far East, the Middle East, South East Asia, Europe, Latin America, and even Canadians from North America. At the height of the program during the mid-1980s, Otterbein drew from 50 to 73 foreign students a quarter, representing 25 to 30 separate countries. Students in the language classes comprised between a third and a half of those numbers.

Ms. Hill's article made reference to a group of Iranian students at Otterbein; they were among the first students in the ELP. In the early years of the program, students from a single country were recruited in blocs, and in 1979, 15 students from Iran

Got something to say? Let us hear from you. We welcome your letters to the editor. You may send them via email to [rroutson@otterbein.edu](mailto:rroutson@otterbein.edu) or mail to Roger Routson, Otterbein University, 1 South Grove Street, Westerville, OH 43081. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit all letters, and submissions are subject to space availability and suitability.

were registered for the winter quarter, making up the majority of the program's students that year. As noted in the article, this was the very moment that the Iranian revolution took place, and the Shah fell from power. All of our students decamped from class to glue themselves to television sets broadcasting the events from home. The academic program ground to a halt. Several students left immediately. There were nine students left in spring quarter, fewer each quarter thereafter until finally two students from Iran actually graduated from the college. Experience taught us the advantage of drawing students individually from multiple countries.

In 1981, we established a new student position, the International Internship, and appointed **Tracey Muschott '85**, as the first intern. Her task was to help integrate the language students (especially in the lower levels) into the life of the college. Tracey recruited volunteer American students to serve as conversation partners to meet weekly with the language students. Not surprisingly, a typical response from the American students was that they learned much more from their foreign partners than they were giving. Tracey also set up a "research file" of the cultures represented by our students and the topics they could share. Students were invited to religion classes and sociology classes, for example, and Professor Eleanor Roman of the Home Economics department even organized her World Foods course around the international students on campus to include their typical foods in the curriculum.

Such a large international presence on the campus led to several initiatives. An International House was established by converting a college house on Main Street into a residence for several foreign students (and an occasional American student), male and female in alternate years, as well as a place for events, parties, and meetings with an international focus. A host family program was organized during this time also to provide students far from their home countries with a local contact, a program apparently still vital at Otterbein today. Another important (and still flourishing) initiative was the founding of a men's soccer program. The critical mass of enthusiastic and able students on campus from a number of soccer-playing countries added stimulus to the movement at that time to introduce this sport into the college schedule.

By 1990, however the world had shifted, the flow of language students to the United States had slowed considerably, and consequently the English Language Program was discontinued.

Nevertheless, at its height, the Otterbein campus benefitted from a flurry of international activity and the enrichment that comes from a large and varied international presence on the campus.

**Susan Richardson**

*Director, English Language Program 1978-1990*

**Editor's Note:** To learn more about ESL offerings today at Otterbein, visit [otterbein.abroadoffice.net](http://otterbein.abroadoffice.net). 

### **A Sampling of Comments on the New Design...**

I got my issue earlier tonight and just wanted to say very nice! It's so different in some ways (size, paper, fonts used) that I almost wondered if you had hired someone new just to bring a fresh take on it all. It's so much better than the previous design, which in my opinion had always felt stuffy, outdated or something. But anyway, great job! Love the new choices all around.

Interesting about the \$3, too. I'm definitely in the 70 percent who get their news from *Towers* more than any other source. I will consider the \$3 figure when I go to make a pledge to Otterbein.

**Mark Kish '00**

*Mark, thanks for the compliments, but no new hires on the redesign—just an old dog learning new tricks, good input from the Towers CASE survey, and a lot of research and hard work by both the Towers Editorial Review Board and the Alumni Council.*

**Editor**

*Towers looks GREAT! Congrats on the new design!*

**Matthew R. D'Oyly '04**

*Otterbein Assistant Director of Wellness*

*Wonderful job on the redesign of Towers!*

**Don Foster '73**

*Otterbein University Registrar*

*I saw the new Towers redesign and I thought it looked great! Good layout, size and paper choice.*

**Jim Busser, parent**



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Early Spring 2011





photo by Doug Korman



compiled by Jenny Hill '05

## Otterbein Adds Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

The Higher Learning Commission recently approved the creation of a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree at Otterbein University. The DNP program at Otterbein



The Doctor of Nursing Practice program is designed for the post-master's student in an advanced practice role.

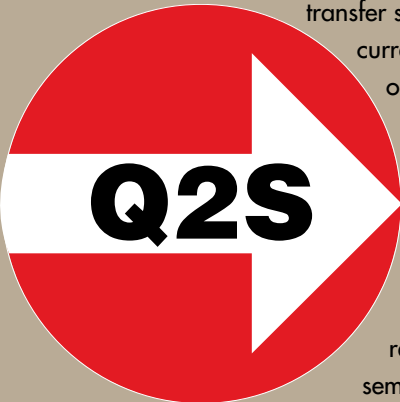
provides an individualized path for the post-master's student in an advanced practice role. The program can be completed in two years using a blended curriculum combining online learning, classroom experiences and distinctive preceptored opportunities.

The small cohort class size (the first class has 10 students) allows faculty experts and collaborating preceptors to help guide each DNP student through the planning, implementation and evaluation of a unique transformative change project that positively

impacts health care. Students will focus not only on the specialized knowledge and clinical competency to practice in health care settings, but also on financial management, organizational systems, policy and politics, and information technology. Classes began spring quarter 2011 with the launch of the first cohort of students accepted into the program. Applications for the DNP program cohort beginning May 2012 are due no later than Oct. 15, 2011. Learn more at [www.otterbein.edu/graduatenuising/dnp.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/graduatenuising/dnp.asp).

### Semester Conversion

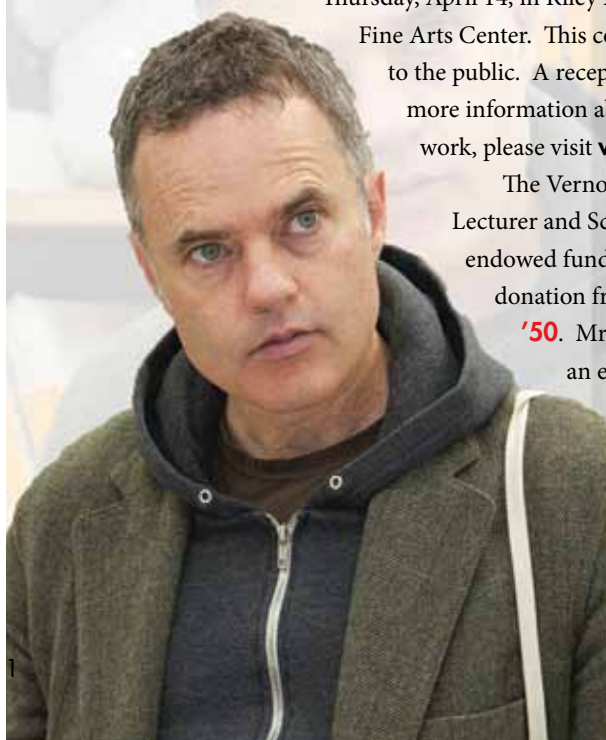
This summer will be the shortest on record at Otterbein, because of the conversion to a semester calendar for the 2011-2012 academic year. Classes will begin Aug. 29, 2011, and commencement will take place on May 19, 2012. The conversion from quarters to semesters will make Otterbein more attractive for transfer students and give current students more opportunities for longer internships and an earlier jump into the job market. All Ohio public institutions of higher education will be required to move to semesters by 2013. For more information about the semester conversion, visit [www.otterbein.edu/semester/index.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/semester/index.asp).



### Artist Harrell Fletcher is Pack Distinguished Lecturer

Harrell Fletcher, renowned visual and conceptual artist and recipient of the 2005 Alpert Award in Visual Arts, is the 10th Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecturer and Scholar in Residence. Mr. Fletcher will be on campus throughout April, working with art students and faculty in the studios at 33 Collegeview.

As part of the 2011 Pack Scholar in Residence experience, a convocation featuring a lecture and slides from and by Mr. Fletcher will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, in Riley Auditorium in the Battelle Fine Arts Center. This convocation is free and open to the public. A reception will follow lobby. For more information about Mr. Fletcher and his work, please visit [www.harrellfletcher.com](http://www.harrellfletcher.com).



The Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecturer and Scholar in Residence is an endowed fund created with a generous donation from **Vernon L. Pack '50**. Mr. Pack wanted to offer an educational enrichment experience for Otterbein students, which is provided when an esteemed scholar is invited to campus.



*With a little help and encouragement from her students*

# Professor Becomes U.S. Citizen



Professor Carmen Galarce (top) with students on a recent trip to her native Chile.

After Otterbein University has a new U.S. citizen on staff. Carmen Galarce, professor of Foreign Languages, was sworn in as a naturalized U.S. citizen on Jan. 19, 2011. Galarce came to the U.S. in 1979 after political upheaval and violence in her native country of Chile threatened her career as a professor at the University of Chile. She joined the faculty at Otterbein in 1987.

Her students encouraged her to become a citizen, even helping her through the application and testing process. "I was never alone in the process since I had the strong support of my students and friends," she said. "I'm very honored to have their support. They are the ones who motivate my work, energize me and are an enormous source of joy.

"I had spent over two decades teaching here in Ohio and consider Columbus my home. Every time that I visited Chile with my students, I felt different, disassociated, strange, a sort of foreigner in a familiar territory, until I realized that I had become fully American. I was becoming fully invested in U.S. politics. I want to vote, support, and defend the way of life here in Columbus, OH, and the United States," Galarce said.

Galarce has received many notes of congratulations, including a letter from Federal Judge James Graham and a gift from Representative Pat Tiberi of the American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., the day she took her oath.



AROUND THE 'BEIN

The Otterbein University Concert Choir is spreading Chinese culture throughout the community. Following their December 2010 tour to China, which included performances at Tianjin University, the Children's Palace in Beijing, the Xi'an Music Conservatory, and the Great Wall of China, they have performed their tour repertoire of Chinese and American music for local audiences. The Choir was the highlight of the campus Chinese New Year celebration on Feb. 3, 2011. You can read blog entries and watch videos of the Concert Choir in China at [otterbeinchina2010.wordpress.com](http://otterbeinchina2010.wordpress.com).



# Lifelong Memories







Clockwise from left: Otterbein's Concert Choir performs at, and with members of, Tianjin University. Students enjoy lunch and exchange of culture at a farmer's house. Troy Burton and other students take rickshaw rides in the Hutong district of Beijing. Students camp it up and hold director Gayle Walker at Olympic Village. Members of the Choir sing at a celebration of the Chinese New Year at Otterbein. Students Julie Koenig '13, Heather Doerschuk '13, Alyssa Waldman '13 and Sabrina Appgar '11 in front of the Summer Palace of the Empress.

# Made in China





# Summer Camps Offer Diverse Interests

Otterbein University is offering a great opportunity this summer for middle and high school students. This summer the next hit video game, best selling novel, world renowned poet or Kentucky Derby winning jockey could be formed!

Otterbein Summer Camps are directed by Otterbein's expert and dedicated faculty. Campers will be exposed to

innovative technology, creativity and fun! More importantly, they'll also develop skills and interests vital to success in college.

"We're excited to bring students to our campus to experience summer learning in a higher education environment," said Otterbein President Kathy Krendl. "We have excellent resources and are looking forward to sharing them with the community."



Participants get their game on at last year's Computer Gaming summer camp.

The camps are as follows:

## **IMAGINARY WORLDS: Introduction to Game Programming**

If you have an itch to create a computer game, this is your chance to scratch it!

## **SEE ME, HEAR ME: A Theatre Design Tech Camp**

Participants in this institute will be introduced to the skills and concepts of stage lighting and sound.

## **ETHICS BOWL**

This camp will combine the excitement of a competitive tournament with plenty of thought-provoking debate.

## **THE MOVIE OF YOUR MIND: Poetry of the Visual World & Digital Storytelling**

This workshop includes two classes, "The Poetry of the Visual World" and "Digital Storytelling."

## **POETRY SLAM: Introduction to Performance Poetry**

Slam is competitive poetry. Poets perform their work in front of an audience while five randomly chosen judges score them from one to 10.

## Chris Jansing to Speak at 2011 Commencement



Alumna Chris Jansing of MSNBC.

Otterbein University alumna and accomplished news anchor **Chris Kapostasy Jansing '78** has been selected as the 2011 commencement speaker. She will address the class of 2011, as well as friends and family, on Sunday, June 12, in the Rike Center.

Jansing is an MSNBC anchor and host of MSNBC's *Jansing and Co.* She also serves as a correspondent for *Dateline NBC* and as a substitute anchor for *Weekend Today* and the Sunday edition of *NBC Nightly News*. Jansing joined NBC News in June 1998 as a news correspondent and MSNBC anchor. She covered the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, as the events unfolded; the Pope's March 2000 pilgrimage to the Holy Land live from Jerusalem; and the 2000 Election from Tallahassee, FL. Read more about Jansing at [www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3080424/ns/msnbc\\_tv-meet\\_the\\_faces\\_of\\_msnbc](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3080424/ns/msnbc_tv-meet_the_faces_of_msnbc).





### **EQUINE CAMPS: Day Camp**

Campers will be involved in various horse related activities that combine fun with learning. They will also get a riding lesson on our school horses.

### **EQUINE ADULT CAMPS: Evening**

Participants learn about equine behavior, first aid, horse trailer safety, preventative health and other topics in this non-riding course.

### **MARTIN W. ESSEX: School for the Gifted and Talented**

The program offers rising high school juniors and seniors opportunities for career exploration through a unique program comprised of classes, seminars and workshops on the arts, sciences and humanities

Register online at [www.otterbein.edu/summercamps](http://www.otterbein.edu/summercamps).



## **Women's Lacrosse Newest Otterbein Sport**

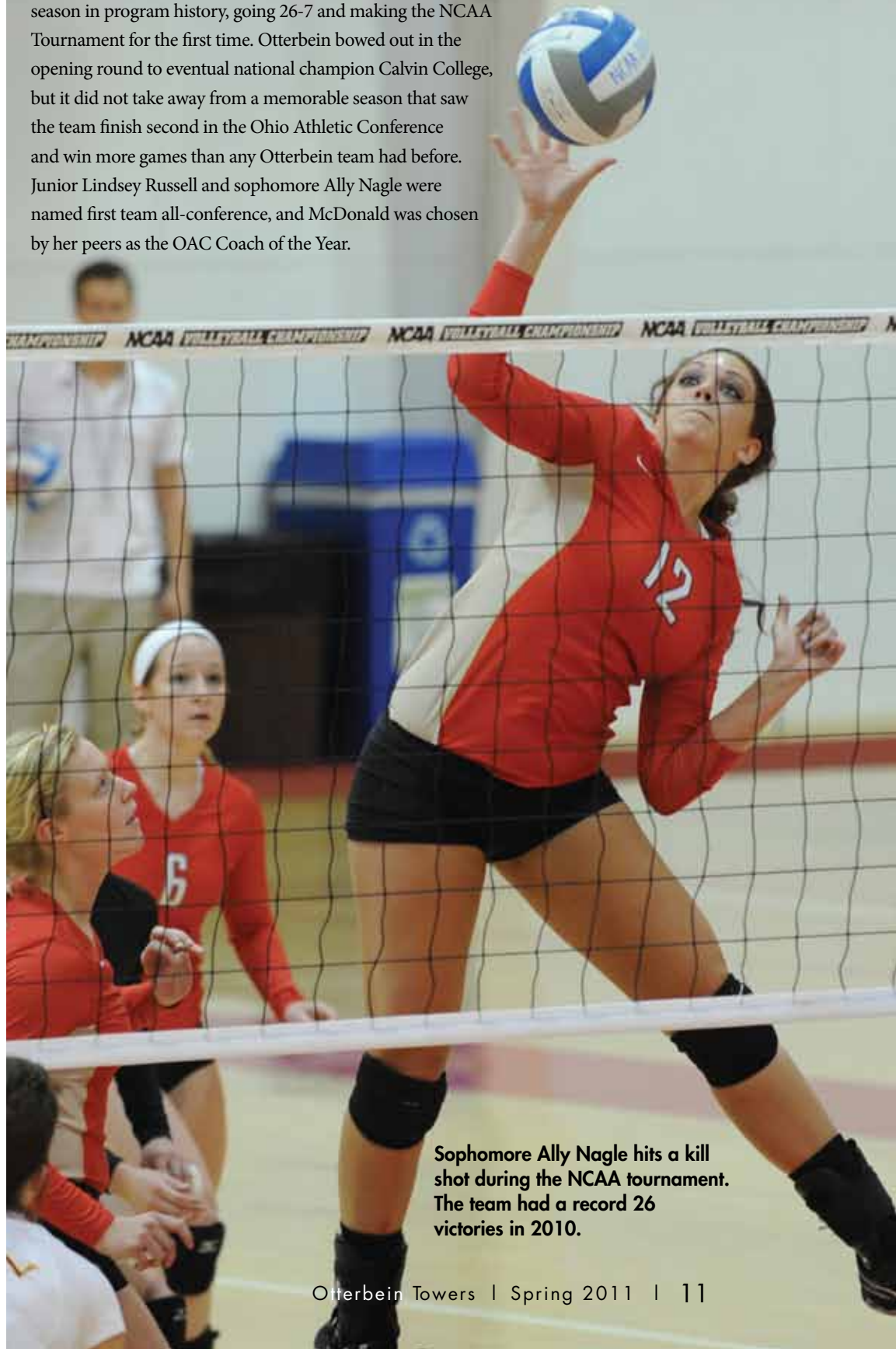
Otterbein recently added a women's lacrosse program, scheduled to begin competition in the spring of 2012. The University has hired 37-year old Stephani Schmidt, a New Jersey native, as its first head coach. Schmidt comes to Otterbein from Denison University, where she served as head women's lacrosse coach since 2001, guiding the Big Red to six first-place finishes in the North Coast Athletic Conference and two appearances in the NCAA Tournament. A 1997 graduate of The Ohio State University, she holds a 46-19 career coaching record.



