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A close-up photograph of a woman with long brown hair and black-rimmed glasses, looking intently at a small yellow budgie. The bird is perched on a thick, multi-colored braided rope. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with other people in the distance.

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RESEARCH AND
CREATIVE WORK
FROM BUDGIES TO BARITONES

A MODEL COMMUNITY ... SHOWCASING OUR SCHOLARS ... FOSTERING CREATIVITY

Otterbein's First Priority

The Rev. Lewis Davis, one of Otterbein's founders and presidents, once noted, "*The question is not, shall the youth be educated ... but what kind of education shall they have?*"

While that question has been answered differently throughout Otterbein's history, there has never been a question about this University's first priority. Since its founding, Otterbein has worked, first and foremost, to ensure the quality of the educational experiences for our students.

We invest in academic programs to enable faculty leaders to develop the most relevant content and engaging methods to teach our students.

We invest in facilities to ensure a better environment for transformational learning experiences for our students.

We invest in technology to help deliver the tools and resources to expand the knowledge base for our students.

We invest in scholarships to protect the ideal that Otterbein's excellence should be more affordable for more of our students.

And, as you will discover in this issue of *Towers*, we invest in research and creative work to promote discovery and artistic exploration for our students.

Otterbein's focus on the individual student has substantive implications for our students in regards to conducting research and creative work. At Otterbein, students are engaged in this kind of life-changing learning and discovery as early as their first year.

You'll read about **Jacob Bowman '16** who was invited to do research as a freshman at Nationwide Children's Hospital with Simon Lawrance, Otterbein professor of biology and earth science (page 17). You'll also read about **Bobby Geiger '14**, who co-authored a manuscript as a sophomore with Jennifer Bennett, assistant professor of biology and earth science. Their work was published in the *Journal of Bacteriology*, one of the most prominent journals of microbiology (page 16).

Sophomore theatre major **Jordan Donica '16** has already starred as the lead in two plays — his first as a freshman and his second in the challenging role of Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables* (page 22). As a freshman, **Hannah Farley '16** had her entire body of four works accepted into Otterbein's Annual Juried Art Show (page 21).

Our students know the Otterbein experience is not the norm. I repeatedly hear some variation on this truth: "My friends at other schools don't get this kind of attention, opportunity or experience."

The power of the individualized student experience is evident throughout this issue. It serves as another compelling example of how an Otterbein education prepares students to lead lives of purpose as knowledgeable professionals, strong leaders, engaged citizens and distinguished alumni. I hope you'll enjoy reading about these students as much as we enjoy working with them.

Sincerely,

President Kathy A. Krendl

Seated, Debbie Hillis Johnson '84, member of the Upper Arlington City Council; Jo Ann Davidson, first Ohio Speaker of the House; and Betty Montgomery, former Ohio Attorney General, join President Krendl in her Miller-Winters Leadership class.



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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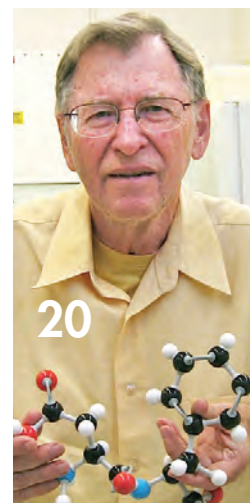
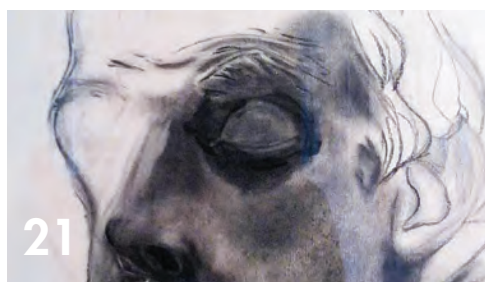
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Anna Young, director of the Zoo and Conservation Science program, studies a budgerigar or “budgie” in the new aviary in the Science Center. Photo by **Kristen Davis '15**, an art major with concentrations in photography, communication design and integrated digital media.

For enhanced content, go to
www.otterbein.edu/towers





On behalf of the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club and the Thrift Shop operation, a most gracious thank you for not only mention of our shop but the inclusion of photos in the spring issue of *Towers*.

We indeed recycle, reuse and repurpose as part of our effort to provide financial support for Otterbein. Sales proceeds enabled us to contribute \$26,800 at the close of the 2012 operating year.

Our longtime members sometime refer to us as the original campus recycling venture, dating to 1951.

While purchases are indeed for reuse, many are repurposed. Those skis sitting in the corner can become next year's winter decoration. I am urging shoppers to stake their tomato plants with old golf clubs as I did last year. It worked great!

And when it comes to repurposing in the shop itself, you never know what we will turn into the basis for merchandise displays.

Again, thanks to all for recognizing the small part the Thrift Shop plays in sustainability.

Peg Duffy '61

Got something to say? We want to hear from you.

We welcome your letters to the editor. You may send them via email to rroutson@otterbein.edu or mail to Roger Routson, Otterbein University, Department of Marketing and Communications, 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.



I can help with the identities of the women in the above photo. I am in the middle, **Lizette Paul Peter '76** (and I promise I was wearing shorts in the photo!). Left to right is **Sybil Waggamon '76**, **Sandy Walrafen '77**, me, **Melanie Costine Moon '77** and **Gretchen Freeman Hargis '77**.

Fun to see the photo in *Towers*! Nice memories!
Lizette Paul Peter '76

I am in the picture on page 39 in the 2013 spring *Towers*. I feel fairly certain the photo was taken in the gathering room on the first floor of Cochran Hall in the spring of 1974. I'm not certain why this photo was taken, but we were possibly a Cochran Hall committee, because we all lived in that wonderful dorm the 1973-1974 school year.

Thank you for the memory.
Melanie Costine Moon '77

Editor's Note: Thanks also to Beth Titus Baker '77, Nancy Bocskor '79, Ed Brookover '76, Debbie Kasow Johnson '76, Marikay Cox Kuntzman '80, Mark Overstreet '79, Cindi Moore Reeves '75, Susan Risner-Tufts '76, Doug Stuckey '77 and Tony Tarantelli '76 for contributing to the conversation to identify the women in the photo.

As an incoming Otterbein freshman in the mid-1980s, I had convinced myself that a career in medicine was the path to pursue. But unbeknownst to me, my experiences at Otterbein would open my mind to so many other possibilities and challenge my thinking. Course work that I completed over the next four years in anthropology, economics, psychology, philosophy and many others stirred a curiosity for learning and new ideas that has remained with me through the years.

Many notable individuals influenced me during my Otterbein years, but few rivaled the impact of Professor **E. Jeanne Willis H'76**, who the Otterbein community sadly lost in September 2013. Then chairwoman of the Department of Life Sciences, Dr. Willis' wit and pragmatic and honest advice always seemed to push my thinking in ways I never anticipated. I recall vividly the midpoint during my senior year in Dr. Willis' class in experimental biology that I approached her to share that I had decided to change direction and was opting to pursue graduate studies in the biomedical sciences and forego medical school — a decision she strongly supported and I have never regretted.

Dr. Willis' commitment to Otterbein and her students was ever-present and contributes in no small measure to the reason

I never left higher education and have worked on only college campuses in the 25 years that followed.

Attending her funeral in September, I was heartened to see so many of us whose lives she had touched. Not only did former Otterbein students from across the years attend, but so did many of her lifelong Otterbein faculty colleagues — Professors George Phinney, Tom Tegenkamp and Michael Herschler — and we all had a chance to reconnect.

Dr. Willis, your humor and candor will be missed, but not forgotten ... Thank you!
Timothy Cain '88, Ph.D., associate professor of biomedical sciences, Ohio University



E. Jeanne Willis H'76 and Timothy Cain '88 at the 1988 Commencement ceremonies.

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First Flight

Incoming Otterbein students head to the New Student Convocation, part of the activities of First Flight (previously known as New Student Week).

photo by Roger Routson



A MASTER PLAN

Excitement builds on campus as new landscaping and updates freshen surroundings

As you can imagine, planning for Otterbein's future can be a daunting but exciting task. While strategic business plans came to the forefront for Otterbein's vision and mission, master development plans were being created to support the planning efforts in positioning the campus for the 21st century. The committee, chaired by Vice President for Business Affairs Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings, enlisted the creative planning services of The Collaborative, Inc., based in Toledo, OH.

"We were eager to commence studies of the campus to create more inviting spaces

that encourage diverse opportunities for learning, collaboration, relaxation and that build a greater sense of community," said Vazquez-Skillings. "The first phase of work in the Courtright Memorial Library is a great example with the new study booths on the first floor and additional seating in the front lobby and café area. New technology and collaborative work stations were added on the first floor along with comfortable couches, chairs and lamps."

Guests were treated to the new look in the library Homecoming weekend and learned more about the Master Plan from President

Kathy Krendl. "The Grove landscaping concept is very exciting and forward thinking," noted President Krendl. "The concept establishes a pedestrian mall and community space through the closure of Grove Street between Main and Home streets, water features, seating and tables — all to foster a social gathering space en route to classes, dining and living. Otterbein is conducting studies with the city of Westerville to monitor traffic patterns on Grove and to learn more about the feasibility of installing a "traffic calming feature" at the intersection of Main and Grove streets in the future.

Updates to landscaping occurred during the summer and fall including sprucing up the entry to the Clippinger Building that houses the Admission Offices and the gateway entrance to Towers off the corner of Main and Grove Street with new shrubs, flowers and mulch. Improvements

to the Towers lawn are planned, including a new courtyard, walkway and benches. The Austin E. Knowlton Center for Equine Science has plans on the block, too, for expanded stall capacity and an additional indoor arena to accommodate more classes and training opportunities.

“We look forward to continuing our work with The Collaborative, Inc., and executing Otterbein’s multi-year Master Plan for the next 10 years,” said Vazquez-Skillings. “Other initiatives that we will study this year include Battelle Hall, Cowan Hall, the Campus Center and 60 Collegeview Rd. These are exciting times on campus and provide an opportunity to reflect our vision and values through our facilities and open spaces.”

Visit www.otterbein.edu/masterplan for renderings of proposed developments. ●

Left: An artist’s rendering of “The Grove,” an area on Grove Street between Main Street and Home Street that would be converted into a pedestrian area. A “traffic-calming feature” at Grove Street and Main Street, similar to a roundabout, would also enhance a pedestrian feel.



An artist’s rendering looking from the northeast corner of Grove Street and Main Street toward Towers Hall.



The Otterbean Café, at the entrance to Courtright Memorial Library, now features a mural with both historical and current photographs of Otterbein and the library.



An upgrade to Courtright Memorial Library included new furniture and the addition of Mac and PC stations.



This sign at the corner of Grove Street and Main Street was repainted and received new landscaping.

Otterbein's Branding Story:

A Model Community

by President Kathy Krendl

During the last year, we spent a lot of time listening to what all members of our community believed the significance of the Otterbein experience to be. There were four themes we consistently heard loud and clear ...

Editor's Note: After a nine-month brand study that included talking with and listening to more than 350 Otterbein community members, the University is focusing on how it explains the power of the Otterbein experience. President Krendl reported on the brand essence at several fall events, including the annual donor recognition celebration. This is an edited version of her address. To read her explanation in its entirety and to watch a short video from members of the Otterbein community, go to www.otterbein.edu/modelcommunity.



1 Otterbein offers the smartest way to learn

That's a bold claim. But it's one I know is true.

The American Association of Colleges and Universities, the nation's authority on undergraduate education, has described Otterbein's Integrative Studies curriculum as the model they hope other schools emulate.

The AAC&U also invited Otterbein to help shape the nation's conversation about the high-impact practice of hands-on, experiential learning alongside prestigious peers like Georgetown and Tufts.

Couple these facts with the ways we have always challenged our students to gain in-depth knowledge within their major discipline. This learning is certainly more meaningful because of Otterbein's enviable 11-to-one student-to-faculty ratio.

Consider, too, our intentional efforts to blend liberal arts and professional studies. Again, Otterbein is way ahead of the curve.

THIS is why national conferences ask our academic leaders to explain what we do and how we do it. They want to learn from us.

The faculty scholars and administrative leaders of Otterbein will never stop challenging themselves to develop the most dynamic, relevant and meaningful ways to help our students learn.

2 Otterbein provides a place to belong

If you are ready to learn, to make a difference, to be accepted and recognized and valued for what you alone have to offer, then you belong at Otterbein.

Otterbein has served as a welcome place to the dreams, the abilities and the goals of all who answered "yes."

When the rest of the world saw only black or white, male or female, affluent or disadvantaged, all that Otterbein ever looked for was a bright mind, compassionate heart and skilled hands ready to work.

The packaging didn't matter. It was what was inside those individuals that interested Otterbein. That's what being a college of opportunity meant then and still means now. We have been the ultimate talent scouts from the moment our doors opened in 1847.



When you combine the warmth, welcome and regard of genuinely caring and good people with an inherent moral compass that makes inclusiveness and equality its true North — you describe this place known as Otterbein.

If you believe this, you belong at Otterbein.

3 Otterbein provides the opportunity to realize one's personal best

More than 15 years ago, long before my path would join with Otterbein's, a friend shared a story at a high school reunion about his two sons and how their respective universities had shaped them.

The one son was a born achiever. Confident. Knew exactly what he wanted to do. He went on to a professional school and did quite well. The other son, my friend explained, was less sure of his path. He was a wonderful young man but lacked confidence and the knowledge of what path he wanted to pursue.

He told me that this son went on to attend a small school named Otterbein and when he graduated, he was an entirely different person. He became confident, self-assured. He knew exactly what he wanted to do with his life. As my friend said, "He became my great surprise, and I attribute his success to Otterbein."

That is the the kind of self-realization of one's potential that is the essence of what happens at Otterbein. Because we have so much emphasis on the individual, it creates an increasingly supportive infrastructure of support for each student. It builds their confidence. It helps them take risks in a safe environment. And it helps them sometimes surprise themselves in terms of what they're able to achieve.

We take students from where they are to where they want to be.

4 Otterbein provides the values to serve the common good

Otterbein is a values-centered institution.

From the beginning, the people of Otterbein have asked, how does what we do enrich and improve the quality of life for our immediate community? We still ask ourselves the same question today — but now we cast a net that includes our beloved Westerville and reaches well beyond.

Wendell Berry once noted that a proper community "... is a commonwealth: a place, a resource, an economy. It answers the needs, practical as well as social and spiritual, of its members — among them the need to need one another."

One of the phrases so many of us associate with Otterbein is our commitment to educating our students in the context of humane values. This is how Otterbein meets Berry's definition. When you are a part of the Otterbein community you understand what it means to value the need to need one another.

Members of the Otterbein community understand why it is important to think, to work and to act in a way that benefits the common good. Historically, Otterbein has been too humble to attempt to quantify what we have always understood our responsibilities to be: to support and care about one another, doing unto others as we would have done unto us.

An alumna shared her belief that Otterbein's values distinguish our graduates. She explained it came down to this simple truth: "If there's an obligation to be met or a promise to be kept, Otterbein people do it. They are good to their word."



These four themes point us to an important outcome:

Living and learning in Otterbein's model community prepares us to lead a life of purpose.

Our students leave Otterbein with more than a career — they leave here with a calling.

There is a reason this happens. Of course, it happens in part because of the potential and talent that exists within each student. Knowledge, service, life-changing experiences — they all contribute to discovering that calling, too.

But it is also because of you.

You support the type of faculty mentoring and teaching that gives students an individualized experience that will not only change their lives, it will change the future they help create. You protect values that say it is important we engage with our community and the world beyond.

As a result, our graduates go out into the world prepared to go to work and be successful not only in their professions, not only in their families and not only in their communities but in terms of how they are prepared to serve the common good.

That is why Otterbein has quietly but honorably set the pace as a leader in higher education since its founding in 1847.

That is also the essence of our vision. Otterbein's values coupled with a commitment to social innovation will enable us to continue to drive ahead in defining what a model community of educators, learners and leaders in the 21st century can and should be. ●

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

compiled by Jenny Hill '05

May was a transitional month for the board of trustees of Otterbein University. On May 18, **Thomas C. Morrison '63** completed his second term as chairman and retired from the board after 25 years of service. Morrison became a trustee in 1988 and replaced **Thomas R. Bromeley '51** as chairman of the board in 2005. Prior to his departure, Morrison was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award, for his service and many other professional accomplishments. The Distinguished Alumnus Award, presented at the annual Alumni Awards ceremony, represents the most prestigious honor offered by the Otterbein Alumni Council.

