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Defining Value in an Otterbein Education

The rising cost of college tuition and growing concern about student debt have prompted a national debate about the value of higher education. Some are even questioning whether a college education is still worth the investment.

Real solutions for addressing college affordability should be one of the top priorities for every university leader in this country — as well as one for which families will continue to seek real change. Value and affordability, however, are two very different priorities. I want to be clear on where Otterbein stands on both.

I can assure you the **value** of an Otterbein education is **worth it**. I can also attest that making sure more families can **afford** Otterbein's excellence is our number one concern. In the coming months, we'll be sharing news about Otterbein's commitment to investing in students first. We'll need your support and Cardinal loyalty to be successful.

First, let's address value.

Otterbein offers students the smartest way to learn. Yes, that is a bold claim. But it's true. Otterbein's Integrative Studies (IS) academic curriculum is regarded by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), the nation's leading authority on undergraduate liberal arts education, as the **model** other schools should follow.

Otterbein's intentional blending of the liberal arts and professional studies offers a distinctive advantage to students. Through the Five Cardinal Experiences, Otterbein students not only gain a better understanding of their classroom studies — they earn meaningful professional credibility by applying those lessons in real-world situations. Otterbein shines as one of the nation's leaders in applied learning experiences.

But it isn't just education experts who value what Otterbein does and the smart ways we prepare students.

Otterbein's entire educational approach strongly aligns with the hiring priorities most valued by many of the nation's employers.* The skills and experience employers identify as critical to graduates' success in today's economy serve as the very foundation of an Otterbein education.

If you read opinion pieces questioning the value of a liberal arts education, remember this finding: 80 percent of employers surveyed agree that "every college student should acquire broad



Student leader and Commencement greeter Clark Tieman '14 will put his Otterbein education to work in New York City after graduation.

knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences." In fact, employers say that the combination of discipline-specific knowledge with a broad range of skills and knowledge is the best way for college graduates to achieve long-term career success.

Furthermore, the learning outcomes Otterbein measures its students' progress against — like critical thinking, the ability to communicate clearly and solve complex problems — are more important to 93 percent of those employers than a student's specific field of study.*

Now, let's address affordability.

An Otterbein education matters. To keep that excellence affordable, we are freezing tuition for the 2014-2015 school year and we are investing another \$2.2 million in scholarships and financial aid support. And, when you compare the numbers, Otterbein's 2013 mean student debt of \$22,862 is considerably less than the \$29,037 statewide average for Ohio graduates reported in the *Project on Student Debt* 2012 data.

Our commitment is to make sure the value of an Otterbein education—one that truly prepares students to succeed in life after graduation—is also one that families can afford.

Whether it's a loyal alumna and senior corporate executive like **Jolene Thompson '88** who mentors students or it's a talented student like **Andy Hufford '14** who proved his worth to earn a full-time position before graduating — I hope you'll enjoy how this issue of *Towers* illustrates the value of an Otterbein education. If you're inspired to do something, be sure to see *Tips for Creating an Internship* on page 18. We're always looking for another good place for a Cardinal to land.

Please remember that you and all future graduates are the most important manifestation of Otterbein's value. Through your daily actions, thoughts, and care for others as leaders, professionals and community members, you demonstrate the true value of an Otterbein education. You help make the world a better place each day; you continue to serve the common good. And for that I thank you.

Sincerely,

President Kathy A. Krendl

*SOURCE: "It Takes More Than a Major: Employer Priorities for College Learning and Student Success," conducted on behalf of the Association of American Colleges and Universities by Hart Research Associates

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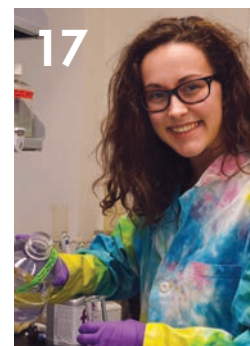
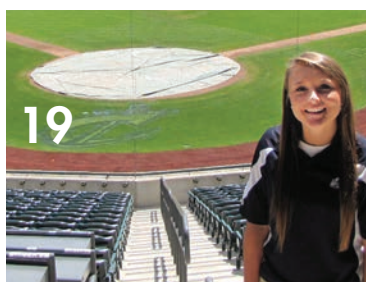
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Andy Hufford '14, an actuarial science major, turned a summer internship into a part-time position and then became a full-time employee with State Auto Insurance Companies, downtown Columbus, when he graduated in May.



Only Two Identified from Last Issue's Archives

Peggy Niesen '70 believes the person at top left is **Michael Robbins '70**. **Russell Lynn '75** says his wife, **Sandra Cirihielfield Lynn '75**, is the alumna towards the top with the white turtleneck, black jacket and glasses. They believe the photo may have had something to do with the National Honor Society and French Club. Sandra went on to teach French for 13 years in the Sunbury and Big Walnut schools in Ohio. Look on page 40 of this issue for more alumni to identify.

Correction:

In the Fall 2013 *Towers*, we erroneously listed **Ellen Coleman Peters '50** as deceased in the obituary of **Bob Corbin '49** (page 39). Ellen Coleman Peters wishes all of her Otterbein friends to know that she is 84 years old and doing very well with her health in excellent condition. We sincerely apologize to Ellen and all her family and friends for this unfortunate mistake.

We want to hear from you.

We welcome your letters to the editor. You may send them via email to rsmith@otterbein.edu or mail to Becky Smith, Otterbein University, Office of Alumni Relations, 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.

Mission Statement

Otterbein University is an inclusive community dedicated to the whole person in the context of humane values. Our mission is to prepare graduates to think deeply and broadly, to engage locally and globally, and to advance their professions and communities. An Otterbein education is distinguished by the intentional blending of the liberal arts and professional studies, combined with a unique approach to integrating direct experience into all learning.

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John Carter '14, BFA Musical Theatre, starred in Otterbein productions of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *Gypsy*, *Spring Awakening* and many others. Read more about him at www.otterbein.edu/showcase2014.

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Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecture Series

Sir Salman Rushdie Addresses a Full House in Cowan Hall

Acclaimed novelist Sir Salman Rushdie addressed a full house of students, faculty, staff and community members on Thursday, April 10, in the Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall for the 2014 Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecture Series.

Rushdie delivered an inspiring, and often humorous, message about the power of the novel to capture the beauty and complexity of the human character. The audience was challenged to reject the simplistic characterizations of people so prevalent in our modern culture and mainstream media.

Otterbein thanks **Vernon L. Pack '50** for funding this opportunity to bring Rushdie, an internationally renowned writer and public figure, to campus to deliver a powerful and important message. It was an event that clearly reflected the purpose of the Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecture Series: To create a vibrant and significant forum for the thoughtful exchange of ideas.



**Vernon Pack '50 and
Salman Rushdie**



photo by Ed Syguda

Senator and Writer Duo Address Commencement

One keynote, two speakers. The powerhouse married couple of Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, Connie Schultz, made Otterbein history when they addressed the class of 2014 at the ceremony on Sunday, May 18, in the Rike Center. Otterbein presented Brown with an honorary doctor of public service degree and Schultz with an honorary doctor of letters degree.

A native of Mansfield, OH, Senator Brown was elected to his first term in the United States Senate in 2006 and re-elected in 2012. Prior to being elected to the Senate, he served seven terms in the House of

Representatives from Ohio's 13th District (1992-2006); as Ohio's Secretary of State (1983-1991); and in the Ohio General Assembly (1974-1982).

Schultz, a native of Ashtabula, OH, was a columnist for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* for 18 years. She won the Pulitzer Prize for her columns on social justice in 2005 and was a finalist for the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for feature writing. Her body of work has focused on the underprivileged and issues of social justice. Currently, she is a nationally syndicated columnist with a regular feature in *Parade Magazine* and a frequent essayist and commentator for numerous publications and websites.



Senator Sherrod Brown and Connie Schultz

The Cardinal Colloquium

Celebrating Research and Creative Work

On April 24 and 25, Otterbein graduate and undergraduate students presented their research and creative works to the public at the third annual Cardinal Colloquium. The works represented a wide range of disciplines and were presented in a variety of formats, including performances, poster sessions, exhibits and panel presentations.

Students had the chance to present their research and creative work to a diverse audience that included alumni, faculty and other students. They also networked with alumni at the Colloquium luncheon.

This year, the Colloquium served as the keynote event in a series of reporting events, running from April 15-May 14, that included honors presentations, a research symposium and many other programs.



Students network with alumni at the Cardinal Colloquium luncheon. Tom Linkous '70 (center) chats with Richard Conley '14, Abi Agyepong '15, Rachel Young '14 and Samatha Perry '15.

New Engineering Major Announced

Otterbein will offer a new major in systems engineering beginning fall 2015. Students will have the option of enrolling in Otterbein's four-year program or in a pathway program being developed in partnership with Columbus State Community College (CSCC).

Ohio will need to fill 274,000 STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) jobs by 2018, and more than 12 percent of those jobs will be for people with degrees in engineering, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2011).

Research conducted by My College Options and STEMconnector and funded by Cisco Systems, Inc., found that 26.4 percent of high school students in Ohio are interested in STEM areas of study compared to 25.5 percent nationally. Of the STEM branches in Ohio, engineering was the top ranked at 12.3 percent, compared to the national average of 11.7 percent.

Systems engineering offers a broader-based training than more traditional engineering degrees. According to the National Academy of Engineering's report, *The Engineer of 2020*, tomorrow's engineers "will need to be multidisciplinary; and social, cultural, political and economic forces will impact technological innovation."

"Integrative, multidisciplinary learning is Otterbein's strength, and our curriculum combines the principles of mechanical, industrial and electrical engineering with our nationally recognized Integrative Studies program. Otterbein engineers will be technically competent, have broad training and perspective, and will be well positioned to solve problems in a wide range of contexts," said Aaron Reinhard, assistant professor of physics.

The systems engineering major joins other innovative programs recently added to Otterbein's offerings, including zoo and conservation science, which launched fall 2012, and the pre-medicine early assurance program in partnership with Ohio University's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine starting fall 2014. For more information or to view the press conference announcing the major, visit www.otterbein.edu/engineering. 



David Robertson (left), associate professor and chair of physics, and Aaron Reinhard (standing right), assistant professor of physics, demonstrate the Faraday effect to students Brodie Ranzau '17 (left) and Ashley Fox '17. Both Robertson and Reinhard helped develop the engineering curriculum from its inception. Reinhard was named New Teacher of the Year at this year's Academic Honors Convocation.

Otterbein Welcomes New Provost and VP for Academic Affairs

Miguel Martinez-Saenz will join Otterbein as provost and vice president for academic affairs, starting June 1. He comes to Otterbein from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, where he served as dean of University College and associate provost for student success. In this position, he provided leadership, vision, supervision and evaluation to an array of programs and services aimed at improving student access, success and retention. Martinez-

Saenz previously worked at Wittenberg University, so he has a deep understanding of private universities in Ohio.

"Dr. Martinez-Saenz brings the experience, enthusiasm and inspiration necessary to address the challenges and opportunities that universities currently face," said President Kathy Krendl. "I believe his collaborative approach to higher education will complement Otterbein's focus on student success."

"My interactions with the various stakeholders on campus assured me that Otterbein is taking the necessary steps to think deliberately and creatively about the ways it can adapt to a changing landscape while remaining faithful to its mission and its history. Creating conditions for collaboration—conditions that will allow all members of campus to have a voice and a stake in discussions—is critical to Otterbein's future," said Martinez-Saenz.



Students and members of Otterbein's Service Department work on installing a rain garden east of Battelle Fine Arts Center.

Rain Garden Solves Drainage Problems

Students from Associate Professor Kevin Svitan's hydrology class have constructed a rain garden next to Battelle Fine Arts Center to gain hands-on experience, while simultaneously solving a drainage issue on campus. The rain garden will promote infiltration of rainwater instead of having the water run into a storm sewer.

"We thought this project would make a great opportunity for students to actually develop the design criteria, make the field measurements necessary to prepare the design then put the design on paper, so Otterbein service personnel would be able to construct the rain garden," Svitan said. "This provided the students with an excellent hands-on experience to see how you develop and execute a project."

"The rain garden gave us a way to apply the concepts we have been learning

about in our classes to something in the real world," said environmental science and biology major **Marie Paquette '14**. "This gives us experience regarding what changes and what is most important to real projects instead of just assignments in the classroom."

The students worked closely with Otterbein's service department through each step, including modeling the drainage area; calculating volume estimates; developing excavation and soil grading plans; and assessing appropriate seeds to use to promote a prairie grass vegetative cover.

Chelsea Menke '14, an environmental science major, said her role was to identify the types of plants that would go in the rain garden. "A plant for a rain garden must be able to withstand drought, as well as standing water, for long

periods of time," she said. "I had to work with the others to know how deep the garden was going to be and to determine light versus shade factors."

"The biggest benefit, besides the immediate environmental help it will provide for the campus, is that it will stand as a great example for years to come of exactly what students are capable of learning and doing with the amazing professors at Otterbein," said sustainability studies major **Zeb Martin '14**.

Environmental science major **Loren Birdsall '14**, said seeing the project come to life is very rewarding. "Every time I walk past the rain garden with my friends, I always stop and say, 'Look guys, I helped design that,'" she said. "I never thought I would be designing anything like this at Otterbein."

Otterbein Sees Increase in Major Gift Activity

Otterbein University Board Chairman **Mark Thresher '78**, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Nationwide, acknowledged the increase in major gift activity, including three grants housed through the Columbus Foundation, at the winter meeting of the University's Board of Trustees.

The gifts included a \$1 million estate designation from an anonymous donor, a \$600,000 estate grant from the **Richard LeGrand '62** and **Glenna Legrand '64** Charitable Fund and a \$250,000 grant from the James A. and Kathleen C. Rutherford Foundation. "We are fortunate to have a strong community foundation in our region. The Columbus Foundation is



James Rutherford

effective in promoting the power of philanthropy and the community benefits from its good work," said Thresher.