**Stephani Schmidt, first Otterbein women's lacrosse coach.**

# Volleyball Makes NCAA Tournament for the First Time

The Otterbein volleyball program, under the guidance of fourth-year head coach Monica McDonald, reached new heights in 2010. McDonald and the Lady Cardinals turned in the best season in program history, going 26-7 and making the NCAA Tournament for the first time. Otterbein bowed out in the opening round to eventual national champion Calvin College, but it did not take away from a memorable season that saw the team finish second in the Ohio Athletic Conference and win more games than any Otterbein team had before. Junior Lindsey Russell and sophomore Ally Nagle were named first team all-conference, and McDonald was chosen by her peers as the OAC Coach of the Year.



**Sophomore Ally Nagle hits a kill shot during the NCAA tournament. The team had a record 26 victories in 2010.**



Eight young women helped take Otterbein women's soccer to new heights this season, all the way to the Final Four in San Antonio.



# Eight Seniors... One Experience

*story by Adam Prescott*

Tara Carter. Rachel Degen. Lindsey Rudibaugh. Hannah Fairbanks. Cristen Herold. Jenny Knox. Tara Smith. Laura Vasbinder. Eight names, one common bond: Soccer.

With seven of the eight having grown up locally, most had played with or against the others from an early age. Some from age seven, some from age 12, some from age 15.

After competing at rival high schools, all seven arrived at Otterbein in 2007 to play for Head Coach Brandon Koons. Some were already familiar with Koons, having played on his club teams growing up.

They began to learn the college game but encountered an array of struggles in their first season together, going just 10-7-2 and missing the NCAA Tournament. A few even flirted with the idea of quitting after just one year.

Everyone ultimately remained intact to come back as sophomores for a new season.

"We all knew it could be different," said Vasbinder, a DeSales graduate. "Our friendships became even stronger and we just moved forward together. We had a different attitude, we were in shape, and just wanted to be there with each other."







They are, from left, Jenny Knox, Hannah Fairbanks, Rachel Degen, Tara Carter, Lindsey Rudibaugh, Tara Smith, Laura Vasbinder and Cristen Herold.

# ce of a Lifetime

The group saw improvement in its second year, using their lone regular season loss to regroup and go on to win the conference title. They ended their 2008 season in New York as part of the NCAA Sweet 16, their first time playing on such a national stage.

In walked Fairbanks during the summer of 2009. A Michigan native, Fairbanks had verbally committed to Otterbein as a high school senior but wound up at Division II Saginaw Valley State. After not having an enjoyable experience her first two years, she abruptly decided Westerville would be her next destination.

“I had no idea what to expect and wasn’t sure if anyone would remember me, but I just wanted to go where I wanted to be in the first place,” Fairbanks said. “It was probably the most impulsive thing I’ve ever done.”

**Tara Carter (left) and Lindsey Rudibaugh embrace after their victory in the NCAA Sweet 16.**



Fairbanks, who initially was unsure of having a place to live upon arrival, admitted she felt a feeling of uncertainty. "Once I finally got here I thought to myself, 'What did I just do?' But I quickly learned I was glad to be back playing soccer again, and enjoying it."

The group captured its second-straight conference championship as juniors, going 20-2-1 overall and falling in overtime of the NCAA Sweet 16, this time in Baltimore, MD, to national power and eventual champion Messiah College, PA.

Many say that match provided a vision and belief of winning a national championship as seniors, but they also point out the importance of just growing as a unit.

"I think we always just wanted to do better than the year before," said Herold, a graduate of Dublin Coffman.

Mission accomplished. The eight turned in a season to remember as seniors, helping guide the team to an undefeated record of 20-0-4, making the NCAA Final Four (played in San Antonio, TX) for the first time in program history. They would bow out to the eventual national champion Hardin-Simmons University, TX, in penalty kicks.

All very competitive, the eight will admit to being bitter about not advancing to the championship match after having been so close. However, it was impossible for them not to emotionally reflect on the journey immediately after that final match.

"We just realized it was over," said Fairbanks. "It wasn't about us losing

in penalty kicks at the Final Four, it was about it being the final time we played together."

The Cardinals went 58-4-7 throughout their final three seasons, finishing each season ranked in the top ten nationally. The team ended 2010 ranked third nationally with the top-ranked defense in the country.

"They had an amazing ability to find a way to win, and that's what I feel really marks their time here," Koons said. "Their teams never broke any scoring records, but when they needed a goal they found a way to get it."

It's easy to see and understand the impact the eight made on Otterbein women's soccer.

"The program had been on the national level before, but then fell from it," said Koons. "These girls helped bring it back to that point. When we made the NCAAs five or six years ago, people would

say we had a good team. Now that they've done it for the past three years, people say we have a good program."

On top of any win, loss, or tie was that they had done it all with each other, and for each other.

"We're never going to have another reason to get together with our best friends every day... to travel to places, to laugh together and cry together," said Smith, a graduate of Westerville South High School.

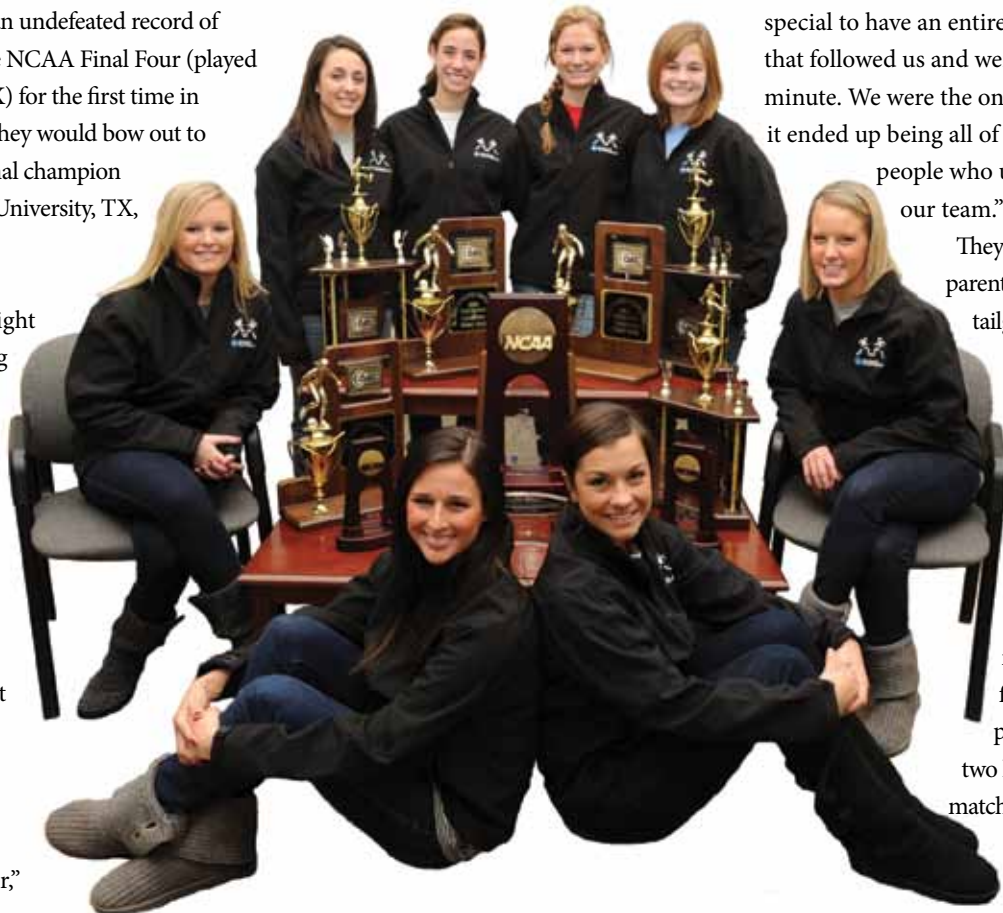
"Our team was so special," Herold added. "I liked going to practice, and I had always hated practice my whole life. I'm going to miss riding on a bus, with all of my friends, and laughing so hard. It's just never going to happen again."

The group helped create a following of family, friends, faculty, boyfriends, alumni, and more that will surely be remembered as special.

"I think my parents had a better time than I did," joked Vasbinder. "It was special to have an entire crowd of people that followed us and were so into every minute. We were the ones on the field, but it ended up being all of these additional people who ultimately made up our team."

They reflected on their parents attempting a tailgate gathering during their freshman season, with barely anyone showing up. By the last match of their careers, played 1,340 miles away, the team saw nearly 100 Cardinal fans gathered in the parking lot more than two hours before the match.

All eight were part of record-setting statistics, and received honors



**The tight-knit group has a lot of hardware to display.**





**Clockwise from left: Jenny Knox hoists the NCAA Semifinalist trophy. The team piles on after an incredible come-from-behind victory while vanquished Capital players lie on the field stunned. Tara Carter makes a save in the Elite Eight shootout. Rachel Degen fields the ball in the NCAA Sweet 16.**

ranging from all-conference, all-region, all-Ohio, and all-America. They understood someone had to get certain awards, but also realized accolades didn't necessarily describe how equally they all contributed... and how great they were as a group.

"All eight of us were huge contributors to the team," Herold said. "There wasn't one that was left out or wasn't good enough. I don't think one individual person will really be remembered over another."

As a result of their success, the team and their avid faithful were able to enjoy competing against opponents from different states, sometimes taking on teams that boasted players from all across the nation.

"We would talk about it on the field during introductions before some matches," said Herold. "It was cool that we were taking on teams that had players from all over the country, and we had a bunch of girls who grew up 10 minutes from one another."

The heat of competition was intense and exciting, but Smith says it's the

memories and friendships that stand out the most.

"This team gave us a chance to get close to people that we may have otherwise not gotten the chance to know," she said. "Every girl from the team will be at my wedding, and most of my wedding party will consist of girls from this team."

Having witnessed their growth and maturity over the years, Koons knows the game of soccer has provided the eight with the necessary tools for the game of life.

"Some of the things these girls took on in recent years in their personal lives have been tough," he said. "They had little examples from soccer matches where they've tried so hard to succeed and then finally were able to do it. I think those times will carry over to help them when they feel up against it with the bigger situations in life."

Eight names, eight players, eight hearts... filled with a passion for the game of soccer—a bond that has led them through an experience of a lifetime. ●

## Some notable recognition...

**Jenny Knox**—Otterbein's first female three-time all-America. Also two-time academic all-America first team.

**Tara Carter**—2010 National Goalkeeper of the Year; 2010 Academic All-America Player of the Year. OAC career record holder in shutouts (54).

**Lindsey Rudibaugh**—Team's leading scorer all four years (Otterbein career leader in game-winning goals and second on all-time scoring list).

**Cristen Herold**—2010 OAC Midfielder of the Year. Single season (12) and career (24) record holder in assists.

**Tara Smith**—three-time all-Conference (two first-team selections).

**Rachel Degen**—two-time all-Region, three-time all-Conference.

**Laura Vasbinder**—two-time all-Conference.

**Hannah Fairbanks**—Team leader in blocked shots.

The Cardinal defense, anchored by Carter, Fairbanks, Knox and Vasbinder allowed just four goals in 24 matches to rank first nationally in goals-against average (0.16), shutouts (21), and save percentage (.933).

# Real-Life Learning

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*Real-life learning opportunities are so integral to the overall education of an Otterbein student that they are now represented in the Five Cardinal Experiences. Today's students have more life-changing opportunities than ever. From internships to professional research projects and from auditions to networking at a national level, here, on pages 16 through 24, are some of the experiences they are embracing. Stories written by Leah Shamblin '11 and Jenny Hill '05.*

## Annual Showcase gets students in front of New York Talent Agents

## SENIOR THEATRE STUDENTS TAKE NEW YORK, NY

**B**eing admitted to Otterbein's renowned Department of Theatre and Dance is like earning a role in a Broadway show—the audition process is demanding, the competition is talented, the chances of being chosen are slim, and those who are chosen are destined for great things.

The Department of Theatre and Dance only accepts approximately 36 students per year out of a pool of over 400, which includes students interested in studying general theater, acting, musical theater, musical theater with dance, and design technology. The small classes ensure that each student will receive the personal attention, production experience, and extracurricular opportunities that will lead to successful careers.

Once accepted, students spend three years of instruction, auditioning, working, and performing on the Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall stage, all in preparation for their senior capstone of an internship followed by the Ohio Actor Showcase, which takes seniors to New York City to audition for for hundreds of agents, casting directors, choreographers, Broadway producers and more. Seniors qualify for the trip through an audition process.

The senior experience begins with the opportunity to travel to New York City or Los Angeles for a one-term internship

experience. From working at NBC Universal to SH Entertainment, internships allow the students to gain hands-on experience in the entertainment world, from setting up and running auditions to calling agents and updating actor catalogs. It allows students to fully immerse themselves in their future careers.

For many, the internships teach them more than they ever expected. "I have had more opportunities beyond what I could have possibly imagined to see how television really works," said **Trenton Weaver '11**. "From people skills to audition techniques for the camera, this internship with NBC has proven invaluable."

"An internship is a real-life experience," said **Jordan Bartz '11**. "The college and classroom atmosphere are a glimpse at what real life could possibly hold, but it's not until you're thrown into a city that you really start to understand what's ahead of you."

After their internships, students interested in acting get a unique head-start on their careers at the Ohio Actor Showcase. Established in 2001, the showcase includes students from Otterbein, Baldwin-Wallace College, and the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music (CCM Drama).

**Melissa Fults '11**



## Gala Helps Raise Funds

Each year the Theatre Advisory Board and the Department of Theatre & Dance host a Gala to raise funds for the Showcase venture. In all, the Showcase program has an annual expense budget of \$15,000. On average, the student participants each contribute an additional \$8,000 in completing the New York or LA internship. The costs for the Showcase include invitations to agents and casting directors, rental of the theatre, and transportation and housing for the seniors. Without the support of our generous alumni and friends, the Showcase would not be possible. If you are interested in giving to the NY Showcase Fund, please contact the Department of Theatre & Dance, 614-823-1239.



Jade Waters Burch '11



Lauren Wertz '11 and  
Kyle Eberlein '11

Each school gets 30 minutes, or 2 ½ minutes per student, whichever is less. The process benefits both sides of the showcase. The agents and casting directors get to see 30-40 students from three schools in less than two hours. The students are seen by 150-200 professionals. The Ohio Actor Showcase is among the best-attended in New York City.

The students begin to prepare for the showcase by attending other showcases and auditions, practicing, working on new material, and attending theater productions. They know that this one opportunity has the potential to launch their careers.