Mark R. Thresher '78 has assumed leadership of the board and is enthusiastic about guiding the university in the coming years. "It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the chairman of the board for Otterbein University, as I have many personal and

professional ties to the school," Thresher said. "I have big shoes to fill — Tom was clearly the right person for the job during a time that Otterbein was going through significant change. I am looking forward to working closely with President Krendl and the entire organization as we advance Otterbein's mission."

"Mark is ideally positioned to preside over Otterbein's continued evolution and growth," Morrison said. "One of our major initiatives in recent years has been to dramatically increase Otterbein's profile in the Columbus and central Ohio business and civic communities. Mark is one of the most influential and respected business leaders in Columbus and is the perfect person to work with President Krendl on this initiative."

Thresher graduated from Otterbein with a bachelor's degree in accounting and launched a career that would culminate in his



Mark Thresher '78

current position as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Nationwide. Nationwide, based in Columbus, is one of the largest diversified insurance and financial services organizations in the world and is ranked 100 on the Fortune 500 list.

Read more about Thresher and Morrison at www.otterbein.edu/boardoftrustees. 

Community Garden Wins Growing to Green Award

The Otterbein University Community Garden was honored with a Scotts Miracle-Gro Growing to Green award for Education Garden of the Year at a ceremony on Sept. 11. The award included \$500 to support the garden's educational outreach efforts.

"Otterbein is honored to have received this award in recognition of our efforts to cultivate a garden that helps fight hunger in our local community and serves as a rich educational landscape for future generations," said Melissa Gilbert, associate dean of experiential learning and community engagement. "We share this award with our community partners who bring extensive knowledge to share at the garden with both Otterbein's students and local youth from area schools and organizations."

The winners were announced at a celebration attended by more than 200 community gardeners and local business and civic leaders. The judges included the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' Women's Board, community garden leaders and the American Community Gardening Association.






Students participate in Otterbein's I Know I Can summer program activities.

Otterbein Creates Full-Tuition Scholarship for Columbus City Schools Students

Otterbein recently announced the Otterbein — I Know I Can Founder's Scholarship. This full-tuition scholarship will be available to one Columbus City Schools (CCS) graduating senior each year beginning fall 2014. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years. By 2018, Otterbein will have a cohort of four CCS Otterbein Founder's Scholarship students enrolled at the institution.

Jefferson Blackburn-Smith, vice president for enrollment management,

noted, "Otterbein understands that college affordability is a very real concern. The Founder's Scholarship, coupled with a new model of need-based aid for CCS students, is designed to make Otterbein not only the right fit for students, but an affordable choice as well. While the scholarship is certainly exciting, we work hard to make Otterbein an affordable option for many CCS graduates."


Read more about this new scholarship at www.otterbein.edu/foundersscholarshiprelease. 

Otterbein University Recognized in *U.S. News & World Report*

Otterbein University has been recognized in the 2014 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report* for its focus on academics and student success.

Otterbein is ranked 17th overall among 147 peers in the Regional Universities — Midwest category and earned a spot on the guide's list of "A+ Schools for B Students." Among the Ohio schools in its category, Otterbein boasts the second-highest percentage of classes with less than 20 students enrolled and the third-highest peer review score. Otterbein also attracted the highest rate of freshmen in the top 25 percent of their high school classes among its Ohio peers.

"We are pleased to earn this recognition as we continue to grow as a model community of educators, leaders and learners," said Otterbein President Kathy Krendl. "As a college of opportunity, we embrace students of diverse academic and personal backgrounds and provide them with the individual attention they need to succeed."

Learn more about this honor at www.otterbein.edu/usnews2013. 


Alumnus Takes Helm of the Annual Fund



Matthew D'Oyly '04 took the reigns of the Annual Fund in June, bringing new ideas and a fresh outlook to the program. He comes to the Division of Institutional Advancement from the Office of Student Affairs, where he worked in both the health and wellness and residence life programs.

In addition to his new duties as director of Annual Giving and Constituent Communication, D'Oyly also serves as the chairman of Administrative Assembly, serves on the bylaws committee of the University Senate and was elected to serve on the Governance Commission to rewrite the bylaws for the

University. He is also the adviser and alumni president for Sigma Delta Phi (Sphinx).

Read more about D'Oyly and his answers to a few questions about his new role at www.otterbein.edu/annualfund. 



***U.S. News & World Report* lists Otterbein as having the second-highest percentage of classes with less than 20 students enrolled among Ohio schools in its category.**

Common Book Author Visits Campus

Conor Grennan, author of Otterbein University's 2013 Common Book, *Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal*, visited campus on Oct. 1-3 to discuss his book and participate in events related to the book and its theme. Activities included classroom visits, a convocation lecture, a smaller lecture hosted by the Friends of Courtright Memorial Library and two book signings. The Department of Theatre and Dance also presented scenes from *Little Princes* during his visit.


Grennan founded Next Generation Nepal, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reconnecting trafficked children with their families. *Little Princes*, a memoir chronicling his experiences, has been translated into 12 languages and is a *New York Times* bestseller.

This is the 19th year for the Common Book program, which is supported by The Thomas Academic



Common Book author Conor Grennan addresses the campus community in Cowan Hall.

Excellence Series and is intended to create intellectual excitement and strengthen bonds on campus by providing a shared academic experience surrounding an annual academic theme.

For more information about the University's Common Book program, visit www.otterbein.edu/commonbook. For more information about Conor Grennan or *Little Princes*, visit www.conorgrennan.com. 

Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecturer Named




Beowulf Sheehan

Author Salman Rushdie

Otterbein will welcome novelist Sir Salman Rushdie to campus on April 10-11, 2014, as the Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecturer. More details about his visit, including the time and ticket information for his public lecture, will be released closer to the date.

Rushdie is one of the most celebrated authors of our time. He penned a handful of classic novels, influenced a generation of writers and received a Queen's Knighthood for "services to literature." He stands as both a pop culture icon and one of the most thought-provoking proponents for free speech today. His novels include *The Satanic Verses*, *The Moor's Last Sigh*, *The Ground Beneath Her Feet* and *The Enchantress of Florence*. Read more

about Rushdie at www.thelavinagency.com/speaker-sir-salman-rushdie.html. 

The Vernon L. Pack Scholar-in-Residence and Distinguished Lecture Series was established through a \$1 million gift from alumnus **Vernon Pack '50**. According to its terms, every other year a distinguished lecturer will visit the campus to address important current issues that will allow the Otterbein community to reflect on ethical, spiritual and social issues. In alternating years, distinguished scholars will be invited to campus to reside for up to one academic year as part of the Vernon L. Pack Scholar-in-Residence Series to enrich the educational experiences provided to Otterbein students.



Guests pack the house at the new Edwin L. "Dubbs" Roush Hall of Champions. In the background are the mural and interactive screens.

Roush Hall of Champions Unveiled

The Otterbein University Athletic Department unveiled its new Edwin L. "Dubbs" Roush Hall of Champions Sept. 7 in the Clements Recreation Center. The event, welcoming more than 230 guests, began with a ceremony before a tailgate celebration and football matchup with St. John Fisher College.

The hall was dedicated for Roush's decades of leadership and in recognition of the two lead gifts received in his honor for the Turf and Track Resurfacing Project. Located in the connector between the Clements and Rike centers, the hall features three touch-screen televisions positioned on a wall mural showing significant figures of Otterbein athletics. One screen is dedicated to the Athletics Hall of Fame, another to All-Americans, and the third to the history of all Cardinal athletics.

"The Edwin L. 'Dubbs' Roush Hall of Champions is an interactive display that highlights the individuals who have contributed to Otterbein's tradition of athletic success," said Director of Athletics **Dawn Stewart '98**. "As the concept evolved, we wanted to share this display with our alumni family and created an event that would celebrate their athletic contributions to Otterbein."

"The display is named in honor of a man who epitomized what it meant to be a champion in every facet of his life," Stewart said. "He strongly believed in the power of teamwork and that success could only be achieved when the team was put first. The Edwin L. 'Dubbs' Roush Hall of Champions illustrates that power of teamwork and the role that so many had in building our program."

The display can be viewed online at hallofchampions.otterbein.edu. 

Right: **Dawn Stewart '98**, director of Athletics, addresses the audience.



Opportunities Abound for

RESEARCH

by Jenny Hill '06

At Otterbein, students can research coral reef destruction, bacteria, avian communication and many other topics as early as their freshman year. Opportunities are plentiful at Otterbein, where professors encourage students to conduct research in a variety of disciplines. Thanks to the University's small size, professors work closely with students — often collaborating with them on professional research, attending national conferences and co-authoring papers. This is a small sampling of their work.

GEOLOGY

Researcher: Hal Lescinsky, chairman of Department of Biology and Earth Science

Research project: Lescinsky's research compares modern reef construction with that in the recent past in order to determine whether modern reef die-off and change is a natural process or related to current human impacts on the reef ecosystem. Lescinsky uses two main methods of research. One is by developing a coral "baseline," or what a reef looked like in the past versus present, by looking at coral fossils. His research of Holocene reefs in the Dominican Republic showed that a reef had 75 percent live coral cover 6,000 years ago, compared to 6 to 10 percent now. The second is by researching the carbonate "budget," or created versus destroyed coral structure in

reefs. Much of the data collected by Lescinsky and his students for coral budget research is done at the Belize Barrier Reef, an endangered UNESCO World Heritage Site. Some students conduct individual research projects on research trips to Belize, while others collect data and work with Lescinsky on his research.

Student researchers:

During a research trip to Curacao led by Lescinsky, **Helena Hayter '13** studied notches on up-lifted coral reefs that previously had been assumed to have formed by erosion at sea level. She reinterpreted how the notches were formed, disproving the conclusions of published papers on the topic.

Two years ago, Lescinsky's students analyzed aerial photographs of the Belize Barrier Reef spanning nine years, provided by a Smithsonian researcher. **Alicia Campbell '11** focused her distinction project on quantifying the mangrove deforestation and island development in and around the South Water Caye Marine Reserve, a part of the reef. Her research showed widespread illegal cutting, dredging and filling at the site. She co-authored a paper with Lescinsky and her data was requested by researchers at the World Wildlife Fund and the Belize Healthy Reef Initiative for use in persuading the United Nations and other organizations to put international pressure on Belize to fulfill the terms of the World Heritage designation.

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In July, an aviary was installed in the Science Center and stocked with budgerigars, or “budgies,” small Australian parrots. The birds allow ongoing research in budgie vocalizations.

PSYCHOLOGY

Researchers: Meredith Frey, assistant professor, and Cynthia Laurie-Rose, professor

Research project: Frey and Laurie-Rose are beginning the second year of a two-year project funded by the U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences to develop unbiased predictors of cognitive abilities to assist in selection of personnel. The researchers are developing a computer battery that more directly measures the basic processes of intelligence and is not susceptible to environmental effects. In addition to Otterbein students being the subjects of this research, the professors currently employ five undergraduate student research assistants in their lab to program tasks and to collect and analyze data.

Student researcher:

Psychology major **Amanda Zamary '14** started doing research at the beginning of her sophomore year, studying children and media. During her junior year, she began working with Frey and Laurie-Rose, who were revising a paper that they and a recent graduate, **Aristi Ennis '10**, had submitted to a journal. Zamary collected more data for them at a local elementary school, analyzed some of the data and became an additional author on the paper. She continued working with Frey and Laurie-Rose on the Army Reserve Institute project. Last summer, she interned with the Summer Research Experience in Brain and Cognitive Science (SREBCS) at the University of South Carolina.

“My mentors think I have ideas worth listening to and I feel important knowing I have contributed to the work,” Zamary said. “We have worked through relentless problems, sorting through and figuring out our data. It is the most rewarding experience I have ever had.”

ZOO AND CONSERVATION SCIENCE

Researcher: Anna Young, director of the Zoo and Conservation Science program

Research project: When Young came to Otterbein, she brought with her a research interest in vocal learning, behavior and social stress in captive budgerigars or “budgies,” small Australian parrots that are vocal learners. In July, an aviary was installed on the first floor of the Science Center and stocked with 40 male budgies. The aviary provides a new research opportunity for students and allows Young to continue her research.

Student researchers:

Kelly McElroy '13 and **Marie Paquette '14** are looking at individual signatures within budgerigar vocalizations. Each budgie produces a call that appears to have elements unique to that bird, even if the call type is the same for many individuals — similar to people who all say “hello,” but one can tell two friends apart just by hearing their “hello.” By splitting them into smaller social groups or mixing up social groups, students can analyze how their vocalizations change. McElroy is looking at individual signatures across call types, Paquette at signatures across time. **Kelly Pruchnicki '14** is designing an experiment about UV signaling in budgerigars, which have UV patches on their heads that humans can't detect with their eyes. The UV patches play a role in mate selection and possibly in other social behaviors.



BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Researcher: Jennifer Bennett, assistant professor

Research project: Bennett and her students have characterized genes involved in the development of *Streptomyces*, a group of bacteria that produces more than two-thirds of the commercially important antibiotics, as well as anti-parasitic and anti-tumor drugs. These genes encode signaling proteins that affect the way that the bacterium develops, including the ability to divide, to produce antibiotics and the ability to produce biofilms, communities of bacteria that adhere to a surface and become resistant to antibiotics and environmental conditions.

These same types of genes are also found in many disease-causing bacteria, including *E. coli*, *salmonella* and *Vibrio cholerae*. The genes affect the ability of these bacteria to cause disease and form medically relevant biofilms. Last fall, Bennett published an article in the *Journal of Bacteriology* with Otterbein biochemistry major, **Bobby Geiger '14**, that describes the characterization of two of these genes. This year, Bennett is working with Otterbein research students, including **Brooke Weisenburger '14**, **Nicole Enochs '16** and **Mikah Barrueta '16** to produce additional publications in this field. Students have also presented at regional and national conferences for their work on this project.

Student researcher:

Robert "Bobby" Geiger '14 came to Otterbein as a Cardinal Science Scholar, which provides a scholarship and additional mentoring from science faculty and upperclassmen. He began

conducting research the summer after his freshman year after receiving a Merck-AAAS Undergraduate Research Fellowship to study microbial genetics in Bennett's lab. His sophomore year, he received two highly competitive national awards from the American Society for Microbiology (ASM): The ASM Undergraduate Research Fellowship and the ASM Student Travel Grant Award. With Bennett, Geiger co-authored a manuscript that was published in *The Journal of Bacteriology* — a very rare accomplishment for an undergraduate research student, especially a sophomore. He presented his research at the national meetings of the ASM in San Francisco in May 2012 and Denver in May 2013, and continues his research in Bennett's lab as a senior.

"It meant a lot to to put my work out there — this is what scientists do. I couldn't be happier to publish as early as I did. I'm very appreciative of the chance to work in Dr. Bennett's lab," Geiger said.

Researcher: John Tansey, director of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology program

Research project: Nearly all cells store lipids (fats and cholesterol) for future use. Students in Tansey's lab research lipids for individual projects or independent aspects of larger projects. Their work focuses on the role that lipid droplet proteins (the PAT proteins) play in the metabolism of stored lipids.

The students explore how cells store lipids and, when they do, at what point does it cause disease. This research has implications in the etiology of obesity, heart disease and type II diabetes mellitus. Tansey's goal is to guide each student into a project that will make an impact and still fit with that student's skills, interests and future aspirations, including graduate school, medical school and veterinary school.

Student researchers:

In April, Tansey accompanied five Otterbein students to the national meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) in Boston, where they presented their research. Four of those students — **Cara Hardy '16**, **Theresa Hubbell '13**, **Alex Brackbill '13** and **Tara Saley '13** — conducted research in Tansey's lab on perilipins, a group of proteins that are involved in fat storage and fat metabolism.

"I think one of the most valuable experiences an undergraduate science major can have is to present their research findings at a national conference," Tansey said. "It truly lets the student see where they stand in relation to their peers across the country and to see presentations of cutting-edge research. It also allows them to network with other schools and scientists and significantly improves their chances of getting into a top graduate program."



Researcher and published author **Bobby Geiger '14**, presented his research at the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) in San Francisco in 2012 and in Denver in 2013.

BIOLOGY

Researcher: Simon Lawrance, professor

Discipline: Biology

Research project: Students in Lawrance's lab study the major histocompatibility complex (MHC), a group of genes that produce proteins that play a central role in immunity. MHC proteins act like hands and are able to grasp foreign substances. They then "present" these substances to the immune system and activate immune responses such as antibody production. MHC is an important factor in the compatibility of donors and recipients of bone marrow. As the central control for the immune system, variation in the MHC has long been known to be associated with a variety of autoimmune conditions, like lupus, multiple sclerosis, arthritis and diabetes. In collaboration with Dr. Chuck Yang-Yu at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Lawrance and his students are researching the connection between MHC and lupus in children. In collaboration with the Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut, they are researching MHC diversity in South African penguins. Their research results will boost conservation efforts to develop standards for responsible captive breeding of endangered species.

