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OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY

Grand Soirée

Alumni Awards Ceremony 2018

Otterbein Love Song

Words by Celia Ihrig Grabill / Music by Glenn Grant Grabill '1900

In a quiet peaceful village
there is one we love so true.
She ever gives a welcome
to her friends both old and new.
She stands serene
'mid tree tops green,
She's our dear Otterbein.

CHORUS:

Old Otterbein, our college,
we sing of thee today.
Our memories 'round thee linger
in a sweet and mystic way.
O Otterbein, we love thee,
our hearts are only thine,
We pledge anew, we will be true,
Dear Otterbein.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the "Otterbein Love Song"
with music by Glenn Grant Grabill '1900 and words by Celia Ihrig Grabill.

Ceremony Award Hosts

DEE HOTY '74

Dee Hoty '74 received a bachelor's degree from Otterbein in 1974 and an honorary doctorate of arts in 1997 in recognition of her distinguished career. She has earned three Tony Award nominations for her starring roles in *Footloose, The Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public, and The Will Rogers Follies*. She starred on Broadway and in eight major U.S. cities as Donna in *Mamma Mia!* She has appeared in 13 Broadway shows to date, the most recent being *Bright Star* (2016) and *Gigi* (2015).

Hoty has crossed the country playing roles from A (Auntie Mame in *Mame* at The Muny) to Z (Zerbinetta in *Scapino* at the Cleveland Play House) and continues to work in regional theater, off- and off-off-Broadway, in stock, and national tours.

Among her favorite roles at Otterbein are Eleanor in *Lion in Winter*, Helena in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Kate in *Kiss Me Kate*.

Her most recent television and film work includes Amazon's *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, USA Network's *The Sinner*, and Julian Fellowes' upcoming film, *The Chaperone*, starring Elizabeth McGovern, all completed in the summer of 2017.

Having added coaching and master class work to her résumé, Hoty knows she is blessed to continue working at what she loves. She will be playing the title role in *Hello, Dolly!* at the Lyric Opera Theatre in Oklahoma City in July 2018.

deehoty.com and on Twitter: @deehoty

CRAIG BENNETT ICSMAN '84

Craig Bennett Icsman is a 1984 graduate of Otterbein University. He currently is appearing as Monsieur Firmin in the Broadway company of *The Phantom of the Opera*. His previous roles on Broadway include Billy Thompson in Sting's *The Last Ship*, Jerry Cruncher in *A Tale of Two Cities*, Thomas Hassinger in Lincoln Center's *South Pacific*, and Sgt. Schultz in *Miss Saigon*.

His National Tour credits include Monsieur Firmin in *The Phantom of the Opera*, Signor Naccarelli in *The Light in the Piazza*, Big Davey/Dad in *Billy Elliot*, Bill Austin in *Mamma Mia!*, Willie Conklin in *Ragtime* and Combeferre/Thenardier in *Les Miserables*. Regionally, he has portrayed Fredrik in *A Little Night Music*, Michael in Randy Newman's *Faust*, and Jehannot in The House of Martin Guerre, all at the Goodman Theater in Chicago. He also appeared as Dave Bukatinsky in *The Full Monty* at North Shore Music Theater and Wolf/Cinderella's Prince in *Into The Woods* at The Repertory Theater of St. Louis and The Muny. While at Otterbein, Icsman appeared in *Abelard & Heloise, The Man Who Came To Dinner, Irene, Deathtrap, A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Alumni Awards Ceremony 2018

April 21, 2018

Ceremony Music by Dominic Baer '17, piano;
Eric Stratton '19, bass; and Greg Owens, percussion

"Not for the Life of Me" and Opening Number from *Thoroughly Modern Millie*
Otterbein Department of Theatre and Dance — 2018
Book by Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan — Music by Jeanine Tesori
Lyrics by Dick Scanlan — Based on 1967 film of the same name
Direction by Thom Christopher Warren
Choreography by Stella Hiatt Kane — Associate Choreography by Anna Elliott
Musical Direction by Lori Kay Harvey — Costume Design by Rebecca White
Co-Produced with the Department of Music

Opening remarks Dee Hoty '74 and Craig Bennett Icsman '84

GOLD (GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE) ALUMNI AWARD

Micaela A. Coleman '10
Benjamin J. Leffel '10
Sheema Masood '11, MBA '13
Meredith Ulmer '14
Emily Brediger Peck '11
Kathryn M. Weale '10

Presented by Dee Hoty '74 and Craig Bennett Icsman '84

YOUNG ALUMNI COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Halle Neiderman '07
Presented by Suzanne Ashworth, Professor of English and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

YOUNG ALUMNI PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Cory Michael Smith '09
Presented by Christina Kirk, Chair, Department of Theatre and Dance

"On the Street Where You Live" from *My Fair Lady* — Otterbein Summer Theatre 2017
Book and Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner — Music by Frederick Lowe
Based on *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw — Direction by Leonard Leibowitz
Performed by Kenneth Remaklus '20 — Choreography by Stella Hiatt Kane
Musical Direction by Dr. Dennis Davenport
Costume Design by Julia Ferreri

RECOGNITIONS
Michael McGreevey, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

ALUMNI COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
The Puskarich Family
Presented by Michael McGreevey, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