"We make it clear to our students that... the showcase is one audition of hundreds in their careers," said John Stefano, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. "But for some, the showcase has resulted in immediate work in the profession."

Past performers have landed roles in Broadway shows and national tours based on their Showcase performances. One alumna, **Mandy Bruno '04**, was called the day after her showcase to perform a screen test for a role in *Guiding Light* and was cast a week later as Marina, a role that later earned her a Daytime Emmy nomination.

While the dream of landing a role is underlying, most of this year's performers

are realistically hoping to earn an agent. "When you have an agent, especially a well-known agent, you have your foot in the door. It's a way to get you really looked at, not just passed along. That's what I'm keeping my fingers crossed for," said **Sara King '11**.

The goal of earning an agent before graduation is attainable for Otterbein's students. In 2010, at least one-third of the senior class performers were offered agency representation after the showcase.

The senior year internships and showcase have brought many aspiring actors to Otterbein, looking for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. "It was probably the biggest selling point of the program. Sure we put on amazing shows and have an amazing program but the fact is there

are many amazing programs out there. The difference is the opportunity of a senior showcase and internship," said Bartz.

"I knew about the showcase and the internship when I auditioned for the program and they were like the sprinkles on the icing of the cake," said **Barbara Jo Bednarczuk '11**. "The showcase and internship have now thrown me out into the real world, but the department has given me the tools and confidence to make the most of my talents."

This year, in addition to the acting and musical theater showcase in New York on April 4 and 5, Otterbein will be joining forces with CCM Drama to do an acting showcase in Los Angeles on April 25, expanding the opportunities for theater students to both coasts. •



Sara King '11





## Real-Life Learning

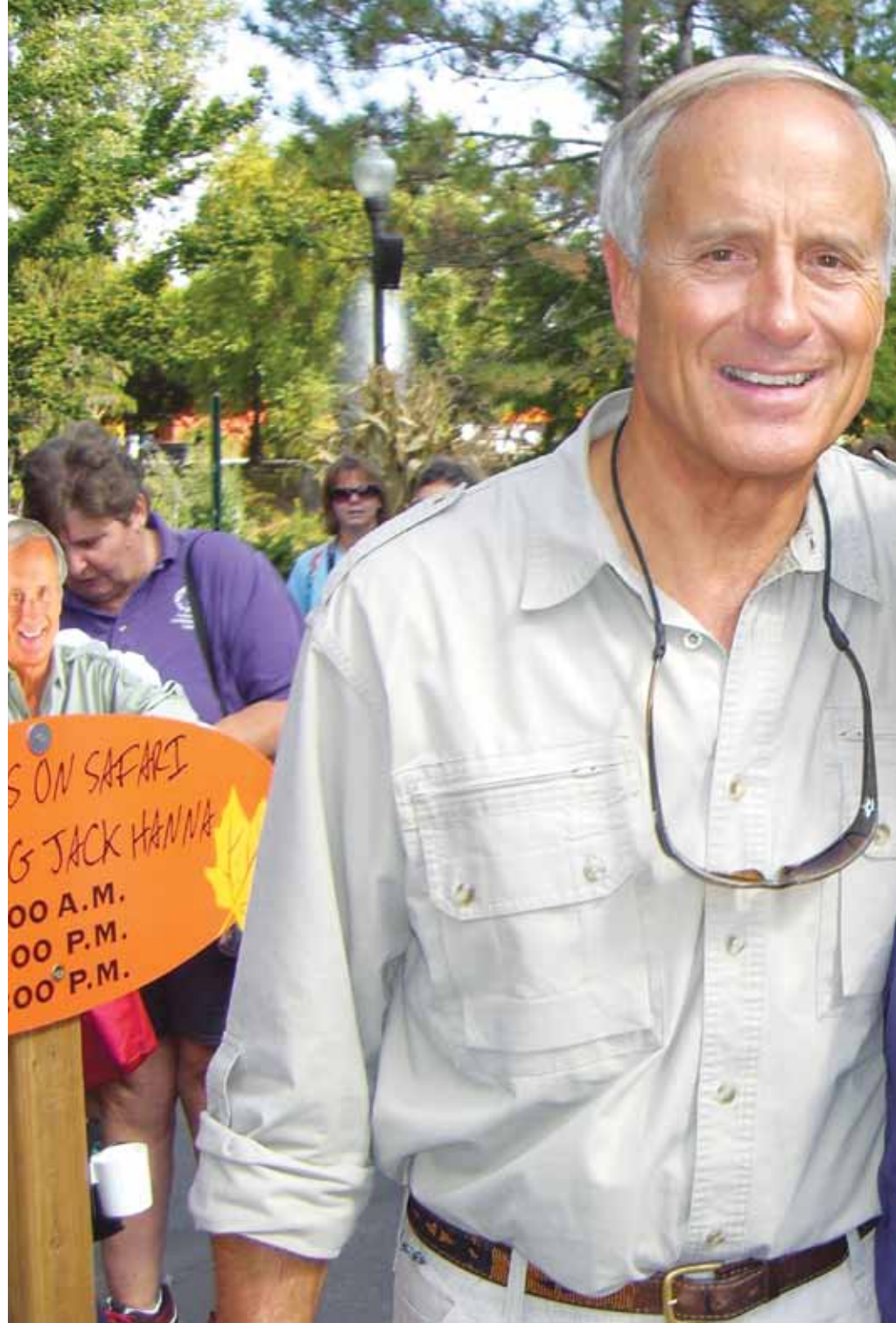
Otterbein students have a unique talent for earning high-profile internships and impressing potential employers with their abilities to apply classroom skills to professional situations. These internships, in turn, help students gain valuable experience and network to form lasting professional relationships.

One such relationship has been forged between the Otterbein Department of Communication and Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Emeritis Director Jack Hanna, who has exclusively hired Otterbein students as his personal interns for several years.

The first in the series of Jungle Jack Productions interns from Otterbein was **Amy Feller George '07**. She interned for Hanna in 2006-07 and made such a good impression that his next five interns – **Matt Lofy '08, Erin Sites '08, Charlotte Halliday '10, Leah Shamblin '11, and John Henderson '13** – were all Otterbein students. Sites was even hired as an assistant to Hanna when her internship ended.

For these interns, a typical day in the office could include checking Jack's e-mail; editing his autobiography, *My Wild Life*; assisting in the event planning and contests; touring new zoo exhibits; writing statements; developing his fan database; assembling auction packages; handling crisis communication; and monitoring website and blog analytics. Halliday even planned Jack's 30th anniversary surprise party, which was a huge success—literally.

"Coordinating a surprise party with over 300 guests for a man who knows everyone in Columbus was a challenge, but we did it," said Halliday. "I discovered after planning this event why people glorify



Some innovative  
**INTERNS**





**Far left: Charlotte Halliday '10 and Jack Hanna pose at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Left: Erika Bush '11 at the Ohio Statehouse demonstrates the iPod tour to the media.**

event planning—not because of the long hours, the inevitable crises, the stress, the early mornings with the media, nor the clean up following the event, but because it is incredibly rewarding to see several months of work come together and create a memorable evening.”

Shamblin gained an unexpected look at crisis communication. “I was able to see how Jack handled crises, like the tragedy at Sea World,” she said. “I also had to research and stay current on the events. It helped me to better understand and apply the strategies I learned in my communication courses at Otterbein.”

Otterbein students are using their talents to break into new internship opportunities, too. **Erika Bush '11**, a business administration major with a focus in marketing, is currently interning with the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board (CSRAB) at the Ohio Statehouse, a position that is typically given to students from Kent State University.

She has played a pivotal role in the implementation and promotion of iPod tours of the Statehouse, the first program of its kind in the nation. “My picture is displayed on the Statehouse website and on Castnet, an internal system that displays events (throughout) the building to demonstrate the ease of iPod tours at the Ohio Statehouse. I have been on NBC-4 and 10-TV news talking about and promoting the iPod tours. I am currently in the process of contacting CNN in hopes of gaining national publicity,” Bush said.

Bush brought a fresh perspective to the iPod tour project as a member of a generation raised on technology. “I have an iPod myself, so I’m very familiar with how they work. I have been able to ask the questions that someone who was familiar with the device might ask, while my supervisors can ask the questions that someone might ask who has never used the product. We can cover a lot of ground this way, and develop the program even further,” she said.

Through the experience, Bush has gained an appreciation for the relationship between her classroom education and the hands-on learning of an internship. “Applying the lessons learned in the classroom to a real-life, fast-paced, work environment has been phenomenal,” she said. “The hands-on learning I have received from this internship gives meaning to the words that I have read from the textbooks, and creates an experience that I can carry with me forever.” •

# *and adventurous* INTERNSHIPS

*Science students get experience in and out of the classroom*

# FROM

All students studying the sciences at Otterbein get intensive hands-on experience in classroom labs, but some students push themselves beyond the classroom to gain professional experience while they are undergraduates with a little help from their professors.

One such student, **Lauren Kopas '11**, has conducted research on Alum Creek, which runs beside Otterbein and is the main source of drinking water for the city of Westerville.

Her research, "Effects of Storm Events on Water Quality for Alum Creek Near Westerville, OH," was conducted with fellow student **Mary Evert '12** and professors Joan Esson and Kevin Svitana to determine how property development along Alum Creek affects the water quality through runoff following rain events.

Kopas and Evert will present the results of their research at the annual meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science, which will be held at Otterbein this year in conjunction with Otterbein's annual Science Lecture Series, featuring astronomer Andrea M. Ghez, on April 16.

"I obtained some really valuable experience in the field and Dr. Svitana was always available for questions or guidance. He was definitely the key figure to my success and motivation beyond the everyday college requirements," said Kopas, who plans to attend law school and practice environmental law.

Physics Professor Nathaniel Tagg has enlisted two students to work with him on his

**Katy Kaiser '12, a biochemistry major, reviews the quality of a sample in the lab with Associate Professor of Chemistry John Tansey.**





# LAB TO LIFE

national research in neutrino physics. **Jack Brangham '12** and **Molly Clairemont '12** worked with Tagg during summer 2010 on a number of projects involving the MINERvA experiment at the Fermi National Laboratory near Chicago, which is measuring the ways in which high-energy neutrinos interact with matter. More information about the MINERvA experiment can be found at [minerva.fnal.gov](http://minerva.fnal.gov).

“They spent most of their summers at Otterbein, but each went with me to Fermilab to do some work there and see the experiment in person,” Tagg said. A grant from the National Science Foundation funds research by Tagg and two undergraduate researchers for three summers, 2010-2012. He selected the students based on their skills in the classroom, and said that one or both of them may work with him again next summer.

Four students will be attending the national meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with faculty, including Associate Professor John Tansey. One student, **Dan DuBreuil '12** has won a competitive travel award to attend the meeting for his research with Tansey, “Characterization of a Perilipin-5 Splice Variant,” which he also presented at the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges Undergraduate Research Symposium. His research will add to the knowledge to the role of Perilipin-5 in lipid storage and metabolism, which could have applications in diabetes treatments and obesity studies.

“Dr. Tansey has encouraged my research by being available whenever I need

help, guiding my progress, and setting up presentation opportunities for me. What I hope to gain is experience in my field, a better idea of what area of biochemistry I should go into for graduate school, and access to opportunities I would not have otherwise,” said DuBreuil, who plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career in research.

Assistant Professor Joan M.

Esson had two papers published this year with chemistry student co-authors and is conducting research with freshman Cardinal Science Scholar Jared Swartzentruber.

Cardinal Science Scholars is a new program at Otterbein that provides a unique opportunity for students who are pursuing degrees in biochemistry, chemistry, physics or engineering. This enriched educational experience offers scholarships of \$6,000 and includes enhanced academic, social, and career programming. The programming includes a weekend summer immersion experience prior to the start of classes; involvement in a year-long mentoring triad with an upperclassman and an alumnus; visits to regional graduate programs and industries; and talks by leading scientists.

“We are working on a new project looking at pharmaceutical and personal care products that might be present in Alum Creek,” Esson said. “This summer as part of our Undergraduate Science Research Program funded by the Merck Institute for Education, we’re expanding it to include our new biology professor, Jennifer Bennett, and

examine if the presence of pharmaceuticals are increasing the anti-bacterial resistance of microorganisms in the creek.”

“Being able to start research my freshman year has definitely helped me become more confident in labs,” Swartzentruber said. “As a freshman, I’m not quite sure what I want to do after Otterbein because I am still discovering previously unknown possibilities, but I hope to gain a better understanding of what I want to through these research opportunities.” •

**The Bert and Jane Horn Endowed Student Research Fund in the Sciences has helped provide funding since 2007 to chemistry, microbiology, environmental science and biology students to assist with fees and expenses incurred during, or on behalf of, research and research projects. Believing that science is a field best learned when students actually perform research in the areas they are studying, Jane Horn '50 established this fund in memory of late husband, Albert "Beri" Horn '49.**

Giving Note



**Katie Fuller '12 is a life science major.**

## The SINGERS & the UNSUNG HEROES of Music at Otterbein

**F**rom behind-the-scenes to center stage, opportunities for unique experiences abound in Otterbein's Department of Music. Whether it's the Marching Band entering a *Hawaii 5-0* contest in fall 2010 or the Concert Choir performing on the Great Wall of China in December 2010, music is a hands-on experience at Otterbein.

Not many universities have professional recording studios, but at Otterbein the unsung students of MEISA (Music and Entertainment Industry Student Association), a national organization founded to encourage networking and education for students looking to start a career in the music business profession, are recording and mixing professional CDs for the musicians of Otterbein.

Made up of primarily music business majors, but also art majors to help with logos and other promotional material, MEISA runs Red Grove Entertainment, which offers recording services to the Otterbein community. Audio production students can learn on-the-job skills while providing Otterbein performers professional CDs to help advance their careers.

When Red Grove Entertainment takes on a project, MEISA students are assigned to a specific task: marketing, budgeting, logistics, and more. "They learn to communicate, negotiate, and organize in a professional manner," said Eric Van Wagner, MEISA's faculty advisor.

Red Grove Entertainment produces one recording per quarter, including an annual CD for The Anticipations. Read more about Red Grove Entertainment online at [www.redgroveentertainment.com](http://www.redgroveentertainment.com).

The Anticipations is a pop/rock/jazz ensemble of Otterbein students who perform on campus and professionally in the community. Members can step out as a lead singer, back up the band with instrumentals, or even take a technical role. It all comes together to provide students with the experience of an actual working band. The Anticipations are online at [www.theanticipations.com](http://www.theanticipations.com).

Another popular performance group at Otterbein is Six in the City, a student-run vocal ensemble of six female singers. The group performs pop and jazz music at concerts on campus and in the community.

"Singing in Six in the City has been an excellent experience at Otterbein. We've gotten professional experience, plus we've always had tons of fun," said Natalee McReynolds, student coordinator. You can view a Six in the City performance online at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyJDwOMhQqU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyJDwOMhQqU).

MEISA and performing music students fall in love with their chosen careers at the annual Valentine's Day fundraiser, *Music and Romance*. Otterbein ensembles entice large audiences out for a night of dinner, dancing, and entertainment, and Red Grove Entertainment records the event.

Through professional performances and professional sound mixing, students will be prepared for a career in the music industry when they graduate. ●



MEISA (left two photos) offers recording services to the Otterbein Community. Six in the City (above in pink), a student-run ensemble of six female singers, performs at Homecoming this past fall. The Anticipations (right) is a jazz ensemble for students interested in popular music.



Real-Life Learning

# PR STUDENTS GO TO WASHINGTON

Hannah Ullom,  
Danielle Pauley  
and Leah Shamblin

Professor Dan Steinberg shared his connections in Washington, D.C., with three Otterbein communication students last summer. **Danielle Pauley '11**, **Leah Shamblin '11**, and **Hannah Ullom '12** were honored to share the career and knowledge of their professor, while getting a behind the scenes look at how some of our Capitol's biggest attractions are run.

"I can't think of a better way to open the eyes of (public relations) students than to take them to see PR and journalism firsthand in our nation's capital," said Steinberg. "I always tell students, 'I know you love my midterms, finals, and the opportunity to take some notes in class but you need to see what we're talking about.'"

Steinberg pulled strings with his Washington contacts to give his students the experience of a lifetime, including national correspondent Bob Orr at CBS News, where they had the opportunity to sit down and chat with a successful reporter.