Within the past two years, Otterbein has received several gift commitments valued at \$500,000 or more, including \$1.5 million from the Austin E. Knowlton



Ted Huston '57

Foundation to name its Equine Science Center; \$1 million from the Pioneer Fund for scholarships; and \$800,000 from the Vida S. Clements Foundation to resurface the stadium playing surface. The list also includes a Board of Trustee estate gift from **Ted Huston '57** and **Eileen Fagan Huston '57**.

"Otterbein continues to provide tremendous opportunities for our students. I am grateful that our community partners, our alumni and our trustees are making significant investments toward realizing our goals," said Thresher. "Otterbein will lead higher education into the 21st century due to these gifts and future commitments from its alumni, friends, donors and community."

Men's Madness Health and Wellness Summit

Not to be outdone by March Madness, Otterbein University presented the Men's Madness Health and Wellness Summit on April 5. More than 40 men and women attended the half-day event.

Keynote speaker Jeff Hogan of WBNS 10TV News and inspirational speaker Dominic Jones of the Arena Football League spoke about some of the most important health and wellness topics affecting men today. The summit covered the "final four" topics: energy drinks and supplements, nutrition, positive attitudes and risk-taking behavior.

Hogan is the morning news co-anchor for WBNS 10TV and the spokesman of its Commit to Be Fit campaign.

Jones is a professional arena football defensive back for the Orlando Predators. He

recently earned second team All-Arena honors. While at Otterbein he was an All-American.



Dominic Jones, Arena Football League player and inspirational speaker, interacts with participants of the Men's Madness Health Summit hosted by Otterbein. Students from Denison University and Ohio Wesleyan University also participated.





Otterbein Dressage Team finishes as the Reserve National Champions at the Intercollegiate Dressage Association National Finals hosted by Averett University, Danville, VA. From left to right, Beth Beukema (IDA president), **Julia Spatt '14**, **Kailey Giancola '16**, **Rebecca Knopf '14**, **Natalie Walter '14**, and **Kari Briggs '03 MBA '11** (coach).

Campus Celebrates Recent Successes

The campus community has more to celebrate this spring than the arrival of warm weather. Students, faculty and staff also have been celebrating their successes.

- **Rachel Mooney '14** was selected for a 2014-2015 Fulbright U.S. Student Award to Taiwan. The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program of the United States, allowing students to act as cultural ambassadors to foreign countries. Mooney received guidance and support from many Otterbein faculty members throughout the demanding application process.

- Of the 37 students nationwide who were inducted into Chi Omega Lambda, the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) honor society, two were Otterbein students.

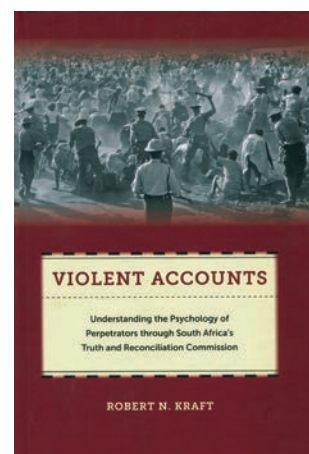
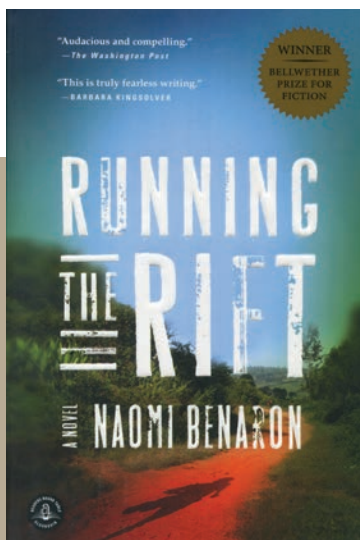
- **Bobby Geiger '14** and **Nana Agyepong '14** are the second and third Otterbein students ever to be inducted. **Dan DuBreuil '12** also was inducted his senior year. Additionally, Otterbein received the 2014 ASBMB Undergraduate Affiliate Network Outstanding National Chapter Award, thanks to an application submitted by **Bridget Bickers '15** and **Sofia Saari '15**.

- At the Intercollegiate Dressage Association National Championship horse show on April 12-13, Otterbein's riders finished as the Reserve Champion Team. Coach **Kari Briggs '03 MBA '11** was awarded the Teresa L. McDonald Coach of the Year Award.

- **Jonathan Hill '15** was recently elected to the 2014-15 Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) National Committee as vice president of career services. Hill will be assisting more than 11,500 nationwide PRSSA members by connecting them with internship and job opportunities.

- Professor Michael Hoggarth of the Department of Biology and Earth Science was recently elected to serve as president of the Ohio Academy of Science. His term began on April 5.

- Psychology Professor Robert N. Kraft recently published a book presenting a compelling study of how ordinary people commit extraordinary acts of violence and how perpetrators and victims manage in the aftermath. *Violent Accounts: Understanding the Psychology of Perpetrators through South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission* was released by New York University Press on March 21.



Enrich Your Summer Reading List

Now that *Running the Rift* by Naomi Benaron has been selected as the 2014 Common Book, members of the selection committee are already reading books under consideration for 2015. If you are looking for some summer reading, consider selecting a few from the Common Book Reading Group List. You can view the list and learn more about the Common Book program at www.otterbein.edu/commonbook.





THE POWER OF CARDINAL CONNECTIONS IN THE WORKFORCE

N *by Jeff Bell*

Neal O'Brien '87 is quick to point to recent Otterbein graduate **Justin Esarey '14** as a perfect example of what he and his business partners at Resolute Athletic Complex in Columbus are looking for in a student intern.

Esarey, a sports management major, started his internship in February 2013. He soon established himself as an integral part of the business, handling payroll, performing other accounting functions and tackling a budget analysis for the complex, which has indoor soccer and lacrosse fields and training facilities for athletes. Esarey continues to work at Resolute, with O'Brien saying the contributions by such interns are vital to a small business that's lean on staff and needs help with accounting, marketing and facility operations.

"Justin's probably been the most valuable player in our organization in the last year," says O'Brien, whose business partners include his wife, Otterbein graduate **Maureen Connolly O'Brien '86**. "He's gotten an inside look at every nickel we bring in and send out. It takes a lot to earn the trust of small business owners like us."

VALUABLE

Justin Esarey '14 keeps a lot of balls in the air at Resolute Athletic Complex, where he handles payroll, budget analysis and other accounting functions.



The Center for Career and Professional Development brought a panel to campus (left) to discuss strategies for internship experience. The panel spoke to a classroom of students in late March. On the panel were, from left, Jon Cross, financial advisor & district director, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network; **Elyse Brigham '14**, public relations, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium; **Brianne Buletko '14**, psychology, Cleveland Clinic; **Eric Wolff '14**, music & business, Warner Music, Nashville, TN; and **Natalie Garcia Babbert '06**, senior training and development specialist, Exel.

Working with the Center for Career and Professional Development (CCPD), Resolute has hosted four Otterbein interns in the past year and a half. O'Brien says he's been impressed by their ability to think on their feet, their level of professionalism, well-rounded educations and skill in working with "a diverse group of personalities."

Such praise from an employer is a sweet tune to the ears of those at Otterbein charged with positioning students for success. One of them is Vice President for Enrollment Management Jefferson Blackburn-Smith, who recognizes the experiences that students have at the University make all the difference to employers and opens doors for them to be successful in their lives after Otterbein. He says that's one of the most important messages the University delivers to prospective students and their parents.

"Ultimately what we want to say to a family and what they want to hear," Blackburn-Smith says, "is that Otterbein better prepares its students to achieve what they want in life than other institutions do."

Necessary Training

Among employed Millennials, **college graduates are more likely to say they have the necessary education** and training to advance in their careers.

College graduates: 63%

Non graduates: 41%

About nine in 10 with at least a bachelor's degree say **college has already paid off (72%)** or will pay off in the future (17%).

Pew Research: The Rising Cost of Not Going to College, February 2013



Lauryn Fair '14

Major: Allied Health

Internship Site: Miami Valley Hospital

"My internship was very rewarding as I was able to work alongside a clinical research nurse on a national study of mothers and their babies during labor and delivery using a STAN monitor. I learned new information in the health-care field that I haven't had the privilege of being exposed to quite yet in my college journey. This experience is something that I will always remember."

www.otterbein.edu/internships

WORLD VIEW

He's convinced Otterbein can make that case because of how it blends a liberal-arts education with professional studies. The result is a learning environment where students are able to develop the sort of world view and "soft skills" — critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, teamwork, leadership and comfort with diversity — sought by employers, while learning the tools of a profession and gaining work experience.

Such experiential learning is an essential part of an Otterbein education, with Blackburn-Smith pointing out that internships and professional experience are part of the "Five Cardinal Experiences," in which students apply their classroom knowledge in the real world. There is a multitude of directions students can go because the University offers 73 majors, including newer additions such as systems engineering and zoo and conservation science, and 44 minors. There is also a pre-med program in osteopathic medicine that will debut this fall and five graduate degree programs.

Like other institutions of higher learning, Otterbein is well aware of the

public's concern over how good of a job colleges are doing in preparing their students for careers. That was evident in a survey conducted earlier this year by Gallup that found 14 percent of Americans — and just 11 percent of business leaders — strongly agreed that college graduates have the necessary skills to succeed in the workplace.

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* jumped into the discussion in February with an article about recent college graduates enrolling in career "boot camps" run by private companies that offer short courses in computer coding, business basics and soft skills key to work success. That's happening in an environment in which studies have shown 44 percent of recent college graduates are under-employed, yet millions of jobs are going unfulfilled because employers can't find candidates with the right skills. That's the case even though many colleges are beefing up their career services, the *Chronicle* noted.

While it may be tough for some recent graduates to land a plum job, the return on investment of a college degree

remains high for those who do. A study published in February by the Urban Institute shows those with a college education do better in the labor market than people with no education beyond high school. The study found median earnings in 2012 for full-time workers age 25 and older with bachelor's degrees were 64 and 65 percent higher than for high school graduates for men and women, respectively. The differences came to \$25,800 for men and \$19,800 for women.

To help Otterbein graduates enjoy such a return on investment on their education, the University's Center for Career and Professional Development (CCPD) is helping students figure out a career path, line up internships and make the transition to a job or attending graduate school.

"We focus on meeting them wherever they are on that spectrum," says CCPD Director Ryan Brechbill, noting the center begins reaching out to students at the start of their freshman year. "We always tell them the earlier they get to know us, the better. We want them to know our role and that we're here to help them."



Posing for a group photo are Otterbein students who completed internships and were attending an internship fair in September 2013.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Located in Barlow Hall, catty-corner from the Campus Center, the CCPD is a busy place, hosting nearly 700 student appointments during the 2012-13 academic year. Brechbill and Associate Director Ashley Strausser meet with a steady stream of students in need of resume tweaks, help with writing cover letters for job applications and advice on preparing for interviews with employers. The center also maintains the “Cardinal Careers” online job and internship board that recorded 4,383 student logins in 2012-13. A Listserv was added in August 2012 to provide students with weekly communications about internships posted to Cardinal Careers and upcoming career development events and programs.

The Career Center also does a lot of outreach work, hosting about 25 programs a semester. They include job and internship fairs, resume development sessions, exploration of careers and academic majors, an etiquette program in which students learn how to navigate a business dinner and another program that teaches them the art of networking at business and social events. In addition, Brechbill and Strausser go

into classrooms at the invitation of faculty members to explain how the center can help students.

Hilary Rowland '14 is a big fan of the CCPD, saying Brechbill and Strausser were instrumental in helping her land a nursing internship last summer at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland. The two helped her improve her resume and prepare for a panel interview with hospital decision-makers who selected Rowland and 12 other candidates from a pool of 200 applicants.

“I don't know what I would have done without the Career Center,” she says. “They really know what they're talking about and are so helpful in everything.”

The quality of Otterbein's nursing program was also a critical part of the equation. Rowland says the program's clinical simulation lab and opportunities to gain experience at central Ohio hospitals positioned her to compete for the internship. She did so well during her three-month internship that she continues to work as a nurse assistant at the hospital during breaks from school and has been



offered a full-time nursing position after graduation.

Andy Hufford '14 has had a similar experience at State Auto Insurance Companies in Columbus where the actuarial science major turned a summer internship into a half-time position as an actuarial technician. He became a full-time employee in the actuarial department when he graduated in May.

"They gave me a complete job offer, which is awesome," he says, adding that the advice he received from the CCPD on his resume and cover letter helped him win the internship.

Hufford says Otterbein's integrative-studies approach helped him develop the sort of interpersonal skills needed for success at State Auto. They include problem-solving, multi-tasking and understanding how to work with people from diverse backgrounds.

Chelsea Gilman '14 says she is realizing her dream to work in professional baseball because of what she has learned and the support she has received at Otterbein. The sports management major

Cara Hardy '16

Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Internship Site: Otterbein University

"I am so grateful for the chance to pursue my passion. I learned so much for my major and about where I want to take my future. Not

only did I gain real insight into the research field, but had the opportunity to present my work at the National ASBMB Conference in Boston and get feedback from graduate students, professors and experts in my field!"

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- 1. Review Otterbein's Employer Internship Guide at www.otterbein.edu/employer.
- 2. Develop a list of substantive tasks and projects an intern could assume.
- 3. Gain approval from management to develop an internship program.
- 4. Allocate human and financial resources. (If there is no funding to pay an intern, make sure the internship meets the criteria established by the DOL/FLSA for unpaid internships.)
- 5. Determine who will supervise and mentor the intern.
- 6. Develop a formal internship description.
- 7. Consult with Otterbein's CCPD to post the internship and develop a hiring timeline.
- 8. Review applications, interview candidates and select intern.
- 9. On-board the intern; provide orientation and on-going training and feedback.
- 10. Share your Otterbein stories and enjoy mentoring the next Cardinal generation!