Student researcher:

Biochemistry and molecular biology major **Jacob Bowman '16** sought opportunities to conduct research during his first year at Otterbein, fueled by the question, "What is life?" He was invited by Lawrance to participate in the research at Nationwide Children's Hospital and presented his research at the 2013 Experimental Biology scientific meeting in Boston. Bowman is a member of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) Undergraduate Affiliate Network and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

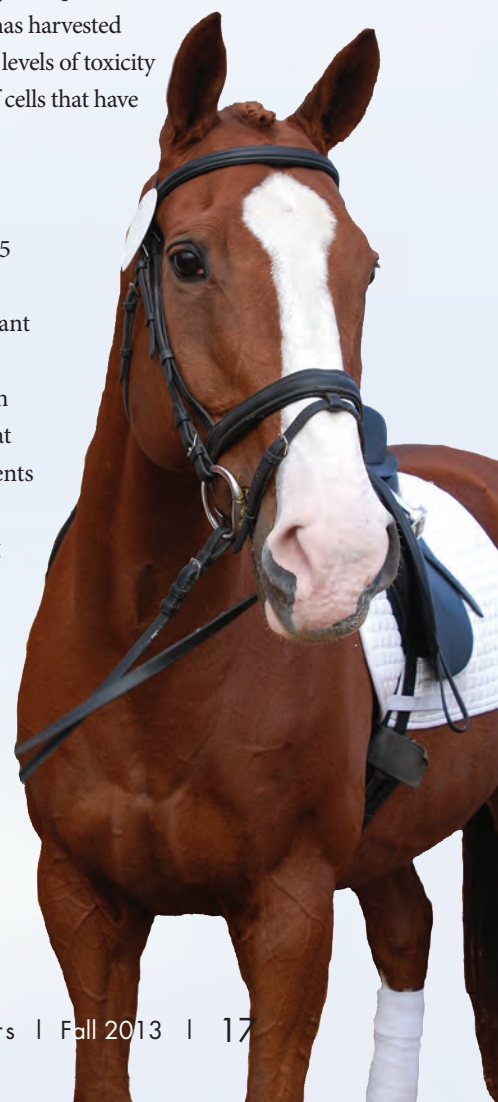
Researcher: Jeffrey Lehman, professor

Discipline: Biology

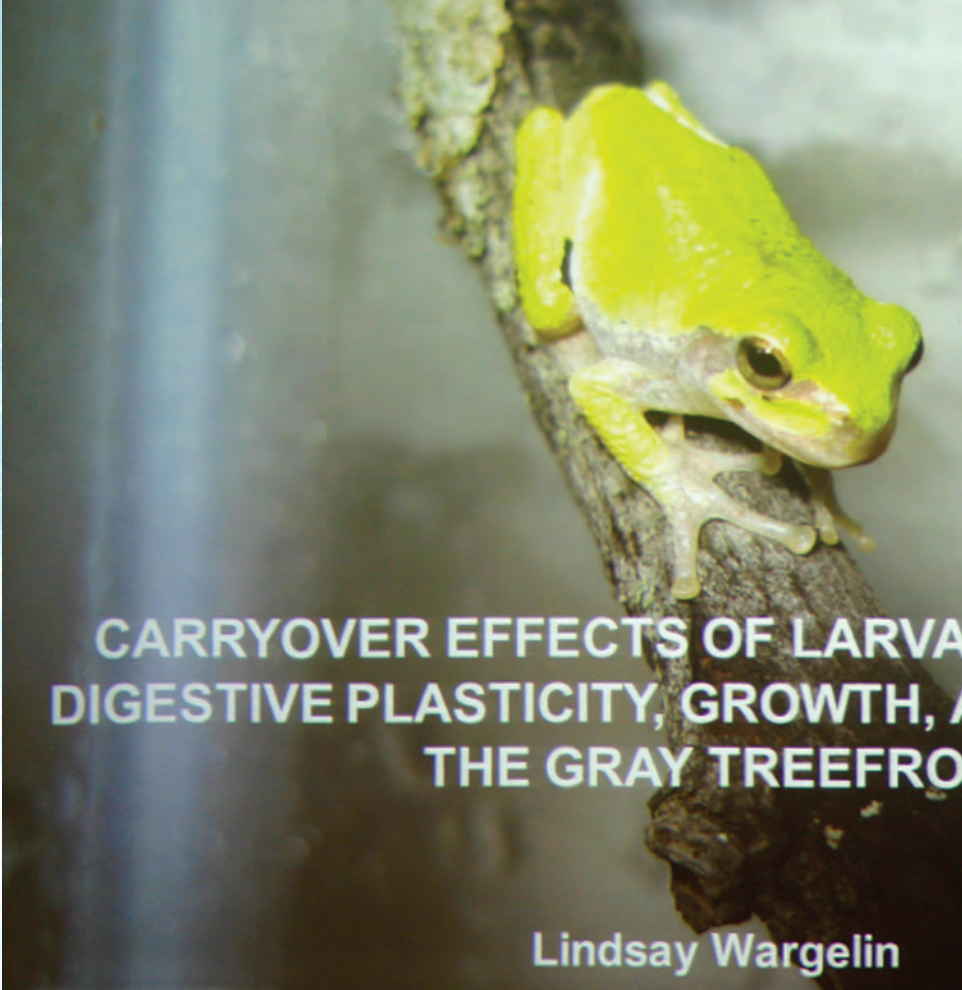
Research project: Undergraduates in Lehman's research laboratory explore plants and plant-fungal interactions. **Danielle O'Callaghan '14**, **Bailey Dye '15** and **Madeline Rohl '15** are currently studying a debilitating syndrome in horses caused by the ingestion of wilted red maple leaves. O'Callaghan and Rohl are studying the effect of dietary supplements vitamin C and E on equine red blood cells and their use in the prevention of red maple leaf toxicosis. Their project requires them to collect blood from horses boarded at the Austin E. Knowlton Center for Equine Science and then to culture blood with maple extracts in bioassays. The horses are either part of the control group or treatment group, which has been fed vitamin C or E supplements. Alternatively, the antioxidant supplements are added in vitro to equine red blood cells directly as a means to screen for potential effects in lessening red maple leaf toxicosis. Dye is exploring whether relatives of red maple (like sugar, silver and Norway maples) have similar effects on horse physiology as does red maple. In the Thomas and Sarah Morrison Research Greenhouse (**Tom Morrison '63**) and at the Otterbein Community garden, Dye is growing 15 species of maple in a replicated design to explore their toxicity on equine blood cells. Throughout the growing season, Dye has harvested leaves and used them in bioassays to test for levels of toxicity to equine blood cells based on percentage of cells that have lysed.

Student researchers:

Since the lab was established, more than 25 students have conducted research on such topics as the genetics of host resistance, plant pathogen dissemination, fungal infection of floral structures and arsenic tolerance in ferns. In addition to giving presentations at regional and national meetings, four students have published their research in peer-reviewed, international journals including *Phytopathology*, *Plant Disease* and *Environmental Entomology*. Six alumni from the program have pursued doctorate degrees in plant science or related fields, while others have pursued medical degrees or gone into teaching. ●



THE CARDINAL COLLOQUIUM: A CHANCE TO SHINE



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Lindsay Wargelin

Showcasing Our Sch

by Roger Routson

When **Lindsay Wargelin '13** presented her research about tree frogs at the Cardinal Colloquium in April, she looked professional and composed — more like a young professional, less like a student. Perhaps the trip to the Panama rain forest two years earlier had something to do with it.

That's where her interest in tree frogs started. It's also where she had a kidney stone attack and ended up in the hospital.

"It was definitely a growing experience," Wargelin said of her internship position with the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Gamboa, Panama. "Dr. (Sarah) Bouchard (associate professor of biology and earth science) was there, but my parents weren't. I felt like the trip required me

to make decisions on my own and helped me grow up."

That maturity was evident in Wargelin's presentation at the second annual Cardinal Colloquium this past April, an event that "seeks to showcase the very best student and student/faculty collaborative work at Otterbein, celebrating the scholarly accomplishments across all disciplines and degree levels and giving our scholars the chance to shine," said Wendy Sherman Heckler, associate vice president of Academic Affairs, dean of University Programs and co-chairwoman of the Cardinal Colloquium. It is a celebration of research and creative work, one of the Five Cardinal Experiences.

Student participants in the Colloquium were nominated by faculty members. Students then submitted abstracts describing their projects and the committee selected and organized a set of posters and presentations to include in the program.

The 2013 Cardinal Colloquium was enhanced over the first year's Colloquium by inviting and including alumni in the event.

Dean Johnston, professor of chemistry and co-chairman of the Cardinal Colloquium, said, "Students get experience in presenting their work to a very diverse audience. Many students have already presented elsewhere, but usually to an audience of students or experts in their field. The audience at the Colloquium was a



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mix of students, alumni and faculty from all different areas.”

Sherman Heckler added, “I think the students benefitted from meeting with alumni at lunch. I heard the students comparing notes to what was available on campus to alumni versus what is available today. I heard them listen to alumni talking about their career paths — how an internship led to a job, et cetera. It’s always helpful to hear stories from successful predecessors.”

One alumnus, **Joshua Grimm '03**, gave a spirited keynote address on studying race issues in the media and how analyzing racial media representations could help us understand their origins, theoretical implications and real world consequences.

Grimm, assistant professor at the Manship School of Communication at Louisiana State University, received his master’s degree in journalism from the University of Texas and doctorate degree in journalism and mass communication from the University of Iowa.

Grimm’s presentation entertained and informed, and weaved his own personal experiences and perceptions with his research. In conclusion, he expressed his gratitude to Otterbein and the support he received, particularly from some of his professors including Paul Eisenstein, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

He advised Otterbein students to “do what you love and love what you do.”

Topics for the poster and slide presentations were widely varied, ranging from the very technical and esoteric to the simple and straightforward. **Curtis Baker '13** titled his poster presentation *Streptomyces*

Diguanylate Cyclase Mutant Exhibits Early Mycelium Formation and Sporulation in Comparison to Wild Type, while **Cara Hardy '16** presented *Investigating Cytosolic Perilipin*

5 Translocation to the Peri-Nuclear Storage Droplet. **Courtney Kast '13** presented *Research on the Genetics of Endangered Penguins*, while **Brianna Burke '12** shared her fitness program simply titled *Steps to a Healthier You*. **Julianne D’Errico '13**

displayed her costume designs for Otterbein’s theatre production of *Spring Awakening*, designs that “show the beauty, depth and pain of adolescents and adults alike struggling to find their truth in 1891 Germany,” she said.

Wargelin found the whole process very rewarding. “Getting to plan an experiment, going through the steps to set it up and see it play out, and to see the results unfold in front of your eyes is so gratifying.”

After graduating this past May, she is taking a year off to study for admission to medical school. “Otterbein is unique, in that you can make your Otterbein experience whatever you want. No two people here are going to have the same experience. To me, I was really interested in research. If you put in the effort, the opportunities are up to you

and your interests. It’s so easy to find the faculty to support you and the professors who are going to be there for you. Otterbein is full of opportunity and all you have to do is look around.” ●



Top: Josh Grimm '03 gives the keynote address in Riley Auditorium. **Middle: Ikponmwosa Agho '13** discusses his project with **Michael Huston '86**. **Bottom: Alumni and students at the Colloquium luncheon. From left, Harrison Ralph '14, Kendra Schwarz '14, Rich Klempay '86, Susan Gaskell Merryman '88 and Alison Ernest '13.**

A Distinguished Career in RESEARCH

Alumnus a leader in protein chemistry, amino acid sequencing and immunology

by Kim Schomburg Nagorski '89

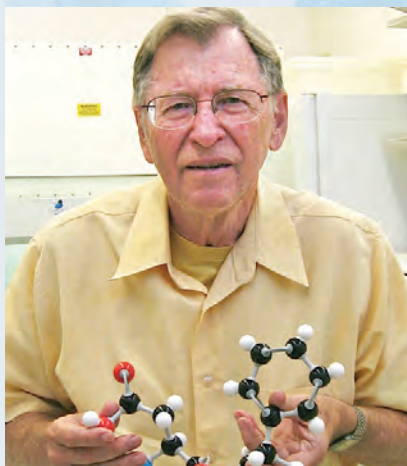
Tony Hugli '63 has enjoyed a long and successful career in the field of scientific research. As a student, however, his vocational path looked quite different until Roy Turley intervened. "Dr. Turley was one of the best instructors I had in all of my academic career," commented Hugli. "He was an outstanding teacher."

He also recommended that Hugli continue his studies at graduate school instead of becoming a high school teacher as planned.

Shortly after receiving his degree in chemistry from Otterbein, Hugli was off to Indiana University (IU) Medical Center to study biochemistry.

(He and **Judy Furay '63** were married on a Sunday and Hugli started graduate school that Monday.)

He completed his doctorate at IU Bloomington in 1968 and was offered a post-doctoral fellowship at Rockefeller University in New York City. During his fellowship, he worked with two prominent researchers, Stanford Moore and William H. Stein, both of whom went on to receive the Nobel Prize in 1972. According to Hugli, his protein chemistry research under these two scientists "launched my career, because they were so prominent," and because he was learning new technology.



Tony Hugli '63

He was soon being recruited by the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, CA, and in 1972, he accepted a position as the facility's first protein chemist. "Scripps started out with mainly M.D.s working on experimental medicine," Hugli explained. "There were a lot of animal studies. I came

in and started changing that to molecular studies, then protein. Scripps then started bringing in more Ph.D.s."

Hugli actually set up the very first protein chemistry lab at Scripps, and went on to "isolate and determine the amino acid sequence of the first proteins ever sequenced" at the institute. For the next 28 years, he conducted research in

the immunology department and received approximately 35 grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for these studies. In fact, for a period of 10 years, his grant proposals were never turned down by the NIH. Starting out as an assistant member at Scripps, he moved through the ranks to become a full member.

Hugli's work was being recognized around the world, and he was invited to speak at symposiums and international meetings throughout Europe and in Asia. Particularly memorable was a 1981 symposium held in China and sponsored by the Chinese government. Hugli and 11 other American scientists were invited

to share their research with their Chinese counterparts at the Shanghai Institute. "We enjoyed a three-week tour of China that we will never forget and that few were able to experience at that time," he recalled.

In 2000, Hugli left Scripps to move to Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies in La Jolla, where he could help younger scientists with their research while continuing his own. At the same time, he founded the company Cell Activation with three other scientists and began researching treatments for hemorrhagic shock. Today, while still at Torrey Pines, he is also developing skincare products for his own company, HealthAide, Inc. The products are based on the anti-inflammatory aspects of the compound aspartame.

Hugli has been published more than 250 times in peer-reviewed science journals. He co-founded the journal, *Protein Science*, now a well-respected publication, and has served as editor or on the editorial board for a number of science journals. In addition, he has reviewed grant proposals for the NIH.

He credits Otterbein with laying a solid foundation for his distinguished career. "My overall education was superb," Hugli noted. When he started graduate school, "I was scared to death I couldn't compete with the other students." But thanks to the education he received at Otterbein, he excelled in graduate school and beyond. "Otterbein is the Midwest version of the Ivy Leagues," he concluded. "It is that good. For undergraduate work, you can't beat a small school." ●

Fostering CREATIVITY

by Jenny Hill '05

According to an article in the July 10, 2010, issue of Newsweek Magazine, there is a creativity crisis in America. Today's youth are not fully developing their creativity, which is crucial to independent thinking and problem-solving skills. To counter this crisis, the article suggests universities must continue to offer and support academic programs in creative fields. With a nationally recognized theatre program and excellent programs in art and music, Otterbein offers creative students many opportunities to grow and develop as professionals and individuals.

Nurturing our Artists

Last spring, art major **Hannah Farley '15** submitted a body of work to the 16th annual Juried Student Art Exhibition. To her surprise, the juror gave her an award for her entire body of work — something that had never been done before.

Of 158 entries by 46 students, only 68 pieces by 38 students were chosen by guest juror Kim Vito, professor of art at Wright State University. Four of those pieces were created by Farley during her freshman year Drawing I class, taught by Professor Nicholas Hill.