They also toured the production studio, met other anchors, and even sat at the on-air news desk.

Taking the students from the news to politics, Steinberg arranged a tour of the Pentagon through one of his former students. After they made their way through security, they met Maureen Ramsey, senior public affairs specialist for the Department of the Army, who led them on an exclusive tour.

Steinberg and the students also toured the West Wing of the White House. They met with media relations specialists who allowed them to stand on the south lawn as President Obama landed in Marine One, a memory that Ullom treasures. "Going to the White House and seeing the West Wing was an amazing opportunity, but when we were granted access to go out on to the south lawn to see President Obama land on Marine One, we were all shocked. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. He even waved at us!" said Ullom.

Moving on from politics to sports, Steinberg took his students to a Washington Nationals baseball game, where they walked on the field during batting practice, met with team media relations coordinators and watched the game from the press box. Before they left Washington, the group headed to the NBC news station to watch a live show of *Meet the Press with David Gregory* and met Gregory after the show.

One trip to Washington has changed the perspectives, and possibly the lives, of three Otterbein students. "The trip really opened my eyes to the world of public relations," said Shamblin. "I now have a better understanding of what I can do with my degree and may even move to D.C. after graduation because of this amazing experience." •



The students with CBS correspondent Bob Orr.



Students have been participating in hands-on learning outside the classroom since Otterbein's founding. Those opportunities have changed through the years to meet the needs of our continuously developing society. Here's a look at the evolution of experiential learning at Otterbein.

# A Timeline of Real-Life Learning

compiled by Stephen Grinch '98

## MANUAL LABOR MOVEMENT (1854-61)

Students had the opportunity to work in a university garden to earn money for tuition. The program proved unsuccessful and the property was sold off soon after.

## LITERARY SOCIETIES (1851-1930's)

These were student-organized and run groups devoted to scholarship and debate that were organized under Roberts Rules of parliamentary procedure. They disappeared with the rise of the fraternities and sororities.



Philomathean Literary Society 1929

## OTTERBEIN RECORD (1880-1889)

The first student-organized and run school newspaper, published jointly by the four literary societies.

## OTTERBEIN AEGIS (1890-1917)

The second student-organized and run school newspaper, published by the Philomathean Literary Society.



## OTTERBEIN REVIEW (1909-17)

The third student-organized and run school newspaper, organized as competition to the Aegis by the Philomathean Literary Society.

## TAN AND CARDINAL (1917-26)

The fourth student-organized and run school newspaper, not affiliated with a particular society. (After 1926, the paper was run by the English Department and now by the Communication Department.)

## WORK STUDY PROGRAM (1934-present)

Started with Federal funds from one of the many New Deal programs established during the Great Depression.



Work Study Program



Student Volunteer Firefighters

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (1936-1960s)

Another Depression-era work program, established with the local fire brigade.

## WOBC (1948, later WOBN)

The student-run radio station started on the third floor of Towers Hall.

## CREATION OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE FILMS (1950's)

Students went to France to assist Prof. Lavelle Rosselot with the creation of her language-education films.



French Language Films



# ning at Otterbein

## CONSTRUCTION OF WEITKAMP OBSERVATORY AND PLANETARIUM (early 1950's)

Students assisted Business Manager Sanders Frye fabricate and assemble this structure on top of McFadden Hall.



Weitkamp Observatory and Planetarium

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED (mid 1970's)

Students were given the opportunity to spend a semester/quarter working in their chosen field before graduation.



WOCC

## Since 2000

Real-life learning opportunities abound and are sometimes a necessity. Employers in a tighter job market are looking for prior work experience in the form of internships. Globalization has created an ever-increasing number and variety of overseas opportunities. Professors are finding research partnerships with top science students valuable. Today, the University has established the Five Cardinal Experiences to give its students the best possible preparation for life after Otterbein. Read more about the "Five Cards" at [www.otterbein.edu/5cardinalexperiences](http://www.otterbein.edu/5cardinalexperiences).

## FIRST ALTERNATIVE PAPER (1964)

Underground papers covering all aspects of the political spectrum have been published on and off since 1964.

## STUDY ABROAD ESTABLISHED (1962)

Students spent semesters abroad, first in France and later in Germany, Spain and England.



Students included in Governance

## GOVERNANCE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE STUDENT REPRESENTATION (May 1970)

Otterbein brought student representatives into governance in a way no other school had done.

## STUDY ABROAD TRIP TO SIERRA LEONE (1970)

Students spent a semester in Sierra Leone, West Africa, teaching in schools and engaging in other cultural activities.



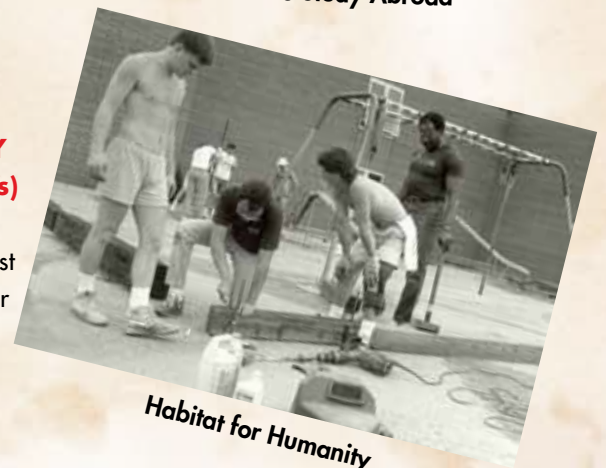
Sierra Leone Study Abroad

## WOCC (1978)

The student-run cable television station started in the basement of Courtright Memorial Library.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (late 1980's-early 1990's)

Community outreach grew through the 80's and 90's, most prominently with this particular organization.



Habitat for Humanity





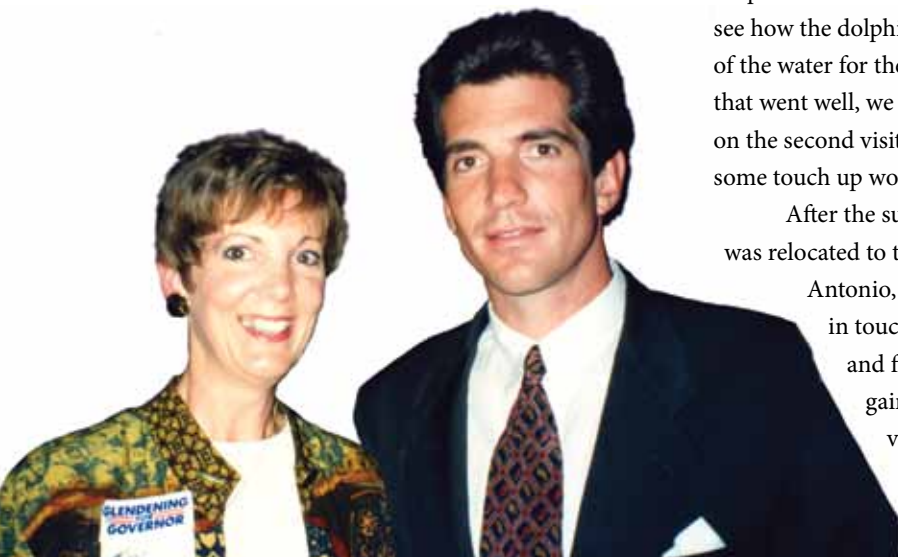
# FROM DOLPHINS TO PRE

story by Jenny Hill

...and First Ladies, Congressmen, folk singers, comedians, you name it, this nursing alumna has rubbed elbows with them all



Top: With then-First Lady Hillary Clinton at the White House discussing health care. Below: With the late John F. Kennedy Jr.



**Kay Ball '83** has built an exciting career in nursing that has taken her all over the world, and now she is bringing what she has learned back to Otterbein as a visiting associate professor.

Kay is a leading expert in nursing care of patients having laser surgery and wrote three editions of the only textbook on the subject, *Lasers: The Perioperative Challenge*. Her book covers one of the highlights of her career—the first laser surgery performed on a dolphin.

In 1993, Kay was introduced to Dr. Sam Dover of Sea World in Aurora, Ohio. He was treating a 16-year-old dolphin with oral cancer, and requested Kay's help. She planned and assisted in the procedure, which required three visits. "The first time, we performed some test spots so we could see how the dolphin responded to being out of the water for the laser procedure. When that went well, we conducted the surgery on the second visit. The third visit was for some touch up work," she said.

After the surgery, the dolphin was relocated to the Sea World in San Antonio, Texas, and Kay stayed in touch with her veterinarians and followed her health. "I gained a lot of respect for veterinarians through that experience, because their patients can't tell them what is wrong.

Veterinarians must be astute to the needs of many different animals—birds, fish, mammals," she said.

Kay has lectured internationally on laser, surgical, health care, and nursing issues in such countries as Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates. But it is her work domestically that makes Kay most proud. In 1994, she was invited to serve at the White House to assist with First Lady Hillary Clinton's health care reform initiatives. For three months Kay represented the Nursing Organization Liaison Forum (NOLF), an association which includes more than 75 specialty nursing organizations, such as the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), which Kay served as their national president.

"It was interesting to see how slowly the process moved and how something so basic as health care is politicized," she said.

It wasn't all work in Washington, D.C., where Kay lived in the same condominium community as Rep. Joe Kennedy (Bobby Kennedy's oldest son) and became friends with him in the community gym. "I was invited to the Kennedy Compound many times and met almost the entire Kennedy clan."

While working on Hillary Clinton's health care reform initiatives, Kay met President Bill Clinton several times. "President Clinton was particularly interested





Far Left: With then-congressman and now Ohio Governor John Kasich. Center: With John Glenn, astronaut and past senator, and her father. Left: With Senator John D. Rockefeller IV.

# SIDENTS

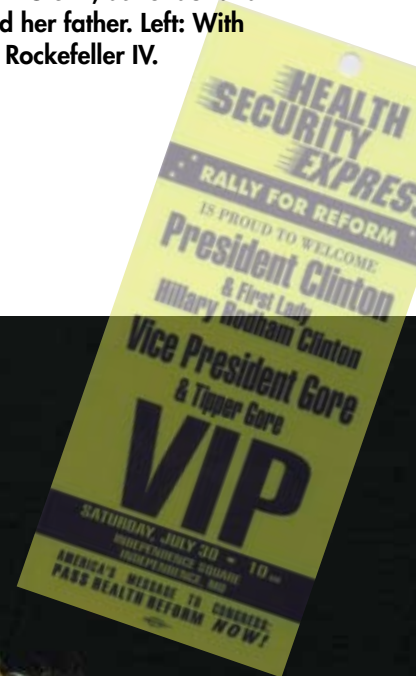


in health care and the nursing field because his mother was a nurse anesthetist. I've seen him in tears talking about his mother. He is a sensitive man, and I have a lot of respect and admiration for him," Kay said.

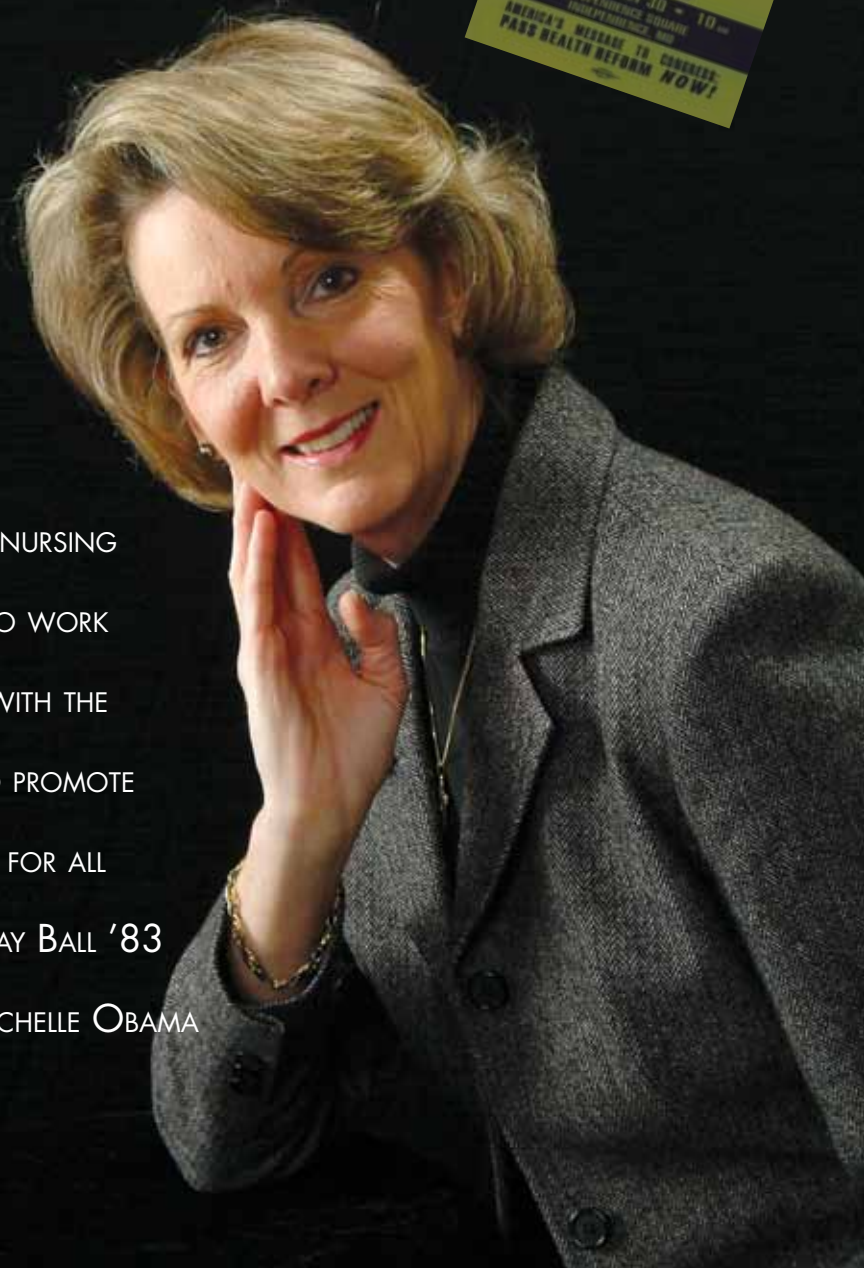
Her keen interest in politics still fuels her continued commitment to local, state, and national nursing organizations and with health care reform. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) and has held national positions and committee appointments in the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) and the American Nurses' Association (ANA).

In September 2010, Kay was one of thousands of nurses across the country on a conference call with First Lady Michelle Obama. The nurses were invited to submit questions online in advance, and Kay was selected as the first of three nurses to ask her a question on the call. Kay's was the only question to be answered directly by the First Lady. She asked, "What can the nursing community do to work collaboratively with the White House to promote healthy lifestyles for all Americans?"

Born in Columbus, Kay earned her associate's degree in nursing from the Columbus Technical Institute (now Columbus State Community College), her bachelor's degree at Otterbein, her master's degree at Central Michigan University, and her doctorate degree at the Virginia Commonwealth University. She helped to establish the laser services at Grant Medical Center and Mount Carmel Health, both located in Columbus. ●



"WHAT CAN THE NURSING COMMUNITY DO TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE WHITE HOUSE TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR ALL AMERICANS?" KAY BALL '83 TO FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA



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**John Ruyan '48** flew to Washington, D.C., as a guest of Honor Flight Columbus on Oct. 23, 2010. Ruyan is a World War II Army veteran, and along with 84 other veterans, visited the World War II Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Air Force Memorial.

**Noyuri Ariga '52**, who received an Honorary Doctor of

Music from Otterbein in 2000, played her farewell harpsichord recital in Kyoto, Japan on Oct. 23, 2010. She was a visiting professor at Otterbein several times and is considered a pioneer of the harpsichord as she reintroduced the instrument to Japan.

**Bruce Flack '60** retired from his position as director of academic affairs for the Higher

Education Policy Commission. During his 40-year career, he taught in public schools and worked in higher education.

**1961** reunion year alumni weekend 2011

**Carol Bruns Hartley '61** completed the 35th Marine Corps Marathon on Oct. 31, 2010. She came in third place in the women's 70-74 year-old age group.

