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September 23, 2011

Otterbein University
Alumni Association



Program

Welcome Bob Gatti H'03, Vice President for Student Affairs

Presentation of Alumni Awards Kara Anderson, Director of Alumni Engagement

2011 Otterbein University Young Alumni Awardees

Mrs. Carli Amlin Dean '99

Community Engagement Award

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Remarks from the President Dr. Kathy A. Krendl

Closing Remarks Becky Smith '81, Executive Director, Alumni Relations

Five Cardinal Experiences

Re-imagined for the 21st century student, Otterbein's curriculum is recognized nationally for its excellence.

The University's commitment to experiential learning, realized through the Five Cardinal Experiences, proudly offers a point of national distinction.

The Young Alumni Awards are given in recognition to those 40 and younger whose contributions exemplify one of Otterbein's Five Cardinal Experiences.

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Awardees



Carli Amlin Dean '99
Community Engagement Award

A true servant within her community, Carli Amlin Dean rises above professional duty to help those in need. In April 2010, Carli helped co-found the Clip Shop Share coupon ministry, (www.ClipShopShare.com). Since its launch, the ministry has donated over \$48,000 in food, toiletries and household goods to local food pantries for less than \$400 out of pocket expense. She teaches a coupon class twice a month to help show individuals how they can shop smarter and save money. She also helps churches and organizations around the country with this ministry.

From 2006-2008, Carli served on the Tipp City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She served on the Tipp Monroe Community Service Board of Trustees in 2007, and as President from 2008-2010. Carli also joined the Dream Builders Board of Directors at Ginghamburg United Methodist Church in 2011.

Along with the time given to ClipShopShare coupon ministry and the Dream Builders Board of Director, Carli coordinates meals for families in need, sponsors individuals for the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Foundation Fundraiser, volunteers with PALS (Parents Actively Linked with Schools) an organization within the elementary school where her children attend, and currently serves as the 2011 Levy Chairman for the Tipp City School District.

Carli's professional career is selling real estate with her mother, Sue, at the Amlin Advantage Team at RE/MAX Alliance Realty throughout the Miami Valley area. Carli earned her ABR (Accredited Buyer Representative) in 2006, CRS (Certified Residential Specialist) in 2007, and continues to stay involved in the Dayton Area Board of Realtors all while working with buyers, sellers, transferees and relocation companies.

Currently, Carli lives in Tipp City, OH, with her husband Brian and two children, Gabe and Savanna.



Scott Lacy '93
Global and Intercultural Engagement Award

Scott M. Lacy is the founder and Executive Director of African Sky, Inc. (www.africansky.org), a non-profit organization that serves hard-working rural families in Mali, West Africa. The organization works within local ecological and cultural systems to promote sustainable food production, rural primary schools, adult literacy and numeracy, an annual Mothers & Daughters Summit, income generation capacity building, and collaborations with Peace Corps volunteers, agricultural scientists and engineers.

After graduating from Otterbein, a small village of farmers from southern Mali adopted Scott as a Peace Corps volunteer and gave him a host family. Scott explains that he went to Mali to lend a hand to the poorest of the poor, yet before returning to the states he realized that his hosts were enriching his life far more than he was enriching theirs. A serious illness cut his Peace Corps service short, but after a brief period as a foster parent for seven Native American at-risk youth, Scott earned a Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of California, Santa Barbara and returned to Mali as a Fulbright Scholar.

Humbled by the extraordinary generosity of the impoverished families that were the foundation of his academic success and publications, Scott recruited family and friends in the U.S. to build a primary school for his host community. This single project has grown into African Sky, which has raised approximately \$250,000 to complete over 200 projects throughout Mali. African Sky is an all-volunteer organization, so during the school year Scott works as a professor of Anthropology at Fairfield University. Scott has published widely, and he has taught at the University of California and Emory University; he has presented his research and work at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Columbia University, MIT, the Institute d'Economie Rurale (Mali), and at the Guangxi Maize Research Institute in China.



Awardees



Erica Hlavin Bell '05

Research/Creative Achievement Award

Erica Hlavin Bell graduated with a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2010, where she studied chemotherapy resistance and DNA repair.

Currently, Erica aids in the fight against cancer as a research assistant professor and Barbara Hughes Fellow in the Dept. of Radiation Oncology at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, James Cancer Hospital. This endowed position has a sole focus of research and enables Erica to manage multiple projects, publish scientific manuscripts, present research at national and international conferences, and teach lectures that pertain to her research at The Ohio State University. The goal of her research is to detect novel tumor biomarkers that correlate with treatment efficacy and survival. As a result of her dedication and contribution to the field, Erica has been published numerous times and has been invited to speak across the United States, as well as in China and Europe.

During Erica's time at the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the department of biochemistry and molecular biology in Baltimore, MD, her specific area of research was to elucidate the mechanism of repair of chemotherapeutically-relevant DNA interstrand cross-links and determine how cross-link structure affects repair.