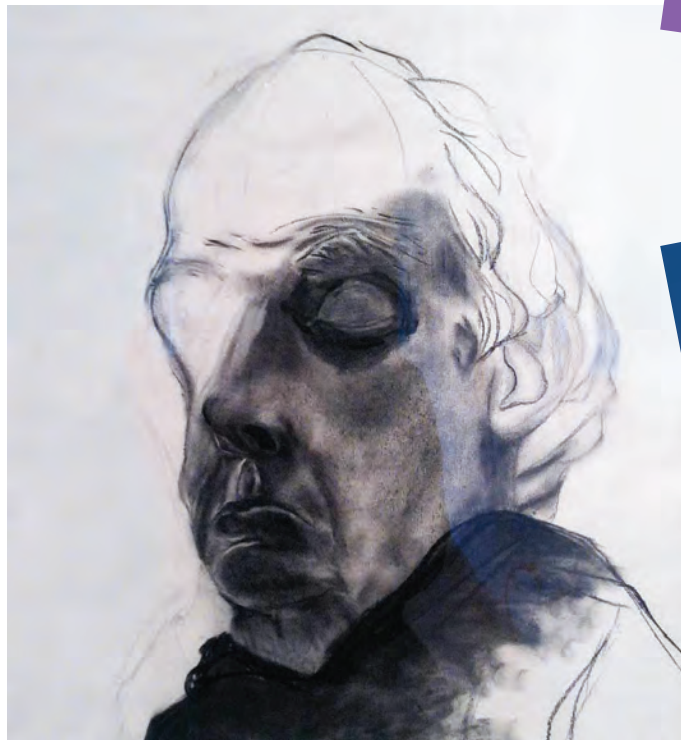
"Each piece in the body of work is made from a different medium — vine charcoal, compressed charcoal, conté crayon and graphite," Farley said. "The pieces were either an in-class activity or were projects to be completed outside of class."

Hill said the quality of Farley's work reflects her personal commitment to growing as an artist. "Hannah entered the Drawing I class with high expectations for herself. She was willing to try new processes and explore different ways of seeing and expressing visual concepts. Her confidence grew throughout the semester and her work reflects that growth."

Guest juror Vito reviewed the submitted works of art, which were presented anonymously, and chose works both for the exhibition and for individual awards. Because she chose all four of Farley's pieces to receive awards without knowing they were by the same artist, a new award was created.

Farley received the Marguerite Wetherill Eschbach Art Merit Award for her body of work at a reception on March 28. "I was so surprised to receive it. I am truly very honored," Farley said.

Visitors to Otterbein this academic year will see Farley's art all over campus. During the summer, she designed the posters



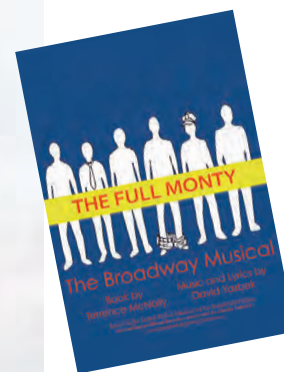
Fleet and Fade, artwork by **Hannah Farley '15**. At right are posters she created for the Department of Theatre and Art.

and artwork for the Department of Theatre and Dance's 2013-2014 season. The posters are online at www.otterbein.edu/drama.

Ultimately, Farley would like to work for a design firm or as a designer for a company. She thinks that Otterbein is giving her the tools for a successful career.

"The faculty members in the Art Department are fantastic. Every professor I've had since my first semester has taught me so much and pushed me to try new things. It's hard to put into words that kind of development — perhaps the best way to describe it would be to say that Otterbein has increased my confidence in myself as an artist and a professional," she said.

Farley also credits the art curriculum with introducing her to new mediums. To fulfill a requirement, she took Beginning Photography (Film), a class outside of her concentration that she might not have considered otherwise. "I now have my own website for my photography that has led to the start of a small business," she said. Her photography is online at hannahfarleyphotography.squarespace.com.



Innovation and Talent Take Center Stage

The Department of Theatre and Dance is challenging itself to be more innovative and succeeding on all levels — from an exciting new summer theatre venue to a stellar regular season lineup that spotlights the limitless talents of its students.

Otterbein Summer Theatre took a risk when it changed its venue after 45 years of staging productions in the Campus Center Theatre. In the new ONSTAGE venue, audiences sit in a specially designed space located on the regular-season stage in the Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall. The space provides the audience with a more comfortable experience, but retains the intimate atmosphere that is a signature of summer theatres and a valuable learning experience for theatre students.

“The intelligently designed, nicely executed space — with its higher risers, greater leg room, improved accessibility, sharp acoustics, and functioning air conditioning — makes for an appreciable improvement over the space where the university’s summer theater has been performed for the past 45 years,” wrote Margaret Quamme, theatre critic for *The Columbus Dispatch*.

Coming off a successful summer season, Otterbein University Theatre announced its regular season lineup, featuring David Mamet’s *Speed-the-Plow*; *Dance 2013: Once Again!*; Oscar Wilde’s

The Importance of Being Earnest; and the Broadway musical, *The Full Monty*.

But it was the season-opening production of *Les Misérables* that had the theatre community buzzing. Expectations were high for Otterbein’s production, which was the first university-produced performance in Ohio of the full score. Students took the stage for eight performances of the three-hour musical in October, earning praise from critics.

“*Les Misérables* lives or dies on the strength of its vocal performances,” wrote Quamme. “The new production by Otterbein University ... effortlessly clears the bar on all musical counts.”

Jordan Donica '16, who starred as the iconic character, Jean Valjean, is proving to be a rising talent in the department. Last season, he landed the lead role in the spring production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* — a rare honor for a freshman. “Although he’s only a freshman, Jordan Donica delivers a powerhouse performance as J. Pierrepont Finch,” wrote *Broadway World* critic Paul Batterson.

With one musical under his belt, Donica spent his summer building his vocal endurance for his demanding, but rewarding, role in *Les Misérables*.

“I learned a lot from the audience and seeing many peoples’ different perspectives on Valjean,”

Donica said. “Not only did the audience pick up on the characteristics I was going for, but they also projected onto him their own personal experiences.”

His performance was lauded, and critic Richard Ades wrote, “...

Donica may well be the best Jean Valjean you’ve ever seen.”

By staging demanding productions like *Les Misérables*, the Department prepares its students for professional success. Just ask **Krystal Simpson '14**. The senior musical theatre major took her education off-campus to perform in a five-month tour of *Dreamgirls*, which included stops in the United States, Canada and Japan.

While on tour, her professors continued to work with her remotely. She is back on campus and on track to graduate in May 2014. Read more about her experience at www.otterbein.edu/krystalsimpson.

For more on the upcoming season, visit www.otterbein.edu/drama.

Jordan Donica '16 as Jean Valjean
from *Les Misérables*

Music & the Real World

Eric Van Wagner '99, music lessons teacher, thinks the key to success in the field of audio production is to learn through a wide range of real-world experiences. As head of the Department of Music's audio production program, he draws from his own background to provide those opportunities for his students.

Van Wagner's strong belief in experiential learning may come from his own introduction to audio production. "In the late '90s, I was in a band that had record label interest. When the band went to record, I always assisted the recording engineer, and that's when I became interested in the other side of production," he said. "Once the band broke up, I decided to transition to the technical side of music."

While not every audio producer is a musician, a certain amount of creativity is necessary to do the job well. "Creativity and technical expertise go hand-in-hand," Van Wagner said. "A great musician that can't facilitate an idea is useless, and so is a technical genius that doesn't understand what is appropriate for the given music."

Van Wagner explained that a good audio producer must know his equipment to the point that he doesn't have to think about the technology and can focus on the music, but stressed that other characteristics are necessary. "Skills can be learned. What's more important are a strong work ethic, positive attitude and the ability to understand almost any genre of music."

Van Wagner constantly seeks opportunities for his audio production students to apply what they have learned. "I place a strong emphasis on real-world projects. I involve students, as much as their skill level allows, into every campus event I can. I invite them to assist me with my freelance work. Even the mixing projects that my students get in class have all come from old recordings in the archives of my peers and myself," he said.

This fall, the Office of Alumni Relations contracted Van Wagner and his students to set up the sound for the new band stage at Homecoming. They are currently working with the Office of Marketing and Communications to produce the University's annual holiday video. They also produce Music & Romance, an annual Valentine's event featuring Otterbein ensembles.

Projects like these allow students to improve their technical skills while practicing real-world concepts like client relationship management.

While audio production is his focus, Van Wagner hasn't given up performing. As a bassist, he has performed in a variety of styles and has shared the stage with such groups as Fuel and the Moody Blues. Now, he directs and performs alongside students in the Department's popular music ensemble, The Anticipations.

"I created The Anticipations in 2005 to provide relevant experiences to the growing number of students entering the



The Anticipations, a student group founded by Eric Van Wagner, music lessons teacher, performs at Homecoming on the band stage. He and his students set up all the sound equipment as well.

Department of Music as electric guitar, electric bass or drum set majors," he said.

The group features a new lineup each year and is open to any student enrolled at Otterbein University, regardless of major. The group performs at least once each semester and produces a CD each year in conjunction with the audio production students. They performed at Homecoming.

"The group exposes these students to the classic repertoire of pop music, performance practices, how to interact with a sound system and how to navigate a band dynamic," Van Wagner said. "Some former members have gone on to be working musicians that perform locally, have been on tours and have released original music. Once, one of our singers was asked to join a band at the end of our show!"

The Anticipations are preparing for a Beatles tribute show in uptown Westerville on April 5, 2014. *The Beatles: Because...* will celebrate the 50th anniversary year of the Beatles landing in America. For more information, visit www.redgroveentertainment.com.



Student Publications

Otterbein's literary publication, *Quiz & Quill*, has been offering creative and social opportunities to students since 1919 and features poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, dramatic writing and art. *Aegis* was established in 2004 to promote a deeper appreciation of the humanities. Published each spring, the journal is written and edited by students and features undergraduate scholarly essays and book reviews. *Kate* is a feminist publication committed to interdisciplinary discourse and is named after one of Otterbein's first graduates, **Kate Winter Hanby '1857**.

compiled by Becky Hill May '78

1949

reunion year
alumni weekend 2014

Claire Kerr Reynolds '51

retired as director of the Colorado Springs, CO, show choir, Vocal Fusion. In addition to publishing several original compositions and arrangements, she was a K-12 music teacher, concert organist and music director/accompanist at several churches. She founded three choral groups: Song Spinners in 1974, A Touch of Class in 1985 and Vocal Fusion in 2003.

Ruth Mugridge Snodgrass '51

was inducted into the 2013 Ohio Department of Aging Hall of Fame. She is the oldest member and founder of the Tuscarawas County Writers Guild, currently serving as the program coordinator. A retired teacher, she has published adult and children's books, directed more than 100 plays and productions, written songs and hymns and founded the Hispanic Ministries of Tuscarawas County.

Beverly Thompson Kelly '52

was named 2013 Laywoman

of the Year, United Church of Christ, by the Florida UCC Women at Good Samaritan Church, Pinellas Park, FL.

1954

reunion year
alumni weekend 2014

1959

reunion year
alumni weekend 2014

1964

reunion year
alumni weekend 2014

Joe Booth '65 was recently inducted into the Zanesville High School Hall of Fame. He was a doctor in private practice until his retirement after 30 years of serving his hometown area. He was also Muskingum County coroner for three years, team physician for the

Zanesville High School track team for six years and president of the Muskingum County Medical Academy.

Col. **Robert Meyer '65**, U.S. Air Force (retired), was inducted into the Ohio National Guard Hall of Fame in April. He retired in 2003 after serving 37 years in the U.S. Air Force and the Ohio Air National Guard.

Gail Miller '66 retired from teaching at Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA, after 30 years. Prior to his career at Westminster, he taught a variety of business administration courses and chaired the department at Otterbein from 1977 to 1983.

Giving
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Reynold Hoefflin '57 established the Hoefflin Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship will benefit students majoring in history.

Marlene Lansman

Deringer '69 (right) has retired from her position as associate professor of education at Otterbein after 26 years. She worked with **Dee Dee Krumm Heffner '69** (left) in a program that sent 39 student teachers to the McCurdy School in Española, NM, between 1995 and 2011. Dee Dee and her husband, **Dennis Heffner '69** (center), retired from their ministries in Española where they have served as home missionaries since 1975. They plan to reside in Tijeras, NM, and spend time with their grandchildren.



Brian Hartzell '70 hosted the 38th annual reunion of the Friends of Clarice Burton, a loosely organized group of Otterbein alumni, spouses and children, at his farmstead in Perrysville, OH, on July 14. Burton rented her upstairs rooms to nearly 100 Otterbein men from 1946 to 1975. Nearly one-third of these men became ministers. In 1975, her "Burton Boys" established the Clarice Burton Memorial Scholarship Fund.

50+ Years: Golden Otterbein Couples



Mary Jane Kline Van Sickle '42 and husband, **Frank Van Sickle '41**, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family and friends at the clubhouse in the Villas of Canterbury Woods, Westerville. They were engaged in March 1941 when "Van" was a senior and Mary Jane a junior. They were married at Church of the Master on Feb. 20, 1943.

Kay Turner Truitt '50 and husband, **Frank Truitt '50**, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in June.

Carolyn Brown Sherrick '53 and husband, **Dick Sherrick '54**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June with a trip to Europe and a Mediterranean cruise.



Micky McClure Hastings '54 and husband, **Robert Hastings '54**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 27, 2013. They are both retired teachers.

Priscilla Huprich Manson '60 and husband, **Al Manson '60**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. The Mansons, their two daughters and four grandchildren all reside in the Houston area.

Martha Deever Matteson '64 and husband, **Merv Matteson '60**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16, 2013. Both are retired pastors in the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. They have four children, **Mara Matteson '89**, Miriam Garcia, Michael and Matthew; and five grandchildren.



1969 reunion year
alumni weekend 2014

Gordon Bury II '70 was honored at the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and presented a special medallion and citation from the Pennsylvania State Senate. He and 29 other men were recognized for participating in the Gettysburg National Reenactments and furthering the understanding of our American heritage through their contributions.

Dennis Mammana '73 was featured in the May issue of *Astronomy Magazine*. Through his celestial photography, astronomy writings, public lectures, courses and astronomical enrichment tours to some of the most exotic places on Earth, he has brought the cosmos to audiences around the world.

1974 reunion year
alumni weekend 2014

Thomas Heil '75 was inducted into the Teays Valley High School Athletic Hall of Fame in February. He was a guidance counselor at Teays Valley High

School until his retirement in June 2011.

Bill Reid '76 is the owner of the Closet Factory of South Carolina. His wife, Maribeth, is a nurse at Waccamaw Hospital. The couple resides in Pawleys Island, SC.

Debra Mukasa Chagonda '78 retired from Victoria Foods, Harare, Zimbabwe. She is raising chickens and assisting her husband in growing medicinal herbs and plants for his research at the University of Zimbabwe.

Fred O. Ciminello '61 established the **Kay Dornan Ciminello '59** Memorial Music Fund in memory of his wife. The fund will benefit the University's musical programming.

Giving
Note

Otterbein is grateful for the continued loyalty of **Richard P. Legrand '62** and **Glenna McKorkle Legrand '64** (deceased). Richard strengthened their commitment to the University by establishing a planned gift through the Richard and Glenna Legrand Charitable Fund at The Columbus Foundation.

Giving
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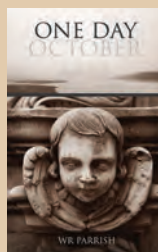
Otterbein Book Corner



Karen Hoerath Meyer '65 has published her fourth historical novel, *Whispers at Marietta*, exploring Ohio's first permanent settlement. In May, she was the featured author at the East Central Ohio Educational Service Center's Annual Young Author's Conference where fourth- and fifth-grade authors learn about writing. She enjoys presenting living history events in schools and retirement centers.



Ryan Parrish '03 has published his first book, *One Day October*. Set over the course of a single day, a series of six stories brings together the miraculous and the mundane. He was the featured author for May at the Courtright Memorial Library.



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.

Kimberly Grossl Kessler '81 is the director of the public sector campaigns at United Way of Central Ohio.

David Marcia '81 completed his doctorate degree at the University of Missouri in December. He began teaching at Beloit College, Beloit, WI,

where he directed *Hay Fever* this April. He also directed the premiere of his play, *Coward Land*, this fall. *Coward Land* and his previous play, *What Breaks Your Heart?*, were semifinalists at the O'Neill Theatre Center's New Play Competition.

On Sept. 7, the **Edwin L. "Dubbs" Roush Hall of Champions** was unveiled at the Clements Recreation Center. This display recognizes Roush's decades of leadership on and off the field. It was dedicated in recognition of the two lead gifts for the Turf and Track Project received from the Roush Family Fund and the Vida S. Clements Foundation. For more information and photos, see page 13.

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Dave Bender '83 is executive director of information and technology services at Otterbein. He also serves on the board of the Del Co Water Company and is current president of the Delaware County Friends of the Trail.

Lianne Davidson Dickerson '83 is director of emergency services and critical care at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital in Athens, OH. She has oversight and responsibility for all financial, clinical, managerial and strategic objectives for the emergency department and critical care units.