PACESETTER AWARD
Tonye T. Patano '83
Presented by Craig Bennett Icsman '84

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Dianne Grote Adams '78
Jeffrey A. Brindley '81
Presented by Becky F. Smith '81, Executive Director of Alumni Relations

"Do You Love Me" *from Fiddler on the Roof* — Book by Joseph Stein
Music by Jerry Bock — Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick — Based on *Tevye and his Daughters* and other tales by Sholem Aleichem — Performed by Dee Hoty '74, Craig Bennett Icsman '84

MARY B. THOMAS COMMITMENT TO OTTERBEIN AWARD
Thomas C. '63 and Sarah K. Morrison
Presented by Dr. Kathy A. Krendl, President

"Joyful, Joyful" from *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit* — Composed by Ludwig van Beethoven — Arranged by Mervyn Warren for choir by Roger Emerson
Joyce Stonebraker and Dr. Dennis Davenport, Director and Accompanist
Performed by The Otterbein Singers

HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD
Dr. Kathy A. Krendl and Mr. Richard Gilbert
Presented by Becky F. Smith '81

Closing
Dee Hoty '74 and Craig Bennett Icsman '84

Otterbein Love Song with the Otterbein Singers
Music by Grant Grabill '1900 — Words by Celia Ihrig Grabill
Directed by Dr. Dennis Davenport

Listing of student performers on page 21

Afterglow Reception

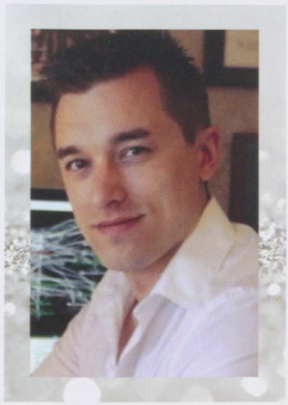
Come and meet the awardees at the afterglow in Roush Hall Fisher Gallery immediately following the ceremony. Music by Owen Hopper '18.

MICAELA COLEMAN '10

Lifelong learner, advocate, mentor, activist, and initiator are just a few of the words used by peers to describe Micaela Coleman.

Coleman earned her bachelor's degree in international studies and economics from Otterbein in 2010 and was very active in campus life and activities. She held several internships, including a summer internship with the Ohio House of Representatives and another with U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy. After graduating, she landed a position as a senior legislative aide in the Ohio House of Representatives and then worked for the re-election campaign of Mayor Michael Coleman in Columbus, Ohio.

In 2013, she became a press assistant and legislative correspondent in the office of U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty. In 2016, she was elected Miss Virginia Ambassador as a part of a program to make a positive impact on the community. Coleman is now the assistant manager of communications and investor education at North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) in Washington, D.C., and is currently pursuing her master of arts degree in international business and policy at Georgetown University. Notably, Coleman was one of 80 women selected from a pool of 500 women across the country to participate in the Women's Campaign School at Yale University.



BENJAMIN LEFFEL '10

From Cleveland to China to California, Otterbein graduate Benjamin Leffel has already left a sizeable mark on the world. While earning his bachelor's degree in political science at Otterbein, Leffel wrote a senior thesis on U.S.-China city-level relations that inspired his following decade of research and work on local-level diplomacy. After graduating, he went on to work with international organizations in China and the U.S., earn a master's of international affairs degree from American University's School of International Service, and do research work with the Clinton State Department's Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs.

Currently, Leffel is a doctoral student in sociology at the University of California, Irvine, where he has unearthed the lost diplomatic history of the city of Irvine and the network of activist local officials it mobilized during the height of the Cold War. He is conducting dissertation research on global climate change governance and climate finance flows. Leffel also was commissioned by the British Government for subnational diplomacy research and has written several publications on topics from world affairs to city diplomacy to urban sustainability. He worked with the first female Chinese-born mayor of a U.S. city on a book about her life. Additionally, he has traveled the world to speak at numerous conferences nationally and globally, including at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom.

SHEEMA MASOOD '11, MBA '13

Since beginning her career, Sheema Masood has excelled at every position she's held. At Charles Penzone, Masood was promoted four times, rising to become a member of the executive leadership team as the associate director of strategy and shared services. She streamlined their technology infrastructure, implemented new technologies to facilitate business, introduced a new salon point of sale/back office system, revamped the company website, and built a foundation the company can use to grow through modern technology and analytics.

Masood graduated from Otterbein in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in economics and international business, and received her master of business administration degree from Otterbein in 2013.

Masood has recently reached new heights and moved to a new position — senior consultant of strategy and operations at Deloitte Consulting in Cincinnati. Masood is highly regarded by her peers and executives for her work ethic, maturity, and ability to learn and adapt quickly. Masood also enjoys mentoring young women who are involved with STEM programs.

MEREDITH ULMER '14

If you're active on social media, chances are you've heard of the viral tweets from Wendy's. Behind the company's very successful social media strategy is Otterbein graduate Meredith Ulmer. She earned a bachelor's degree in public relations and was involved on campus as an orientation leader and a tour guide.

While still a student, Ulmer had several internships, including with L Brands and the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. After graduation, she began working for the national Delta Gamma Fraternity executive office in Columbus as digital/video communications manager and was then promoted to foundation marketing and communications specialist. In 2016, she moved into her current position with The Wendy's Company as a senior social media specialist.