Erica is currently a member of the American Association for Cancer Research, American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, European Society for Radiotherapy & Oncology, and the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group.

At Otterbein, Erica served as a student trustee for two years, and graduated with a B.S. in biochemistry and chemistry with magna cum laude honors. Erica currently resides in Columbus with her husband, John Caleb Bell '04, a law associate at Bricker and Eckler, LLP.



Rebecca Rossiter Lachman '04

Research/Creative Achievement Award

Since graduating from Otterbein University, Rebecca Rossiter Lachman has had a distinguishable career as an educator, a poet and a musical composer. Currently, Becca is the assistant coordinator of Ohio University's student writing center and an adjunct faculty member, where she trains and mentors undergraduate, graduate and community tutors. Becca also devotes her creative talents as a freelance lyricist and composer of musicals, folk operettas and children's choir for various commissions, publications and community events.

While at Otterbein, Becca majored in Musical Theater Composition and English, serving as a Rotary International Ambassador Scholar to England her junior year. A recipient of Otterbein's Fisher Memorial Writer's Award and the Grabill-Shackson Award in music, she won a national undergraduate contest in 2004 with her senior chapbook "Songs from the Springhouse."

Following graduation, Becca later earned an M.A. in English from Ohio University, preceded by a year of Mennonite Voluntary Service with the fair trade non-profit Ten Thousand Villages in Seattle, Washington. A recent graduate of the Bennington Writing Seminars, Becca focused her M.F.A. research on exploring a pedagogy of creative nonviolence for young poets in the "9/11 Generation."

Her children's chorus music (premiered at Otterbein) can be found through Heritage Press, and her first full collection of poems (The Apple Speaks) is forthcoming from Cascadia Publishing House.

She lives in Athens, OH, with her husband Michael, a professional musician and fellow educator.



Awardees



Melissa D. Johnson '99
Professional Achievement Award

Melissa D. Johnson has a proven track record of elevating the world's greatest brands as she has become an authority on global branding and personal transformation. She is the President of Velvet Suite Marketing Consulting Group, Inc. (www.velvetsuite.com), a firm that offers consulting, training, and networking services designed to build brands through a proven leadership system called ID3™. ID3 first launched with the NFL, which opened the door for consulting with the NBA, NCAA, Gillette, Notre Dame, P&G, Kraft, Pepsi Bottling, Time and Citi.

Melissa's client list includes World Cup Star Oguchi Onyewu, NBA All-Star Carmelo Anthony, WNBA Star Alana Beard, and the Grammy Award-winning artist Common. In addition, she has designed multi-million dollar partnerships with Shania Twain, Jessica Simpson, Mary J. Blige, Universal Pictures, Discovery Network and ABC.

Melissa has been an on-air contributor to CNN through Morning Motivation and contributes to Huffingtonpost.com and Essence Magazine. She authored a book named Brand Me. Make Your Mark: Turn Passion into Profit and launched Brand Me International (www.brandmelive.com), an online community helping individuals launch into entrepreneurship. Currently, Melissa is the only African American woman member of the advisory board for the World Brand Congress in Mumbai, India.

Previously, Melissa worked at Procter & Gamble, Victoria's Secret, Baxter Health care and Nationwide. She received her M.S. degree in Integrated Marketing Communications at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, and she graduated with cum laude honors from Otterbein with a B.A. in Public Relations. Melissa resides in Atlanta, GA, and enjoys extreme fitness, dancing, mentoring, cooking, sports and spending time with family.



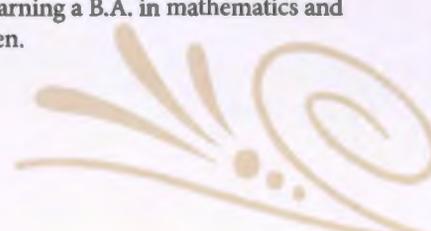
Michael W. Morgan '93
Professional Achievement Award

Michael W. Morgan is the senior vice president of marketing for Netsmart Technologies, a health care technology company that offers software solutions to health and human services providers nationwide. In Michael's role, he leads the organization's marketing, communications, client service and programs areas. During Michael's tenure as senior vice president of marketing, Netsmart has grown from \$20 million to over \$100 million in revenue and is recognized as one of the top 100 health care IT companies.

With nearly 20 years of experience in the marketing profession, Michael has shown a dedication and commitment to the development of company strategies, building marketing teams, exceeding revenue goals, and providing guidance and leadership to start-up and established technology companies. Previously, Michael served as a partner at ThreeSoft, Ltd., a marketing and project management service company, the vice president of marketing at fourthchannel, inc., director of marketing at Enact Inc., and marketing executive at Sterling Software/Sterling Commerce, where he was a founding member of a business unit that helped pioneer Internet-based commerce solutions.