Michael Huston '86 was promoted to senior technical fellow of the Lubrizol Corporation, Wickliffe, OH, where he also holds the title of strategic technology manager.

Carl Miller '86 and his wife, Pamela Rodgers, opened a bed and breakfast on the beach in Ixtapa, Mexico, in March.

Rob Gagnon '87 is the senior vice president of Ralph Lauren. com in New York City.

Jean-Marc O'Connor '88 is a career agent with Legacy Strategies, LLC, Dublin, OH. Legacy Strategies provides clients with financial strategies to make their estates work more efficiently.

Kathleen Clinger Brown '89 was appointed to serve as the West Ohio Conference superintendent for the Capitol Area South District, effective July 1. As superintendent, she will have spiritual administrative oversight for 123 congregations and numerous mission sites and projects.

Mara Matteson '89 was involved in the launch of the Keres Children's Learning Center, Cochiti Pueblo, NM. The preschool section uses Montessori pedagogy to teach the native language in an immersion setting to Native American children whose language is at risk.

Kyle Ramey '89 was named the superintendent of Oakwood City Schools in Dayton, OH, in March. He previously served as director of instructional services for Kettering City Schools.



Brothers **Kent '79** (left), **Doug '77** (right) and Eric Stuckey climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in September. While getting ready for the climb, they spotted a young man wearing an Otterbein sweatshirt. He was among a group trying to get a job as a porter for the expeditions that were leaving.

Carl Bates '86

Physician Wants to Fix Underlying Conditions of Kidney Disease in Children

by Kim Schomburg Nagorski '89

As chief of the Division of Nephrology at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, **Carl Bates, MD, '86**, spends the majority of his time conducting research on kidney disease in children. The hospital recruited Bates in 2008 in part because his research was being funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). According to Bates, "Very few pediatric nephrologists receive government funding for their research. Your hope is to get NIH funding because it's great validation of your research."



His current research focuses on two areas: kidney and bladder birth defects. "Birth defects are the leading cause of irreversible kidney disease in children," Bates noted. "While many children we see are relatively healthy with just a few problems, others have significant kidney injury requiring dialysis or transplant, neither of which is a cure." His research focuses on identifying the genetic mutations that lead to malformation of the kidneys. With this understanding, he

said, "We hope to fix the underlying condition or at least understand the ramifications so we have better treatments. With structural kidney diseases, there is very little we can do right now. Kidney disease is a terminal illness. If you're on dialysis as a child, you lose 50 years of life. Even with a transplant, you lose 25 years of your life."

In addition to his own research, Bates oversees the studies of junior researchers in his department. When he came to the hospital, he helped start a fellowship program to train pediatric nephrologists. He mentors these

researchers and fellows, just as his professors at Otterbein mentored him.

A life science and chemistry major, Bates acknowledged the training that helped him move forward along his career path. "I really won't forget my professors, particularly Jerry Jenkins. I definitely look at him as a role model and mentor, particularly in my becoming a scientist."

Profile

Craig Sutherland '89

co-founded ICEbox Solutions, LLC, in Columbus. The product is designed to be a personalized, secure online vault for personal identification records, important documents and medical records available on computers, tablets or smartphones.

Jeff Jones '91 is the new associate principal at Delaware Hayes High School, Delaware, OH.

Colby Paul Kingsbury '91

received the Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation's Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award in

recognition of her commitment to the principles of equal protection and equal justice in the community through outstanding pro bono service.

Kelley Grant-Kelley '93 and husband, Brian, are owners of Studio Om Yoga in Pataskala, OH.

She is a registered yoga instructor and will be teaching classes and managing the business.



Jan Madak O'Daniel '86

has worked for seven years as a search engine optimization (SEO) copywriter, freelance magazine writer and writing mentor. Prior to launching her consultancy, she spent 20 years in radio, television, publishing and interactive marketing.



Todd Roesse '92 (right) has been a missionary with the Word of Life Church in the Saratov, Russia, region for more than 15 years. **John Buckles H'04** (left) visited; the two are pictured here in Red Square at St. Basil's Cathedral.

Ron Saunders '98

"The Creation is Sometimes More Important than the Outcome"

by Kim Schomburg Nagorski '89

While at Otterbein, artist **Ron Saunders '98** focused on painting. Today, however, he is concentrating more and more on multidisciplinary and collaborative art. His work, he says, "is really about the process. The creation is sometimes more important than the outcome." Currently, he is "developing mechanisms, machines — processes that are dynamic and create work on their own. I am focusing on the spaces between places and trying to find the threshold between two different objects that are seemingly opposing."



groups and facilitate a project where we used cardboard to build temporary living structures that simulated tents," he notes. "It was an ongoing installation. Even though I had some control, it was a collaborative effort," and one that focused on the plight of the homeless in southern California.

He will be collaborating with the astrophysics and astronomy departments at California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena on an upcoming project, which

will involve frozen water-based pigment balls, a large panel and a group of astronomers.

Although he considered various art colleges early on, Saunders chose to attend Otterbein because he wanted the flexibility that a liberal-arts college could offer. That decision, he says, "shaped who I am today. Otterbein provided a very multi-disciplinary point of view. I was able to learn things that didn't necessarily relate to art, and it allowed me to develop critical thinking formulas."

Emily Boldon '94 was featured in the June issue of *Radio Ink Magazine's* article, "Most Influential Women in Radio." She is vice president of stratus music programming/corporate program director at Cumulus Media, Atlanta, GA.

Todd Crain '94 guest starred on a January episode of NBC's *30 Rock* as the grown-up,

not-so-pure-of-heart Charlie from the original *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*.

Jenny Stratton Johnson '95 is an emergency room registered nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. She and her husband, Brian, reside in Upper Arlington with their four children.

Heather Rutz '95 received her master of arts in education degree from Bluffton University, Bluffton, OH, in May.

Erin Stewart Miller '97 is the environmental steward for the mayor of the City of Columbus. She managed the city's residential recycling rollout to 187,000 homes this year.

Celina Clarich Polanco '98 is an associate director of admissions for the New York Film Academy in Los Angeles, CA. She also spent most of the last year performing as Camila in the second national tour of the Tony Award winning musical, *In the Heights*.



James Friesner '94 with his son, Carl, at his graduation from the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Friesner was awarded a doctorate of ministry degree. He is an ordained member of the roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and serves in the greater Grand Rapids, MI, area.



Kathryn Felsenthal Stephens '97 was honored as part of the 21st class of promising central Ohio young professionals by *Columbus Business First Magazine* as part of its annual Forty Under 40 awards. She is the only paid employee of Walk with a Doc, an international nonprofit organization headquartered in Columbus. The program arranges for physicians to give a 10-minute health talk followed by a one-hour walk with participants around public parks.

Aaron Ramey '98 played General Glossop and understudied the lead roles and John Utterson in the pre-Broadway tour of *Jekyll & Hyde*.

Tim Morrison '99 was appointed pastor at First United Methodist Church, Elyria, OH.

Elizabeth Minnich Saltzgiver '99 recently completed The Next Generation of Leaders in the Arts fellowship program, which is designed to help middle managers foster and cultivate leadership skills in order to excel in higher-level arts administration. She is currently employed by Otterbein as the audience services director in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Jim Cooney '00 is the associate choreographer for *Guys and Dolls* at Great Lakes Theatre, which is directed and choreographed by **Dan Knechtges '94**. Cooney is choreographer of the world premiere Brazilian musical *Eramos Gays*, running in Salvador; artistic director and choreographer of MASQ, a new annual masquerade event featuring circus, dance

and burlesque; and a creative consultant for Unique New York Productions, owned by **Mike Kirsch '01**.

Donna Valput Hanly '00 was promoted to chief nurse executive for all Ohio Health campuses. This is a newly established senior leadership position at Ohio Health. She previously held the position of chief nurse executive at Grant Medical Center.

Ashley Palmer '00 plays Haley in the independent feature film, *A Strange Brand of Happy*. She also appeared as a secretary in the fifth and sixth seasons of AMC's *Mad Men*.

Chasity Lambert '01 is a child welfare caseworker at Franklin County Children Services in Columbus. She handles a specialized caseload of 10 to 24 cases consisting of the most sensitive and those of advanced difficulty.

Lindsay Chambers '02 is performing in *Forbidden Broadway Alive and Kicking*, an off-Broadway show that has been spoofing Broadway seasons for more than 25 years.

Angelina Poltavets Rejino '02 is a production assistant for graphic design services at Associated Students Inc. at California State University, Fullerton, CA.

Mark Holland '03 is archivist at the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum, Canton, OH.

Jennifer Jackson '03 completed her doctorate degree in communication and received a women and gender studies graduate certificate from the University of Memphis in 2012. She is currently employed by Middle Tennessee State, Murfreesboro, TN, in the speech and theatre department.

Karen Groves Estridge MSN'04 received her doctorate of nursing practice from Case Western Reserve University in May.

Amber Camarillo George '04 is media director at InnoVision, LLC, a marketing and advertising agency in San Diego.

Carissa Hershey '04 is communications coordinator at Citizens for Humane Action animal shelter, Columbus. She earned her master's degree in public administration with a focus on nonprofit management from the Keller Graduate School of Management/DeVry University in June. She is also an academic support advisor at Hondros College Nursing Program in Westerville.

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Rob Burk '00 accepted a position with the United States Eventing Association, Leesburg, VA, as senior director of programs. He will work with the CEO, board of governors and other colleagues to expand the association's competition programs and develop new programs.



Traci Meister '04 is the founder and CEO of The Word Movement, LLC, a literary and ministerial organization which encompasses her literary, vocal and ministry objectives.

Andrea Brown '99

Psychology Professor Integrates Culture and Diversity in Classroom

by Kim Schomburg Nagorski '89

While an associate professor of psychology at Montgomery College in Rockwell, MD, **Andrea Brown '99** used her own research to determine how to best teach students who hail from 170 countries. She and her fellow professors had to learn how to "connect with students who are bringing in different values, religious beliefs and educational experiences," she noted.



Among other things, Brown researched culturally responsive teaching in psychology. "I looked at how we made our classrooms accessible, how we connected with the students and how we integrated culture throughout all of the classes," she said.

Brown found herself "bridging what I know about psychology and certain generalities about cultural differences with my educational knowledge" to develop assignments,

start discussions and even choose particular documentaries that bring diversity into the classroom.

Although she focuses on cultural research, other areas of interest include religion and spirituality, and women's studies. She has presented her findings at conferences across the country and has helped other educators address classroom diversity. Recently, she accepted a position in the Department of Human Behavior at the College of Southern Nevada in Henderson, NV.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Otterbein, Brown went on to receive a master's degree in counselor education and a doctorate in counseling psychology from Arizona State University. It is Otterbein, however, that she considers "the best springboard for my career. I couldn't have this career and have kept this curiosity if it hadn't been for my psychology professors."

Aleesha Nash '04 wrote and performed her one-woman play, *Yours Truly, Vincent*, based on the life and works of Vincent Van Gogh. She performed the play during the One Man Talking New Works series at the TADA Youth Theatre in New York City in March.

Tracy Shroyer '04 earned her doctorate degree in organization and management with a specialization in leadership from Capella University, a national online university, in January. She is a

consultant/account executive at Discover Financial Services in Columbus.

Amanda Grear '05 received her master of arts degree in teaching in biological sciences from Miami University, Oxford, OH, last fall. She was a member of the second class of graduates from the Global Field Program, which brings together master's degree candidates, scientists, educators and community leaders at key conservation sites around the globe. Since joining the program in 2010, she has

traveled to Baja, Costa Rica and the Amazon.

Chelsea Mahaffey '05 is a grade school counselor in Brookville City Schools, Brookville, OH.

Colette Masterson '05 accepted a position with Fisher College of Business in the undergraduate leadership and engagement office at The Ohio State University. She will serve as the program manager for student involvement. She is also pursuing a doctorate degree in higher education at Ohio University.

Brandon Moss '05 is a vocal music teacher at Central Crossing High School, Grove City, OH.

Robin Pertz '05 earned her master's degree in library and information science from Kent State University in August. She is working as a library technician at the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland.

Becca Zapor '05 earned her master of business administration degree from Franklin University, Columbus, in May.

Jessica Henning Derr '05 was awarded the Air Force Association (AFA) Medal of Merit for the Great Lakes Region for outstanding service. AFA is a nonprofit, independent, professional military and aerospace education association whose mission is to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense, and to honor airmen and the Air Force heritage.



Shannon Towers Johnson '98 (left) is the director of human resources at Tween Brands, Inc., in New Albany, OH. Tween Brands provides fashion merchandise and accessories for girls and boys ages 7-12. **Claire Tinkler '09** is a web designer at Tween Brands, designing site and email material.

Jennifer Koehrsen '01

Medical Researcher Wants to Better the Human Condition

by Kim Schomburg Nagorski '89

Curiosity may have killed the cat, but it has drawn **Jennifer Koehrsen '01** into a career she didn't even know existed until she attended Otterbein. As a psychology major at Otterbein, she began helping with research studies early in her freshman year. After receiving a master's degree in social psychology from Ohio University, she continued in research but decided to move into the medical field, which she finds "much more cut and dry, not as theoretical."



According to Koehrsen, her professors at Otterbein prepared her well for her current position as administrative director of interdisciplinary research and education at the Allegheny Singer Research Institute in Pittsburgh. "I was surprised to learn upon entering the medical field that residents and physicians are expected to do research but they often aren't taught how," she comments. "I turned out to be very well prepared for this path and as such, I'm able to teach

and guide others as I was guided." In fact, Koehrsen's responsibilities include overseeing the investigators and their work. She helps new researchers learn how to keep proper documentation and to follow regulations, and she ensures that all researchers are treating patients ethically. "Our patients are doing us a favor by enrolling in these trials," she explains. "They never have to enroll in a study. We owe it to them to make sure they are being treated ethically. I focus on that with the physicians."

Although she has always been interested in the behavior of individuals and how it is influenced by external factors, she particularly enjoys working in the medical field. "In medicine, you see more definitive results, discover any side effects and potential benefits," she noted. "You get to know the patients and develop relationships. I like contributing to bettering their situations, especially oncology patients. I want to help in any way that I can to develop new treatments to end suffering and to better the human condition in general."

Profile

Benjamin Garnett '06 was named Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Advanced Leaders Course at the Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Academy, U.S. Army School of Music, Little Creek, VA. He is a trumpet player and public affairs Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) for the 100th Army Band and has earned his 9V (vocalist) and C1 rating, the highest proficiency rating an Army musician can achieve.

David Hard '06 was promoted to trust examiner at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Lexington, KY, in March. He earned his master of business administration degree from Columbia Southern University, Orange Beach, AL, in June 2012 and was awarded the Ohio

Distinguished Service Medal after 20 years of service in the Ohio Army National Guard.

Lauren Kerekes MBA '06 was the recipient of the 2012 International Member of the Year Award from the Association of Women in the Metal Industries (AWMI) in Nashville, TN, in November 2012. The award is the highest honor awarded by AWMI; members are nominated and selected by their peers for exemplifying the association's goals of education, mentoring, networking and growth.

Nick Kiger '06 is the donor relations director for The Salvation Army in central Ohio.

Jon Jurgens '07 sang *La donna e mobile* from *Rigoletto* with

the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra in July.

Mike Griffin '08 is the director of major gifts at Wright State University's Medical School, Dayton, OH.

Peter Sichko '08 is a senior RF/Inter-com technician for Maryland Sound International (MSI), a live audio production company in the Washington, D.C., area. He assisted with all aspects of the presidential inauguration at the Capitol last January, primarily responsible for the RF/Inter-com for the ceremony.

Jillian Van Auken '08 is coordinator for student activities at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. She published an article in the

April issue of *Campus Activities Programming*, a publication of the National Association for Campus Activities, entitled "Building Effective Partnerships in Programming." In 2011-12, she was named advisor of the year at IUPUI. She received her master's degree in student affairs in higher education from Miami University, Oxford, OH, where she was outstanding graduate advisor in 2009-10.

Lindsay Draper Marks '09 was promoted to team lead officer for Huntington Banks, Columbus.

Micaela Coleman '10 is the legislative correspondent/press assistant to Congresswoman Joyce Beatty OH-03 in Washington, D.C.

Katherina Nikzad-Terhune '03

Clinical Practice Focuses on Working with Caregivers

by Kim Schomburg Nagorski '89

A psychology major, **Katherina Nikzad-Terhune '03** paid her way through Otterbein by working in the Alzheimer's and dementia unit at a local nursing home. She became fascinated by the disease and how it affected not only the patients but their families. In fact, her thesis in the honors program studied interventions for the disease. She went on to the University of Kentucky to receive a master's degree in social work and a doctorate in gerontology with a focus on Alzheimer's.