Ulmer has played a huge role in setting the new standard for the way many brands interact with their consumers on social media and helped the viral #NuggsForCarter tweet — which gave a man free nuggets for a year — become the most shared tweet in history. In 2017, Ulmer was named one of "10 Branded Content Masters Who Bring True Craft to Consumerism" among Adweek's creative 100.

EMILY BREDIGER PECK '11

As the director of development at the Virginia Beach Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Emily Brediger Peck is dedicated to improving animal welfare and is driven by her passion for veterinary science. Peck graduated from Otterbein with a degree in equine pre-veterinary medicine in 2011.

Peck's genuine love for animals has helped her develop a successful and impactful career. In her previous role as clinic director, she oversaw all clinic operations, ensuring highest quality of services, clinic expansion, budget operations, and more. Today, her position within the Development Department includes fundraising, event planning and managing donor relations.

Peck is also the chair of the Tidewater Community College Veterinary Program Advisory Board, helping to launch what will be the third Licensed Veterinary Technician program in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Peck is a regular volunteer for EquiKids Therapeutic Riding Center and volunteers with the Chincoteague pony herd management team.

In 2016, Peck was recognized for her commitment to serving and was awarded Top 40 Under 40 recognition by *Inside Business: The Hampton Roads Business Journal.*

KATHRYN WEALE '10

Being injured can be an athlete's worst nightmare, but for Kathryn Weale, it allowed her to find her true passion. Weale suffered an injury while playing soccer at Otterbein and spent a lot of time in the athletic training room. It was there that she discovered her passion for working with people and sports. Weale received her bachelor's in athletic training and physical education in 2010. She remains involved at her alma mater as a member of the Otterbein Health and Sport Sciences Alumni Leadership Advisory Board.

Weale currently works at Nationwide Children's Hospital Sports Medicine and is the social media lead for Nationwide Children's Hospital Sports Medicine Facebook and Twitter accounts. She also is the head athletic trainer at Grandview Heights High School and a clinical instructor at The Ohio State University.

Weale is the sub-chair on the Young Professionals Committee for the Ohio Athletic Trainers Association (OATA), where she also is the social media coordinator. In 2016, she was named Ohio Athletic Trainer of the year by the OATA and has been involved with its mentorship programs since 2014.

THE JOANNE VAN SANT SOCIETY

Joanne Van Sant, better known as "Dean Van," served Otterbein for more than 50 years. Through her leadership and mentorship, she had a positive impact on countless students, graduates, faculty and staff, and community leaders. In that spirit of unwavering commitment, Otterbein proudly established the Joanne Van Sant Leadership Giving Society. This annual giving society recognizes donors whose annual giving is at or exceeds $1,000. Annual giving is based on the fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30.

THE 1847 SOCIETY

The 1847 Society recognizes those alumni, parents and friends of Otterbein University who have documented their commitment by naming the University as a beneficiary in their estate planning. Anyone who has included Otterbein and provided documentation is eligible for membership.

Thoughtful planning now ensures that future generations will continue to benefit from the exceptional educational experience that Otterbein has provided since its founding in 1847. A planned gift provides a perfect opportunity to honor a loved one, an inspiring professor or a field of study that has made an impact on your life. You can create a legacy that takes into account your family needs, reflects your values and gives back to future generations.

Halle Neiderman '07

Halle Neiderman, a doctoral candidate at Kent State University, created and facilitates the ID-13 Prison Writers Literacy Project for inmates at the Lake Erie Correctional Institution in Conneaut. In 2016, the institution's librarian contacted Kent State's English department for help in establishing reading and writing groups — a request that came from the inmates themselves. Neiderman and a colleague in the criminology department partnered to organize both, beginning by asking the inmates what they wanted from the program. Since then, she has volunteered 10 to 20 hours each week to the project — traveling four hours round trip to meet with both clubs, preparing supplemental readings, creating and maintaining a website, assembling chatbooks for the writing group, and more. Anywhere from 12 to 20 men attend the meetings each week. During the reading groups, the men discuss a chosen book one week and supporting materials the next. For the first year, Neiderman chose all 12 books, but this year, she chose six while the inmates chose the other six. She provides exercises to help those in the writing group learn about character development, setting, etc., and twice each year, the inmates self-publish a booklet of their writings. Ultimately, Neiderman hopes to expand the program at the correctional institution, as well as help others who wish to start similar ventures in other areas.

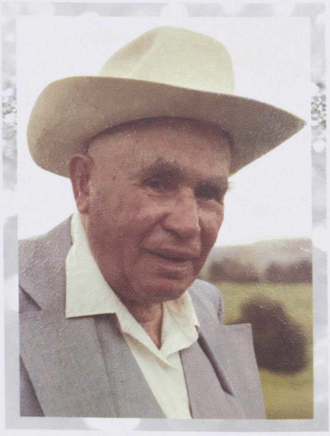
- CEAO Affiliate Representative, College English Association, 2017–present
- Recipient, Kent State College of Business Administration Teaching Writing Grant, 2017
- University Teaching Council Teaching Grant, 2017
- Recipient, NCTE Emerging Researcher Grant, 2016
- Member, Conference Planning Committee, College English Association of Ohio Conference, 2015-present
- Teaching Fellow, Kent State University, 2013–17
- Adjunct Instructor, Kent State University, 2012–13
- Master of Arts, English, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, 2008