To get started on setting up your own internship for a talented Otterbein student, call Otterbein's Center for Career and Professional Development at 614-823-1522 or email Ashley Strausser at astrausser@otterbein.edu.

College Days, Reconsidered

About 75% of all college graduates say **taking at least one of the steps below would have enhanced their chances to land their ideal job.** Leading the should-have-done list: getting more work experience while still in school.

getting more work experience: 50%

studying harder: 38%

looking for work sooner: 30%

picking a different major: 29%

Pew Research: The Rising Cost of Not Going to College, February 2013

started working full-time in the front office of Minor League Baseball's Columbus Clippers in January after serving an internship with the team last year.

Gilman credits her professors with helping her develop the sort of creative thinking the Clippers look for in front-office personnel. She also has high praise for the resume and cover letter advice provided by Brechbill and Strausser, saying it helped her stand out among 450 applicants for the Clippers internship. The team hired 14.

Otterbein interns always delivered for the communications department at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, says Dan Orzano, who managed the program during his 13-year stay with the insurer. He hired 11 interns from Otterbein during that period to pitch in on communications, web and design projects. He found them to have the writing and design skills needed by the department, as well as being well-prepared for the profession by the University's faculty.

"They all were great," Orzano says. "I can't think of one who wasn't."

He is convinced that landing an internship is critical for students serious about getting a job in their chosen profession. Good grades and classroom experiences are important, he says, but the hands-on experience gained during an internship gives students an extra edge in their job searches.

Alumni can play a key role in helping Otterbein students benefit from such on-the-job experiences, say Brechbill and Strausser. One of their responsibilities is getting alumni involved with the University's career development efforts, including internships at their places of employment. As part of that effort, Otterbein administrators, starting with President Kathy Krendl, and faculty members regularly mention the need for internships when talking with alumni.

Chelsea Gilman '14 at Huntington Park, where she served two internships for the Columbus Clippers.



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"ULTIMATELY, WHAT WE WANT TO SAY IS...OTTERBEIN BETTER PREPARES ITS STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE WHAT THEY WANT IN LIFE THAN OTHER INSTITUTIONS DO."

- JEFFERSON BLACKBURN-SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY

Otterbein alumni also come to campus to help students sharpen their interviewing skills, and some share their perspectives on topics such as job searches and life as a professional. Others allow students to shadow them in the workplace.

"Our alumni are very helpful and want to give back to Otterbein," Strausser says. "They want to help our students grow and develop professionally by gaining hands-on work experience."

Jean Reynolds '77 has long taken the "giving back" message to heart. The State Auto Insurance vice president remembers talking with Otterbein students

about actuarial programs back in the 1980s. She has also served on the Alumni Council, talked with students about careers and has been a mentor to an Otterbein student the past three years. In January, she organized a daylong program at State Auto for Otterbein students and two professors in which they learned about career opportunities in insurance sales, marketing, claims, finance and actuarial science.

State Auto has an active internship program with a number of slots going to Otterbein students over the years. "Otterbein is doing a good job of preparing students to think as opposed to just

learning a skill in a very narrow field," Reynolds says. "The quality of the students is exceptional. They tend to be interested in doing more than just getting a degree."

Otterbein graduates who work at State Auto do a good job of spreading the word about the company's internship program, says Reynolds, adding she would like to see more alumni step up to create opportunities for students where they work.

"The best thing we can do as alums," Reynolds says, "is to provide (students) access to the business world and outside world, whatever that may be. I think there are a lot more opportunities to tap into that." •

Communication Students Excited about Summer Internships

by Kristin Gramza '15

As the summer is quickly approaching, many communication students have already committed to spending their break at coveted internships.

Students are taking advantage of the incredible local internship opportunities, such as **Allie Colon '15**, who will be serving as the communications coordinator intern in the corporate communications department at Nationwide Insurance.

Paige Schortgen '14 will also be interning nearby as she practices health communication with Lifeline of Ohio's Dash for Donation internship. **Katelyn Hanzel '15** will practice her health communication skills as well with an internship at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Shannon Back '15 also will be staying local and is thrilled to be interning with the Dawes Arboretum's history department. Back has found her ideal internship, which combines her main interests — public relations and history.

"I am so excited for this internship opportunity," said Back. "It is in a beautiful setting for the summer, but the greatest part is that I can combine my love of history and my major in public relations."

Other students have secured internships across the United States, such as **Hannah Gorman '14** and **Kira**

Smalley '16. Gorman will be serving as an event-management intern with Michelle Durpetti Events in Chicago, and Smalley will be interning with Beyond Fifteen PR Firm in Los Angeles.

Jonathan Hill '15 is traveling to Washington, D.C., to serve as a corporate communications intern for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

"After growing up with my father in the Air Force, I've always been passionate about air travel," Hill said. "This position fuses together all of my passions into a perfect internship opportunity."



Jonathan Hill '15 is traveling to Washington, D.C., to work with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. This photo shows him holding a program he worked on in a previous internship with Ballet Met of Columbus.

Women's Leadership Network: MEANINGFUL MENTORING

by Katelyn Hanzel '15

Women leaders from the Otterbein and central Ohio communities gathered in Roush Hall's Fisher Gallery during spring semester to mix and mingle at the mentoring program match night hosted by the Otterbein Women's Leadership Network, also known as OWLNET (Networking, Education and Transforming.)

The mentoring program, established in 2010 by President Kathy Krendl and Melissa Gilbert, associate dean of experiential learning and community engagement, is a college-to-career intergenerational initiative designed to link selected Otterbein students with successful professional women. Goals of the program include helping protégées develop a meaningful relationship with an established woman leader, understand leadership strategies for success, explore various career options and pathways to those professions and build a pre-professional network.

"The overall goal is to build connections in the community," Gilbert said. "Ultimately, it's about building a network that helps build confidence, connections and self-esteem."

Mentors serve as coaches, sponsors and confidantes. The relationship gives students the opportunity to prepare for what lies ahead and to learn about the challenges that exist in the post-graduation world.

Having a mentor is important to **Mikah Barrueta '16**, a biochemistry and molecular biology major.

She got involved with mentoring through President Krendl's Women in Leadership Freshman Year Seminar course. Barrueta is also part of Sisters in Leadership, a peer-mentoring program on Otterbein's campus created by two women from President Krendl's first Women in Leadership course that reaches out to elementary and middle-school girls. "I've had valuable experiences and lessons throughout my first year of college that I can now pass on to a mentee," Barrueta said.

Elfi Di Bella, the president and CEO of YWCA Columbus, is Barrueta's professional match. Getting involved with this mentoring program was an easy choice for Di Bella

because of her role on the Women's Leadership Network Advisory Council. Di Bella is passionate about giving women the chance to be their best.

"I walked away energized and excited to be matched with Mikah," Di Bella said. "She's passionate about many different things, not just the fields she's studying at Otterbein."

Di Bella is a firm believer in passing knowledge and experiences to all women, regardless of age. Being matched with Barrueta is a learning experience for her, too. "I think mentors come in all shapes and sizes and age groups," Di Bella said. "She will be a mentor to me, as well."

Regan Donoughe '17, a marketing major, had never expected to get involved in mentoring when she came to Otterbein. "I didn't really know anything about mentoring," Donoughe said. "The class showed me the importance of networking. I was eager to be matched and make a professional connection."

Matched with Senior Vice President of Member Services and External Affairs at American Municipal Power, **Jolene Thompson '88**, Donoughe is pleased with the pairing. "I was excited to have someone in a similar profession," Donoughe said. "She understood what I wanted in a mentor."

"Regan is enthusiastic," said Thompson, who majored in journalism. By acknowledging the challenges of a college student getting ready to go into the workforce, Thompson wants to help Donoughe focus on what she is most interested in and act as a sounding board for her.

Thompson learned about the mentoring program at a class reunion at President Krendl's house during an Otterbein homecoming. "I was impressed that President Krendl tapped into a broad talent pool in central Ohio and wanted to be involved."

Katelyn Hanzel '15 is a double major in public relations and health communication, with a minors in creative writing and women's gender and sexuality studies. She is co-founder of the Sisters in Leadership peer-to-peer mentoring program. Her mentor is Aslyne Rodriguez, co-executive director of development and community relations of After-School All-Stars.

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Thanks to Mentoring and Internships

THE CHEMISTRY

by Jenny Hill '05

"If you really want a good picture, you should come to his office. It's decorated with Otterbein stuff from top to bottom," said **Lisa Huston '88**, wife of **Michael Huston '86**, at the photo shoot for this article. That was the perfect introduction to Huston, a creative and accomplished chemist with more than 30 technical publications to his name, an approachable smile and a deep love for his alma mater.

Although two generations of his family attended Otterbein before him, Huston didn't know it was the school for him until he met admission representatives at a college fair in northeast Ohio.

"I grew up with an Otterbein rug on the floor of my bedroom, and hearing Otterbein stories, but I was looking at other colleges," he said. The personal attention he received that day provided the incentive he needed to follow in his family's footsteps.

Huston admits that people who knew him in high school were surprised with his choice to major in chemistry—many saw him as a future politician—but chemistry runs in the family. His father, **Wayne Huston '60**, also earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry at Otterbein.

At Otterbein, Huston met his wife, a fellow chemistry major. He also met a variety of mentors who helped him develop academically, professionally and personally. Professor Jerry Jenkins caused Huston to fall in love with organic chemistry and helped him pursue graduate school. Professor Bob Place, his

Professor and Chair of Chemistry Dean Johnston, left, with Michael Huston '86 on a recent visit Huston made to Otterbein.



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advisor, helped Huston make the connection between chemistry and the larger world and recognize its practical applications to the environment, social issues and more. Professor Lou Arnold convinced Huston to add a physics major and broaden his academic range, which has been invaluable to his career. Professor Rex Ogle helped him grow as a young professional and expand his experiences outside the sciences, including instilling the importance of community service. The list goes on.

“Otterbein gave me a wonderful education, not just in class, but the whole life experience,” Huston said. “It set me up for so many good things in my professional career and life outside work. In Otterbein’s *Model Community* video, Dr. Beth Daugherty says Otterbein prepares you for a calling, and that was true for me. My parents raised me well, and Otterbein built on their values.”

After Otterbein, Huston landed a summer internship at Ashland Chemical, with help from Ogle. He attended The Ohio State University from 1986-1990 and earned his doctorate degree in organic chemistry. He stayed at Ohio State to conduct post-doctoral work in material science. During that time, he was thrilled to have the chance to adjunct teach Organic Chemistry at Otterbein while Jenkins was on sabbatical.

In 1992, he joined The Lubrizol Corporation, a global leader in the development of specialty chemicals to improve the quality, performance and value of its clients’ products, while reducing their environmental impact. Huston spent 10 years in research and development and now serves as strategic technology team leader for Lubrizol’s Driveline Lubricants business group. He envisions and champions new chemical development and fundamental knowledge research and serves as a liaison between the research and development and business units.

Huston explains the basis of his work simply: “Lubricants make a car run more efficiently and, more importantly, reduce vehicle emissions. Modern lubricants need to be changed less often, which creates less waste. The number of vehicles on the planet is growing, and if we don’t develop lubricants which work better and last longer, we will have a global problem.”

He travels the globe meeting with people at the forefront of the auto industry to provide long-range research direction to

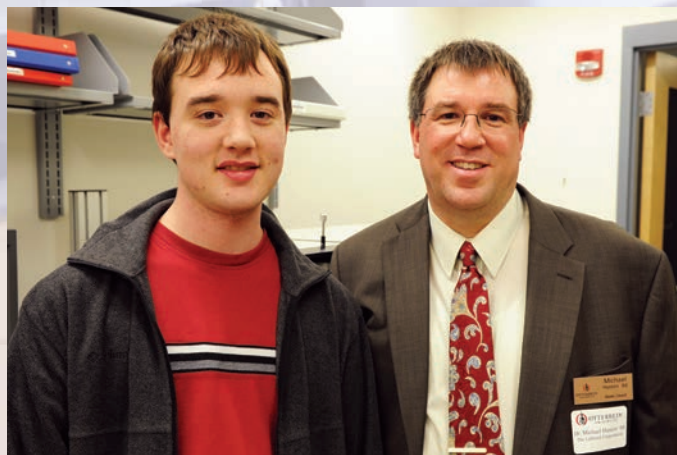
scientists and engineers. Regular destinations include the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, France and Japan. But he routinely works with colleagues from many other countries. Huston said, “The broader human perspective I received at Otterbein has been important to building relationships worldwide.”

Huston also is a senior technical fellow at Lubrizol, with technology leadership and mentoring responsibilities at the corporate level.

With so many Otterbein mentors to thank for who he is today, it is no wonder Huston is well-known at Lubrizol for mentoring himself. “I feel that I have to leave a legacy and help others grow. It influences how I mentor people, how I create teams, the philosophy of my work. In the words of OSU’s Woody Hayes, I’m just paying it forward,” he said.

Huston not only mentors young scientists within the company, but high school students, too. He is proud that he has encouraged several students to attend Otterbein and that this summer, Lubrizol will host its first Otterbein intern.

Among the students Huston has encouraged to attend Otterbein is his own son, Peter. Like his father, he grew up with Otterbein in his life. Like his father, he looked at many schools. And, like his father, Otterbein was the right fit. But maybe that’s where the similarities end — Peter’s major is mathematics. ●



Peter Huston '15, with dad, Michael. Peter is the fourth generation of Hustons to walk the halls of Otterbein.



See the *Model Community* video at www.otterbein.edu/modelcommunity.

compiled by Becky Hill May '78

Gifts listed in Classnotes are **\$20,000+**.

Mary Meek Delk '64 and husband, **Gary Delk '63**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August with a trip to Hollywood, CA.