Currently, she has her own clinical practice in Lexington, KY, where she counsels family caregivers, among other patients. An adjunct professor in the College of Social Work at the University of Kentucky, Nikzad-Terhune's own research focuses on the onset of caregiving for Alzheimer's patients. "I became interested in that piece when I was in graduate school," she commented. "I began to recognize that there are a lot of mental health issues involved with caregiving. It is a very stressful, very demanding role."

"Some caregivers," she continues, "enter in a gradual way, while others become a caregiver overnight." Her



research has centered on the differences between these two. "I found that those who had a gradual entry reported better outcomes down the road — less depression, less overload — versus those who experienced an abrupt entry. Having a gradual entry may serve as a buffering effect. There is time to mobilize resources and to become accustomed to the role."

When she works with caregivers in her practice, she uses her research to help them cope with grief issues. "There are new losses all the time," she notes. "Caregivers tend to grieve each loss as it occurs. The grieving process is different than in other situations. Sometimes caregivers don't know why they feel relief when the patient dies." Nikzad-Terhune helps them alleviate their stress and make difficult decisions and provides them with useful resources.

She plans to follow up her findings by developing a formal measure for caregiving onset. "It is important that we recognize it so we can identify caregivers who may be at risk later on," she concludes.

David Dziedzicki '10 is the head athletic trainer at Worthington Kilbourne High School, Worthington, OH. He recently co-authored an article, "Alcohol Consumption Behaviors Among Collegiate Athletes," published in the *International Journal of Athletic Therapy and Training*.

Eric Folks '10 performed in *columbinus* at the American Theatre Company, Chicago, IL. The production was a world premiere, debuting the show's new third act. He is also a member of The Bats, the resident acting company at the Flea Theatre in Tribeca in New York City dedicated to producing new and challenging works.

Charlotte Halliday '10 is senior special project manager at treetree, a brand communications agency in Columbus. She is the liaison to the client, with tasks including planning, communications and copywriting.

Randi Honkonen '10 is a marketing and communications specialist at The Ohio State University's Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Kolby Kindle '10 is currently touring the U.S. and Japan in the musical *Dreamgirls* playing the role of Marty.



Sarah Jenney '10 earned her master of business administration degree with a certificate in health care management from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN. She recently accepted a position with OhioHealth at the Westerville Medical Campus.



La'Rez Wilson '11 is a community service coordinator for the Community Service Office at Washington University in St. Louis. He received his master's degree in higher education and student affairs from the University of Connecticut in June.

Jihad Milhem '10 appeared in Philadelphia Artist Collective's production of *Timon of Athens* followed by EgoPo Theatre Company's production of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. He co-produced his first full-length play, *Mosque*, the story of a father and son living in New York City during the summer of 2010 amid the controversy of a mosque being built near Ground Zero.

Jasmine Thomas '10 works with Homeport Community Life's AmeriCorps Program, formerly Columbus Housing Partnership.

Todd Thomas '10 is the assistant director of student activities and campus events for fraternity and sorority life at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. He earned his master of education degree in college student personnel from Ohio University in May.

Sandra Vojta '10 is the head tailor for NBC's *The Blacklist* and for the fifth season of USA Network's *White Collar*. She was also the head tailor for NBC's *Smash*. When time allows, she freelances doing costume rebuilds for Broadway shows.

Barbara Bednarczuk '11 performed the role of Eponine in *Les Misérables* at the Utah Shakespeare Festival in summer and fall. She was in the ensemble of the national touring company of *Spamalot* and returned to Utah this fall to perform in *The Marvelous Wonderettes*.

Jayne Detweiler '11 is the social media manager and associate editor at Delta Gamma Fraternity executive offices, Columbus. Delta Gamma is one of the nation's oldest women's fraternities. While managing the fraternity's social media platforms and creating videos and slideshows, she also writes, edits and designs for the quarterly alumnae magazine.

Eli Inkrot '11 is working with the Ohio Public Employees Retirement Service, Columbus. He earned his master's degree in finance from the University of Tampa, FL, in December.

Heather Weekley '11 was awarded second place in the magazine general features category of the Press Club of Cleveland's 2013 Ohio Excellence in Journalism Awards for her article "Etsy Moms: Checking in with Columbus' Craftiest Mothers," which appeared in the December 2012 issue of *Columbus Parent Magazine*. She is the assistant editor at *Capital Style Magazine* and *Columbus Parent Magazine*, published by *The Columbus Dispatch*.

Shayna Gabrielle '12 was on the equity national tour of *Martha Speaks*, produced by TheaterWorks USA, playing the role of Martha.

Mark Hogan '12 is an account executive with the New York Mets.

Jordan Hussey '12 is a manager at Apple's Legacy Village store in Cleveland.

The Office of Institutional Advancement welcomes two new directors of donor relations to their team. **Kate Billy** and **Juliana Sinclair** are excited to be part of the Otterbein community.

Andrea Keil '12 opened Music Makers Piano Studio, offering lessons to students of all ages. She is pursuing a master's degree in music history while working as a teaching assistant at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH.

Catherine Kerber '12 interned for the Fulbright Commission at their London office. As part of her internship, she helped plan the annual USA College Day, where students wishing to study in the U.S. come to meet exhibitors representing American universities.

JP Lococo '12 is an account executive for the Columbus Crew, the Major League Soccer franchise in Columbus.

Derrick McPeak '12 taught the Properties for the Theatre course at Otterbein this past spring, while freelancing as a props master at Columbus Children's Theatre. He returned to the Utah Shakespeare Festival in May for his second season as a props artisan.

Melissa Moomaw '12 is working in the emergency room at Grant Hospital, Columbus.

Sarah Myers '12 was highlighted in *Columbus Business First Magazine* for her work in social media. She is a public relations specialist at Baker Creative in Columbus.

Jake Robinson '12 is currently seen on the CW Network drama, *The Carrie Diaries*, in the role of Bennett Wilcox. Since moving to New York City, he has had roles on NBC's *Smash*; Showtime's *Timmy Two Chins*; an indie film, *Long Shot Louie*; and feature film, *Old 37*.

Kristen Sapp '12 is the office and communications manager at the Columbus Apartment Association, Columbus.

Sarah Degen '13 is teaching first grade at Pointview Elementary School, Westerville.

Taylor Harle '13 is teaching math at Newark Catholic High School, Newark, OH.

Carla Remy '13 is a certified licensure examiner with the State of Ohio. ●

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Marriages

Bill Reid '76 to Maribeth Bartus, March 23, 2013.

Pam Powell '93 to John Mahaney, June 15, 2013.

Stacy Pintar '96 to Jason Mantey, Sept. 10, 2011.

Ashley Palmer '00 to Aaron Wadsworth, Oct. 7, 2012.

Danielle Miller '01 to Chad Weeks, Sept. 30, 2012. Bridesmaids included **Kim Cooksey '01**, **Maryanne Wheeler Souder '01** and **Kathleen Whittman Wheeler '01**.

Nikki Boeshansz '02 to **William Culbertson '00**, March 23, 2013.

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

Jess Medors '06 to **Drew Laughlin '06**, Oct. 19, 2012. The wedding party included **Katie Shirley Sarver '06**, **Emily Wood '06**, **Travis Armstrong '07**, **Libby Hoffman '07** and **Grant Christy '06**. Dr. Paul Laughlin, retired Otterbein religion professor and father of the groom, officiated.



Bill Reid '76 with bride, Maribeth Bartus.



Pam Powell '93 with groom, John Mahaney.



Stacy Pintar '96 with groom, Jason Mantey.



Ashley Palmer '00 with groom, Aaron Wadsworth.



Danielle Miller '01 with groom, Chad Weeks.



Nikki Boeshansz '02 with groom, William Culbertson '00.



Jess Medors '06 with groom, Drew Laughlin '06.



Yootapoom Timam MBA '05 with bride, Olesya Sosedenko '06, MBA '09.

Olesya Sosedenko '06, MBA '09 to **Yootapoom Timam MBA '05**, Dec. 28, 2012. The matron of honor was **Andria Dorsten Ebert '10**.

Amy Feller '07 to **Jason George '08**, Oct. 9, 2010. The wedding party included **Ashley Ansley Michel '07**, **Bethany Trapp Harrelson '07**, **John Seals '09**, **Tyler Hempleman '07** and **Matthew Fields '09**.

Stefanie Campbell '08 to **Trey Ragase**, June 22, 2013. Bridesmaids included **Stephanie Houck Carmean '08**, **Laura Waddle Weade '08** and **Abby English '08**. Proud father of the bride is **Scott Campbell '76**.

Beth Williams '08 to **Julian Joy**, July 22, 2011. The wedding party included maid of honor, **Erica Wilkins '08**; bridesmaids, **Lydia Hayes '07** and **Laura Douce '07**.

Megan Miller '09 to **Jason Stein**, Aug. 11, 2012.

Amanda Pizzi '09 to **Dustin Mesch**, July 6, 2013. The wedding party included **Anthony Pizzi '11**, **Ashley Broughton Pizzi '12** and **Andrea Johnson '10**.

Laura Camarillo '10 to **Tyson Dennis '11**, June 9, 2012.

Elizabeth Freshley '10 to **Stephen Coy '08**, April 13, 2013. The bridal party

included **Eryn Kane '10**, **Morgan Reeves '10**, **Thespina Christulides '11**, **Tom Hough '10**, **Kerry Bouffieux '08**, **Travis Matson '11**, **Tyler Hempleman '07** and **Drew Conley '10**.

Danielle Vickers '10 to **Ryan Beltz**, June 1, 2013. Bridesmaids were **Ashley Suffel Zvansky '08**, **Shaylyn Webster '11** and **Niki Reese '10**.

Andrea Weekly '12 to **David Bardsley**, Aug. 25, 2012. The wedding party included **Kailee Miller '12**, **Melissa Buschmann '12** and **Olivia Pierce '12**.



Amy Feller '07 with groom, **Jason George '08**.



Stefanie Campbell '08 with groom, **Trey Ragase**.



Beth Williams '08 with groom, **Julian Joy**.



Jason Stein with bride, **Megan Miller '09**.



Dustin Mesch with bride, **Amanda Pizzi '09**, and wedding party.



Elizabeth Freshley '10 with groom, **Stephen Coy '08**, and wedding party.



Danielle Vickers '10 with groom, **Ryan Beltz**.



Andrea Weekly '12 with groom, **David Bardsley**.



Kelly Krieger '12 with groom, **Sean Kavlick '11**, and friends.



Jessica Conley '13 with groom, **Sean Stimmel**.

Kelly Krieger '12 to **Sean Kavlick '11**, June 22, 2013. The wedding party included **Shaylynn Cain '13**, **Ashlee Smith '13**, **Gina Jones '13**, **Rachael Youmans '14**, **Jayme Detweiler '11**, **Laura Chenos '12**, **Cody Horstman '11**, **Ryan Crowell '11**, **Nick Bowman '09** and **Ryan Patingale '14**.

Jessica Conley '13 to **Sean Stimmel**, June 9, 2013.

Additions

Amy Baldwin Foster '90 and husband, **Robert**, a son, **Jack Tristen**, May 30, 2010, and adopted Feb. 14, 2013. He joins big brother, **Joel**, 4.

Brian Lower '90 and wife, **Linda**, twins, a daughter, **Audrey**, and a son, **Zachary**, March 28, 2013.

Jim Jones '93 and wife, **Deanna**, a son, **David Conrad**,

Dec. 27, 2012. He joins identical twin brothers, **Daniel** and **Thomas**, 3.

Tacci Smith '94 and partner, **Carla Presnell**, a daughter, **Isabella Dawn**, Nov. 14, 2012.

Kim Greenwood Franczek '95 and husband, **Joby**, a daughter, **Katelynn Louise**, June 22, 2012. She joins big brothers, **Nicholas**, 12, and **Donovan**, 8.

Darcie Gribler D'Ascenzo '97 and husband, **Rocco '97**, a daughter, **Stella Ellen**, July 22, 2012. She joins big sisters **Mia**, **Marlo** and **Celia Joy**. Proud grandparents are **Becky Lust Gribler '67** and **Mike Gribler '69**.

Maureen Bourke Yanik '97 and husband, **Pete**, a daughter, **Anna Viola**, Nov. 30, 2012. She joins big sister, **Gretchen**.

Heidi Betts-Spiers '98 and husband, **Scott**, a daughter, **Morgan Olivia**, April 3, 2013. She joins big sister, **Allison**, 5.

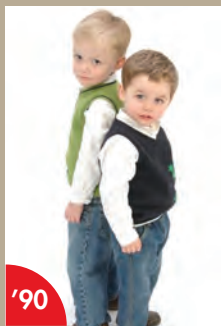
Josh Funk '98 and wife, **Kara**, a daughter, **Eden Jean Elizabeth**, March 9, 2013. She joins siblings **Lydia**, 10; **Isaac**, 6; **Micah**, 4 and **Phoebe**, 2.

Shantel Weinsheimer '99 and husband, **Grant**, a son, **Finn Ellsworth Blouse**, Feb. 8, 2013. He joins big sister, **Maya**.

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

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'90
Jack Tristen Foster
with big brother, Joel



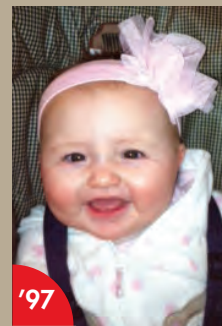
'90
Zachary and Audrey Lower



'93
David Conrad Jones with big
brothers Daniel and Thomas



'94
Isabella Dawn Presnell-Smith



'97
Stella Ellen D'Ascenzo



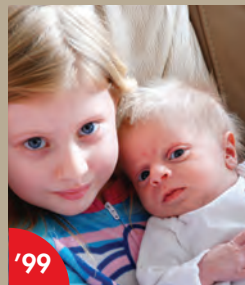
'97
Anna Viola Yanik with
big sister, Gretchen



'98
Morgan Olivia Betts-Spiers



'98
Eden Jean Elizabeth Funk



'99
Finn Ellsworth Blouse
with big sister, Maya



'00
Brenden Hedges with big sister,
Brookelynn



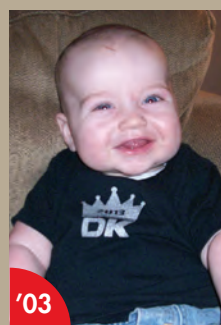
'02
Courtney Cave



'02
Gabriel Eric Lloyd



'02
Anabelle Elise Walker
with big sister, Amelia



'03
Xavier Josiah
Downey



'04
Michaela Elizabeth
Potts



'04
Adley Ann Staten



'05
Olivia Grace Cinereski



'05
Norah Nichole
Robertson



'05
Blake Edward Van Dresser with
big sister, Aubrie



'06
Haddie Reese Hunter



'07
Cyrus Jackson Arcaba



'07
Ava Jeanne Griffin



'08
Cameron Thomas Smith



'12
Brennen Douglas
Bardsley

Tracy Blaine Hedges '00 and husband, John, a son, Brenden, Feb. 2, 2012. He joins big sister, Brookelynn.

Jennifer Eckert Schroeder '01 and husband, Dave, a son, Alexander, Jan. 29, 2013. He joins big brothers, Andrew, 8, and William, 5; and big sister, Lauren, 2.

Carla Stauffer Cave '02, and husband, **Ryan '02**, a daughter, Courtney, Oct. 23, 2012.

Eric Lloyd '02 and wife, Amy, a son, Gabriel Eric, May 9, 2013.

Heidi Solt Walker '02 and husband, John, a daughter, Anabelle Elise, Oct. 17, 2012. She joins big sister, Amelia.

Cynthia King Downey '03 and husband, Aron, a son, Xavier Josiah, Feb. 12, 2013.

Mark Lastivka '04 and wife, Jessica, a son, Mason Andrew, Aug. 14, 2012.

Sara Yund Potts '04 and husband, **Brian '04**, a daughter, Michaela Elizabeth, July 25, 2012.

Jennifer Reiff Staten '04 and husband, **John '07**, a daughter, Adley Ann, Nov. 14, 2012.

Andrew Yeager '04, and wife, Lisa, a son, Nathaniel Brock, April 27, 2013.

Tracy Marsh Cinereski '05 and husband, Jared, a daughter, Olivia Grace, June 26, 2012.

Marci Timmons Robertson '05 and husband, Mark, a daughter, Norah Nichole, Jan. 10, 2013. She joins big sister, Zoe, 3.

Jill Ciersewski Van Dresser '05 and husband, Frank, a son, Blake Edward, March 25, 2012. He joins big sister, Aubrie.

Amy Reser Hunter '06 and husband, **Richie '05**, a daughter, Haddie Reese, Jan. 8, 2013.