Cory Michael Smith '09

Cory Michael Smith has played The Riddler (aka Edward Nygma) on FOX TV's *Gotham* since 2014. Smith graduated from Otterbein in 2009 with a musical theater degree and, after a few years of performing in regional productions, was cast in his first lead role in a New York City play in 2012. That performance changed the trajectory of his career — he found new agents and managers, and made his Broadway debut in *Breakfast at Tiffany's* the following year. Since then, Smith has shifted his focus to television and big-screen movies. In 2014, he played alongside Frances McDormand in the critically acclaimed HBO miniseries, *Olive Kitteridge*. Soon after, he was not only chosen for a role in the Oscar- and Golden Globe-nominated *Carol* with Cate Blanchett, but landed the role of The Riddler as well. Today, he films *Gotham* nine months out of the year and continues to take meaningful movie roles when possible. He will star in two movies this year alone: *1985*, a drama that focuses on a terminally ill man (played by Smith); and *First Man*, which follows astronaut Neil Armstrong and the space program in the 1960s.

- "Adrian," *1985* (movie), 2018 "Lee Harvey Oswald," *Assassins*, Encores! Off-Center Revival, 2017
- "Walter," *Wonderstruck* (movie), 2017
- "Tommy Tucker," *Carol* (movie), 2015
- "Edward Nygma/The Riddler," *Gotham* (TV series), 2014–present
- "Kevin Coulson," *Olive Kitteridge* (TV miniseries), 2014
- "Declan," *Dog Food* (short film), 2014
- "Bergen," *Camp X-Ray* (movie), 2014
- "Fred," *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, Broadway, 2013
- *The Whale*, Playwrights Horizons Production (Off Broadway), 2012
- "John," *Cock*, Original Off-Broadway Production, 2012
- *The Shaggs: Philoasophy of the World*, Playwrights Horizons (Off-Broadway), 2011
- "Matt," *The Fantasticks*, The Repertory Theatre, St. Louis, 2010
- "Matt," *The Fantasticks*, Barrington Stage Company, Pittsfield, MA, 2009

The Puskarich Family



In 1986, the Puskarich Public Library opened in Cadiz, Ohio, thanks to the Puskarich family, who spearheaded a multi-million-dollar fundraising campaign, donating a sizable portion to the project themselves. That library is a notable example of their philanthropy, but family members have long been committed to community service, including: Grandfather Frank (pictured right); Michael '82; Matthew '88 and wife, Kristine '88; sister, Lynn; mother, Mary Belle; cousins Mark '86 and Amy '88, and their mother, Lois.

Michael, who passed away in 2012, chaired the Harrison Community Hospital Board and was a statewide officer of the Freemasons of Ohio and a known philanthropist.

Matthew and Kristine sit on various advisory boards and are active in several community organizations including the Harrison County Community Fund and the Husky Foundation. They are helping to lead the Puzzles for Prosperity campaign to raise $1 million for local causes.

Lynn has been a strong supporter of the Special Olympics program in Licking County and created the first local prom for special needs individuals.

The family's philanthropy extends to Otterbein. Kris, with her sister, Cynthia Heston-Sievers '89, established the Karyn Rial '89 Endowed Scholarship at Otterbein to honor the memory of a dear classmate and sorority sister. Mary Belle established a scholarship at Otterbein in memory of Michael.

Mark, too, found his passion in philanthropic work. Mark and other former Otterbein track athletes established the Miller, Ricevuto, and Lehman Endowed Scholarship to pay tribute to their track and field coaches during their 1980s tenure at Otterbein.

And when a former bandmate was diagnosed with cancer in 2000, he and other band members came together to record a CD, *A Christmas to Cure Cancer*, donating all sales to cancer research. Since then, Mark founded the organization, A Christmas to Cure Cancer, and sister charity, Blues For A Cure, which have raised $1.5 million dollars through the sale of CDs, as well as fundraiser events. Donations go to a variety of cancer-research organizations across the country. Mark now serves on The James Foundation Board.

Amy and her family, along with Puskarich sibling Lisa Zehnal and family, actively support the fight against cancer annually by fundraising and riding the Pelotonia cycling event benefitting The James Cancer Research Center. They are also annual supporters of A Christmas To Cure Cancer and Blues For A Cure.

Lois privately supports many local, state and national causes, including the Otterbein Fund, Ohio State University's Women in Philanthropy, 4-H, and the Harrison County Scholarship Fund.

Tonye T. Patano '83

Tonye Patano's professional acting career has spanned over three decades. She has garnered multiple nominations and awards for her performances on stage, television and film. After graduating from Otterbein in 1983, Patano secured an internship with the Virginia Stage Company and was cast in her first television project, *The Jesse Owens Story*, a mini-series partly filmed in Columbus. She went on to receive a master of fine arts degree in performance at Brandeis University in Boston. In 1986, Patano relocated to New York City to pursue an acting career, and hasn't stopped working since. She appeared on Broadway in Neil Simon's *45 Seconds from Broadway*. Recent off-Broadway and regional credits include Neighbors and *Father Comes Home from the Wars* at the Public Theatre; *Blood Quilt* at the Arena Stage; and *The Last Goodbye* and *The Skeleton Crew* at the Old Globe. Patano starred in the national tour of Legends alongside Linda Evans and Joan Collins, and was recognized by the Critics Association as Best Actress in the play, *Ruined*. She has appeared in a number of films and television series, notably as series regular Heylia James on Showtime's critically acclaimed show, *Weeds*. Patano returned to Otterbein in 1990 as a professional guest artist for the Summer Theatre production of *Something's Afoot*, and again in 2007 to participate in the "100 Year Celebration of Otterbein Theatre Gala."