David Fais '65 retired in December from the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas after 25 years on the bench. Fais credits his career in law to a life-changing experience in

a constitutional law course at Otterbein. His professor arranged a field trip to Washington, D.C., where they heard a case argued in the U.S. Supreme Court and met Justice William O. Douglas.

Rodger Dougherty '68 retired from Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services, January 2014.

Marilyn Jacobs McConnell '69 retired from serving as a senior claim approver in the insurance industry.

Sue Seiple Sabo '74 retired in 2011 after 38 years as a librarian. She was elected to the board of directors at Family Nature Summits in 2012 and was promoted to the director of programming and recruiting in 2013. She is also their director of the early discovery program for 3- to 4-year-olds.

Nancy Fenstermaker '80 works in the Westerville Public Library in the circulation room.

Lynn Maurer '82 was selected as dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and chief research officer at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN.

1984 reunion year
Homecoming 2014

Jon Divine '84 is a vice president at the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine. He is clinical faculty for orthopedics/sports medicine and head team physician at the University of Cincinnati. He is also the medical director of the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon.

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The estate of **Gwendolyn Blum Garrison '46** and **Dr. George Garrison '43** provided a gift through their estate.

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The estate of **Eileen Ritter**, wife of **Victor Ritter '48**, bequeathed a generous donation to establish the **Victor G. and Eileen Ritter Endowed Scholarship Fund**.

1979 reunion year
Homecoming 2014

Kent Stuckey '79 is a board member at HER Realtors in Columbus.



Bruce Keck '60 attended the 41st Annual Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN. He told his story using his banjo.

Judy Pohner Christian '61 and husband, **Michael Christian '61**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii. They spent Christmas with **Anne Pohner '56** and visited with **Marilynn Etzler '62** who was also vacationing in Hawaii.



David Lowry '84 is currently serving as the chief of staff and on the board of directors at Caldwell UNC Healthcare, one of the hospitals in the University of North Carolina medical system. He and his wife, Dana, live in Hickory, NC, with their six children.

Kathleen Ruehle Jenney '85 was named the director of human resources at Upper Arlington Schools, OH, in August.

Scott Alpeter '86 is Otterbein's head men's and women's cross country coach. He also works with the long-distance runners on the track team. He has been coaching the men's team since 2009 and gained the women's team and track responsibilities in 2013.

David Stone '86 is area manager for Transonic Systems Inc., an international company selling medical devices that measure blood flow.

Deb Poffenbaugh Ubry '87 was named Teacher of the Month for January 2014 at Fouse Elementary in Westerville.

Susan Gaskell Merryman '88 was promoted to vice president of marketing and communications and chief of staff at Capital University in Columbus last fall.

1989 reunion year
Homecoming 2014

Angela Hoover Leckwatch '89 is the regional multimedia manager for Civitas Media, which owns *Sunbury News* and the *Delaware Gazette* in Ohio. She works with all their Ohio newspaper sales staffs providing training and sales assistance.

Susie Walsh '89 was the stage manager for the world premiere drama *Above the Fold* in January at the Pasadena Playhouse, CA.

Grant Paullo '92 is the retail and wholesale performance

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management manager for BMW of North America, LLC.

Nicole Thompson Cochran '93 is entering her fifth year as a member of the Ohio

Dominican University athletic training staff, employed by OrthoNeuro in Columbus. She is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Carl Schafer '48 and **Mildred Cox Schafer '49** provided a generous donation toward the **Turf and Track Resurfacing Project**. This campaign is nearing the **\$2 million mark** in gifts and commitments, with **\$122,000** yet to be funded.

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Loyal supporter **Vernon Pack '50** provided donations this year in support of multiple initiatives, including the **Health and Sport Sciences Department** and the **Science Initiatives Fund**.

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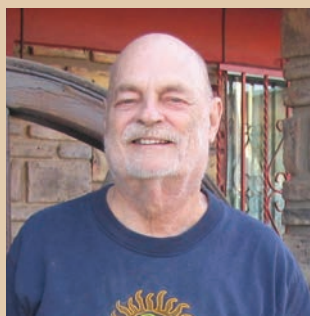
Stephen Jones '75 has been named a 2014 Ohio Super Lawyer by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine. He is a partner at Roetzel & Andress, LPA, in Columbus.



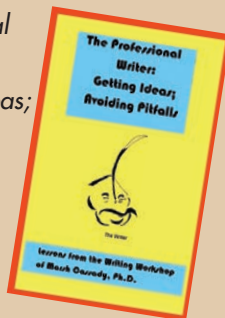
Doug Meacham '92 is pastor at Grace Chapel Community Church, Westerville. He appeared in a restaurant scene in the Oct. 9, 2013, episode of ABC's *Nashville*, and his family was featured in a series of interviews on the nationally syndicated *700 Club* in February 2013.



Otterbein Book Corner

**Marsh Cassidy '58**

recently published his 43rd and 44th books. *Light* is an experimental novel first written in 1978. *The Professional Writer: Getting Ideas; Avoiding Pitfalls* is a guidebook for writers.



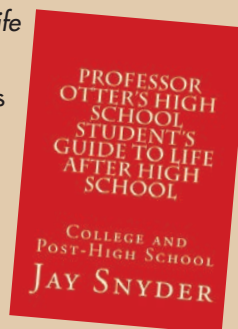
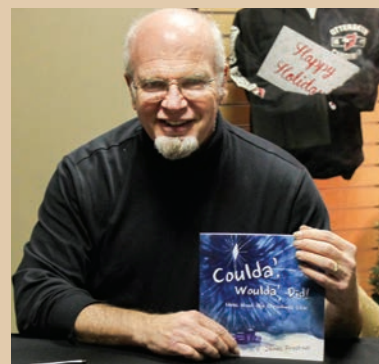
Paul David Robinson '67 has published his first children's book, *When the Dew Fell on the Okra*, a



modern Christmas fable. When an Angel, whose wings are so full of dew that she cannot fly, falls into a tulip bloom in the Land of Imps and Elves, she teaches them how to celebrate Christmas.



Jay Snyder '90 has published a book, *Professor Otter's High School Student's Guide to Life AFTER High School*, a guide to assist prospective college students in locating, applying to and affording college or technical school. It also includes a section to assist nontraditional students who are returning to college to complete degrees.



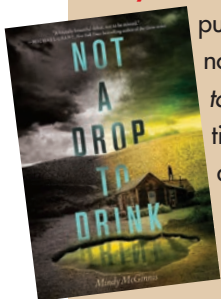
Jim Freshour '70 published a children's book entitled, *Coulda, Woulda, Did*, concerning ideas about the Christmas star.



Bryan Worra '97 released a new book of poetry, *Demonstra*, in December. His work is also included in the Smithsonian's national traveling exhibit, *I Want the Wide American Earth: An Asian Pacific American Story*.



Mindy McGinnis Young '01 has published her first novel, *Not a Drop to Drink*, about a time when water is a rare and precious commodity. She works full time as an assistant young adult librarian in rural Ohio.



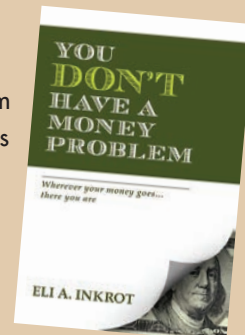
Have you written and published a book? Let us know at classnotes@otterbein.edu. Send us a high-resolution photo of yourself and the book cover. Let all your Otterbein classmates know of your publishing success.

Becca Rossiter Lachman '04

edited *A Ritual to Read Together: Poems in Conversation with William Stafford*, an anthology celebrating the centennial of poet-teacher-peace activist William Stafford. She was recently named an Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Awardee for 2014. She is pictured here with poets Kim Stafford and Fred Marchant, who co-wrote the introduction to the book.



Eli Inkrot '11 has written a book, *You DON'T Have a Money Problem*, a step-by-step guide on how to look at common financial situations. He is the vice president and portfolio manager at EDMP Inc., an asset management firm in the Tampa, FL, area. He contributes to sister company, Fastgraphs.com, a cloud-based stock analysis tool, and writes for *Seeking Alpha*, a stock market news and financial analysis newsletter.



Bruce Gifford '86 and Kevin Strous '89

Internships Lead to 20+ Years at Nationwide Insurance

by Holly Fenner Ritter '06

Internships have played a vital role in helping Otterbein graduates land full-time employment. This is especially true for math majors **Bruce Gifford '86** and **Kevin Strous '89**. Both had internships at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus as students, which led each of them to careers of more than 20 years with the company.

Gifford, now the chief actuary of bond and financial products at Travelers Insurance, said his internship with Nationwide, the summer before his senior year at Otterbein, led first to part-time work and then to a full-time position upon graduation. He spent 22 years at Nationwide.

"The internship was extremely influential because it was my first exposure to professional and actuarial work," he said. "It was a very valuable part of my Otterbein education because it provided practical experience to supplement my coursework."

Strous, who is the associate vice president, personal lines-risk segmentation at Nationwide, also had an internship with the



Kevin Strous '89

company the summer before his senior year, which led to part-time work his senior year and a full-time position upon graduation. He has been with Nationwide, working for different subsidiaries, for 25 years.

"When I started at Otterbein, it was always said that 50 percent of the learning is outside of the classroom. Having an internship is definitely a key part of that 50 percent because it enables you to experience a possible profession, company, business culture while building your professional

network," Strous said.

"My internship was extremely influential as it confirmed my interest in being an actuary. I also learned that I liked Nationwide's corporate culture and the numerous job and development opportunities working for a large company."

Gifford added that his internship experience is still influential in his career because "it has led me to be a strong supporter of our internship program at Travelers."

Profile

1994 reunion year Homecoming 2014

Todd Crain '94 guest-starred as Kevin on an episode of Comedy Central's *Broad City*. He will also have a recurring role on a new show on Hulu called *Deadbeat*. He has a co-starring role on an upcoming episode of *Orange is the New Black* on Netflix.

Eddie Harrell '94 was named vice president/general manager of the Cleveland market for Radio One, Inc., a diversified media company primarily targeting African-American and urban consumers.

Julie Longstreth Moorehead '95 is vice president at Demarle at Home, a direct selling company

promoting good living through the use of its kitchen tools.

Josh Funk '98 is youth pastor at Benton United Methodist Church, Benton, LA. He will be

leading the junior and senior high ministries.

1999 reunion year Homecoming 2014

Otterbein is grateful for the continued loyalty of **El Doris McFarland '53**. McFarland strengthened her commitment to the University by establishing a planned gift through the **El Doris J. McFarland Charitable Fund at the Columbus Foundation**.

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Everth Flores '94 was appointed senior director of global accounts and business development for Europe, the Middle East and Africa by Harmonic Inc. Harmonic provides video delivery infrastructure solutions to media providers and broadcasters. He is based in Belgium.

Tami Davis '97 was selected as one of Pittsburgh's 50 Finest, an award which recognizes those who have success in their career, are involved in the community and commit to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She raised more than \$5,700 for the CFF and was featured in *Whirl Magazine*. Davis is a project manager at Dell Marketing LP.



Mike Morgan '93

The Creation Is Sometimes More Important Than the Outcome

by Holly Fenner Ritter '06

Mike Morgan '93 remembers his first business meeting as an intern with Rockwell International. He said the experiences as an intern helped build the foundation for his career and the kind of employee he wanted to be. Morgan is now the CEO of Updax, a startup company that provides independent medical practices with customer relationship management solutions, and he is helping to provide Otterbein students with valuable internship opportunities.



learned about the internship at Updax from his faculty advisor, Allen Prindle, who was also a former professor of Morgan's. Sutter said his internship experience at Updax has been one of the greatest of his college career, and the start-up environment has allowed him to take ownership of his work and really enabled him to apply his classroom knowledge.

"I've had discussions with Otterbein's Shirine Mafi (professor of Business, Accounting and Economics), Eric Lloyd (director of the MBA program) and Ryan Brechbill (director of the Center for Career and Professional Development) about how best to plug interns into the start-up environment," Morgan said.

Morgan said he would like to create an internship program at Updax for Otterbein students who would thrive in the start-up environment, which he says is different from other companies in which students may intern.

"It's not as structured. Everyone is moving at a fast pace," Morgan said. "Our interns get to work on a lot of mission-critical projects and talk to our customers."

One such intern is Otterbein senior, economics and business administration double major Andrew Sutter. Sutter

"I've had the chance to get experience in every aspect of the company including sales, customer support, finance, accounting and more. This kind of experience has really helped me learn where my strengths and interests lie and what kind of career I want to pursue," Sutter said. "Another exciting aspect of this opportunity has been how much responsibility and autonomy I have. I sometimes forget that I'm an intern as I am always made to feel a part of the team and am recognized for the importance of my work."

Morgan said giving students internship opportunities is important in helping them gain confidence as they prepare to make the challenging transition into the workforce.

Sutter said the connection he made with Morgan has been extremely valuable. "I think this kind of relationship can really result in a successful and mutually beneficial internship experience."

Morgan received a Professional Achievement Award at Otterbein's first-ever Young Alumni Awards ceremony in 2011.

Giving Note

Distinguished Alumni Awardee and Board of Trustee member **Dr. John "Ted" Huston '57** and his wife, **Eileen Fagan Huston '57** have established two endowed scholarships through a planned gift. **The Ted Huston Endowment** will provide funding for global and experimental learning opportunities. **The Eileen Huston Scholarship** will benefit a student pursuing a major encompassing Eileen's passion, music.

Sheryl Warren-Wisniewski '00 won her fifth Emmy in 2013 for outstanding lighting direction and scenic design for her work on *NBC NEWS: Decision 2012 Election Night from Democracy Plaza*.

Lindsay Chambers '02 was cast as Jovie in the national equity tour of the musical *Elf*, based on the 2003 hit movie of the same name.