Kourtney Kocel Arcaba '07 and husband, Chad, a son, Cyrus Jackson, March 23, 2013.

Carly Shugarman Griffin '07 and husband, **Mike '08**, a daughter, Ava Jeanne, Jan. 10, 2013. She joins big sister, Lily, 2.

Grant Smith '08, a son, Cameron Thomas, Dec. 31, 2012.

Andrea Weekly Bardsley '12 and husband, David, a son, Brennen Douglas, March 28, 2013.

Deaths

Alberta Corwin Gruver '31 passed away Feb. 7, 2013, at the age of 103. She was active in partnership with her husband in the ministries of the United Brethren/Evangelical United Brethren churches in Virginia and West Virginia. She was invited by President John Kennedy to participate in discussions at the White House addressing the civil rights issues of the day. In 1986, she received the Certificate of Merit for Distinguished Service from

the West Virginia Council of Churches. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, in 1983. She is survived by two children, eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Lorena Kundert Eley '37 passed away March 7, 2013. She was organist at Aley United Methodist Church, Beaver Creek, OH, for more than 30 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Roberick Eley '38**, and one son. She is survived by two sons, five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Ernest Fritsche '38 passed away June 10, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was a nationally recognized builder and developer, pioneering affordable single-family housing in central Ohio with the "sweat equity" option as credit toward a down payment. Thanks to his generosity, the Fritsche Theatre at Otterbein was dedicated in 2005. He is survived by his wife, Neva; three children, including **Nevalyn Fritsche Nevil '71**; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, **Marie Fritsche Wilson '64**; sister-in-law, **Beulah Rammelsberg Fritsche '49** and relative **Deborah Shuey Grove '75**.

Fay Hedding Burgener '39 passed away Jan. 12, 2013. Before her retirement, she worked as a lab technician, most recently at LabCorp in Columbus. She is survived by two children and one granddaughter.

Alberta MacKenzie Messmer '40 passed away Feb. 14, 2013. She worked as the reference librarian and later director of the Courtright Memorial Library for 33 years. She was preceded in death by father, **Jesse Engle '1914**; husbands, Arthur MacKenzie and **Charles Messmer '40**; son, **James MacKenzie '68**; siblings, **Robert Engle '48** and **Bonita Engle Burtner '33**; Bonita's husband, **Edwin Burtner '33** and cousin, **Janet Roberts Fleck '47**. She is survived by daughters, **Carol MacKenzie Kruger '70**, **Barbara MacKenzie Campbell '71** and **Marilyn MacKenzie Vilums '73**; nine grandchildren, including **Michelle MacKenzie Foster '02**; eight great-grandchildren; four stepchildren, including **Kathleen Messmer Althoff '63** and **Charles Messmer Jr. '66** and great-nephew, **Christopher Hollern '15**.

Ethel Lawyer Shaw '40 passed away March 28, 2013.

Ruth Clifford Davis '41 passed away Dec. 31, 2012.

Martha Williams McFeeley '42 passed away Jan. 29, 2013. She was a teacher in the Milwaukee Public Schools until her retirement 30 years ago. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert McFeeley '40**, sisters-in-law, **Gladys McFeeley Funkhouser '38** and **Esther McFeeley Crow '43**; and brothers-in-law, **Gerald McFeeley '33** and **James McFeeley '36**. She is survived by her three children, including

Marybeth McFeeley Bowman '70; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and nephew, **Gerald McFeeley '62**.

Blanche Baker Dohn '43 passed away April 24, 2013. She was a booth announcer at radio station WCOL before teaching third and fourth grades at Emerson and Whittier Elementary Schools in Westerville, and later, third grade at The Plains Elementary School, The Plains, OH. In 2001, a charter school for troubled youth with substance abuse problems, Dohn Community High School in Cincinnati, was named in her honor. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Norman Dohn '43**. She is survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

Robert Penn '43 passed away April 25, 2011. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Counter Intelligence Corp. He was employed by Gulf Oil, now Chevron, for 22 years working in Europe, South America and the Middle East. He is survived by his wife, Claudine; one son; two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Thomas Wells '44 passed away April 7, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving as a physician during World War II. After the war, he began a private practice in Ohio, eventually working for the Veteran's Administration in Washington, D.C. He was appointed by President Eisenhower to serve on the Board of Veterans' Appeals. He was preceded in

death by his wife of 67 years, **Betty Orr Wells '43**, and daughter, **Judith Wells Baker '69**. He is survived by three children; six grandchildren; one great-grandson; sisters-in-law, **Anna Mary Orr Fisher '47**, **Dorothy Orr South '49**, and **Ruth Orr Rehfus '52** and niece, **Mary Ann Fisher Herd '71**.

Gwendolyn Blum Garrison '46 passed away July 6, 2013. She was a cadet nurse, scout leader and a former president of the Montgomery County Medical Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by her husband, **George Garrison '43** and one grandson. She is survived by her three children, including **Nancy Garrison Howley '73**; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ann Gotschall Nelson '46 passed away Jan. 24, 2013. She was a member of the Sunbury, OH, Historical Society and enjoyed the history of railroads and canals. She is survived by two sons, two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Nancy Ewing Askins '47 passed away June 13, 2013. She worked for the Ohio Bureau of Bridges for 31 years. She was the first woman graduate of The Ohio State University School of Aeronautical Engineering. She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Paul. She is survived by three children, including **Rebecca Askins Potts '76**; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Warren Bale '47 passed away April 29, 2013. He was retired from Farmers Home Administration and was actively farming until recent years. He was preceded in death by his sister, **Lillian Bale Roof '42**. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; sister, **Anna Bale Weber '49**; brother, **Weyland Bale '43**; three sons; one daughter; 20 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Norma Fiscus Beatty '47 passed away April 14, 2013. She was an instructional and library assistant in the Columbus Public Schools. She was preceded in death by her husband, James. She is survived by seven children, 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Marion Chase '47 passed away May 2, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in the Air Transport Command during World War II. He was dean of students at Otterbein, 1950-1964. He taught speech and theatre at the College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL, and mentored members of the Second City Comedy Troupe. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Jean Unger Chase '43**. He is survived by two children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Ruth Hockett Subich '47 passed away July 18, 2013. She was co-owner of the Plymouth and Lexington Laudromats and Olympic Footware, and was a sales consultant for Longaberger Basket Company.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe. She is survived by her children, **Joe Subich '76** and his wife, **Kay Crist Subich '76**, **David Subich '76**, **Sue Subich '78** and **Polly Subich '81**; five grandchildren; one great-grandson and sisters, **Pauline Hockett Scherrer '48** and **Hazel Hockett Burkholder '51**.

Jeanette Elliott Boughan '48 passed away Nov. 12, 2012. She worked at *The Lima News*, Lima, OH. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald. She is survived by four children and seven grandchildren.

Leo Jamison '48 passed away April 19, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Belgium and Germany as a first lieutenant in a rifle company. He retired from Bethlehem Steel in Johnstown, PA. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, **Mary "Skip" Ickes Jamison '49**; three sons and four grandchildren.

Donald Jenkins '48 passed away March 3, 2012. He was a financial planner and music director. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Virginia, and one sister. He is survived by three children; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four siblings, including **Darleen Jenkins Long '56**, **Kenneth Jenkins '57**, **Phyllis Jenkins Heitz '61** and Otterbein faculty member, Jerry Jenkins; sister-in-law, **Carol Svensson Jenkins '88** and niece, **Judith Jenkins SanSocie '84**.

John Ruyan '48 passed away June 16, 2013. He was a veteran

of the U.S. Army serving in the 314th FA Battalion under Gen. George Patton. While in the 80th Infantry Division, he was awarded the Bronze Star. He was owner of J and G Sales, a fireworks business. He was instrumental in bringing youth baseball to the Westerville area. He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, **Rosemary McGee Runyan '41**; sister in law, **Esther Scott McGee '47**; brothers in law, **John McGee '38** and **Roger McGee '48**. He is survived by four children, including **Rebecca Ruyan Groseclose '69** and **Robert Ruyan Bonham '96**; eight grandchildren, including **Daniel Grosclose '03**, **Jennifer Groseclose Koval '03** and **Kim Groseclose Allen '05** and four great-grandchildren.

Robert Belt '49 passed away Jan. 27, 2013.

Donald Butler '49 passed away March 9, 2011.

Bob Corbin '49 passed away Feb. 22, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, enlisting in 1944. He was a prisoner of war in Germany for four months until his escape. His book, *Captured*, is based on that experience. He was the owner and president of Foodcraft Management Corp., operating several restaurants in Ohio. He was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1977 and served for 24 years. He was preceded in death by sister-in-law, **Ellen Coleman Peters '50**, and brother-in-law, **Calvin Peters '51**. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, **Edith Peters Corbin '49**, and daughters, **Lynn Corbin**

Seiple '75 and **Carol Corbin Wilcox '77**.

Mildred Worth Harris '49 passed away Feb. 4, 2011. She taught kindergarten and third grade in the Summit Public Schools in New Jersey from 1967 to 1984. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Ken Harris '50**. She is survived by four children; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and sister-in-law, **Jacquelyn Burrage Harris '47**.

Charles Locke '49 passed away April 2, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Marian Thorpe Locke '47**. He is survived by three children.

Herbert Bean '50 passed away Aug. 16, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as a lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Medical Corps. He was an anesthesiologist, spending much of his career at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, including a term as chief of the department, 1976-1979, and as first medical director of the Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center, 1978-1983. He was preceded in death by siblings, **Janice Bean Hahn '42** and **Harry Bean '43**. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, **Lois Brockman Bean '61**; children, **Jayne Bean Stack '81**, **Barbara Bean Rockwell '84** and **James Bean '94**; his wife, **Rose Boltz Bean '82** and seven grandchildren.

Virginia Woodworth Raynor '50 passed away Aug. 19, 2012. Before her retirement in 1983,

she taught third grade at Main Street Elementary School in North Syracuse, NY, for 20 years. She is survived by one daughter.

Jack Rees '50 passed away June 11, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II and the Korean War. He was inducted into the Otterbein Athletic Hall of Fame and the Ohio Fast Pitch Hall of Fame. He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Verna. He is survived by three children and six grandchildren.

Forrest Schar '50 passed away Jan. 22, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Italy during World War II, where he earned a Purple Heart. He had a private veterinary practice in Belle Center, OH, then worked for the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a state veterinarian. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Mikesell Schar '47**; four children, including **John Schar '70**; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Harry Sherman '50 passed away March 31, 2013. He practiced pediatric medicine in Fresno, CA, for 25 years. He was the chief of staff at Valley Children's Hospital for four years. He taught biology at Otterbein before finishing his medical degree in 1966. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and one son.

John Swank '53 passed away Feb. 3, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during World War II. He retired from the University of Indianapolis

in 1982 after teaching in the Communications Department for 18 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor, and daughter, **Sharon Swank Twarek '60**. He is survived by two daughters.

Edward Cherryholmes '54 passed away Jan. 17, 2013. He was a retired United Methodist minister who served churches in Ohio, Michigan and Texas for more than 43 years. He was the author of *Eyewitness to History*, a book about the Kennedy assassination, and a newspaper column, *Perspectives*. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Eleanor; one son; two stepchildren; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Barbara Seabrook Cole '54 passed way Feb. 19, 2013. She retired from Westerville City Schools after teaching for 25 years. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, **William Cole '54**; four children; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Robert Eschbach '54 passed away Jan. 22, 2013. He was a minister in the EUB and United Methodist Churches, a community mental health professional and an administrator and advocate for the blind and visually impaired as the assistant director of Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired for the State of Ohio. He was preceded in death by his father, **Carl Eschbach '26**; uncle, **Joseph Eschbach '24**; siblings, **James Eschbach '58** and **Margaret Eschbach Freeman '50** and

cousin, **Joseph Eschbach '55**. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia; two children, including **Mary Eschbach Cunningham '81**; two grandchildren; nieces, **Gretchen Freeman Hargis '77** and **Karen Freeman Sewell '79** and nephew, **David Freeman '83**.

Clyde Trumbull '54 passed away May 2, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He taught and coached baseball in several schools in Ohio before retiring as an administrator in the Columbus Public Schools. He was preceded in death by two wives, Patricia and Sandy, and a daughter. He is survived by two sons, three stepdaughters, one granddaughter, six step-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Ned Woolums '54 passed away April 18, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Korea and Japan. He served as teacher, guidance counselor and school psychologist in Versailles, OH; Southwestern School District in Grove City, OH; and in Belmont, Harrison and Jefferson counties of Ohio. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Jean Ann; three children and six grandchildren.

Allan Zagray '54 passed away April 29, 2013. He served as pastoral leader in Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist congregations in Michigan, Illinois and numerous locations in Ohio. Following his retirement in 1996, he served in a consulting ministry capacity in the East Ohio Conference.

He served as a member of four boards of trustees, including Otterbein. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Roberta; three daughters, including **Kristine Zagray Galitza '80**; four stepchildren; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Janice Slaybaugh Autenrieth '55 passed away Feb. 17, 2013. She taught high school English in Ohio for six years before moving to Arizona. With the opening of Coronado High School in the Scottsdale City School (SCS) system in 1962, she began a 27-year career with SCS. She is survived by one brother.

Virginia Hill Keim '55 passed away March 19, 2013. She was active in her community throughout her lifetime, including the Federated Church, Chagrin Falls, OH, and Philanthropic Educational Organization Sisterhood. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Evelyn Darling Hill '21** and **Ross Hill '24**, and her husband of 49 years, **Ronald Keim '55**. She is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

Richard Pettibone '55 passed away May 24, 2011. He spent more than 60 years in ministry. He is survived by his wife, **Eunice Jones Pettibone '54**; daughter, **Ruth Pettibone '85**; one son; two grandchildren; as well as his Japanese son and his children.

Donald Edwards '56 passed away May 29, 2013 in Dayton, OH.

Walter Will '57 passed away Feb. 13, 2013. He was a

veteran of the U.S. Navy. He retired from Country Mark, and was previously employed by Otterbein and Battelle Memorial Institute. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen. He is survived by two sons, three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Harry Warren III '58 passed away Nov. 13, 2011. He was a graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to pastorates in New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Virginia, he was a prison chaplain and a hospice chaplain until his retirement in 2010. He was preceded in death by his sister, **Cynthia Warren David '62**.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elinor; two sons; seven grandchildren; and brother-in-law, **Charles David '63**.

Robert Dinkelacker '59 passed away March 13, 2013. He is survived by wife, **Rosalie Yarman '59**; two daughters; one son; and four grandchildren.

Robert Tharp '59 passed away March 25, 2013. He was a teacher, coach and principal in the Licking County, OH, public schools for 46 years and principal of Licking Valley Junior High School for 27 years. He assisted in writing a book entitled, *A Bicentennial History of Licking County, Ohio 1808-2008*. He is survived by his wife, Reta; three daughters and four grandchildren.

Earl Johns '60 passed away March 12, 2013. He worked for 39 years as a radio-chemist at the Miamisburg Mound Lab,

Miamisburg, OH. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Phyllis; two children and three grandchildren.

Beverly Easterday Krall '60 passed away March 9, 2013. She taught high school English and literature for many years in Chicago before her retirement. She is survived by many cousins.

J. William Schweitzer '60 passed away Feb. 25, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves. He retired as director of risk management for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store in 2004. He is survived by his wife, Michelle; three daughters and four grandchildren.

Joseph Glick '61 passed away March 12, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Korea. He taught in the special education department at Groveport Madison Schools before his retirement in 1987. He assisted in the development of the Frank Museum of Art when it was donated to Otterbein in 1999, as well as donating items from his private collection. He is survived by one niece and two nephews.

Bob Hart '61 passed away Feb. 3, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Helen; one son; one daughter and four grandchildren.

Terry Ater '64 passed away Feb. 7, 2013. He taught for 45 years beginning at Circleville Junior High School, followed by J.A. Smith Middle School, Circleville, OH, and Westfall High School, Williamsport, OH. He continued to substitute after his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; four children and five grandchildren.

Cherry Wicks Jeong '64

passed away May 13, 2013. She was a retired elementary teacher with the State of Hawaii. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, David; one son and two granddaughters.

Pat Sliver Moore '64 passed away Jan. 27, 2013. She retired as an assistant principal at West Carrollton High School, West Carrollton, OH. She was preceded in death by her husband of 27 years, Paul, and one son. She is survived by two daughters, three sons, 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Susan Sain Sammataro '64 passed away Dec. 21, 2012. Her career was in the medical field in Dayton, OH; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Washington, D.C.; and Reading, PA, prior to retiring to Otterbein Retirement Living Community in Lebanon, OH. She is survived by eight siblings.