- "Marty," *Circle Mirror Transformation*, Actors Theatre of Louisville, KY, 2017
- "Phylicia Evans," *One Life to Live*, ABC, 2009–2012
- Image Awards Nomination, Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series, *Weeds*, 2008
- NAMIC Vision Awards Recipient, Best Actress Comedy, *Weeds*, 2007
- Screen Actors Guild Awards Nomination, Outstanding Performance, *Weeds*, 2007
- Golden Nymph Nomination, Outstanding Actress, *Weeds*, 2007
- NAMIC Vision Awards Nomination, Best Actress Comedy, *Weeds*, 2006
- "Heylia James," *Weeds*, Showtime 2005–2011
- "Judge Maskin," *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, NBC, 2000–2012

Dianne Grote Adams '78

After years of working as an industrial hygienist and safety professional, Dianne Grote Adams founded her own consulting company, Safex, in 1992. Since then, she has worked with numerous central Ohio employers in many industries—including real estate, manufacturing, education, health care and construction — to protect their employees and to comply with safety regulations. A life science major, Grote Adams took the position of industrial hygienist with the Ohio OSHA Consultation Program shortly after graduation. During her tenure with the state, she completed a master's degree in occupational safety at the University of Cincinnati. She later worked with Abbott/Ross Laboratories and ChemLawn Services before founding the Westerville-based Safex. Today, her firm performs health and safety assessments for companies like Whirlpool, Nationwide and Casto, and provides hands-on training classes tailored to fit an organization's specific needs. Grote Adams also believes in giving back to her community. She and her employees provide free safety training for teens at Cristo Rey Columbus High School; sponsor and run in the Westerville Bunny Hop, a fundraiser for Westerville Parks and Recreation; donate to the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM); and have helped build houses for Habitat for Humanity, among other service projects.

Distinguished Fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, 2017

Member, American Industrial Hygiene Association Conference Program Committee, 2016-2019

National Association of Women in Business Owners Columbus Visionary Award finalist, 2015

Conway Family Business Center Community Engagement Award (Safex), 2014

Board member, Cristo Rey Columbus High School, 2014-2020

Member, Otterbein University Alumni Council, 2013-2014

Member, American Industrial Hygiene Association Board of Directors, 2011-2014

Adjunct professor, Columbus State Community College, 2008-2010

Builders Exchange "Meg DeWerth Industry Impact Safety Award," 2005

Columbus Business First Women in Business "Change Makers," 2005

Central Ohio Local Section of the AIHA "Industrial Hygiene Award of Excellence," 2003

Business First "40 Under 40" Business Leaders, 1993

Central Ohio Local Section of the AIHA "Outstanding Industrial Hygiene Award," 1992

Member, American Society of Safety Engineers, 1992-present

Member, American Academy of Industrial Hygiene, 1986-present

Jeff Brindley '81

Jeff Brindley began working in sales at Roush Honda in Westerville in 1982, a year after graduating from Otterbein with a degree in health and physical education. He worked his way through the ranks to become sales manager in 1989, vice president and general manager in 1994, and president in 1998 when founder Edwin "Dubbs" Roush retired. Today, Brindley is the president and CEO of Roush Auto Group, which consists of the original Roush Honda franchise and now Roush Ford in Hilliard. The company employs nearly 350 people and sold 8,500 vehicles last year. Along the way, the company was purchased by a trust owned by the employees and became the first 100 percent employee-owned auto dealership in the country. During his tenure as CEO, Roush Honda has received American Honda Motor Company's prestigious President's Award — given to the top dealerships in the country — 12 times. The company earned the Honda Masters Circle Award in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, and *CEO Magazine* named Roush Honda and Roush Ford Top Workplaces in 2016, 2017 and 2018. Over the years, Brindley, along with Roush Auto Group, has given back to the community in numerous ways. In 2004, he established the GEM (Great Educator Mentor) Awards in the Westerville City Schools to recognize educators who are making a difference in the lives of students. The program has since expanded to several other local school districts. When not at the office, Brindley enjoys hunting, fishing and playing golf but, most importantly, spending time with his wife, Pat, their three children, their families and two granddaughters.

Chairman Elect, Ohio Auto Dealers Association, 2018

Star Award Recipient, Ohio Cancer Research, 2017

Top Workplace Award, CEO Magazine, 2016, 2017 and 2018

President's Award Recipient, American Honda, 12 years

Businessperson of the Year Award, Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce, 2006