Heather Shannon DeRossa '97 was named to 2013 Medina County Woman You Should Know, an honor given by the *Medina County Women's Journal* to women whose personal stories educate, energize and empower the community. She is the director of retail operations at Root Candles, Medina, OH.



Benjamin Sprunger '97 was appointed development director for About Face Theatre Company in Chicago.

Daniel Brownstein '02 received his master's degree in business administration from the University of South Carolina in December. He continues to work as communications director for the Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office in South Carolina, supervising public affairs, budgeting and many other aspects of the prosecutor's operations. He is pictured with his son, Wolfe.



Cassie Horvath '07 received the 2014 Bayer Excellence in Communication Award. She is a fourth-year veterinary student at The Ohio State University. The award from Bayer HealthCare LLC, Animal Health Division, rewards students who are mastering effective communication skills that will help them to establish good client relationships.



Jeff Gibbs '02 is playing basketball in Japan's National Basketball League for Toyota Motors Alvark. Listed at forward/center, he is averaging 15.1 points per game this season.

Adam Kuhn '02 is chief of staff for Congressman Steve Stivers Congressional Office (OH-15) in Washington, D.C.

Eric Lloyd MBA '02 joined Otterbein in September as the director of the MBA program.

Kyle Witt '02 is the law director for the city of Lancaster, OH.

John Dean '03 is the human resources director for the Ohio Department of Medicaid. ODM was established July 1, 2013, and he is the first to hold the position.

Anthony Habayeb '03 is the senior vice president, alliances and development, for Propel Marketing/GateHouse Media, USA. He has responsibility for strategic relationships and investments.

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John Bell '04 was named a Super Lawyer-Rising Star Columbus in

December, a designation given to attorneys who are under the age of 40 or who have practiced law for 10 years or less. No more than 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state are named Ohio Super Lawyers. He is employed by Bricker & Eckler, LLP, in the bond and public finance and economic development area.

Meghan Scott '04 is senior editor/producer at B2+, the Broadcast Branded Entertainment Agency, which connects networks, advertisers and consumers.

Jennifer Brantingham '05 is studying to become a physician assistant at Cuyahoga Community College/Cleveland State University.

Shelley Given '05 was selected to participate in the High Art Billboard Project by the Arts Council of Indianapolis. The project takes art by Indiana artists, prints them on a billboard format and places them around Marion and the seven surrounding counties on a rotating basis for one year.

Josey Roberts '05 performed the role of Regina with the cast members of *Rock of Ages* at the

Super Bowl Boulevard's Roman Numerals Stage in celebration of Super Bowl XLVIII. The cast also performed at the official NFL Tailgate Party at the Meadowlands Racetrack grandstand, as well as the Game Day Fun Plaza outside MetLife Stadium.

Tiffany Estes '06 received the 2012 Prism Award for Integrity from OhioHealth. She is a certified athletic trainer.

Kellen Murphy '06 earned his doctorate degree in astrophysics from Ohio University in December.

Benjamin Patterson '06, part of the legal team from Morrison & Foerster, represented Vietnam Veterans of America, Swords to

Plowshares and a certified class of disabled veterans pro bono, winning an injunction against the U.S. Army. The order requires the Army to inform the class of veteran test subjects of the details and health effects of experiments performed on the soldiers while serving active duty.

Joseph Starling '07 is a fireman/paramedic for Truro Township Fire Department in Columbus.

Allison Busser '08 is the director of disability and accessibility services academic resources at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY. She received her master's degree in education counseling and human development from St. Lawrence in 2011.

Janet Gilbert '50 left a lasting legacy to the University for the establishment of the **Jane R. Gilbert Endowed Scholarship Fund**.

Giving
Note

Wendell Foote '60 generously invested in this fiscal year's **Annual Fund Campaign**. Currently this annual drive has reached **85 percent** of its goal of **\$875,000**, which closes on June 30, 2014.

Giving
Note

In honor of her 45th class reunion, **Loretta Evans Heigle** and her husband, David, established the **David and Loretta Evans Heigle Scholarship Fund**. This scholarship will benefit students majoring in education.

Giving
Note

Chris Butcher '05

Director at Financial Group Believes in Internships

by Holly Fenner Ritter '06

Chris Butcher '05 believes that internships are a valuable part of the Otterbein student experience — so much so that he dedicates his time to mentoring students on campus and has helped to establish an internship program in his workplace.

"An internship is the trial run. It allows students to gain hands-on experience with the duties of a particular job without locking them into a career," he said.

"Internships give students the opportunity to test their interests before they decide on the career path that's right for them."

Butcher said he works closely with Ryan Brechbill, director of Otterbein's Center for Career and Professional Development, helping to review student resumes, conduct mock interviews, speak to classes and serve on internship panels. In April 2014, he was a judge for Otterbein's Ace the Interview Fashion Show, in which he provided tips on interviewing skills and professional dress to students.



"Otterbein students are some of the best prepared," he said. "The Career Center puts on great events and all Otterbein students should use its services."

Inspired by his own internship experience, Butcher helped to establish an internship program last year at Principal Financial Group (PFG), where he is a managing director. During the 2013 summer and fall semesters, three Otterbein students were given internships at PFG, one of whom continued her internship experience during spring semester 2014.

As a student, Butcher, a business administration major, completed an internship at McCloy Financial Services in Columbus in 2004. After graduation, Butcher landed a full-time position at Huntington National Bank; however, he was hired at PFG nearly three years ago by his former internship supervisor.

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Sribanditmongkol '08 is the public information officer for Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools, Gahanna, OH. She is responsible for all aspects of communication, public and media relations for 11 schools serving more than 7,000 students.

Courtney Wagner '08 is operations, implementation and training lead at Marsh and McLennan Agencies.

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Manny Brown '09 is an information risk analyst at JP Morgan Chase in Columbus.

Caroline Clippinger '09 is assistant director of law/prosecutor for the city of Newark, OH.

Katie Johnson '09 is an assistant attorney general with the Office of the Ohio Attorney

General in the Public Utilities Section. She represents Public Utilities Commission Staff, the Public Utilities Commission and the Ohio Power Siting Board in legal matters.

Cory Smith '09 has been cast in HBO's four-part miniseries adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Elizabeth Strout, *Olive Kitteridge*. His role is that of an ex-student of the

title character, Olive, played by Frances McDormand. Smith has also been cast in the indie movie, *Camp X-Ray*, opposite Kristin Stewart from *Twilight*. The movie premiered on opening day of the Sundance Film Festival in January.

Giving
Note

The Vida S. Clements Foundation continued its generous support of Otterbein University with a **gift to the Department of Music for the band tour**. Otterbein is grateful for the foundation's commitment to higher education.

Giving
Note

Annie Upper, through the **Citrine Foundation**, supported Otterbein's "**Are You In?**" initiative with a contribution to the Annual Fund. Her gift directly impacts our students and the University by helping to shape key strategic priorities from scholarships to new academic programs.

Matthew Johnson '09

and **Kari Ringer '09** just completed a nine month contract with Stiletto Entertainment aboard the Holland America Ryndam cruise ship. He was the male lead singer and she was the female lead singer debuting five shows written for Holland America's fleet.



Nathaniel Bean '10 played on the main stage at Carnegie Hall in February with the Michigan State University Wind Symphony. He is pursuing his doctorate degree in musical arts in trumpet performance at Michigan State University.

Ashley Butler-Ferrall '10 is the libraries reference coordinator at Purdue University Library, West Lafayette, IN.

Dave Dziedzicki '10 was recognized with OhioHealth's Prism Award for Compassion for OhioHealth Neighborhood Care in 2013. He was the only one in his division to receive the award.

Ruthann Elder '10 earned her juris doctor degree from the University of La Verne College of Law, La Verne, CA, in May 2013. She passed the bar in July and was admitted to the California bar in December.

Travis Harty '10 is currently the production stage manager for NETworks Presentations' 2nd national tour of *Memphis: The Musical*, which won the Tony Award for Best Musical in 2010.

Sarah Jenney '10 is working at Cardinal Health as a senior financial analyst.

Bonnie Connor '11 was part of the production team for the *Red Carpet Show*, a prequel to the annual People's Choice Awards show on CBS. Since moving to the Los Angeles area a year ago, she has worked on a TV series on Animal Planet as a location scout, was the production coordinator for Food Network's *Giada at Home* and worked on a Britany Spears video in the art department. She has also done work with ABC, Syfy and the Science Channel.

Jamie Rollo '11 is the gift administration and bio records specialist at Otterbein University.

Adam Chow '12 was officially sworn into the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, GA, in February.

Ben Hartwig '12 obtained an apprenticeship with the theatre company, CATCO, in Columbus. His first show opened in October.

Kyle McIntire '12 was cast in the ensemble of a national touring production of the

musical, *Elf*. He was also the understudy for Santa, the manager and Mr. Greenway.

Kristen Sapp '12 is a graphic designer at The Factory Link in Mount Vernon, OH.

Katie Falter '13 was an assistant stage manager with a national touring production of *Elf*, a musical based on the 2003 movie of the same name.

Ally Nagle '13 is a marketing specialist at Gong Gong Communications in Columbus.

Erika Peart '13 is a second grade teacher at London Elementary, London, OH.

Sydney Salerno '13 is a production technician at Mills James Creative Media in Cleveland. Some of her productions include daily video feeds of the Ohio Lottery drawings to television stations.

Haley Young '14 has been accepted at Bowling Green State University in the College Student Personnel Program for her master's degree and will intern in the Office of New Student Orientation and First Year Programs. •

Trustee James Rutherford and his wife, **Kathleen**, provided Otterbein University with a grant through the **James A. and Kathleen C. Rutherford Foundation** at the **Columbus Foundation**.

Giving Note

President Kathy Krendl and her husband, **Richard Gilbert**, have invested in Otterbein through a planned giving vehicle earmarked for innovative funding initiatives.

Giving Note

Matches make your gift shine brighter! As of April 2014, Otterbein has received **more than \$39,000 in matching gifts**. We are grateful to our donors who took the extra step and increased the impact of their contributions. Matches were received from more than 75 companies including **Abbott Laboratories, AEP, Deutsche Bank Trust Company, Duke Energy, JPMorgan Chase, Lubrizol** and **Nationwide Insurance**.

Giving Note

A coaching staff of Otterbein alumni led Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT, to break a 23-game losing streak this



season, finishing 8-2 and becoming the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Champions. From left are **Eric Yates '12**, run game coordinator and running backs coach; **Drew Owens '08**, offensive coordinator, recruiting coordinator and offensive line coach; **Joe Loth '91**, head coach; and **Tanner McCormick '09**, wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator.



Zachary Reed '13 is assistant events manager at Maverick Stadium, University of Texas at Arlington. He assists in planning, scheduling and executing event logistics and commanding stadium operations.

compiled by Becky Hill May '78

Marriages

Lois Bachtel Sommer '48 to **Arthur Spafford '48**, Jan. 4, 2014, after re-acquainting themselves at a class reunion.

Larry Kantner '60 to Carl Morris, Oct. 23, 2013.

Lee Ann Hoerle '79 to David Cramer, Feb. 14, 2014.

Mary Jo Monte '87 to Michael Kaser, Feb. 23, 2013. The wedding included **Carol Indorf '87** as flutist.

Todd Cordisco '92 to Kari Johannsen, Jan. 3, 2014, on Sanibel Island.

Ginny Gebhart '94 to Barry Fee, Sept. 22, 2012, in Grand Teton National Park. **Andrew Boose '06** and **Annette Harting Boose '06** were photographers.

Alisha Rudisill '97 to Michael Artis, Aug. 10, 2013. Maid of Honor was **Kate Visconti '97 MBA '03**.



Lois Bachtel Sommer '48 with groom, **Arthur Spafford '48**



Larry Kantner '60 with partner, Carl Morris



Bride, **Mary Jo Monte '87**



Kari Johannsen with groom, **Todd Cordisco '92**



Ginny Gebhart '94 with groom, Barry Fee



Alisha Rudisill '97 with groom, Michael Artis

Lynnea Knobel '01 to **Andy Johnson '00**, July 27, 2013. The wedding party included **Stephanie Hinkle Lester '01**, **Mandi Wilson Rederstorff '01**, **Mark Posey '00**, **Phil Steele '96** and **Brian Brillon '99**.

Chris Lenz '02 to Susan Kranek, Sept. 28, 2013.

Angela Goranites '05 to George Nicolopoulous, May 25, 2013.

Gretchen Streiff '06 to Daniel LaBonte, Oct. 12, 2013.

Dominic DePompei '07 to Emily Agle, Sept. 28, 2013.

Melanie Kyser '07 to Christopher Kern, July 20, 2013. The bridal party included **Mary Leavitt Carmean '06** and **Sheridan Carr Miller '06**.

Valerie Vining '07 to Todd McClure, Nov. 30, 2013.

Michelle Elder '08 to Joseph Ingrassia, Oct. 5, 2013. The maid of honor was **Ruthann Elder '10**. Also participating in the ceremony were **April O'Neill Smith '08** and **Kimberly Smith '08**.

Glencora Leming '08 to Cornelis de Ruiter, July 5, 2013.