Lynn Schwabacher Norman '65 passed away March 7, 2013. Her lifelong interest in helping people culminated in mission trips to Zimbabwe and service on the board of directors of the Fairfield Orphanage Sponsorship Association. In 2003, she graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. She is survived by one daughter and two granddaughters.

Kenneth Newill '66 passed away Feb. 18, 2013.

Alan Beckwith '70 passed away Dec. 13, 2012. He worked as a manager for the Jefferson Milling Company, a business he had been associated with since he was a youth. He is survived by his wife, Deborah; three children and three grandchildren.

Sharon Yunker Hannah '70 passed away Jan. 31, 2013. She retired from Bedford High School, Bedford, OH, where she taught French for 28 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry. She is survived by three stepchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Nancy Clark Temes '70 passed away Feb. 8, 2013. She retired from her career as a physical therapist in 2005. She is survived by her husband, Glenn; two children and sister, **Margaret Clark Gerczak '77**.

Gloria Schaefer Benbow '72 passed away May 9, 2013. She was a school teacher for 33 years in Columbus Public Schools. She is survived by two sons and two grandchildren.

Myra Wolfe Feller '72 passed away Jan. 26, 2013. She retired from teaching in 2007, after more than 32 years. She taught physical education at middle school and high school levels in both Newark and Newcomerstown, OH, and math at New Philadelphia High School, New Philadelphia, OH. She also coached basketball, volleyball and track. She was preceded in death by her father, **Clayton "Pete" Wolfe '38**.

She is survived by her husband, John; son, Brian; daughter, **Amy Feller George '07**; son-in-law, **Jason George '08**; brothers, **Fred Wolfe '68** and **Tom Wolfe '77**; niece, **Sara Wolfe Hastings '02**; nephew, **Brent Wolfe '06** and relative, **Marylee Warner Llewellyn '68**.

James Fogg '72 passed away June 11, 2013. He retired from the United Methodist Church ministry after serving churches in Ligonier, Kittanning and Uniontown, PA. He was working in private practice as a marriage and family therapist at the time of his passing. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Joan; two children; two stepchildren and five grandchildren.

Pamela Fowler Hill '72 passed away June 1, 2013. She is survived by her husband of nearly 40 years, Ronald; four children and three grandchildren.

Ronald Hatter '73 passed away Nov. 29, 2012. He was employed in the physical therapy department at the former Polyclinic Medical Center, Harrisburg, PA, until 1992. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Susan; three sons; two daughters and two grandchildren.

Dale Bargar '75 passed away Aug. 13, 2013. He worked for the family business, Bargar Jewelry in downtown Delaware, OH, taking over the job of managing the business from his father in 1990. He was also a photographer, capturing

portraits, still lifes and local stories for *The Delaware Gazette*. He is survived by his wife, Susan; four children, including **Jennifer Bargar Rutherford '05** and two grandchildren.

Kathleen Ronan Pester '75 passed away Jan. 18, 2013. She is survived by four daughters and four grandchildren.

John Recob '75 passed away April 12, 2013. He is survived by his parents, **Betty Knight Recob '50** and **James Recob '50** and sister, **Jane Recob Charles '78**.

Diane Morrison Stanley '76 passed away April 5, 2013. She was a music teacher in the Columbus Public Schools, most recently at Valleyview, Binns and Lindbergh elementaries. She was a pianist and vocalist, and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Columbus, where she was the handbell choir director for many years. She was preceded in death by her father, **Wilbur Morrison '34**; aunts, **Frances Morrison Nichols '32** and **Ruth Morrison Johnson '37** and uncle, **Charles Morrison '39**. She is survived by three children; brother, **Tom Morrison '63**; and cousins, **Juliane Morrison McGowan '70**, **Judith Johnson Jensen '70** and **Helen Johnson Hutchinson '72**.

Randall Smith '77 passed away Jan. 16, 2012. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Joan Schaeffer Smith '45** and one sister. He is survived by his sister, **Claudia Smith Brennan '74**.

Janet Willeke '80 passed away Aug. 11, 2013. She was a speech language pathologist. She is survived by her parents and three siblings.

Jennifer Cline Linnabary '82 passed away Feb. 3, 2013. She helped create Project SEARCH, an international program based at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center that helps individuals with disabilities get long-term jobs with competitive salaries. As an employment coordinator, she worked extensively with international business and health care communities. She is survived by her husband, **Tim Linnabary '81**; two children and her mother.

Timothy Barlowe '83 passed away June 22, 2013. He was ordained an Elder in the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2009. He was a student pastor at Church of the Saviour, Westerville; and pastor at Hyatts United Methodist Church, Stratford UMC, Liberty UMC and Lewistown Trinity UMC, and chairman of the superintendency committee for Capitol Area North District. He is survived by his wife, **Jerilyn Williams Barlowe '75**; two children and one granddaughter.

Deborah Denman Delgaudio '83 passed away April 28, 2011. She worked as a registered nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital neonatal intensive care unit and St. Ann's Hospital surgical unit in Columbus, and at High Point Regional Newborn Nursery after moving

to North Carolina in 1986. She is survived by her mother and one brother.

John Case '85 passed away June 5, 2012. He was a claims adjuster for Westfield Insurance Company. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Roxann, and two children.

Lisa Roby Beachy '88 passed away July 18, 2013. She was employed by Evergreen Landscaping Services Inc. as an accountant and was serving her second term as the elected fiscal officer of Canaan Township, OH. She volunteered her time at the Plain City Food Pantry. She is survived by her husband, Darryl, and one son.

Danielle Rabel '95 passed away April 1, 2013. She was marketing coordinator at tvsdesign, Atlanta, GA. She is survived by her parents, one sister and one brother.

Tonya Coles '97 passed away July 23, 2013. She was owner of the Law Office of Tonya R. Coles and a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, among her many bar associations. She served on the board of the J. Ashburn, Jr. Youth Center, Columbus. She is survived by her parents and two siblings.

Kenneth Kaiser MAT '06 passed away June 3, 2013. He was an eighth-grade science teacher at Sells Middle School, Dublin, OH, for the past seven years. He previously was senior IT executive for TRW Defense and Space division at Wright Patterson AFB, Borden, Inc,

and Sterling Commerce for more than 25 years. He was an advocate for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, the World War II Museum in New Orleans and the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife, Anne; two children and two grandsons.

Scott Edgell Jr. '07 passed away Feb. 2, 2013. He was employed by Great Lakes Regional Distribution Center in Delaware, OH. He is survived by his stepmother, Sherry Edgell; one brother and two sisters.

Lindsay Gara '10 passed away May 10, 2013. She is survived by her fiancé, Lee Neuzil; and her parents, Scott and Joanne Gara.

Friends

Donald Bulthaupt passed away Feb. 23, 2013. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he was a captain with the Strategic Air Command's Weather Detachment. In 1964, he joined the Physics Department at Otterbein where he also served as academic dean before his retirement in 1993. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Barbara Sponsel Bulthaupt '68**. He is survived by two daughters, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Charles Lindberg passed away July 20, 2013. Together with his longtime business partner, Austin E. Knowlton, he created and was trustee of the foundation bearing his partner's name, providing support to institutions of higher education in the Midwest. Otterbein was the recipient of

such support in 2012 with the renaming of the Equine Center to the Austin E. Knowlton Center for Equine Sciences.

David Peters passed away April 1, 2013. He was the associate dean of students at Otterbein, 1976-1982. For the past 25 years, he was working in the insurance industry. He is survived by two daughters.

Eileen Ritter passed away Feb. 11, 2013. Along with her late husband, **Victor Ritter '48**, she established the Victor and Eileen Ritter Scholarship Fund at Otterbein. She is survived by one son, David.

Marybelle Shaw Simmons passed away Feb. 4, 2013. She retired from the treasurer's office at Otterbein where she was cashier for 23 years. She is survived by her husband, David; two children and five grandchildren.

Fred Thayer passed away July 8, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Korean War. He retired from Otterbein after 33 years as a professor in the department of theatre and dance. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Donna; three children, including **Steve Thayer '89** and his wife, **Tracy Miller Thayer '89** and six grandchildren.

Jeanne Willis passed away Sept. 20, 2013. She was a retired biology professor who taught at Otterbein from 1954 to 1991. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Clyde. (See page 3.)

FROM THE ARCHIVES



The World is All a Smile

Dean Joanne Van Sant choreographed most of the musicals, children's productions, and Shakespeare productions at Otterbein during the Charles Dodrill years. The cast and crew of the Otterbein Theatre Department's 1981 production of *Hello, Dolly!* presented Dean Van with this autographed and ball-fringed parasol (left) to thank her for her contributions to the show. These items, as well as many other photos, documents and miscellaneous items from Dean Van's estate, were donated to the University archives in summer 2012. At right is a photo from the production.



Topping Off the Grand Old Hall

A new south tower is readied for placement on the roof of Towers Hall in the photo above. In the summer of 1973, Towers was undergoing some renovation work, and on June 26 both the old towers were removed from the building. Approximately two months later, the new towers were completed and installed atop the building.

Recognize Anyone?

Here's another photo in which you can help us identify the subjects. There are quite a few, so it's likely you won't know them all, but if you see someone you know, please share it with us. To help, we'll give you one: That's James Carr, Otterbein professor of French from 1965-2000, at bottom right.

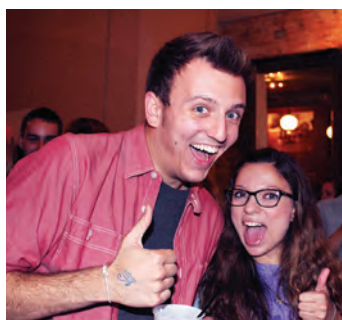


Cardinal Tales

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



We value your engagement with Otterbein and strive to provide you with a variety of offerings to build and maintain a meaningful, lifelong relationship with your alma mater. We listen to your innovative opinions, diverse interests and ingenious ideas on



Thumbs up to your valuable input and participation. A Greek mixer was one of the affinity reunions at this year's Homecoming.


programs and respond to your feedback.

Your participation has increased affinity reunions at homecoming and alumni weekend; multiplied student-alumni interactions through career networking events, job shadowing and internship opportunities; and expanded alumni volunteer efforts all through a variety of communication strategies — web, social media, publications and face-to-face interactions. The Alumni Council intentionally aims to expand your Otterbein experience with long-lasting and ongoing engagement.


The words stated in the Otterbein Vision Statement call us to act as “educators, leaders and learners who set the pace for higher education and contribute to the common good.” Will you be in the Otterbein circle by sharing your time, talent



The second annual Cardinal Colloquium facilitated conversation between alumni, faculty and students. Pictured are Wendy Sherman Heckler, associate vice president of Academic Affairs and dean of University Programs, Megan Hysell Michael '99, Fred Glasser '69, Melissa Lucius '14 and Bobby Geiger '14.

and treasures to make a measurable and valuable difference? We look forward to engaging you one alumnus or alumna at a time. Connect, share and give input to us at alumninfo@otterbein.edu or fill out a “get involved form” at www.otterbein.edu/getinvolved. 

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.

December 6 / **Tree Lighting and Holiday Feast**
January 11 / **Cardinal Pride Athletic Day vs. Capital**
January 17 / **Alumni Council Meeting**
February 7 / **Martin Luther King Jr. Alumni and Student Dinner**
February 20 / **Science Lecture Series focusing on Chemistry**
March 23 / **NYC Theatre Alumni Gathering**

March 24 / **NYC Theatre Student Showcase**
March 26-30 / **Cardinal Migration San Francisco, CA**
April 25 / **Alumni Council Meeting**
April 25-27 / **Alumni Weekend**
June 21 / **June Bug Jamboree, Waynesville, OH**
July 18-25 / **Alaskan Cruise**
(deadline extended until Nov. 30, 2013)



A little GREEK INSIGHT at Otterbein



The Office of Alumni Relations recently established the Greek Alumni Council to increase communication, coordinate programming and build community toward the goal of a model community of learners, leaders and educators.

- Of 1,524 full-time and part-time students, 600 are Greek members. Fall formal recruitment is two weeks long with new member education lasting not more than six weeks.
- Each Greek member is expected to perform 10 hours of community service per semester. Some previous Greek service experiences included collection for a food drive and loading food trucks for the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM).
- There are 204 students serving as Greek officers, learning strong leadership skills.
- There are currently 17 Greek organizations: eight fraternities, six sororities and three National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. (NPHC) organizations.
- The average Greek chapter dues per semester are \$100 per student.
- The spring 2013 grade point average for all Greek students was 3.03.
- There are 50 registered campus organizations in addition to Greek chapters.

Above: Greek Alumni Presidents. First row: **Alyson Brown Bates '04** (Theta Nu), **Russ Beitzel '96** (Lambda Gamma Epsilon), **Jayne Detwiler '11** (Sigma Alpha Tau). Second row: **Michelle Davis Mossbarger '11** (Kappa Phi Omega), **Christine Horvath '11** (Tau Epsilon Mu). Third row: **Chelsea Mathias Hudson '11** (Kappa Phi Omega), Kara Anderson, (director of alumni engagement). Fourth row: **Cindy Heston-Sievers '89** (Epsilon Kappa Tau), **Becky Fickel Smith '81** (executive

director of alumni relations), **Katie Kocias '01** (Epsilon Kappa Tau). Fifth row: **Micah Hudson '11** (Sigma Delta Phi), **Matthew D'Oyly '04** (Sigma Delta Phi), **Brady Mathews '04** (Pi Kappa Phi). Not present: **Jacob Ramey '13** (Eta Phi Mu), **Kyle Witt '02** (Alpha Sigma Phi), **Brandon Moss '05** (Lambda Gamma Epsilon), **Matthew Wolfe '04** and **Thomas Draper '08**, (Pi Beta Sigma), **Cedar Maxwell Well '03** (Tau Delta) and **Lincoln Schneider '99** and **Justin Hooper '97** (Zeta Phi).

Spring Alumni Weekend/Founders Day

Mark your calendar to join us for your class reunion on Saturday, April 26, 2014, featuring:

Morning

- The Annual Otterbein Alumni Awards

Afternoon

- Reunion lunches in the Campus Center
- Alumni Lifelong Learning Seminars about health topics
- Tour the Knowlton Center for Equine Science and Frank Museum of Art facilities
- View the Pictorial History of Otterbein and tour the Edwin L. Roush Hall of Champions
- Take in Men's Lacrosse home game against Mt. Union
- Cardinal Nation unites at Women's Tennis and Softball against Heidelberg

- Meet other love birds at the Alumni Cardinal Couples Reunion
- Class reunion dinners on campus for '49, '54 and '59

Evening

- Classes of '64 and '69 reunite at Embassy Suites and class of '74 at The Old Bag of Nails in Westerville with class photos onsite

Friday, April 25, 2014

- Otterbein Founders Day Convocation at Cowan Hall and Prayer of Remembrance
- 50th Reunion Celebration

Weekend details will be available online after the holidays at www.otterbein.edu/alumni or call 614-823-1650.





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YOUNG ALUMNI AWARDS

President Kathy Krendl, David Riepenhoff '99, Sheryl Warren Wisniewski '00, Devon Kuntzman '06, Robert Lettan II '02,

Shelley Given '05, Tyler TerMeer '05, Stacie Oliver '98 and Becky Fickel Smith '81, executive director of alumni relations.

The Young Alumni Awards are given annually at Homecoming in recognition of those alumni age 40 and younger whose contributions exemplify one of Otterbein's Five Cardinal Experiences. This year, seven award recipients traveled back to campus from as close as Westerville to as far as France to speak to students in classrooms throughout the week and attend the Friday evening awards ceremony. The night was filled with touching moments as the recipients thanked their friends, family and faculty and staff mentors and also explained how Otterbein has continued to impact their lives as alumni.

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- PRESIDENT KATHY KRENDL



Young Alumni Award winners often speak in Otterbein classes. Above, Robyn Henry '00, Sheryl Warren Wisniewski '99, Tyler TerMeer '05 and Natalie Moran '13 in a class with Dana White, professor of Theatre and Dance.

2013 Young Alumni Award Winners

David Riepenhoff '99 - Community Engagement
Devon Kuntzman '06 - Global & Intercultural Engagement
Shelley Given '05 - Creative Achievement
Robert Lettan II '02 - Research Achievement
Sheryl Warren Wisniewski '00 - Professional Achievement
Stacie Oliver '98 - Leadership & Citizenship
Tyler TerMeer '05 - Leadership & Citizenship

To read award winner bios, view photos, watch a highlight video of the Ceremony or download the 2014 nomination form visit: www.otterbein.edu/alumni/youngalumniawards



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Kellan Behrens, 7, charmed the audience as Gavroche in *Les Misérables*. He is the son of theatre faculty member Robert Behrens.