**Rev. David Andrews '64** has been named pastor of Mount Carmel United Methodist Church in Homeworth, OH.

**1966** reunion year alumni weekend 2011

**Ed Laughbaum '67** was awarded the highest honor of the American Mathematical

Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC), the 2010 Mathematics Excellence Award. It is awarded every two years and honors an educator who has made outstanding contributions to mathematics or mathematics education at the two-year college level.

**Shirley Scott '70** retired from teaching at Graham High School in St. Paris, OH. She taught English and German for 40 years. She continues to work with students as an online teacher for the A.B. Graham Academy. She also serves as a volunteer tutor.

**1971** reunion year alumni weekend 2011

**Ray Farris '71** is phasing into retirement after 35 years in the private practice of law. He is

New Grant

**Wendy Sherman-Heckler**, associate professor of education, has been awarded \$108,584 by The Ohio Board of Regents for a second year of "Operation Physics for Central Ohio Middle Grade Teachers." The program seeks to achieve a better understanding of basic physics among central Ohio based teachers of students in grades 4-9. For a complete list of recent grants made to the University, go to [www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp)



**Bob '56** and **AnnBeth Sommers Wilkinson '56** (left), along with friends Elaine Swanson (right) and granddaughter Caroline Roark, visited with **Dee Hoty '74** (center) following her performance in *9 to 5* on tour in Greenville, SC. Dee was spotted in one scene wearing her Otterbein sweatshirt.



**Gerald Bishop '67** (right) represented Otterbein at the inauguration of Whitworth University's 18th president, Beck Taylor (left).



## Class of '61 there's still time for your Legacy Gift!

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now "of counsel" with his law firm in Toledo. Ray was selected and included in several annual editions of Ohio Super Lawyers during his active practice.

**Ron Jewett '74** is the academic dean at Valor College in Canal Winchester, OH.

**Deborah Bowsler '75** was ordained as a minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church in June 2010.

**Christine Warthen Jette '75** is the author and designer of a "hope and support after loss self-help grief" website. It can be found at [www.thegrievingheart.info](http://www.thegrievingheart.info).

**Cindi Moore Reeves '75** retired in June 2010 from the Johnstown Monroe School System in Johnstown, OH, where she taught second, fourth and fifth grade for 35 years. She has been the recipient of the Jennings Scholar Award, Outstanding Young Educator of Licking County and the Leaders for Learning Award. She is now a substitute teacher in the Licking County area.

**Judy Mueller Schieber '75** is enjoying teaching second grade

at Bellaire Elementary School in Northern Michigan.

**1976** reunion year  
**Homecoming 2011**

**Dianne Grote Adams '78** received one of the seven "Keys to Success" awards in November 2010. The awards are sponsored by the Ohio Department of Development Entrepreneurship and Small Business Division.

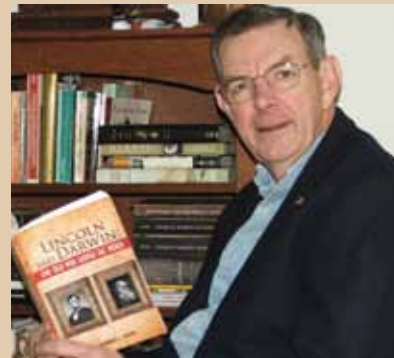
**William Burdick '79** was elected mayor of Fairmont, WV.

**Kristi Snelling Hicks '80** was promoted to state administrative officer for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Alaska, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture.

**Lisa Rosenbaum Robinson-Boyer '80** was hired as music director at Eastview United Methodist Church in Whitehall, OH. She also serves as the director of the Pickerington Community Chorus and is in her 13th year as a music specialist for the Catholic Diocese of Columbus.

**1981** reunion year  
**Homecoming 2011**

## Otterbein Book Corner

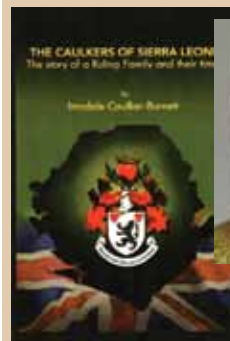


**Bob Henn '57** has published his second book, titled *Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin: Two Men Who Shaped the World*. The book compares the two men, both born on Feb. 12, 1809, and both influential yet controversial men of their time. Henn's first book, *Wildflowers of Ohio*, is in its second edition.

**Terri Howard Clamons '58** has published a novel, *Corporate Prince*, which is available as an ebook.

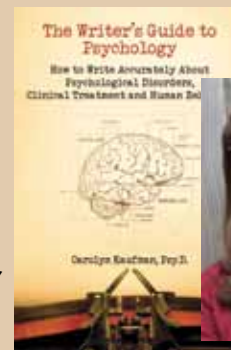


She has also published other books, including fiction for children and young adults such as *Where do Grandparents Live?*, *The Toy Room* and *The Church Mouse that Flew*.



**Imodale Caulker-Burnett '63** has written a book about her family, *The Caulkers of Sierra Leone: The Story of a Ruling Family and Their Times*.

**Carol Kaufman '95** has written her first book, *The Writer's Guide to Psychology: How to Write Accurately About Psychological Disorders, Clinical Treatment and Human Behavior*.



**Robert Engelbach '81** began a new job as a computer software programmer for Cache ObjectScript in Lakeland, FL.

**David Yaussy '81** was elected to serve a three-year term as assistant managing member at Robinson & McElwee, a law firm in Charleston, WV.

**1986** reunion year  
**Homecoming 2011**

**Scott Alpeter '86** has been named head coach of men's cross country at Otterbein University.

**Chad Reynolds '90** is the principal at Shanahan Middle School in Lewis Center, OH.

**1991** reunion year  
**Homecoming 2011**

**Scott Adams '91**, dean for the School of Business at Taylor University in Upland, IN, has been recognized by Elite American Educators for his

dedication, achievements, and leadership in higher education. Elite Americans is an online publisher that recognizes outstanding professionals in their specific field.

**Joe Loth '91**, Otterbein's head football coach, was the principle speaker at the 29th annual Lake County Touchdown Club recognition banquet on Nov. 28, 2010. The banquet recognizes the best offensive and defensive stand-outs in the country. The banquet was held at the Radisson Hotel in Eastlake, OH.

**Mark Merriman '93** has been named a partner to the Entertainment Group of Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC, a law firm in New York, NY.

**Phil Wolfe '93** and his wife opened a restaurant called the Chocolate Cafe near Grandview Heights in Columbus, OH.

**Larry Gifford '94** has left the day-to-day radio business after 20 years. He is now focused on two new companies: a radio station and talent consultancy, and a healing practice with his wife, Rebecca. They live in the Los Angeles area with their son, Henry, and beagle, Pepper Jack.

**Jerry McSwords '94** and his wife, Julie, were among 300 people who won an eight-day, seven-night trip to Australia on The Oprah Winfrey Show. During Oprah's Ultimate Australian Adventure, winners were able to visit Tasmania, Queensland, Western Australia, the Northern Territory, South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

**Stephanie Shipman Andrian '95** was hired as the chief operating officer of Recovery and Prevention Resources of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc. (RPR) in December 2010. RPR is a community agency providing a variety of substance abuse treatment and prevention services to the children and adults in Delaware and Morrow counties in Ohio.

**Wendy Peterson Bradshaw '95** was featured in the sports section of *The Columbus Dispatch* for being an original employee for the Columbus Blue Jackets. The Blue Jackets celebrated 10 years of hockey in 2010. Wendy is the executive director for the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation, an organization that dedicates time, resources and financial support to groups committed to meeting the educational, cultural, health and wellness needs of its citizens.

**Jennifer Cochran '95** is practicing as a licensed massage therapist at Ohio University Ping Fitness Center in Athens, OH.

**Kirk Nichols '95**, an American Family Insurance agent in Piqua, OH, was recently named Agent of the Month for outstanding service and performance among all American Family agents in Ohio.

**1996** reunion year  
**Homecoming 2011**

**Johnny Steiner '96** performed his 10th annual concert at Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall on Aug. 29, 2010.

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**Denise Hatter-Fisher**, professor of psychology, has been awarded \$3,000 from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health for Minority Health Month 2011. "Promoting 'Eu'stress: A Holistic Approach to Becoming Fit for Wellness'" is a two day community health promotion project targeting urban ethnic populations.  
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**Nancy Binzel Pierce '85** opened a dog day care in Stow, OH, called Double Dog Day Care. She is shown here at Bow Wow beach with her dogs Coffee (standing at left), Tinkerbelle (sitting right) and Bandit (in front).



**Susan Wiley '86**, an adjunct professor in developmental and behavioral pediatrics, was awarded the Jefferson Award by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in December 2010. This award was established in 1972 as part of the American Institute for Public Service. She has been volunteering at the Crossroad Health Center in Cincinnati, OH, since 1993. She also donates her services to Teseros de Dios, a program in Nicaragua that serves approximately 80 children with severe disabilities.





## Craig Moon '76 – Physical Education

### Safe Haven Farms a Community for Autistic

Eight years ago, Craig Moon and his wife, **Melanie Costine '77**, had a dream of starting a farmstead community for adults with autism. Inspired by their daughter, Adria, who suffers from severe autism, the Moons have worked with six other founding families for the past five years to create Safe Haven Farms, a non-profit organization offering residential, day and community services for individuals on the autism spectrum, which opened on May 19, 2010, in Middletown, OH.

"It is a thrill to see a concept come to life," Moon said. "We hope to be the gold standard model for future farms to replicate in their community to benefit the kids. We would like to be an autism training center for teachers, college interns and county boards of developmental disabilities."

Safe Haven Farms is a 60-acre horse farm that provides adults with autism the opportunity to live, work and learn on the farm. In summer 2010, adults with autism began moving into the farm's four residential homes, each housing four adults, and the

Activities Building, which houses a sensory studio, a theater room, clinic, kitchen, break room, craft room, community room and

classroom, was completed. In 2011, two more residential homes will be built, and there are also plans for an indoor swimming pool, fitness center and therapeutic horseback riding.

Moon said that the farm community concept is an ideal living environment for adults with autism. "Our farmers plant, care for and consume their garden produce. There are many life skill activities caring for their homes," he said. "The farm provides structure each day so that (the adults with autism) always know what to expect. Our hope is to reduce behaviors with exercise and structure."



Profile

**Wesley Thorne II '96** was hired as the director of employer relations at Carnegie Mellon University. He also represented Otterbein at the inauguration of Saint Xavier University's 19th president on Oct. 22, 2010.

**Tara Chinn Grove '97** began serving as the permanent chemical hygiene officer for the Otterbein campus in October 2010. She will work closely with

the dean of University Programs and the vice president of Business Affairs on maintaining and annually updating the Chemical Hygiene and Waste Management Plans for the university as well as coordinating waste management pick-up and disposal and appropriate safety training on campus.

**Jim Cooney '00** was the choreographer for a Broadway number performed on an

episode of ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, in September 2010.

**Erin McDonald Evans '00** is volunteering with the

Columbus Zoo as a member of the Columbus Zoo Docents Association. She educates others about zoo and animal conservation efforts.

**Melissa Gilbert**, director of the Center for Community Engagement and **Amy Jessen-Marshall**, Dean of College Programs, were awarded \$100,000 from the Association of American Colleges and Universities to implement the Five Cardinal Experiences in creating transformational experiential student journeys and to integrate engagement through service, leadership, research, internships, and global awareness. [www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp)

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**Rob Burk '00** (left) is the executive director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Research, Education and Economics (REE) Office based in Washington, D.C. He will serve as a senior advisor to the under secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) REE and USDA liaison to the Economics Advisory Board. He also began coaching the United States Naval Academy's equestrian team (pictured here) in Annapolis, MD, in the summer of 2010.



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**Anthony Fulton '00** is an associate professor of English at Prince George's Community College in Largo, MD. He is also writing his dissertation for his doctorate in English through Southern Illinois University.

**Carl Gelfius '00** completed a pediatric rehabilitation medicine fellowship at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH, in June 2010. He is now a clinical assistant professor at The Ohio State University College of Medicine in the department of physical

medicine and rehabilitation and is a pediatric physiatrist at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

**Amber Brusco Gibbs '00** and her sister ran the Columbus Half Marathon in October 2010 to raise money for the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM), an organization whose mission is to help people overcome poverty. This is Amber's eighth marathon and the fourth marathon she ran to support WARM.

**Robyn Henry '00** was the production stage manager

for the Broadway show, *The Importance of Being Earnest* with the Roundabout Theatre Company in New York City. The show ran Dec. 17, 2010-March 6, 2011. This winter she also taught stage management at Fordham University in New York.

**Regina Massey '00**, NP, CNP, was recently hired at the Grady Memorial Hospital's new Delaware Health Center.

**Matt Russell '00** is an associate clinical instructor for the internal medicine residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, OH.

**Jeffrey Stewart '01** completed his MBA from Xavier University and is currently working on his Ph.D. in business administration with a major in information systems at the University of Cincinnati.

**Marian Lerner '02** graduated from The WUJS Israel Hadassah program which is a five-month experience for college graduates focusing on learning Hebrew, internships and arts.

**Stephanie Ralph '02** graduated from Ross University's School of Veterinary Medicine with a bachelor's degree in 2008.

**Andre Lampkins '03** is the corporate relations and

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**John Kengla**, academic teaching staff, was awarded \$8,000 from Columbus City Schools to support the fourth year of the Ubuntu College Access/Aspiration Curriculum Program, a program to help Columbus City Schools students learn about college.

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Karen Kasler '89 – Broadcasting Journalism

Being Bureau Chief at Statehouse is her Dream Job

Profile

As the bureau chief at the Ohio Statehouse News Bureau in Columbus, Karen Kasler has her dream job. "I love that my job is different every day," she said. "I love the news and the excitement of what's happening now, and bringing the news to people who want to explore and examine it. I love talking to people and putting human faces and voices on these issues. I love challenging my perspectives, my opinions and even my fears."

Each day Kasler helps to produce stories on legislation, policy, education, crime, court cases, elections and other critical issues that affect Ohioans for Ohio's 15 public radio stations. Each week she produces, writes and hosts "The State of Ohio," a television show that airs on PBS stations around the state, she said.

Prior to beginning her position as bureau chief in 2003, Kasler had worked for several radio and television stations including WTVN-AM and WBNS-TV in Columbus; WCBE-FM, Central Ohio's national public radio station; and WTAM-AM, Cleveland's news radio station. She also earned a master's degree in 1995 from The Ohio State University through a fellowship in the Kiplinger Program for Mid-Career Journalists.

"I started making connections in broadcasting while still at Otterbein," she said. "I did an internship the summer of my

sophomore year and, with the help of a family friend who liked what I was doing at Otterbein, I got a part-time job at my hometown radio station. I used that experience and Otterbein connections to land my first full-time job in morning radio during my senior year."

Kasler said the real world experiences

she gained as a student at Otterbein were tremendous. "I was on the air as a freshman. That gave me the confidence to know that I could do this for a living, but also taught me that I needed to work constantly to improve my performance and my writing. I really appreciated the opportunity to be on the air, to have frequent evaluations from professors, and to be a part of the station management and help 'run the show'."





## Devon Kuntzman '04 – Psychology

### Living Abroad Brings Humility, Enlightenment

In August 2010, Devon Kuntzman left the life she'd built in New York City as a house manager and nanny for a family in the music business, to pursue a one-year position in Rwanda at the Imbabazi orphanage.

"When I arrived in Rwanda, I hit the ground running," she said. Kuntzman is the assistant director of Imbabazi and her responsibilities include being a nurse, gardener, photographer, project manager, communication officer, proposal writer, tour guide, friend, and parent to over 90 children.

In 2005, she went on the inaugural Otterbein trip to Rwanda through her Senior Year Experience course, which recently completed its fifth trip to the country. "I had an interest in traveling to a developing country for many years, so when I saw this opportunity, I signed up without hesitation," she said. "This trip was an awakening and really made a profound impact on the person I am today."

In 2005, Kuntzman met Rosamond Carr less than a year before she passed away—an American woman who, at age

82 in 1994, opened the Imbabazi orphanage on her flower plantation. "I felt truly inspired by her life," Kuntzman said. "I was thrilled to be given the opportunity to continue her legacy."

Kuntzman said living in Rwanda has allowed her to pursue her passions. "I feel that the most fulfilling action one can do in life is help people," she said. "In Rwanda, I am able to unite my love for travel and adventures, and my curiosity of the world and other cultures, with helping children who have lost their parents."