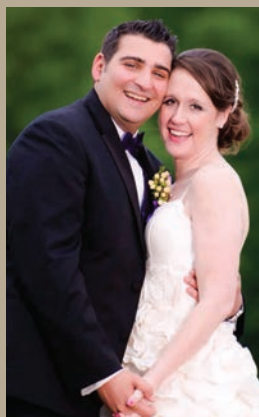
Lynnea Knobel '01
with groom, **Andy Johnson '00**



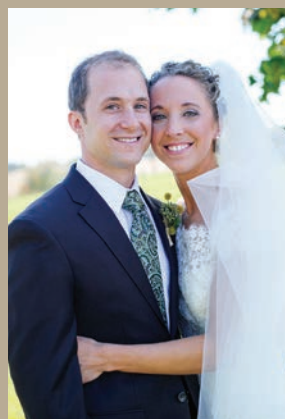
Michelle Elder '08 with
groom, **Joseph Ingrassia**



Susan Kranek with groom,
Chris Lenz '02



George Nicolopoulos
with bride, **Angela Goranites '05**



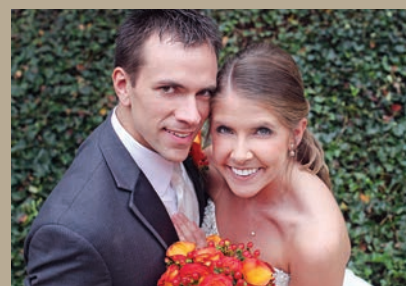
Dominic DePompei '07
with bride, **Emily Agle**



Melanie Kyser '07 with
groom, **Christopher Kern**



Glencora Leming '08
with groom,
Cornelis de Ruiter



Dustin Ford
with bride,
Megan Hartley '10



Lizzie Hewitt '08 with groom, **Tom Long '08** in foreground; L-R:
Rachel Amey '08, Brian White, Lucas Buck '08, Paul Stelzer '08, Carley Knisley '08, Laura Brown Boyer '08, Julie Scarpelli '08, Heather Shannon Dickey '08 and Brian Barresi '08



Stephen Gale '13 with bride,
Rebecca Moore '11

Lizzy Hewitt '08 to **Tom Long '08**, Sept. 21, 2013.

April O'Neill '08 to **Derrick Smith**, May 21, 2011.

Jessica Forsyth '08 to **Nathan Wolgast**, July 27, 2013.

Liz Shivener '09 to **Steven Richard Czarnecki '09**, Oct. 5, 2013.

Megan Hartley '10 to **Dustin Ford**, Oct. 5, 2013.

Rebecca Moore '11 to **Stephen Gale '13**, June 8, 2013. The wedding party included **Angela Oxley '11, Mary Hyde '11, Amie Gale '16 and Thomas Martin '13.**

Send your wedding and baby photos with accompanying information by email to:

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or go to: **www.otterbein.edu/classnotes**

Photos should be medium to high resolution (at least 800 pixels on the shortest side) and clearly in focus. We reserve the right to refuse any photo which does not meet minimum quality requirements.



Vincent Edward Caldwell with
big sister, Ellen



Selah Mary Brownstein



Benjamin Michael Hughes



Drew Allen Gehres



Micah Matthew Suttle



Addison Marie Tromba



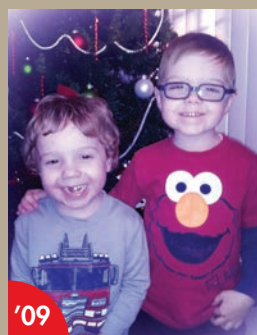
Adam Charles Gadfield with
big brother, Zachary



Owen Daniel Frederick



Alexander Joshua Fannin with
big brother, Nicholas James



Adan Brown with big
brother, Amir

Additions

Cristi Colagross Laukhuf '96

and husband, Jeremy, a daughter,
Vivian Jayne. She joins sisters
Brooklynn and Madalynn, and
brother, Cayden.

Kathryn Felsenthal Stephens

'97 and husband, Matt '92, a
daughter, Victoria "Tori" Criswell.

Stacie Oliver Shevokas '98

and husband, Jason, a son,
Kellen Oliver.

Barry Knack '99

and wife,
Danielle, a son, Granger Davis.

Shauna Esposito-Caldwell '00

and husband, Jonathan, a son,
Vincent Edward. He joins big
sister, Ellen.

Erin McDonald Evans '00

and husband, Steve, a son, Jackson.

Jeremy Young '00

and wife,
Katie, a third son, Isaiah
Charles.

Amanda Pershing Nash

'01 and husband, John '00,
a daughter, Ruby Ruth. She
joins big brothers, Grayson and
Grant.

Daniel Brownstein '02

and wife, Pamela, a daughter, Selah
Mary. She joins big brother,
Sanford Wolfe, 2.

Cindy Swartz Hughes '02

and husband, Evan '02, a son,
Benjamin Michael.

Theresa DeCenzo Reash '02

and husband, Kevin, a son,
Joseph Paul. He joins siblings
Ellie, Jacob and Isaac.

Nora Underwood Gehres

'03 and husband, Brian, a son,
Drew Allen.

Markita May Suttle '03

and husband, Matt '02, a son,
Micah Matthew.

Heather Lillibridge Tromba

'03 and husband, Nick, a
daughter, Addison Marie. She
joins big brother, Evan.

Cedar Maxwell Well '03

and husband, Mick, a daughter,
Aspen Elizabeth.

Jamie Long Fetz '04

and husband, Derrick '04, a
daughter, Mari Belle.

Julie Saris Gadfield '05

and husband, Ben '04, a son, Adam
Charles. He joins big brother,
Zachary, 3.

Shenita Miller Lyons '05

and husband, Damian, a son,
Damian Jermaine (DJ).

Jennifer Immel Frederick

'06 and husband, Nathanael,
a son, Owen Daniel, through
adoption.

Erin Harting Fannin '08

and husband, Josh '08, a son,
Alexander Joshua. He joins big
brother, Nicholas James, 7.

Manny Brown '09

and partner, Terrell Stephens, sons,
Adan and Amir Brown, through
adoption.

Tyson Fruth '11

and wife,
Molly, a daughter, Norah Jayn.

Deaths

James Lesh '32 died Jan. 23, 2013, at the age of 101. He was a retired biochemist for Armour Pharmaceuticals, now known as CSL Behring. He is survived by his wife, Annamarie; seven children; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Helen Miller '38 died Sept. 20, 2013. She retired from Northmont City Schools as a high school math teacher, then taught at Dayton Christian Schools. She was a member and organist for North Riverdale Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH. She was preceded in death by sister, **Ruth Miller '40**.

Harold Wilson '42 died Sept. 30, 2013. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps. He retired as director of admissions for The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. He was a member of Zeta Phi Fraternity. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Betty. He is survived by three children, including **Michele Wilson Toney '66**; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lois Carman Anderegg '43 died Jan. 25, 2014. Before her marriage, she taught girl's physical education for four years. She volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and a hospital gift shop. She taught Norwegian Rosemaling painting for 15 years. She was preceded in death by husband, **Fred Anderegg '40**. She is survived by five children and six grandchildren.

Jewell Turner Grove '43 died Sept. 11, 2013. She taught in the public schools in York, PA, had a second career with the Social Security Administration in Richmond, CA, and retired from the SSA in West Chester, PA. She is survived by her husband, Paul; two children and two grandchildren.

Ellen Van Auken Laycock '43 died Jan. 11, 2014. She is survived by her husband, George; three children, including **Elaine Laycock Pickrell '69**; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Albert Bartlett '44 died Sept. 7, 2013. He was an emeritus professor of physics at University of Colorado, Boulder. He also worked as a researcher at Los Alamos Laboratory, NM, during World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Eleanor. He is survived by their four daughters.

Bob Kissling '44 died Nov. 13, 2013. He was a veterinarian sponsored by the U.S. Army specialized training program during World War II. He joined the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, working at the Rockefeller Rabies Lab in Montgomery, AL, where he and his future wife developed a tissue-culture rabies vaccine. In 1960, he joined what is now known as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA, from which he would retire in 1973. His research into rabies and equine encephalitis helped develop a fluorescent antibody

test for identifying rabies. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha, and brother, **Richard Kissling '61**. He is survived by three children; one granddaughter; two great-granddaughters; and sister, **Josephine Kissling Clark '46**.

June Reagin Clippinger '45 died Aug. 28, 2013. She was a homemaker, mother and an accomplished seamstress. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Malcolm Clippinger '43**. She is survived by two children, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lois Wilt Miller '45 died June 6, 2012. She retired from Sylvania after 40 years of service. She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen. She is survived by two daughters, two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Margaret Sheridan Fishell '46 died April 7, 2013. She was a medical secretary until she partnered with her husband in the Thomas Drug Store, Greensburg, PA. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and brother, **James Sheridan '46**. She is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Eloise Musser Lydick '46 died May 12, 2013. In addition to raising a family and working on the farm, she worked in downtown Bucyrus, OH, at Newberry's into the late 1970s. She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 60 years, Alfred. She is survived by three

children, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Jane Bentley Sparks '46 died Jan. 18, 2014. She was a news reporter in Harrisburg, PA, and Washington, D.C., as well as a member of the Congressional Press Galleries and the White House Correspondents Association. Beginning in 1956, she lived in what is now Zimbabwe and raised her family there, working for the African Scholarship program for American Universities until 1963. She returned to the States in 1975 following retirement. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland. She is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

Margaret Robson Eglie '47 died Oct. 27, 2013. She taught piano at the College of Wooster for many years and was a church organist for more than 30 years in Wooster and Minerva, OH. Later she was the activity director at West View Manor, Wooster; Hanover House, Massillon; and Eliza Jennings, Cleveland. She was preceded in death by her first husband, **Robert Pollock '48**. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Herb; three children; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Richard Shoemaker '48 died Feb. 13, 2014. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in both World War II and the Korean conflict. While employed at WBNS 10TV in Columbus, he helped create and was the first director for *Lucy's Toy*

Shop. He was the winner of the Freedoms Foundation Award for his bicentennial radio series entitled, *America, One Nation, Under God*. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Marion Bryant Daniels '49**, and sister, **Margaret Shoemaker Brown '44**. He is survived by his wife, Mary Rose; brother-in-law, **Herman Brown '44**; three children; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ronald Warrick '49 died Jan. 4, 2014. He was a teacher and a manufacturer's representative selling electronic training equipment for schools and colleges. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Nina; three children; four stepchildren; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Patricia Hodson Bowman '50 died July 18, 2013. She had worked for Kuhn and Company and The Florentine Hotel in Germantown, OH. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George Huber, and a son. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Robert; one son; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two stepchildren; six step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Lois Fisher Brockett '50 died June 17, 2013. She is survived by a son, **Scott Brockett '80**.

Janet Gilbert '50 died Dec. 23, 2012. She was a school teacher in the Forest Park/Greenhills District near Cincinnati for more than 30 years. She was preceded

in death by siblings, **Harriet Gilbert Slagle '46** and **Charles Gilbert '50**. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Eva-Belle Hassinger Rishel '50 died Feb. 26, 2014. She was a veteran of the Army Nursing Corps, serving during World War II. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Wendell, and one granddaughter. She is survived by two daughters, including **Wendy Rishel Lust '75**; son-in-law, **Steven Lust '73**; four grandchildren, including **Jenny Lust '05**; and four great-grandchildren.

Grace Overholt Watson '50 died July 29, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; daughter, Cynthia; cousin, **Dorothy Robertson Gilmore '44** and relative, **Charlotte Miner Dunham '54**. She is survived by a brother, **Brinton Overholt '50**; a cousin, **Robert Crosby '50** and a niece, **Ellen Trout Reynolds '68**.

Shirley Fritz Whitehead '50 died Oct. 26, 2013. Years ago, she was an instructor for the Singer Sewing Machine Company in New Jersey. More recently, she was a volunteer and past member of the board of trustees of Berkshire Place, a private nonprofit retirement facility in Pittsfield, MA. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, **Richard Whitehead '50**; two children and two grandsons.

Betty Berkey Woodall '50 died April 11, 2012.

Stanley Becouvarakis '51 died Dec. 24, 2013. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict and a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal in the Hampton, VA, schools. After retirement, he volunteered at the Hampton VA Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his daughter, her husband and son. He is survived by his wife, Pat; two children; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Roger Day '51 died Oct. 27, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving as a counter-intelligence officer. He was a retired tax attorney. In 2009, he was inducted into the Ohio Tax Hall of Fame. He was preceded in death by his wife of 29 years, Evelyn. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Ann; one son; two stepdaughters; five grandchildren; and brother, Ross, and his wife, **Mary Atwood Day '59**.

Mary Ellen Matson Fallon '51 died Nov. 6, 2013. She was a member and past president of the Kinvara Civic Association and a volunteer for numerous political campaigns and civic projects. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Daniel Fallon '52**. She is survived by two daughters.

Carl Vorpe '51 died Oct. 20, 2013. He served as a minister in the United Methodist Church, retiring in 1996 at Aldersgate UMC, Huber Heights, OH. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, **Barbara Griffith Vorpe '52**; three children and 10 grandchildren.

Virginia Baker Snider '52 died June 14, 2012.

Glenna Gooding Zarbaugh '52 died Feb. 26, 2014. She was a retired school teacher for the Dublin City Schools, Dublin, OH, a member of Talisman sorority and a member of Lewis Center UMC, Lewis Center, OH, where she was president of the United Methodist Women. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jayne, and nephew **James Gooding '67**. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, **Kenny Zarbaugh '50**; one daughter; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and great nephew, **James Gooding II '95**.

Forrest Garner '53 died Aug. 9, 2012. He was a veteran of the Merchant Marines serving during World War II. During his career as a minister in the United Methodist Church, he served Hyde Park UMC in Cincinnati; Antioch UMC and Oakwood UMC, Dayton, OH; Park Avenue UMC in Hamilton, OH; and Central UMC in Springfield, OH. He is survived by his wife, Linda; three daughters, four stepchildren; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Ann Yost Ickes '53 died Oct. 21, 2013. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, **Stanton Ickes '53**; one daughter and two grandchildren.

Richard Madison '54 died Dec. 3, 2013. He was employed until 1994 by the YMCA serving in Charleston, WV; Toldeo, OH; Beloit, WI; Indianapolis, IN; Columbus and Newark, OH.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carolyn; three children and five grandchildren.