Member, American Honda National Dealer Advisory Board, 2006-2010

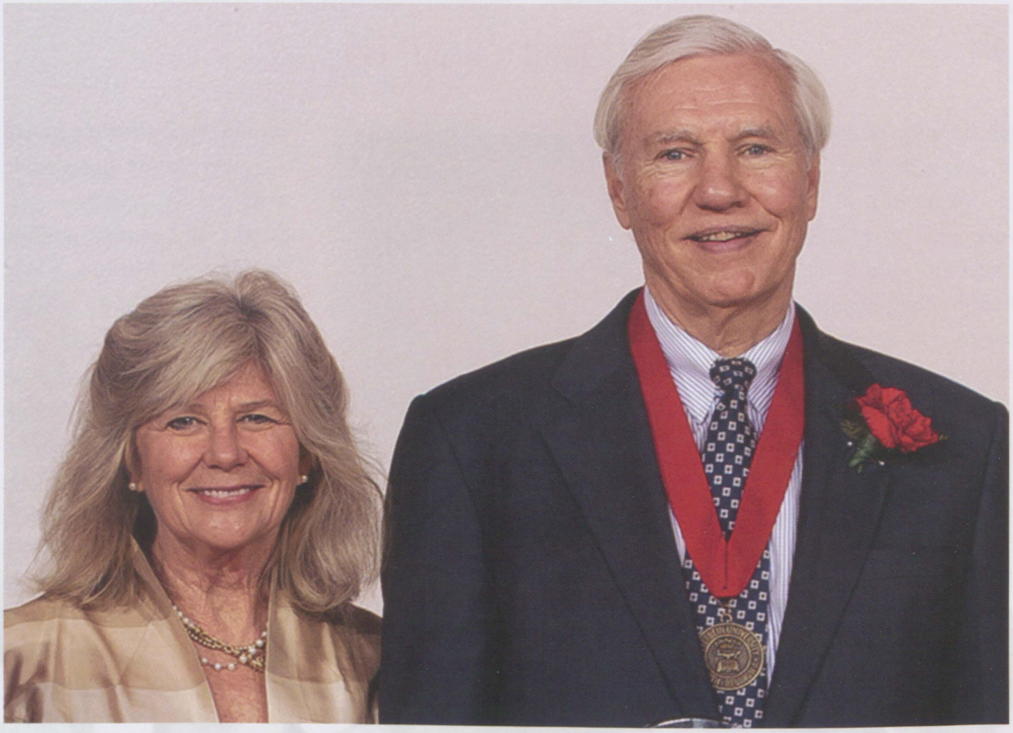
Business Integrity Award, Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio (Roush Honda), 2005

TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award Recipient, 2004

President, Columbus Automobile Dealers Association, 1999

Member, Columbus Automobile Dealers Association Advisory Board, 1994-present

Member, National Auto Dealers Association 20 Group, 1994-present; Chairperson, 2000



Thomas C. '63 and Sarah K. Morrison

Thomas C. Morrison was an attorney with specialization in commercial litigation, with an emphasis in advertising, trademark, and unfair competition litigation.

Over the course of his extensive career, Morrison was recognized as one of the country's premier litigators, successfully representing major pharmaceutical and consumer product corporations in a variety of cases, resulting in significant jury verdicts and landmark appellate decisions.

Born Sept. 25, 1941, in Columbus, OH, Morrison came to Otterbein to study social studies. His family legacy at Otterbein includes his father, Wilbur H. Morrison '34; sister, Diane Morrison Stanley '76; an aunt; two uncles; and a few cousins, all Otterbein graduates. He was an active student, with membership in Lambda Gamma Epsilon fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi, Torch and Key, Debate Team, the Otterbein band and choir, and the Young Republicans Club, of which he served as president.

At the advice of his political science professor, John Laubach H'85, Morrison applied for and received the prestigious Root-Tilden Scholarship at New York University Law School and earned his degree in 1966. Morrison then served a four-year ROTC commission as an attorney in the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps, which convinced him to specialize in litigation.

Morrison practiced in New York City firms for 45 years and was a partner for 40 of those years featuring partners with distinguished records of public service. They included secretary of state,

two attorneys-general, several Federal District Court judges, one Federal Court of Appeals judge, under-secretary of war for President Franklin D. Roosevelt and secretary of war for President Harry S. Truman — all mentors who helped influence Morrison's high regard for the importance of public service and leadership.

In 1988, Morrison was invited to serve on the Otterbein Board of Trustees and served in various capacities before becoming chair in 2005. During his tenure, he oversaw the expansion and renovation of the Science Center, the building of the Austin E. Knowlton Center for Equine Science, and the purchase of two properties west of Alum Creek. In addition, Morrison was board chair and headed the search committee that hired President Kathy A. Krendl, the 20th president of Otterbein. In 2013, he received the Otterbein Distinguished Alumnus Award, and was honored with trustee emeritus status in recognition of his service to the board.

Since his retirement, Morrison has served on the board of Music Mountain, the nation's oldest Chamber Music Festival; is a member of the executive committee of the board of regents of The Fund for American Studies; and was recently elected chair of his local Republican Town Committee. Morrison is also finishing work on a comic novel, TORTS R US, a farcical look at lawyers and lawsuits.

Thomas Morrison met Sarah Koester in New York City at a Mostly Mozart concert and they were married in 1987. Sarah grew up in Kansas City and graduated from Northwestern University in 1969 with a degree in art history. She moved to New York City and worked for a year with *Art News* magazine before joining the Wall Street investment bank, Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, where she worked for 12 years, serving as a vice president in the venture capital division. Sarah is active in several non-profit organizations, including The Salisbury (CT) Association; New Pond Farm in Redding, CT, an educational and environmental farm; and the Koester House Museum and Gardens, a historical home built by her great-grandfather in Marysville, KS. She has authored five books on the history of the Koester family and the town, the most recent being *Memoirs of the Charles F. Koester House, An Intimate Portrait.* Together, the Morrisons have one son, Charles. In addition, Tom has two sons, Michael and Matthew, from a previous marriage and three grandchildren.