"I feel lucky to have had amazing professors who truly cared about my future and were great mentors. I use my knowledge of child psychology and child development on a daily basis," Kuntzman said. "More importantly, I feel my liberal arts education is the seed from which all my knowledge and skills have grown. A liberal arts education allows you to be exposed to many subject areas and, in my case, sparked my curiosity of the world and creativity."



Profile

development director for South Central Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council. The Council is one of 37 councils in the country that identifies and certifies minority business enterprises for its corporate members.

**Wes Clarkson '04** was promoted to senior manager of mobile products & marketing at the National Hockey League and reports to the vice president of

mobile marketing and strategy. Wes has worked for the NHL in New York City for almost five years. It was incorrectly reported that he was promoted to marketing manager of the National Hockey League in the fall 2010 issue of *Towers*.

**Sarah Hoffert '04** is a teen pregnancy prevention outreach specialist at Lund Family Center in Burlington, VT. She assumes responsibility for extensive

outreach efforts supporting youth in preventing unplanned pregnancies across Vermont.

**Katie Harrah '05** has been tenured in the Metro Nashville School System in Tennessee. She works with over 350

students in grades five through eight in the band program at Oliver Middle School. She also performs regularly on trumpet with the Nashville Philharmonic Orchestra and the Wind Ensemble.

**Barbara Schaffner**, professor of nursing, and the Nursing Department have been awarded \$55,557 from the Health Resources and Services Administration to establish a Nurse Faculty Loan Program.

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**Scott Bacon '05** (left) is working in central Virginia as the director of broadcasting and media relations for the Lynchburg Hillcats, the Advanced-A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. The 2011 season will be his fifth season with the team. In addition to serving as the voice of the Hillcats, Bacon is also the voice of the Longwood University Lancers Division I men's basketball team, located in Farmville, VA.



**Meg Lancaster '05** is the liaison between the Hong Kong-China offices and the New York office for Samuel Aaron, one of America's largest jewelry manufacturers. She splits her time between Asia and New York.



**Ellie Porter Hempleman '05** has been promoted to administrative officer at Park National Bank in Newark, OH.

**Megan Karr Magoon '05** graduated from the University of Massachusetts in Boston with a master's degree in elementary education and now teaches fourth grade at the Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy in Boston, MA.

**Micheaux Robinson '05** will return to the Arena Football League's Jacksonville Sparks in

2011. Micheaux's efforts helped the team win its division with a 12-4 record in 2010.

**John Sullivan '05** is a K-5 teacher in the Jefferson Local School District at Norwood Elementary School in West Jefferson, OH. He has also been on staff with the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir for 23 years.

**Alyson Blazey Vigneron '05** started her own music studio called Tres Bien Studios in Columbus, OH. She teaches harp, voice and childrens' music.

**2006** reunion year  
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**Benjamin Garnett '06** has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve.

He was awarded the Army Achievement Medal in August 2010 for exceptional service to his unit, the 100th Army Band, Fort Knox, KY. He serves in his unit as a trumpet player and as public affairs NCO, and resides in Louisville, KY.

**Carrie Mazza '06** was hired as a research communication specialist in the Marketing and Public Relations Department at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH.

**Ben Patterson '06** is a litigation associate at Morrison & Foerster, LLP, in San Francisco, CA. Prior

to joining the firm, Patterson clerked for the Honorable Kathleen M. O'Malley on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

**Kacy Walton '06** has been accepted into The Ohio State University's College of Dentistry.

**Tracey Berg-Fulton '07** was hired as the assistant registrar at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.

**Kurt Marks '07** graduated from Marietta College's physician assistant program.

**Alicia Davis Buren '08** is an event marketing representative for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN.

New Grant

**Melissa Gilbert** of the Center of Community Engagement was awarded grants in Fiscal Year 2010 and Fiscal Year 2011 each for \$20,500 for the Pay it Forward Program, a student philanthropy project funded by **Learn and Serve America** administered by Ohio Campus Compact in partnership with Kentucky and Michigan Campus Compacts. [www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp)

**Justin Tatman '07 – Athletic Training**

From Otterbein to the NFL...and Back Again

Profile

Justin Tatman took all that he learned at Otterbein to the world of professional sports. Now, he has brought his knowledge of professional sports back to Otterbein to help students reach their goals. After spending time as the staff assistant athletic trainer for the Miami Dolphins, Tatman returned to Otterbein in fall 2010 as an assistant athletic trainer. "Although the excitement and atmosphere can't be beat (in the NFL), especially on game day, mutual respect from coaches to staff to students (at Otterbein) is pretty well unparalleled," he said.

At Otterbein, Tatman was afforded numerous learning experiences during his four years. He had countless opportunities to work with Otterbein sports teams on campus, as well as internships off campus with Westerville South High School, the Columbus Crew, and the Cleveland Browns. "The opportunities Otterbein provides gave me the opportunity for quality internships and quality role models on and off campus," he said. And not only was he able to work with athletes as a student, he was also able to be an athlete on the Otterbein soccer team for three years.

Through experience and networking at Otterbein and at his various internships, Tatman was offered the job with the Miami Dolphins. From his experience, Tatman's advice to new students at Otterbein is to "find something you

enjoy and stick with it and network. Meet as many people as possible and never pass up an opportunity," he said.

Currently, Justin is the athletic trainer for the Otterbein men's soccer team and the track and field team, as well as a professor for freshman level courses and one senior course. He said he learned a lot from his time at Otterbein, and he is happy to be able to give that same experience to current students. "I am now able to mentor students and help them achieve their goals, just like my professors and coaches did for me while I was here," he said.





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**Justin Buren '08** accepted a new position at The Motorists Insurance Group in commercial lines.

**Michelle Elder '08** was hired as a business information analyst for the Nationwide Insurance Quality Assurance Team in November 2010.

**Keeshon Morrow '08** is a theatre teacher at The Repertory Company High School for Theatre Arts in Manhattan, NY.

**Joan Klemek '09** was presented with the Westerville Rotary Sunrise Service to Youth Award on Nov. 19, 2010. Klemek was recognized for having touched the lives of both English-as-a-second-language students and mainstream students. The award recognizes school employees who have made a special contribution to youth and served as a positive role model for young people. Klemek is an ESL teacher at Annehurst Elementary School in Westerville, OH.

**Nathaniel Bean '10** is attending the University of Iowa, pursuing a master's degree in trumpet performance. He is a graduate teaching assistant for the trumpet studio at the university's school of music and currently performs with the University of Iowa Symphony Band, the Johnson County Landmark Jazz Band and the Old Capitol Brass Quintet.

**Ruthann Elder '10** received the Otterbein Department of Music's highest award, the Grabill-Shackson Award, based on scholarship, musicianship,

citizenship, service to the department and service to Otterbein.

**Karen Gill '10**, a certified nurse practitioner, joined Licking Memorial Family Practice in Pataskala, OH.

**Mildred Kinnard '10**, a certified nurse practitioner, joined Licking Memorial Hematology/Oncology in Newark, OH.

**Tonya Stanger '10** is an associate professor of nursing at North Central State College in Mansfield, OH. •

**Terry Hermsen**, associate professor of English, has been awarded \$16,000 from **The Ohio Humanities Council**, a state affiliate of the National Endowment of the Humanities, for a week-long institute for approximately 20 classroom school teachers. The project brings together strands of interest and concerns in contemporary humanities to help teachers better connect their students to the world beyond the classroom. [www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp)

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# MILESTONES

compiled by Laurie Draper and Kayleigh Hanlin '11

## Marriages

**Marilyn Hert Spires '56** to David Pierotti on Sept. 11, 2010.

**Kristina Cooper '95** to Mark Rapchick, Oct. 27, 2010.

**Stormy Hollar '95** to Rico Hiram, Aug. 1, 2008.

**Kendra Gilliland '00** to Brandon Elliott, June 19, 2010.

**Heather Walker '00** to Andrew Evans, August 2010.

**Anthony Fulton '00** to Anne Hilbert, Sept. 4, 2010.

**Lisa Patton '01** to Jeff Bruggeman, July 23, 2010.

**Cedar Maxwell '03** to Mick Well, Aug. 21, 2010. Sole attendee was **Carrie DeSimpelaere Reardon '03**.

**Lucas Adams '05** to Julia Leist, May 23, 2010.

**Nikki Contini '05** to **Matthew Hume '03**, July 10, 2010.

**Lindsay DePriest '05** to **Neil Hohman '05**, Oct. 24, 2009.

**Michael Papadales '05** to Karen Kure, April 2010. The wedding party included **Daniel Dodson '04**, **Jon Geyer '05** and **Mike Kulig '06**.

**Lindsay Mitchell '07** to Edward Czopur, April 24, 2010. Bridesmaids included **Nicolette Ledford '07**, **Allison Short '07**, **Abbey Ward '07** and **Maggie Wengerd '07**.

**Katie Fisher '07** to **Derek Fisher '05**, June 19, 2010.

**Jennifer Halen '07** to Andy Kaler, Sept. 4, 2010.

**Alicia Davis '08** to **Justin Buren '08**, Oct. 1, 2010. The wedding party included **Emilee Appis '08**, **Dana Harmon '08**, **Adam Boals '08** and **Adam Warner '08**.

## Births

**Dresden Rader Reimann '92** and husband, Todd, a daughter, Ella Ruth Shaw, Aug. 12, 2010. She joins big brother, Trent, 8 and William, 6.

**Heather Fess Knapp '93** and husband, Kent, a son, Matthias Albert, March 24, 2010. Matthias joins his siblings, Caris, Asa, Levi, Lydia, Elijah and Isaac.

**Tim Kirk '93** and wife, Jane, a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, May 14, 2010.

**Larry Gifford '94** and wife, Rebecca, a son, Henry Su Kenneth, June 15, 2009.



**Marilyn Hert Spires '56** with groom, David Pierotti



**Anthony Fulton '00** with bride, Anne Hilbert



**Lisa Patton '01** with groom, Jeff Bruggeman



**Nikki Contini '05** with groom, **Matthew Hume '03**



**Lindsay Mitchell '07** with groom, Edward Czopur



**Katie Fisher '07** with groom, **Derek Fisher '05**



**Alicia Davis '08** with groom, **Justin Buren '08**





Ella Ruth Shaw Reimann



Henry Su Kenneth Gifford



Kelly Rose McSwords



Sawyer James Mattingly



Rocco Andrew Pentello



Sydney Lynn Burk



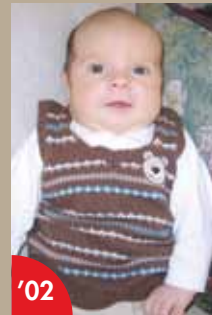
Evelyn Leigh Tracewell



Jude Sylvian Boettner



Macy Ann Wehner



Parker Nicholas Myers



Delany Renee Waller



Grady Daniel Davis



Jonathon Case Mantovani



Casey William Johnson



Kinsley Ritz



Bryson Henry Deer



Emily Quinn Buckingham

**Gerald McSwords '94** and wife, Julie, a daughter, Kelly Rose, June 28, 2009. She joins big sister, Gracie, 8, and big brother, Lucas, 5.

**Erika Morton Mattingly '95** and husband, **Christian '93**, a son, Sawyer James, March 11, 2010. He joins big sisters, Emma and Kora.

**Cristi Colagross Laukhuf '96**, and husband, Jeremy, a daughter, Madalynn Lois, Oct. 14, 2010. She joins sister, Brooklynn 7 and brother, Cayden 5.

**Andy Pentello '98** and wife, Kelly, a son, Rocco Andrew, July 13, 2010.

**Robert Burk '00** and wife, Amy, a daughter, Sydney Lynn, March 1, 2010.

**Amanda Welch Hickman '00** and husband, **Brian '99**, a son, Caleb Joel, July 7, 2010.

**William Manett '00** and wife, Amy, a daughter, Isabel Alexandra, Oct. 31, 2010.

**Matt Russell '00** and wife, Monika, a daughter, Kensie Marie, Oct. 25, 2010.

**Katie Thompson Tracewell '00** and husband, Andrew, a daughter, Evelyn Leigh, Nov. 27, 2010.

**Tracy Zielke Wehner '00** and husband Todd, a daughter, Macy Ann, Sept. 30, 2010. She joins big sister, Shay, 5, and big brother, Jace, 3.

**Cara Bonasorte Boettner '01** and husband, **Randy '99**, a son, Jude Sylvain. He joins big sister, Rose, 4.

**Holly Robertson Myers '02** and husband, Nick, a son, Parker Nicholas, Sept. 23, 2010.

**Amanda Hite Davis '03** and husband, Scott, a son, Grady Daniel, Oct. 27, 2009. He joins big brother, Cash. Proud aunt is **Shelley Hite Kovacas '98**.

**Shannon Stec Johnson '03** and husband, **Alex '04**, a son, Casey William, May 6, 2010.

**Kristen Sullivan Mantovani '03** and husband, **Clayton '03**, a son, Jonathan Case, Oct. 4, 2010. He joins big brother, William, 2.

**Jennifer Vitek Waller '03** and husband, Adam, a daughter, Delaney Renee, Aug. 4, 2010. She joins big sister, Addison.

**Jason Jenkins '04** and wife, Melanie, a daughter, Graycin Belle, Oct. 12, 2010. She joins big sister, Giana, 7.

**Andrea Vernon Ritz '04** and husband, **Nathan '05**, a daughter, Kinsley, Aug. 9, 2010.

**Katherine Elmers Buckingham '05** and husband, Ryan, a daughter, Emily Quinn, Aug. 20, 2010.

**Jessica Henning Deer '05** and husband, **Evan '05**, a son, Bryson Henry, July 29, 2010.

## Passings

**Alice Foy Collins '30** passed away May 24, 2010. She is survived by husband, Earl; children, Sally Munn, Jane Cosgrove and **Ruth Collins Amstutz '66**; and son-in-law, **Larry Amstutz '66**.

**Florence Cruit Cunningham '30** passed away Sept. 6, 2010.

**Georgia Patton Howland '36** passed away Dec. 16, 2010. She was married to her late husband, Clarence "Dusty" Howland, for 50 years. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and William Patton; and two sisters, Virginia Moore and Elizabeth Patton. She is survived by several nieces, nephews and friends. During WWII she served in the U.S. Coast Guard in San Francisco. She returned to Medina, OH, and began teaching at Sugar Tree Ridge where she spent the bulk of her 37-year teaching career.

**Sara Kelser Steck '37** passed away Oct. 8, 2010. Sara taught English, speech, and physical education and coached the theater productions at Westerville High School for five years. She then worked at Otterbein in an administrative position. She was an active member of the Church of the Messiah in Westerville, volunteered at the Otterbein Women's Club Thrift Shop and was their Woman of the Year in 1981. She also volunteered with the Girl Scouts. Sara was preceded in death by her husband, **Bill '37**. She is survived by son, **Fredric Steck '69**; daughters, **Katrina Steck Mescher '72** and **Gretchen Steck Horstman '73**; nephews,

**Don Steck '52** and **Charles Steck '60**; and three grandsons.

**Elizabeth Proctor '38** passed away Oct. 18, 2010. She was a high school math teacher, then a pastor's assistant at the Kingsley, Glenwood and Cascade United Methodist Churches in Erie, PA. She was a member of the Bemus Point, NY United Methodist Church and was a volunteer for the St. Susan's Center and the Update Reading Service for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She was also active in the Girl Scouts. Surviving is her cousin, Donald Brugge, and long time friend, Shirley Baumgartner.

**Eleanore Anderson Bergquist '43** passed away March 28, 2009. She worked as a dietitian for Kroger, Jamestown General Hospital and later for Fenton Park and King Manor nursing homes. She was a lifelong member of Stillwater United Methodist Church in Jamestown, OH. She is survived by daughters, **Ann Bergquist Lehner '71** and Mary Bergquist VanStry; a son, Robert; four granddaughters; and five great grandchildren.