Diane Renollet Cline '56 died Aug. 28, 2013. She was active in the community and political life of Wilton Manors, FL, after moving there in 1976, including serving on city council and as vice mayor. She was preceded in death by two infant sons. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, **Earl Cline '57**; five children; 10 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

Bruce Beavers '57 died Oct. 5, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving as a medic during the Korean conflict. He was a retired United Methodist minister, retired chaplain of the Ohio Military Reserves and retired from the Franklin County Municipal Court, OH, where he performed more than 25,000 weddings. He is survived by his wife, Bobbie; three children; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Beverly Brumley Leonard '57 died Dec. 5, 2012. She was a speech pathologist for the Des Moines, IA, Public Schools until her retirement. She also worked at Broadlawns Medical Center and the Mercy Child Development Center. She volunteered at the Blank Park Zoo. She was survived by her husband, **Keith Leonard '57**, who has since died; two sons; one granddaughter; brother-in-law, **Max Stover '51** and sister-in-law, **Betty Roberts Leonard '69**.

Keith Leonard '57 died June 30, 2013. He was a professor of theater, teaching at Hiram College, Hiram, OH; Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL; Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY; and St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN; and served as chairman of the department of theatre arts and speech communication at Simpson College in Indianola, IA. He was a docent at the Des Moines Art Center and volunteered with local homeless assistance and food programs. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Beverly Brumley Leonard '57**, and brother, **Gary Leonard '66**. He is survived by sister, **Betty Leonard Stover '52**, and her husband, **Max Stover '51**; sister-in-law, **Betty Roberts Leonard '69**; two sons and one granddaughter.

Richard White '57 died June 1, 2013. He was a licensed professional engineer, retiring from Minotte Contracting of Pittsburgh. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. He is survived by three children; nine grandchildren; two brothers, including **James White '67** and his wife, **Sandra Miller White '67**.

Donna Griffith Hale '58 died Jan. 10, 2014. She was a teacher in Big Walnut Schools, Sunbury, OH, leaving that position after her children were born and to help on the family farm. She worked at the Sunbury Community Library, retiring in 2001. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Glenn; three children and five grandchildren.

Gene Price '58 died Oct. 16, 2013. He was a teacher for seven years in Ohio, and then for 38 years in the Fort Wayne, IN, area. He was preceded in death by one daughter and one granddaughter. He is survived by his wife of nearly 33 years, Phyllis; four daughters; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

David Sites '59 died Aug. 26, 2013. He retired after more than 50 years with Harold D. Hard Fire Specialists and ABCO, Columbus, OH. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jeanne; three children; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

James Harris '60 died June 14, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and owner of Harris IGA Foodliners, Lima, OH. After his retirement, he was a tax preparer for AARP members. In 2010, he was inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leslie. He is survived by three children; three grandchildren; and four siblings including, **Janet Harris '62** and **David Harris '69**.

Scott Martini '63 died Nov. 25, 2013. He was formerly employed by Huntington National Bank, The Ohio State University Medical Center and Atlas Blueprint. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, **Catherine Brookie Martin '62**, and a son.

Priscilla Rietschlin Banning '64 died Aug. 17, 2013, in Southern Pines, NC.

Barbara Benton Brandeberry '64 died May 16, 2013. She was a leader of Bible study groups and the Alliance Women's Ministries at Bedford Alliance Church, Temperance, MI. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, **Raymond Brandeberry '64**; four children; 14 grandchildren; sister-in-law, **Catherine Brandeberry Tinnerman '66**, and her husband, **David Tinnerman '67**.

Ronald Meckfessel '64 died Nov. 3, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was the owner and operator of Alice Mae Rentals in Seminole, FL. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, **Judi Reddick Meckfessel '66**; three children and two grandchildren.

Sally Landwer Moore '64 died Dec. 14, 2013. She was a first-grade teacher in her hometown of Port Washington, NY; and in New England and Maryland, taking a hiatus to raise her family. Once her children were grown, she returned to teaching at the preschool level. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, **C. Curtis Moore '64**; two children and three grandchildren.

Zoe Brown Tenley '64 died Aug. 13, 2012. She began her career as a psychologist with the Devereux Foundation, Devon, PA, treating adolescents and adults with severe emotional and intellectual disabilities. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Kenneth; three children; four grandchildren and two brothers, including **Peter Brown '69**.

Marie Fritsche Wilson '64

died June 13, 2012. She taught elementary school for 31 years in Westerville, Galena and Olentangy Schools, OH. She was preceded in death by husband, Malcolm; and brother, **Ernest Fritsche '38**. She is survived by two children; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, **Beulah Rammelsberg Fritsche '49**.

Richard Youngpeters '64

died Sept. 17, 2012. He was a pediatrician in the Cincinnati area for more than 45 years. He is survived by his wife, Susan; three children and 11 grandchildren.

Patricia Staby-Rogers '65

died Dec. 14, 2013. She was an artist known for her fabric art showcased in the Market Street Studios, Lewes, DE. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Steve; three children; two stepchildren; five grandchildren and sister, **Nancy Staby Boardman '67**.

James Hiett '66

died Feb. 9, 2013. He taught history in the Bellefontaine, OH, school system. In 1998, he retired after teaching 32 years. He was also a registered Ohio High School basketball official and worked in the West Central Ohio region. After retirement, he worked at the Logan County Board of Elections and as a cashier at Mad River Mountain. He was preceded in death by a sister, **Myra Hiett Traxler '62**. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jane; two children and three granddaughters.

Gary Leonard '66 died April 6, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving as a radar navigator on B-52s. He flew 330 missions over Southeast Asia, was awarded two Distinguished Flying Cross medals and attained the rank of major. He retired from the Air Force in 1986 and started a patio cover and landscaping business in Texas. He was preceded in death by sister-in-law, **Beverly Brumley Leonard '57**. He is survived by his wife, **Betty Roberts Leonard '69**; one son; five grandchildren; sister, **Betty Leonard Stover '52**, and her husband, **Max Stover '51** and brother, **Keith Leonard '57**, who has since died.

Violet Peoples Pisor '66

died Sept. 1, 2013, at the age of 97. She was a fifth-grade teacher in Westerville for more than 20 years. She volunteered at the Otterbein Thrift Shop and at Hanby House. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles. She is survived by two sons; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

David Trout '66

died Sept. 18, 2013. As a pastor he served these churches in Ohio: West Elkton EUB, Ohmer Park UMC, Normandy UMC, Mt. Airy UMC, Oxford UMC, Milford First UMC and Church of the Messiah, Westerville, where he retired. In retirement, he served as interim pastor at Maple Grove UMC and was a part-time sales associate at Gahanna Hardware. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Pat; two children and five grandchildren.

Elaine Ellis Brookes '67 died Aug. 10, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, George.

Mark Miller '68

died Dec. 16, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in the Vietnam War, ending his career with the Strategic Air Command at Grand Forks Air Force Base, ND, as a captain. He was a member of Zeta Phi Fraternity and played football while at Otterbein. He recently retired from Manheim Auto Auction, Grove City, OH. He is survived by two children; five grandchildren and girlfriend, **Susan Nelson '71**.

Cheryl Conover Taylor '69

died Feb. 17, 2014. She was a homemaker and taught the young adult Sunday school class as a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, Springfield, OH. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Larry; one son and three granddaughters.

Jay Lavender '71

died Jan. 30, 2013. He taught criminal law at Grace College, Winona Lake, IN, from 1983 until his passing. He was an attorney for 28 years with Lavender & Bauer PC, Warsaw, IN. He was preceded in death by brother-in-law, **William Wilson '71**. He is survived by his wife, Joy; two children; one grandson; sisters, **Claire Lavender Conley '69** and **Jackie Lavender Wilson Landis '73**.

Timothy Funk '72

died Sept. 26, 2013. He retired from Laser Flex Corp., where he was purchasing manager. He is survived by his

wife of 40 years, Marsha; two children, including **Joshua Funk '98**; and five grandchildren.

Anthony Del Valle '74

died May 21, 2013. For the last 10 years he was a theater critic for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. He is survived by three siblings.

Carol Ann MacKay '77

died Nov. 22, 2012. She worked at Battelle Memorial Institute in Washington, D.C., until her return to Ohio in 2000. She was employed by the Western Reserve Historical Society's Frederick C. Crawford Museum of Transportation and Industry for several years. She is survived by one brother and numerous nieces and nephews.

Walter Johnson '79

died March 20, 2013. He is survived by three children and two granddaughters.

Bettie Bishop Mills '80

died March 31, 2013. She was preceded in death by a daughter. She is survived by her husband, Tom; three children and seven grandchildren.

Susan Leonard Holbrook '82

died Nov. 19, 2013. She was an industrial hygienist for the State of Ohio Department of Industrial Relations. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Arnold Leonard, who was an associate professor at Otterbein; and Mary Elizabeth Leonard, who worked for Otterbein as gifts supervisor at one time. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Mirl; three children; one granddaughter and four siblings,

including **Steven Leonard '78** and **Eric Leonard '84**.

Joan Tietjen '83 died Nov. 26, 2013. She was a psychologist, helping those with addiction and mental health issues. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter. She is survived by three children.

Jerry Thaman '85 died Sept. 23, 2013.

Mary Jane Brown '87 died Oct. 20, 2013. At one time, she taught history at Otterbein. She was preceded in death by husbands, Michael Fallon and Donald Brown. She is survived by five children and five grandchildren.

Cheryl Hughes Headlee '93 died Jan. 6, 2014. She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Mark; three children and one grandchild.

Todd Rasor '94 died Nov. 24, 2012. He was employed as a certified physical trainer at Dynamic Performance in Mount Vernon, OH. He was a member of the football and baseball teams while at Otterbein. He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda. He is survived by his father, James; two siblings and a daughter.

Carolyn Kaufman '95 died Sept. 7, 2013. She was an associate professor of psychology at Columbus State Community College for more than 10 years. She is survived by her parents and two siblings, including **Amy Beth Kaufman '98**.

Anne Bates Longo '96 died Feb. 14, 2014. She was co-founder of Geotechnical Consultants, a professional geo-engineering firm headquartered in Columbus, and a registered nurse. She was preceded in death by a son, Danny. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Dan; three children and 10 grandchildren.

Richard Clar '01 died July 29, 2013.

Beth Shapiro MAT '06 died July 21, 2013. She is survived by her parents and two siblings.

Alima Kasongo '13 died Dec. 11, 2013. She helped organize Friends of the Congo, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C., bringing awareness of the 13-year conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to Columbus, OH. She aspired to return to her country and start a foundation focusing on children affected by the conflict. She is survived by her parents and five siblings.

Friends

Norma Hutchinson Cornett died Sept. 23, 2013. She worked for many years in the admissions office at Otterbein. She is survived by her husband, Glenn; three children, including **Michael Otworth '84**; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

John Guappone died Jan. 29, 2014. He attended Otterbein in 2009-2010 and was on the soccer team. He was a carpenter, working beside his father at their construction business,

Woodworx. He is survived by his parents and two siblings.

David Price died Sept. 2, 2013. At the time of his passing, he was a professor of music at Otterbein, and in the process of obtaining his doctorate degree in music from The Ohio State University. He was preceded in death by his father and two siblings. He is survived by his mother and two siblings.

Mary Lou Roloson died Sept. 16, 2013. She was formerly a secretary at Otterbein. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Robert, and one grandson. She is survived by three children; six grandchildren, including **Aristi Ennis '10**; and three great-grandchildren.

Charles Salt died Oct. 1, 2013. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps as a meteorologist in the U.S. and the Philippines. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice. He is survived by two children, including Otterbein staff member, Elizabeth Salt, and two grandchildren.

Francis Varley Schreiber died Aug. 27, 2013. She worked in the Department of Alumni Relations at Otterbein at one time. She is survived by her husband, Bernard; six children, including **Joan Schreiber Rhodes '82**, **Beth Schreiber Navarro '85**, and her husband **Tony Navarro '84**; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. •

A Legacy of Faith

David Cawley '98 (pictured with sons, Ethan and Logan, and wife, Connie) has provided, through a trust provision, support for Otterbein Christian Fellowship (OCF) or its faith-based successor. Planned giving is a way for you to make a gift to support the mission of Otterbein



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www.otterbein.edu/plannedgiving.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

compiled by Stephen Grinch '98

Presidential Varsity "O" Sweater

One of Otterbein's most recent archival acquisitions is the Varsity "O" sweater that belonged to former Otterbein President **J. Gordon Howard '1922**. According to the 1922 *Sibyl*, Howard was, "Journalistically inclined, this young man is the editor of the *Tan and Cardinal*. He participates in athletics, especially football. Has some firm friends and no enemies. Besides his work he has a girl." The Archives is indebted to his granddaughter, Elizabeth Eckersley, for the sweater and several other items (including copies of his many writings) that belonged to our former president. Howard was Otterbein's 15th president and served from 1945 to 1957.



J. Gordon Howard '1922



Sierra Leone Classroom

Otterbein long held a special relationship with this West African country, dating back to the 1860s when **Amanda Hanby Billheimer '1858**, sister to **Benjamin Russell Hanby '1858**, and her husband became the first United Brethren missionaries to preach there. In the years that followed, Otterbein sent numerous missionaries to Sierra Leone, and the country sent some of its finest students to Otterbein. In the winter of 1970, 15 students from Otterbein, under the direction of Education Professor Margaret Stauffer, spent a term teaching Home Economics and English to students in the towns of Pelewahun and Moyamba. This photo shows **Judy Clister '71** with her "fourth class" girls at the June Hartranft Memorial School for Girls in Moyamba.



Doughnuts and Homecoming

Here's another photo in which you can help us identify the subjects. We believe this was from Homecoming 1991. Another clue is the 123 address that can be seen on the house. The flag and shirts should also help. Is it you in the photos? Let us know at alumniinfo@otterbein.edu.



Cardinal Tales

by Becky Fickel Smith '81, executive director of Alumni Relations



Meet the New Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement

There's no place like home for **Dana Madden Viglietta '96**, who joined the Office of Alumni Relations in April as assistant director of alumni engagement. She brings more than 15 years of marketing, public relations and advancement experience to the role.