Longtime Otterbein FUND donors, the Morrisons have generously supported several major campus renewal project including: renovation of Towers Hall and Cowan Hall, the construction of Roush Hall and Clements Recreation Center, and expansion of the Science Center. They have also established planned gifts to create future endowments in speech and in music, along with a full-tuition scholarship for students interested in U.S. government service.

It is with deep appreciation for their philanthropy and leadership in the service of Otterbein University that we honor Thomas C. '63 and Sarah K. Morrison with the 2018 Mary B. Thomas Commitment to Otterbein Award.

Dr. Kathy A. Krendl and Mr. Richard Gilbert

Kathy A. Krendl, Ph.D., is the 20th president and the first woman to lead Otterbein University. During her tenure, the University has won national recognition for its distinctive undergraduate curriculum and its focus on experiential learning.

President Krendl has strategically placed Otterbein at the forefront of education and innovation for years to come. She is redefining the future of higher education.

Having joined Otterbein at the beginning of the recession, Krendl committed to identifying strategies to maintain access to an affordable four-year education. As she once stated, "Big opportunities should never mean big debt."

She worked with the Otterbein Board of Trustees to freeze tuition costs for students and families. As a result, tuition at Otterbein has been held constant for all students since 2013—an unprecedented decision in higher education today.

New scholarships and merit opportunities became a key priority in launching a $50 million comprehensive campaign — the University's largest fundraising effort in its history. A new dual admission program with Columbus State Community College announced in 2017 drastically reduces the cost of a four-year degree for families, making an Otterbein degree more affordable than most four-year public institutions in the state. Partnerships with local K-12 school districts have also created affordable opportunities for under-served students to complete a four-year degree at Otterbein through special financial award packages.

Partnerships also have been key to the success of The Point at Otterbein, an innovative vision of President Krendl. This new state-of-the-art facility brings together students, educators, business, industry and regional economic planning and development partners in one location for the benefit of all. Under President Krendl's strong direction, The Point is a catalyst for growth — for Otterbein, the City of Westerville and even the State of Ohio.

She is recognized as one of the top women leaders in central Ohio and epitomizes what it means to be a role model and mentor. She teaches in the area of women's leadership, and has hosted regional summits and conferences on campus to explore topics surrounding women and leadership.

Recently, President Krendl was named Business Person of the Year by the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce and featured on the cover of Westerville Magazine for a story about her legacy at Otterbein and in the community. She has been named a 2018 Woman of Achievement by YWCA Columbus.

She also has been awarded the Global Women's Summit Leadership Award, Living Faith Award, Ohio's Most Powerful and Influential Women Award, and Deloitte's WISE Woman Award. In 2015, she was honored by WELD (Women for Economic and Leadership Development) as the first recipient of the Riveter Award. In December 2016, President Krendl was honored as a finalist for the CEO of the Year (Large Nonprofit Category) by *Columbus CEO* magazine.

More recently she has received the 2018 Helping Hands of Central Ohio Ambassador for Education, 2017 SMART Business Progressive Woman Award, 2018 Ohio Federation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) Volunteer of the year award.

President Krendl and her husband, Richard Gilbert, have enjoyed living in the quiet, peaceful village of Westerville.

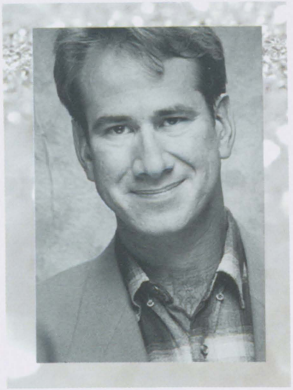
Gilbert is a former journalist and current writer, editor and teacher. He has taught memoir and personal essay writing, freshman and advanced composition, media and feature writing, and nature writing at Indiana University, Ohio University, and Otterbein University. Currently he teaches essay writing and literary studies at Radford University, and beginning and intermediate memoir workshops in Virginia Tech's Lifelong Learning Institute.

In 2015, Gilbert published *Shepherd: A Memoir*, which was selected as a finalist for the 2015 Ohioana Book Award for Nonfiction. The book recounts the triumphs and tribulations undertaken by Gilbert, Krendl and their two children, as they attempted living a simple life as sheep farmers in Appalachian Ohio for a decade in the late 1990s. It is a thoughtful memoir of rams, ewes, farmers, family, life, death and a reflection on the poignant dilemmas common to all humankind.

Gilbert previously won awards for public service and feature writing. His essays have been published in *Brevity, Chautauqua; Fourth Genre; Orion; River Teeth; Utne Reader* and other journals. His articles on farming have appeared in *Farming: People, Land, Community* and *The Shepherd.*

Gilbert's more recent awards include 2017 Hunger Mountain Creative Nonfiction Prize and Longreads "Best of 2016."

President Krendl will retire from Otterbein on June 30, 2018. She and Gilbert have made a lasting impact on Otterbein and look forward to continuing their engagement with the university even as they begin a new chapter of their life.