**William "Buck" Buckingham '43** passed away Dec. 7, 2010. Preceding him in death was his wife of nearly 50 years, Dorothy. Buck received his MBA from Ohio University then was an accomplished metallurgical chemist for many years at both Battelle Memorial Institute and Foseco Industries in Columbus and Cleveland. In addition, he was an award-winning Dale Carnegie instructor and franchise owner. He is best known for his nearly 50

year dedication to his orchards and farm market in Delaware County, OH. He is survived by his son, Michael; daughters, Pamela and Julie; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

**Muriel Winegardner Mitchell '43** passed away Nov. 8, 2010. She served as executive manager for Coronado Chamber of Commerce and was a member of San Diego chapter of PEO (Professional Employer Organization). She is survived by daughters, Kerri Sanborn and Madalyn Mitchell.

**Ella Frank Wagner '43** passed away Dec. 5, 2010. She retired in 1983 as a medical assistant and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Akron. She is survived by sons, David Larch and Timothy Larch; and four grandchildren.

**Marybeth Harrold Gantz '44** passed away Jan. 9, 2010.

**Elizabeth McConnell Wolfe '46** passed away August 24, 2010. Enrolling as a freshman in 1941, she left college in order to teach during the teacher shortage of World War II. She returned to Otterbein during summers to finish with the class of '46. Elizabeth taught for 32 years in the Mount Vernon, OH, school system. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendel; a son, Robert; and a brother, William. She is survived by sisters, Sarah Daniels and **Mary McConnell Miller '47**; son, Phillip; daughters, Peggy Pursel and Lou Ann Bouchard; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; nieces, **Tamra Miller Proper '78**; **Charlene Miller Schnarr '74**



and her husband, **Steven '76**; and **Diana Miller Ready '73** and her husband, **Robert '74**.

**Janet Roberts Fleck '47**

passed away Sept. 7, 2010. She was a librarian with the Lima, OH, Public Library, Otterbein University, Evangelical Theological Seminary and Stockton Township Public Library. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church; the Freeport, IL, Culture Club; the Freeport Choral Society; and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She was preceded in death by cousin, **Robert Engle '48**. Surviving are cousins, **Bonita Engle Burtner '33** and **Alberta Engle Messmer '40**; niece and caregiver, Ruth Hollenbacher; and granddaughter, **Michelle Mackenzie Foster '02**.

**Mary Hennon Giusti '47** passed away Nov. 2, 2010.

**Esther Scott McGee '47** passed away Jan. 3, 2011. She taught Sunday School and sang in the choir at Memorial United Methodist Church, as well as participated in the United Methodist Women and the Christian Women's Club. She served in the Hospital Auxiliary at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney, OH, including a term as president of the Auxiliary, and was later employed as ward secretary at the hospital. She is preceded in death by her mother, **Edythe Cave Scott '21**; father, **Kenneth Scott '20**; and sister-in-law, **Rosemary McGee Ruyan '41**. She is survived by her husband, **Roger McGee '48**; brother-in-law, **John Ruyan '48**, relatives, **Virginia Cole Kraner '49** and **Irene Cole**

**'44**; her three children and six grandchildren.

**Charles Cole '48** passed away May 16, 2010. He was preceded in death by wife, Edith; and sister, **Doris Cole Young '44**. Surviving are children, Stephen, Christine and Jane.

**Doris Forney Cunningham '48** passed away Sept. 29, 2010. She was a music teacher at Butler High School, and gave piano and voice lessons all her life. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Mansfield, OH. She is survived by sons, Tim and Thomas; stepson, John; five grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Rev. LaRoy Ruble '48** passed away Oct. 24, 2010. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving from 1942 to 1945 and was stationed in Italy. He received his master's of divinity from Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, KY, in 1950 and was ordained into the United Brethren Church. Until his retirement in 1986, he served many churches; since 1986, he served as pastor emeritus of Lorain Lighthouse UMC. He was also a member of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; children, **Jeannine Ruble Markgraf '78** and Merry Callahan; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Helen Gardner Twine '48** passed away July 24, 2010. She was a retired public school teacher and a member of Virginia Beach

United Methodist Church. She served as a WAVE in the U.S. Navy during World War II. She is survived by daughters, Leslie Chapin and Sarah Wings; and two grandchildren.

**Robert Bartholomew '50** passed away Dec. 23, 2010. He had a long career in the medical field working as a flight surgeon, U.S. Air Force, Strategic Air Command, and practiced pediatrics until his retirement in 1995. He was a member of many organizations including the Sons of the American Revolution, the Erie County Medical Society, the American Board of Pediatrics and American Academy of Pediatrics. He is survived by his children, Susan, Sarah, Roger, Christopher, John and Paul.

**Clark Grosvenor '50** passed away Nov. 15, 2010. He had a long career in teaching and scientific research at the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences and at Penn State University. He received the Merit Award from the National Institutes of Health. He is survived by his wife, **Patricia Winston Grosvenor '51**; sons, Bryan, Charles and David; daughters, Janet Foselman and Charlotte Roberts; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Howard Sellers '50** passed away Oct. 7, 2010. He was a World War II Army veteran serving in the South Pacific. He received his master's of education from Ohio University. He taught at Murray City, OH, Schools for two years then taught at Willoughby-Eastlake School District for 28

years. He was an active member in WETA and Hope Ridge United Methodist Church, Mentor, OH. Surviving are wife, Lillian; children, Michael, Gregory, and Laura; and six grandchildren.

**Col. Robert Touby '51** passed away Sept. 20, 2010. During World War II he served as a bomber pilot in Europe. Recognition of his service includes: The Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the European Theatre Medal with Four Battle Stars and a Presidential Unit Citation. He was a life member of the Masonic Orders and the Scottish Rite and Shrine. He is survived by his wife, **Frances Queen Touby '48**; two daughters; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**David Dover '52** passed away Nov. 27, 2010. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked in quality control for Delco Products for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Carol; sister, **Suzanne Dover Bryan '54**; two sons; and four grandchildren.

**Shirley Schroeder Kern '52** passed away Dec. 1, 2010. She was a teacher at Dayton City Schools for 34 years before she retired. She was a member of Otterbein Women's Club, College Women's Club and the Retired Teachers Organization. She is survived by her husband, **William Kern '53**; sons, Kerry and Kevin; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Mae Estill Davis '53** passed away Dec. 18, 2010. She worked for

Crum Forster Insurance until her retirement in 1999. She is survived by her husband, **Jack Davis '53**; brother-in-law, **Darrel Davis '58**; her children, Jackie Davis Redfield and Greg Davis; and three grandchildren.

**Richard Puglia '53** passed away April 21, 2009 in Urbana, OH. He is survived by his wife, **Rosemary Marsh Puglia '50**.

**Donald Skelton '53** passed away Oct. 14, 2010. He served as a teacher for the Columbus Public Schools and was director of educational administration for WNET in New York City. He was a teacher at Tinton Falls in the New Jersey public school system until his retirement in 1998.

**Barbara Wolfe Addy '54** passed away Sept. 28, 2010. She is survived by husband, Clarence; daughters, Heather Drake and Marla Hawks; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Dolores Koons Fowler '54** passed away Sept. 16, 2010. She was a retired music teacher with the Westerville and Bedford, OH, city schools. She was preceded in death by her father, **Arthur Koons '34** and daughter, **Jennifer Fowler Walton '80**. She is survived by her husband, **Robert Fowler '55**; sister, **Lois Koons Scott '57**; daughter, **Christine Fowler Diltz '78**; son, Dale; niece, **Brenda Scott Vetter '71**; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**William Cramer '55** passed away March 21, 2009.

**Lois Anita Vore '57** passed away Oct. 6, 2010. She earned her master's of science degree from The Ohio State University in 1988. She retired in 2002 as the assistant professor of biology at Mansfield University in Mansfield, PA. Lois was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sidney, OH. She is survived by two nephews and two grand-nephews.

**Jim Eschbach '58** passed away Jan. 10, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He served as an elementary school principal in Dayton and Oakwood, OH, and was a teacher in Columbus, Dayton and Oakwood, OH, elementary schools. Jim was preceded in death by his father, **Rev. Dr. Carl Eschbach '26**; his cousin, **Joseph Eschbach '55**; and his uncle, **Dr. Joseph Eschbach '24**. He is survived by his wife, **Marilla Clark Eschbach '57**; brother, **Rev. Robert Eschbach '54**; son, Douglas; niece, **Mary Eschbach Cunyngham '81**; and one grandson.

**Kenneth Ullom '59** passed away Nov. 24, 2010. He served in both World War II and the Korean War. He was a retired teacher and athletic director at Big Walnut High School and Scioto Valley High School. He served as elder and usher at Central College Presbyterian Church. He was a member of Sigma Delta Phi and Otterbein "O" Club. He was preceded in death by first wife, Twila Jean. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Phyllis Jean; his children, Penny Woehle, Sandy Young, and Thomas; step-children, Diane Bolt, Greg, Dana, David and Kevin Derouaux; thirteen

grandchildren, including current student **Hannah Ullom '12**; five great grandchildren; two sisters and one brother.

**Herman Crane '64** passed away Dec. 22, 2010. He was retired from the U.S. Army and teaching at the high school level in Westerville. He received his master's degree in special education from The Ohio State University. He was preceded in death by his son, **Thomas Crane '68**. He is survived by his wife, Minamarie; daughter, **Susan Pasters '70**; son-in-law, **William Pasters '69**; and niece, **Karen Crane Iannaccone '77**.

**Glenna McCorkle Legrand '64** passed away Nov. 14, 2010. She is survived by her husband, **Richard Legrand '62**; brother-in-law, **Donald Legrand '63**; sister-in-law, **Roberta Legrand Miller '58**; and niece, **Karen Sgarro Gregory '78**.

**Harry Nothstine '64** passed away July 27, 2010. He retired from the U.S. Air Force and from Boeing. He is survived by his wife, Rosita; two children, Darren and Shannon; and one grandchild.

**Constance Thomas Augenstein '65** passed away Dec. 22, 2010. She taught in the Licking Valley, OH, school district. She was a member of Bellpoint United Methodist Church, Delaware, OH. Survived by her two sons, Trent and Shad; and relative, **Jean Augenstein Plant '69**.

**Julia Ziegler-Langille '72** passed away June 27, 2010. She was a Farmers Insurance agent and was Agent of the Year on

several occasions. She was the first woman president of the Espanola Rotary Club, member of Espanola Chamber of Commerce, director of the Community Bank, and member of the Espanola Valley View United Methodist Church. She is preceded in death by husband, Ken; her father, **Samuel Ziegler '36**; aunt, **Zilpah Howe Williams '31**; and uncles, **Norman Howe '30** and **Paul Ziegler '39**. She is survived by her mother, **Isabel Howe Ziegler '40**; brother, **Samuel Ziegler '64**; sister-in-law, **Sandra Joseph Ziegler '64**; uncle, **J. Richard Ziegler '43**; aunt, **Miriam Ziegler Beams '48**; cousin, **Joan Ziegler Kerr '71**; three children and five grandchildren.

**Maria Ghersi '80** passed away May 24, 2010.

**Kelly Harker Holstein '83** passed away Dec. 28, 2010. She was marketing manager for Costco Wholesale, Columbus, OH. She is survived by husband, Jeff; daughter, Rachel; sister, **Judy Harker Bible '81** and her husband, **Pete Bible '80**.

**Emily Askins Straw '86** passed away Nov. 22, 2010. She was a former employee of Mansfield Memorial Homes and was a member of Shelby Eagles. She is survived by husband, Kenneth.

**Natalie Yael Rottersmann '99** passed away April 14, 2010.

**Julie Seck '07** passed away May 3, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Aarne; daughters, Jennifer, Rachel, and Kirsten; and one granddaughter. •





## 1966 Gift from Italy

This silver model of a fishing boat was presented to Otterbein by the city of Como, Italy. The gift was presented to Richard Chamberlain, the conductor of the A Capella Choir, during the choir's summer tour in 1966. The model is that of traditional fishing boats on Lake Como and of Venice.



## A look back...just for fun

Dean of Men Marion Chase directs the musical *Oklahoma* on the Cowan Hall stage in the fall of 1958. Though not pictured, this was one of the first shows Charles Dodrill worked on at Otterbein.



## Can you identify this group?

Whoa, this looks like 70s flower-power! Can you identify anyone in this photo? If you can, let us know and we'll publish the names in the next issue of *Towers*.

# Cardinal Tales

by Becky Fickel Smith '81, director of Alumni Relations



The theme for this issue of the *Otterbein Towers* has been “the experience of a lifetime.” I hear incredible stories from alumni about various Otterbein experiences which changed, redirected, unveiled, or transposed who they are today.

Perhaps the experience was brought about by a professor, coach, mentor, friend, sorority or fraternity member or athletic teammate.

Whatever experience you might have had, it changed you and has made all the difference to who you are today.

For me, it was a seventh grade United Methodist confirmation class visit to Otterbein in May 1972. On that particular day, the Courtright Memorial Library was



**Becky Smith at Courtright Memorial Library dedication.**

being dedicated and unbeknownst to me, Otterbein was the place I was to receive my college education and serve for 30 years. In addition, and like 2,400 other alumni, I met my significant other at Otterbein. Was it serendipitous 39 years ago to have visited and experienced a moment at Otterbein which has given me multiple opportunities of growth, enlightenment and challenge with steady support?

What is your Otterbein experience which has changed your life? What doors have been opened because of a recommendation letter, a moment on stage, a networking interaction, a cultural exchange, or a memorable internship? The experiences are endless. I look forward to hearing your lifetime experiences at Otterbein. Email your stories to [experiences@otterbein.edu](mailto:experiences@otterbein.edu) or post on the Otterbein Alumni Association Group Facebook page.

Happy tales!



**CARDINAL FOOTNOTE:** Continue the tradition of Otterbein experiences by sharing your career position, talent and knowledge with a current student, or by contributing to today’s ongoing Otterbein experiences through the Annual Fund, scholarships or estate planning.

## Cardinals by the NUMBERS

**1** Number of doctoral programs now at Otterbein.



**5**

Number of people present at the First Founders Day signing. The cost of boarding at the University was set at \$1 per week.

**105**

Number of students who traveled for coursework in December 2010.



**387**

Number of Otterbein alumni frequent travelers.

**450+**

Number of alumni participants in the Cardinal Network Luncheons in the past 20 years.



**1,200**

Number of alumni Cardinal couples.

**70,000**

Number of hours students, faculty and staff volunteered in 2009-2010.






# Cardinal Career Alumni Services

## The Alumni Job Search

by Audra Fry, assistant director of the Center for Career Planning

### Career Guidance

[www.otterbein.edu/careerplanning](http://www.otterbein.edu/careerplanning) 

If you are job hunting or just thinking about a new career path, consider Otterbein as one of your resources. There are many alumni services provided by the Center for Career Planning at Otterbein. You can make an appointment by phone (614-823-1456), [careerplanning@otterbein.edu](mailto:careerplanning@otterbein.edu) or visit the website above.

We can help you:

- Revitalize your resume and brush up interview skills
- Give advice about the most effective job search strategies
- Connect you to the latest online resources including Cardinal Careers Job Board
- Post a job or internship through Cardinal Careers
- Help you locate other alumni for career networking
- Provide career counseling to discuss your job search plans with a career professional to make sure you are on the right track

### Cardinal Careers Job Board

[www.myinterfase.com/otterbein/employer](http://www.myinterfase.com/otterbein/employer) 

Looking for Otterbein talent? The Center for Career Planning invites alumni to promote full-time, part-time and internship opportunities which are appropriate for students, graduates and other alumni on our online job posting system, Cardinal Careers. These services are FREE to all employers. To use Cardinal Careers, simply go to the website above. Positions on this site will only be visible to members of the Otterbein University community.

### LinkedIn

[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) 

In a LinkedIn profile, all you see is professional information. Because it's strictly professional and doesn't have all the extras Facebook does, it is simpler to use. Most people agree that it is a good resource for finding jobs and employers report it is an excellent tool for finding candidates. It can also help further your career because it can discover your personal connections when you're looking for a job or new business opportunity. Otterbein has an Alumni LinkedIn group with over 1,065 members, and the Center for Career Planning will post exciting job opportunities on the group home page. Log-on and network with some of your fellow Cardinals today!

## Career Volunteering & Networking

Kara Anderson, assistant director of Alumni Relations

### Alumni Career Survey

[Otterbein.edu/alumni/get-involved.asp](http://Otterbein.edu/alumni/get-involved.asp) 

As part of Otterbein Alumni Association's mission to encourage lifelong learning, we developed a survey for Alumni Career and Professional Development. This survey will help us plan future events relating to career advancement. This concept was initiated by two members of the Alumni Council, **Dianne Grote Adams '78** and **Amber Dinopoulos '93**. To take the survey, go to the website above.