Dana Madden Viglietta '96

After graduating with a degree in public relations, she worked in Otterbein's Office of Admission, recruiting students for two years. She then moved to the Mortar Board National Office at The Ohio State University as communications coordinator in 1998. For the past 11 years, Viglietta has worked in marketing and advancement at WOSU Public Media, Central Ohio's public broadcasting station.

"Returning to Otterbein has been a longtime professional goal of mine and I'm delighted to be coming back to serve the alumni community and campus in this role," said Viglietta. As assistant director of alumni engagement, she will work to develop and implement creative and successful programs for Otterbein's 23,000 alumni. Working collaboratively with campus departments, Viglietta will identify opportunities for alumni to stay connected and engaged with the University.

During her time as a student at Otterbein, Viglietta was involved in a number of groups and activities including the Campus Programming Board, Mortar Board, Yearbook Committee and Sigma Alpha Tau. She served as a resident assistant in Scott Hall and played for Otterbein's women's tennis team for two years. Viglietta and her husband, **Alberto Viglietta '94**, have a daughter, Giulia, and live in Reynoldsburg, OH.

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Save that Date!

Register online for these events at www.otterbein.edu/alumni,  or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.

June 11 / **Young Alumni Advisory Board Meeting**

June 12 / **Greek Alumni Council Meeting**

June 21 / **Junebug Jamboree, Waynesville, OH**

July 18-25 / **Alumni and Friends Alaskan Cruise**

August 15 / **Alumni Council Meeting**

September 19 / **Young Alumni Awards**

September 19-20 / **Homecoming**

April 24-25, 2015 / **Alumni Weekend**

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY
**ALUMNI
WEEKEND**

April 25–27, 2014



Alumni Award Winners: (L-R) President Kathy Krendl, **Mara Matteson '89**, Community Service Award; **Ruth Downing '04 '06 MSN**, Special Achievement Award; **Jeri Malmsberry Close '93**, Special Achievement Award; **Michael Leadbetter '69**, Special Achievement Award; **Mark Thresher '78**, Chairman of the Otterbein Board of Trustees.

The campus was blooming with more than 400 alumni and guests as they returned to experience spring at Otterbein. Reunion committees planned a variety of events for classmates including Spring Fever Day fun, Coke dates, serenade singing, life experience and art exhibits, prayer of remembrance moments and tours of the campus.

*The highlight of the weekend was the annual Spring Alumni Awards Ceremony, hosted by Broadway performer **Dee Hoty '74**. Award presentations, giving society recognitions and the 50th reunion class gift were woven between the talented student and alumni performers. Riley Auditorium contained a standing-room-only crowd who witnessed the solid blend of talent, commitment and conviction that distinguishes an Otterbein alumnus or alumna.*



Helen Hilt LeMay '47 and **Bill LeMay '48** were awarded the Mary B. Thomas Award for a lifetime of investment in Otterbein. Recipients of the Mary B. Thomas Award are recognized for their philanthropic leadership, service and commitment to advance Otterbein's mission.



Jordan Danica '16 and **Dee Hoty '74** (left) and **Keyona Willis '04** (right) perform at the Alumni Awards Ceremony. Right: **John Peters '64** presents Vice President for Institutional Advancement **Heidi Tracy** with the Class of 1964's legacy gift of \$436,957 with **Hailey Jones '15** assisting.





"The awards ceremony was a five-star event! SUPERB! Congratulations! Truly outstanding."



"My thanks to the many students who drove the golf carts, showed us around Dunlap-King Hall, opened doors, took photos for us and, without exception, were friendly and helpful."



1964 Golden Reunion

ALUMNI MATTERS



Row 1 Seated L-R: Martha Deever Matteon, Karla Hambel Lortz, Sandy Williams Bennett, Sharon Zundel Sundial, Janis-Rozena Peri, Regina Fehrens Poulard, Carol Schweitzer Cheek, Sharon Minty Naftzger, Frankie Wellons O'Toole, Sally Banbury Anspach, Jeanie Pfleger Sutton, Sandy Joseph Ziegler. **Row 2:** Mary Ann Hamilton Kidwell, Peggy Smart Ginn, David Sharpe, Carol Leininger, Julie Adams Bartley-Geraghty, Ricki Blair, Marily Shute Lorenz, Barbara Maurer Lindeman, Judith Minshall Vowell, Kathy Kanto Carpenter, Linda Conrad Shimer, Rosemary Huprich Jenkins, Carol Sue Studebaker Beck, Karen Ruegg Montgomery. **Row 3:** Jerry Ginn, Linda Bussard Hartranft, Diana Darling Case, Sue Williams Scheu, Dick Scheu, Sharon Allaman Hoover, Liz Glor Allen, Sandra Salisbury

Jenkins, Jackie Reed Parker, Dini Fisher Parsons, Carol Clark Delano, Pam McIlroy Daily, David Brunton, Kenneth Anderson, David Sturges, Mary Hall. **Row 4:** Charles Cook, Charles Johnson, Jim Gifkins, Jesse Blair, Bill Swan, David Fodor, John Peters, Dale Smith, Jerry Gill, Steve Lorenz, Samuel Ziegler, Charles Zech, Joseph Miller, Thomas Barnes, Claudia Smith Rose, John Muster, Sue Drinkhouse Ward. **Row 5:** Curt Moore, Ron Lucas, Denny Rose, Chuck Deyo, Richard Mavis, John Hoover, Bob Shimer, Sanford Lauderback, Robert Townsend, Gene Gangl, Mike Doney, Harvey Douglas, Ronald Martin, Lloyd Jones, Thomas Beck, Ray Brandeberry.



Pre-1964

Row 1: Marilyn Call Pflieger '49, Anna Bale Weber '49, Jerry Neff '53, Mary McCoy Neff '54, Ne Ne Beheler Beachler '54, Helen Wells Miller '59, Lois Bachtel Spafford '48, Barb Stephenson Lyter '49, Betsy Messmer Kennedy '59, Louise Stouffer Schultz '49. **Row 2:** Jane Morrison Horn '50, Jean Wyker Troop '49, Anita Ranck Morris '51, Beulah Rammelsberg Fritsche '49, Carolyn Brown Sherrick '53,

Glynn Turquand '54, Ron Harmon '58, Richard Morain '59, Jug Ridinger '49, Miriam Wetzel Ridinger '51, Joanne Albright Seith '59, Nancy Gallagher Macakanja '59, Dan Corcoran '49. **Row 3:** Don Tallentire '59, Dick Sherrick '54, Frank Mione '54, Carolyn Boda Bridgman '50, Dick Bridgman '49, C. Dan Miller '60, Arthur Spafford '48, Gary Olin '63, Bill Cole '54, Merv Matteson '60.

1969

Row 1: Judy Gilg Donovan, Cheryl Muha Roosa, Paula Kurth, Linda Farnsworth Spring, Becky Morgan Corbett, Mollie Marshall Hursey, Linda Spicer Beckner, Nancy Arnold Wright, Tom Jent. **Row 2:** Sue Cooksey Mullenix, Kay Needham Hedges, Kathy Smith, Julie Gauch Harris, Patsy Schar Ciampa, Barb Simon Spencer, Loretta Evans Heigle, Whitney Breidenbach Keyes, Bobbie Immel Muhlbach, Sally Price Nelson-Olin, Marlene Lansman Deringer. **Row 3:** Fred Glasser, Michael Leadbetter, David Jones, Robert Magsig, Richard McDowell, Dick Beckner, Doug Smeltz, Jim Henry, Jane Whearty McMeekin.



1974



Row 1: Barbara Haigler White, Patti McGhee Orders, Sibyl McCualsky Carr, Gay Hedding Beck, Barb Hoffman. **Row 2:** Marsha Scanlin, Pam Pauley, Jan Wolford Miller, Ruth Glenfield Kinsey, Dee Hoty, Sharon Kauffman Sunday, Sue Seiple Sabo, Nona Barrett Hollingsworth, Jacquelyn Hairston. **Row 3:** John Mulkie, Mike Wasyluk, Larry Schultz, Lanny Ross, Carol McClain Cosgrove, Debbie Hall Bennati, Mary Lou Clemans.

Class Reunion Photos

ALUMNI FUN

SPIRIT DAY



Athletic Reunions, Jan. 11

Cardinal Athletics Spirit Day was celebrated Saturday, Jan. 11. Throughout the evening, the following Athletic Alumni were honored: 2013 Special Achievement Alumni Award recipient and basketball alumnus, **Steve Johnston '82**; the 1977-78 Men's Basketball Team; the 2003 Men's Indoor Track & Field Team; the 2003 Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Teams and the 2008 Women's Outdoor Track & Field Team.

Skip Ford '80, John Phillips '79, John Horn '80, David Fahrback '80, Don Brough '79 and Jeff Benson '79

MBA Reunion, Jan. 14

Master of Business Administration alumni returned to campus Jan. 14 for an idea-sharing reunion with MBA Director, **Eric Lloyd MBA '02**.



MBA

Washington, D.C., Networking, Jan. 17

On Jan. 17, alumni in Washington, D.C., participated in a networking dinner with current students, who are part of a Senior Year Experience class with Professors Denise Shively and John Kengla. Alumni in attendance were **Chinyere Amaefule '03, Nancy Bocskor '79, Micaela Coleman '10, April Corbett '07, Fallon Forbush '11 and Scott Habrun '08**.



Nurse Anesthesia, Jan. 25

On Jan. 25, we welcomed the incoming class of Otterbein University Nurse Anesthesia students with a social event at Heritage Golf Club. Members from the classes of 2014, 2015 and the incoming class of 2016 enjoyed meeting one another, talking with their professors and giving each other advice about the program.

OMEA, Feb. 7

The Department of Music hosted an alumni reception on Feb. 7 during the 2014 Ohio Music Education Association Professional Conference in Columbus. More than 35 alumni were in attendance. They hope to gather again next year at the OMEA Conference in Cleveland.



Steve Brown '87 and Lindsay Warner Yeh '06

SAAC, Jan. 29 and April 7

Otterbein athletics alumni **JP Lococo '12, Kevin Weakley '99, Kyle Culver '10, Steve Brown '87, Lindsay Warner Yeh '06 and Will Brown '11** returned to campus this spring to participate in two Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC) Alumni Panel discussions.

HAPPENINGS



Young Alumni Advisory Board, Feb. 27

The new Young Alumni Advisory Board met on Feb. 27 to provide guidance on ways to connect alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years. Special thank you to Young Alumni Advisory Board member **Maggie Ellison '10** who hosted a Young Alumni Happy Hour at Front St. Bar & Grill on March 27!

Wright State Alumni Employee Lunch, March 19

President Kathy Krendl had lunch with Otterbein alumni who are employees or students at Wright State University on March 19. In attendance were **Al Bondurant '80**, **Mike Griffin '08**, **Brenda Frey Kraner '91**, **Debbie Lamp '88**, **Margaret Murray '11**, **Brad Muse '11** and **Seth Winegar '09**.

Alumni Volunteers Representing Otterbein

Alumni around the country represent Otterbein at various university and college presidential inaugurations throughout the year. This year six alumni have participated in this volunteer activity, including most recently **Sarah Bedison Brandstetter '05**, who attended the Waynesburg University Inauguration, and **Wesley Thorne '96** at Carlow University — both in Pennsylvania.

Young Alumni Advisory Board members: **Chris Ensign '08**, **Erin Sites Ensign '08**, **Trevor Horn '09**, **Heather Massey '07**, **JP Lococo '12**, **Kayla Sechler Luttrell '09**, **Maggie Ellison '10**, **Ross Bricker '11**, **Patience Denz Bowman '06**, **Nate Speiser '05** and **Ben Hoeger '07**. **Not pictured:** **Tyler TerMeer '05**.

Cardinal Migration, San Francisco, March 26-30

The 20th Annual Cardinal Migration was a great success in San Francisco, CA, March 26-30. There were 70 alumni travelers (below) who enjoyed meeting local alumni who live in the San Francisco area. Make plans to join alumni next spring for Cardinal Migration 2015 in Charleston, SC.



CARDINAL MIGRATION

Greek Students and Alumni Networking

Sigma Alpha Tau and Theta Nu

"It was wonderful to connect with the active chapter and see the amazing things the women are going to do at Otterbein and in the world." - **Holly Fenner Ritter '06**

"The best part of the event was working with the undergrads and the opportunity to give back. Another one was connecting with alumni that I have not seen in many years. I drove home singing sorority songs." - **Debra Lamp '87**

Sigma Alpha Tau and Theta Nu recently held student-alumni networking events to connect sisters by major and career professions. The purpose was to have alumni assist students with their resumes for future internships and provide general networking, interviewing and career advice.

For more information regarding the events, contact **Alyson Bates '04**, alyson_s_bates@yahoo.com or **Jayme Detwiler, '11** jaymedetweiler@yahoo.com.

Sigma Delta Phi

The Sphinx Family Summer Cookout is planned from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 14 at the picnic shelter in Alum Creek Park in Westerville. Contact **Matt D'Oyly '04** at mdoyly@otterbein.edu.



Maddie Agler '13 offers advice to Theta Nu actives for compiling their résumés.



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- Otterbein's parade and football game vs. Marietta,
- Reunions for 2014, 1989, Habitat for Humanity and Otterbein Graduate School Program,
- Academic Spotlight on the Education Department,
- And the Block Party on Grove Street with a special area for Greek reunions.

and lots more surprises and fun!



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Alana Gaither '15, Pam Barber '78 and Gina Bericchia '10 during Gaither's internship with Nationwide Children's Hospital.

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~ Alana Gaither '15, Akron, OH, majoring in Public Relations

Gaither interned at Nationwide Children's Hospital. She wrote and distributed press releases, which received coverage in print, radio, television and online media; facilitated interviews for physicians, patients and administration with local media; and monitored media activity for updates to the CEO.

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