DAVID HEMSLEY CALDWELL '86
DIRECTOR

David Hemsley Caldwell began his professional career working in casting for NBC Television, Broadway and Film. He then moved to Actor/Literary Representation with Bret Adams Ltd. and the Agency for Performing Arts. David served as Artistic Director for The Gretna Timbers Theater from 1996 through 2001 and is a visiting artist for the Conservatory Theatre Arts at Webster University. Caldwell has directed nearly 100 productions in New York, Los Angeles and regionally across the country. Most recently he directed *Million Dollar Quartet* for the Lyceum, *Travels with My Aunt* for Totem Pole Playhouse and *Oystertown: An Original Evening of Storytelling and Music* conceived and written by Caldwell for the Dixie Theatre Foundation. He has worked regionally for The Cincinnati Playhouse, Milwaukee Repertory, McCoy Rigby Entertainment, Meadowbrook Theatre, Riverside Theater, CFRT, Montana Repertory Theatre, Florida Studio Theater, CATCO, Pennsylvania Stage Company, Downtown Cabaret Theatre, Allenberry, Flat Rock Playhouse and Max & Louis Productions. Caldwell has directed 20 productions for Otterbein, including *Violet, The Drowsy Chaperone, Urinetown, The Fantasticks, The Full Monty* and *Speed the Plow* as well as, nearly a dozen special events for the University, including the Alumni Awards since 2014. David is the director for this evening's performance.

MICHAEL MINITE '12, MBA '17

Michael Minite is a production coordinator at IM Creative in Columbus. He is also a freelance stage manager with Columbus Children's Theatre and Weathervane Playhouse in Newark, Ohio. He is the stage manager for this evening's performance.

AUDREY HASSON '03

Audrey Hasson is a current communications and media professional and an Emmy Award-winning television anchor, host and reporter. She is a Certified Tourism Ambassador for Columbus through the Experience Columbus organization, and a current member of the Columbus Arts Marketing Association. Hasson provided the voice-over in the videos of the awardees.

RECOGNITION

Otterbein Department of Theatre and Dance: David Hemsley Caldwell '86, Elizabeth Saltzgiver '99, Stella Hiatt Kane, Doc Davis; Alyssa Samuelson '20, award distributor; Jacob Sundlie '19, Ellie Iannucci '20, spotlights; Sarah Short '20, house manager; Allison Mogle, costume change; Michael Minite '12, stage manager; Otterbein Department of Music: Dr. Dennis Davenport, chair; Lori Kay Harvey, Joyce Stonebraker; Nick Kengla '05, audio visual; Steve Rossman, Diana Asta '19, and Keira Hackman '18, Otterbein TV; Kim Schomburg Nagorski '89, Gina Calcamuggio, Scripts; David Shultz, program design; Otterbein SOAR Team; plants donated by Oakland Nursery, flowers donated by Milano Florist, Audrey Hueckel Hasson '03, voiceover; Amanda Drake '18, Lexi McQueen '20, Chris Kaiser '77, Robin Rentfrow Campbell '02, video appearances; Max Bartell '19, announcer.

Musical Performers for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

Abigail Isom '19
Millie Tatum Beck '20
Lincoln Belford '20
Kyle Brace '20
Kevin Buckley '20
Bradford Chaklos '20
Olivia Crago '19
Olivia Crawford '18
Maggie Ek '20
Christian Heinemann '20
Jeremy Hurr '20
Evan Kret '21
Trey Plutnicki '19
Hannah Roberts '21
Emma Shine '20
André Spathelf-Sanders '19
Payton Tevis '20
Ceci Trippiedi '20
Matt Wiesner '21

Musical Performer for *My Fair Lady*

Kenneth Remaklus '20

Musical Performers for *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*

Soloist: Grace Dillon '21
Featuring: Reuben Reese '19, Jeremy Hurr '20, Matt Gittins '19, Christian Heinemann '20, and Trey Plutnicki '19

"Some Other Time" from *On the Town*

Book and Lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green
Music by Leonard Bernstein
Based on the 1944 Ballet, Fancy Free by Jerome Robbins
Performed by Dee Hoty '74 and Craig Bennett Icsman '84
Featuring: Ceci Treppiedi '20, Abigail Isom '19, Cameron Chang '20, Kyle Brace '20

Otterbein Singers

Director, Dr. Dennis Davenport

Soprano

Isabel Billinghurst '20
Noël Isaacson '19
Abigail Isom '19
Emma Lampe '21
Shelby McSwords '21
Hannah Roberts '21
Savannah Schakett '20
Emma Shine '20
Madeleine VanRiper '21

Alto

Tatum Beck '20
Marissa Davis '21
Grace Dillon '21
Maggie Ek '20
Abby Kress '20
Kathryn Lee '19
Madeleine Norton '21
Payton Tevis '20
Cecilia Trippiedi '20

Tenor

Lincoln Belford '20
Noah Bogér '21
Xavier A. Boyd '21
Bradford Chaklos '20
Cameron Chang '20
Trevin Dutey '21
Matt Gittins '19
Christian Heinemann '20
Evan Kret '21
Reuben Reese '19
Kenneth Remaklus '20

Bass

Kyle Brace '20
Kevin Buckley '20
Jeremy Hurr '20
Trey Plutnicki '19
Colin Robertson '20
André Spathelf-Sanders '19
Mathieu Weisner '21

AFTERGLOW RECEPTION

Please join us after the awards ceremony for an afterglow reception in Fisher Gallery of Roush Hall. Sparkling Cardinal Cocktails and decadent desserts offer the perfect finishing note to tonight's evening of excellence. Meet the awardees and capture tonight's memories at the media station. Music by Owen Hopper '18.

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