### Networking With Alumni

[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) 

Career development is all about making connections. Networking events hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations attract a diverse range of professions who all have the Otterbein experience in common. See the website above for the latest alumni event calendar.

### Workplace Gathering

[alumniinfo@otterbein.edu](mailto:alumniinfo@otterbein.edu) 

The Office of Alumni Relations is here to support you if you would like to host a workplace gathering for alumni in your office or in your profession. Often, since employees span different decades and career divisions, they do not even know they have fellow alumni working close by. If you would like to host this type of event, email us. Coming soon: Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, OH.

### Student Alumni Association

The Student Alumni Association is a student-run organization that connects current students and alumni of all ages together. Students gain career connections and life skills; alumni can give back to Otterbein by mentoring a student. As an alumnus/a you can help us by participating in one of our upcoming events!

• **Interview Workshop With Human Resource Alumni Professionals May 12.** For more information, students and alumni can contact [saa@otterbein.edu](mailto:saa@otterbein.edu).

• **Dinner With 12 Cardinals.** This concept involves local alumni who host dinner in their homes for students and fellow alumni in an effort to assist students with career networking advice in a relaxed setting. If you would like to be involved in the next dinner, contact [saa@otterbein.edu](mailto:saa@otterbein.edu).

## SW FL Club

The Southwest Florida Alumni Club capped off another active winter season on March 24 with a pizza party for the Otterbein baseball team and parents after a double header win over Colby College in Ft. Myers, FL. The season began in January with a dinner cruise on the Caloosahatchee River. A picnic at Lakes Regional Park in February featured Chef Bill Freeman at the barbeque. Otterbein Theatre/Music students Marina Perez, Hannah Barrens, and Anthony Murphy thrilled the attendees with their performance at the annual luncheon at the Colonial Country Club in Ft. Myers on March 19. The Club invites all alumni and families who may be in Florida next winter to join in our planned activities.



## Loyalty Lives Here

**Alumni Club updates and events, alumni gatherings, networks and reunions**

To see complete photo galleries of all alumni events, go to [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/photos](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/photos)



We encourage you to reconnect with Otterbein and join other loyal alumni for gatherings in your demographic area or in your area of interest. Check out the alumni website [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) to learn about upcoming events for you, your family, and of course, your alumni friends! Would you like to host an alumni gathering? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations today for more information, 614-823-1650 or [alumniinfo@otterbein.edu](mailto:alumniinfo@otterbein.edu).



**New members on the Alumni Council are Tanya Jones Singletary '84, Amber Dinopoulos '93, Matt D'Oyly '04, Dianne Grote Adams '78, Niraj Sharma '03 and Tom Martin '63. Retiring members (not pictured) are Jane Leiby '73, Jean Weixel Reynolds '77 and Tamara Staley '96.**




# From the Mediterranean

Traveling the Jewels of the Mediterranean aboard the Oceania Cruise ship, Regatta, in the fall of 2010 was captivating, luxurious, exquisite, memorable and exceptional. Top row: (right) Richard and **Becky Hill May '78** enjoying afternoon tea by the sea; (far right) The famed Library of Celsus at Ephesus. Bottom row: (left) **Bob Arledge '55** posing by the ruins of ancient Ephesus; (right) Reviewing the days adventures before dinner are Betsy Daulton, Greg Woeste, **Dick Smith '79**, **Kathy Woeste '00** and **Karen Middendorf '83**.



**FUN LAUGHTER MEMORIES**  
**STORIES FOOD**

These are what you'll find at an Otterbein alumni gathering. When Otterbein alumni get together, no matter what the class year, you can count on the common thread of a great Otterbein event. Would you like to have a gathering of alumni in your region? Class year? Major? We are here to work closely with you as you plan a memorable event to share Cardinal tales. There are Otterbein alumni everywhere... help us to create the ties that 'Bein! Contact us at [alumniinfo@otterbein.edu](mailto:alumniinfo@otterbein.edu). 



The photos at right are from a New York City Cardinal Connection Tour event from April 2010.

## Track Reunion Coming Up

The Otterbein men's and women's track teams want to meet you! They have planned a day of easy, low endurance, funny track events to include the whole family in laughter and relays. Easy! Like the pizza box toss, 10 x 100 relay, shoebox jump, balloon toss, along with a student track intra-squad meet. Please note: Athletic trainers will be provided with resuscitation gear!

3 p.m. – Student Intrasquad Meet

4:30 p.m. - Alumni-family-student relays to keep you in stitches (not literally)

5:30 – 8 p.m.- Potluck at Coach Lehman's, 122 N. West St. Westerville

Congratulate Guido Ricevuto on his 2011 Otterbein Honorary Alumnus Award and meet the 2011 recipient of The Miller, Lehman, Ricevuto Endowed Scholarship. Register by May 1 at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) click 'events/registration'; or call 614-823-1650.



Track alumni  
Art Stovall  
'90 and Steve  
McConaghy '87

## Equine Tailgate in Bluegrass State

photo Bob Langrish courtesy Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau



Otterbein is hosting a tailgate at the 2011 Rolex Three-Day Event in Lexington, KY! Alumni, students and friends are welcome to join hosts **Lucy Henderson Cryan '86**, director of Equine Studies, and Heidi Tracy, vice president of Institutional Advancement, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, during the Cross-Country day at the Lexington Kentucky Horse Park (4089 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511). Otterbein is offering food and drinks at a tailgate spot along the Galloping Lane throughout the day. Cost is \$5/pp for the tailgate. Please register on the Alumni 'Events & Registration' webpage. Please buy your own tickets for entrance into the event on the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event website [www.rk3de.org](http://www.rk3de.org).

## Homecoming 2011

Sept. 24

Stepping  
it up!



## Save that Date!

Register online for these events at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni), click 'events and registration' or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.

April 28 / **Founder's Day Convocation**, Cowan Hall

April 30 / **Founder's Day Community Plunge Service Day and lunch**

April 30 / **Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Eventing Equine Tailgate**, Lexington, KY

May 6 / **Central Ohio Blood Drive**

May 7 / **Track Reunion combined with spring track meet**

May 12 / **SAA Interview Workshop with HR alumni**

May 19 / **Maastricht Dinner Reunion**, Otterbein

May 22 / **Alumni Day at Otterbein Theatre Performance - The Drowsy Chaperone**

May 23 / **Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Student and Alumni Dime a Dog Night at the Columbus Clippers**

May 27 / **Black Baccalaureate/AAAN Hall of Fame Awards**

June 9 / **Senior Class Celebration**

June 10 - 12 / **Alumni Weekend/Commencement**

June 25 / **June Bug Jamboree**, Waynesville, OH

July 14 / **Young Alumni Columbus Event at the Park Street Patio**

August 6 / **Alumni Day at the Columbus Zoo**

August 12 / **Alumni Council Meeting**

August 15 - 26 / **Mediterranean Cruise**

September 1 / **Young Alumni Night on Broadway - Jersey Boys**

September 16 / **Central Ohio Blood Drive**

September 23 / **Young Alumni Awards Recognition**

September 24 / **Homecoming**



# Upcoming Events for The Ohio Young Alumni Network

The Ohio Young Alumni Network is working to plan some great events for you. Please contact Kara Anderson at [kanderson@otterbein.edu](mailto:kanderson@otterbein.edu) if you would like to help plan or volunteer at a future event!

## July 14

**Park St. Patio Summer Gathering.** 6 p.m. We have reserved two cabanas, so come by and hang out with some of your friends after work. Free to attend! Coordinated by: **Heather Reichle '06** and **Karleigh Spahr '09**. Register online at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) click Events and Registration.

## September 1

**Young Alumni Night Out On Broadway.** The night will start with a social at 6:30 p.m. After the pre-performance gathering, we will walk over to the Ohio Theatre for the *Jersey Boys* performance, which begins at 8 p.m. \$26/pp includes ticket and pre-performance appetizers. Tickets are very limited, so sign-up online today! Register online at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) click Events and Registration.

## Young Alumni Awards

The Otterbein Office of Alumni Relations is excited to introduce the Young Alumni Awards this year. These awards will recognize alumni 40 years of age or younger who have exemplified the mission of Otterbein University and the Five Cardinal Experiences in their personal and professional lives. These five awards will be presented during Homecoming Weekend:

- Community Engagement Award
- Global and Intercultural Experience Award
- Research or Creative Achievement Award
- Professional Achievement Award
- Leadership and Citizenship Award



## Join us for the Second Annual Founder's Day Celebration!

What Is Your Otterbein Footprint? Join us for the second annual Founder's Day celebration to celebrate Otterbein's heritage and commitment to serving the community.

**The Founder's Day Convocation** will be Thursday, April 28, starting at 3 p.m. in Cowan Hall. All alumni and friends are invited to join us for a convocation of music by the Otterbein Concert Choir, humorous and touching readings about Otterbein activities from 1847-2011, and a special photo slideshow of students through the years!

**The Founder's Day Spring Community Plunge** will be Saturday, April 30. Join us from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon for a day of community service alongside students on-campus and at the

Center for Equine Studies. Make a day of it and stay for our outdoor picnic behind the Campus Center (Alumni \$7 for lunch). There will be live music, sports tournaments, recycling crafts and a men's lacrosse game starting at 2 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

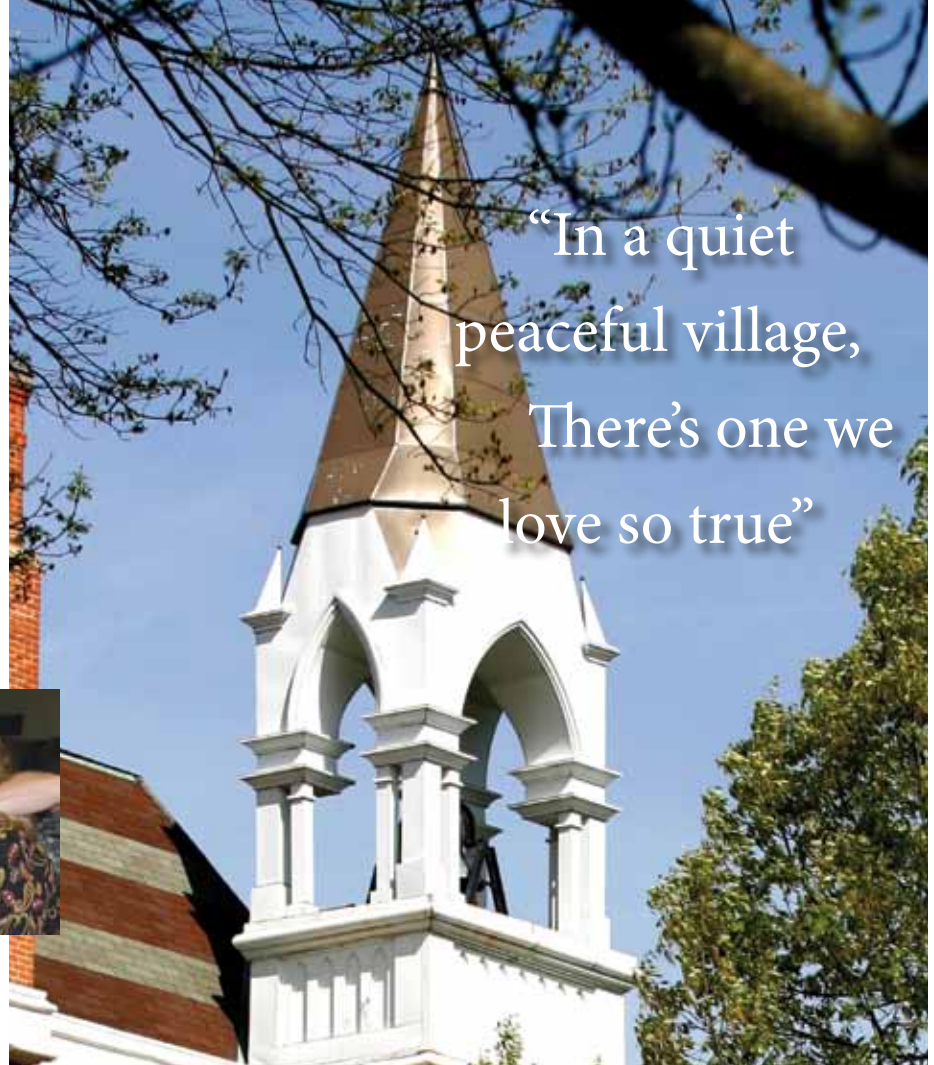
Can't make it back to campus? Join the online **Founder's Day Photo Competition** for a chance to win Otterbein Alumni merchandise and be published in the next Alumni E-Newsletter. Submit your best photo about the theme "What's Your Otterbein Footprint?" Photos can be submitted online to [alumniinfo@otterbein.edu](mailto:alumniinfo@otterbein.edu) or you can send them in the mail to Office of Alumni Relations, 1 South Grove Street, Westerville, OH 43081. Deadline for contest: April 24.



All alumni are invited to return to campus for the annual **Alumni Weekend.**

The Classes of 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, and 1971 will celebrate their reunions.

Weekend schedule and registration at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni)



“In a quiet peaceful village,  
There’s one we love so true”



“It was a special, fantastic, fun, meaningful, well-planned weekend.”



“Great way to see old friends and connect with Otterbein!”

## Otterbein Alumni Weekend June 10 – 12, 2011



“It was such a pleasure to return to Otterbein to see old dear friends and once again, walk the beautiful campus.”



“Otterbein will always hold a very special place in my heart.”

### Honoring the 2011 Alumni Award Recipients

- Distinguished Alumnus – **David S. Yohn '51**
- Special Achievement – **Randy Adams '76, Michael Ducey '70, Arthur B. Fulton '51**
- Alumni Community Service – **Susan Wiley '86**
- Honorary Alumnus – **Guido T. Ricevuto**
- Alumni Hall of Fame – **Thomas Croghan '61** (posthumously)

### Classes Without Quizzes:

- Otterbein's Community Garden: Planting Seeds for Hunger Relief
- Can you speak Twitter or Facebook with your grandchildren?
- Otterbein's Involvement in the Temperance Movement
- History of Otterbein
- Hanby House Tour



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# What is your favorite Otterbein memory?



**W**as it pledging a fraternity or sorority, or clearing brush along Alum Creek during the Spring Plunge, or the bonfire before Homecoming, or auditioning for talent agents in New York? Perhaps there is a certain professor who understood your hopes, dreams and career aspirations as well as you. Those combined memories make up your Otterbein experience—a time that truly shaped your thinking and set your life's path.

Those special experiences still exist for today's Otterbein students and your support makes it possible for each of them to create their own experiences of a lifetime. Please consider making a gift today by visiting our secure online giving site at [www.otterbein.edu/makeagift](http://www.otterbein.edu/makeagift), or by contacting Christina Patel, assistant director of Annual Giving, at (614) 823-1958 or [cpatel@otterbein.edu](mailto:cpatel@otterbein.edu).

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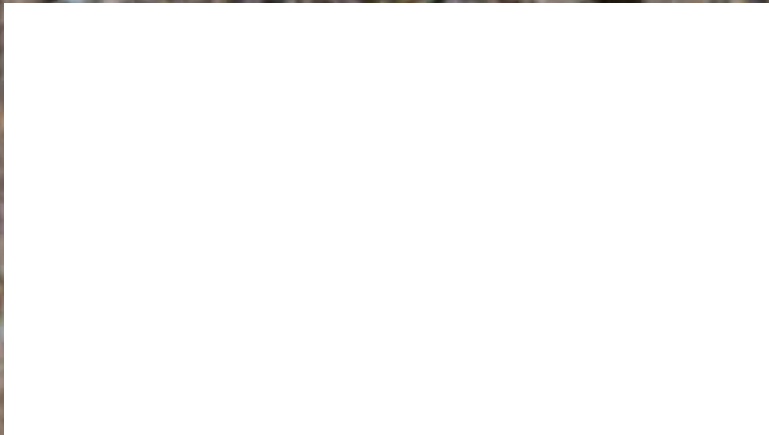


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Lacrosse is the new sport on campus. The men's team, shown practicing here, will play its second season this spring and the women's team will commence play next spring.