In addition, Michael is the founder and co-chair of Lifting Hopes (www.liftinghopes.com), an organization that hosts athletic events to raise money and awareness for central Ohio children's charities. Michael is also a volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana and actively works to support The Chapel Hill House.

Michael graduated from Otterbein with summa cum laude honors, earning a B.A. in mathematics and business administration. He is married and the father of three children.



Awardees



Wendy Peterson Bradshaw '95

Leadership and Citizenship Award

Wendy Peterson Bradshaw joined Thirty-One Gifts in March 2011. As the Director of Philanthropy, Wendy is responsible for developing and managing the company's corporate giving platform including Thirty-One Gives, the company's charitable Foundation which mirrors the company's mission and culture. The mission of Thirty-One Gives is to make strategic philanthropic investments dedicated to its two signature focus areas of women and adolescent girls self esteem and supporting families. Thirty-One Gives is the company's vehicle to make a difference locally, nationally or globally.

Before joining Thirty-One, Wendy served a dual role as Executive Director of the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation and Director of Community Development for the National Hockey League (NHL) for 11 years. Under her direction, the Blue Jackets Foundation and its Board of Directors awarded over \$3 million since 2000 to deserving organizations in Ohio that serve the Foundation's primary pillars of giving: pediatric cancer; education; children's health and safety; and the development of youth and amateur hockey.

Wendy was instrumental in the development of Hats For Heroes, a signature program which has raised over \$1 million for pediatric cancer, the grand opening of the 5,000 square foot Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation Family Resource Center at Nationwide Children's Hospital serving over 90,000 families locally, and Rick Nash's 61 Good Health Challenge.

Wendy came to the Blue Jackets after spending nearly five years as Manager of Programs and Special Events for the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce where she developed and maintained corporate partnerships for event sponsorship.

Bradshaw is a member of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio's Steering Committee, the Hospice Fundraising Council for the Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services Foundation and the YWCA Woman to Woman Steering Committee and a volunteer at the Central College Church. Wendy, a Kent, OH, native, now resides in Westerville with her husband, John, daughter, Madeline, and son, Grayden.



Jason Jenkins '04

Leadership and Citizenship Award

Jason Jenkins is the Assistant Vice President of Community Outreach & Volunteer Recruitment at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio. During the past four years, Jason served as the African American Mentoring Manager and as a School Based Coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio, where he was responsible for enrolling, matching, and supporting volunteers, youth and families in BB/BS of central Ohio programs. Jason works with diverse populations and is committed to building strong relationships with marginalized youth in inner city Columbus.

Since his graduation from Otterbein in 2004, Jason has also worked as a case manager and teacher at the YMCA Truancy Center in Columbus, Ohio.

In addition, Jason is active with many community groups, including the African American Alumni Network at Otterbein University, Expanding Visions Foundation, the Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Committee, the Minority Male Provider Committee, Huckle Berry House - All Star Collaboration, the African American Male Initiative, and the Columbus Police Department Diversity Recruitment Council.

In 2011, Jason received the Otterbein University African American Hall of Fame Award based on his professional accomplishments and service contributions to Otterbein and to his community.

Jason and his wife Melanie have two daughters, Giana Maria and Graycin Belle.



Saturday, September 24, Homecoming Schedule

8:15 am

Pre-Parade Alumni Band Gathering
Battelle Fine Arts Center

8:45 am

4th Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk
Sponsored by Up 'til Dawn to benefit St. Jude's Hospital. Meet at the Campus Center. \$10 onsite registration

9 am - 1 pm

Cross Country Invitational with 20 College and High School Runners
Cross Country Course off N. West Street

9 am-5 p.m.

Tournament of Champions Horseshow
Center for Equine Studies, 600 N. Spring Rd.

9 am

Hanby House (Open 9-10:30am, 1-4pm)
160 West Main Street
Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors; \$1 for children 6 - 17
Hanby House was recently recognized by the National Park Service Network to Freedom program as a significant location on the Underground Railroad.

10 am

Homecoming Parade
Starts at the outdoor track to arrive Uptown Westerville around 10:20 am

11 am - 1:30 pm

Reunion Tailgate Lunch for the Classes of '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01 & '06
Reunion Tent, Campus Center

Cardinal Homecoming Carnival including our Family Fun Zone

Lunch prices: \$7.25/age 12 & up; \$3/ age 6 - 11; free/age 5 & under

12 noon

Alumni Softball Game
Softball Field

Otterbein Women's Volleyball against Heidelberg
Rike Center

1 pm

Women's Soccer against Earlham
Soccer Field
Alumni Soccer Reunion following game for all players, parents, alumni and friends

2 pm

Otterbein Football against Heidelberg
Memorial Stadium, **WEAR RED!**

4 pm

Otterbein Women's Volleyball against Columbus State Community College
Rike Center

5:30 pm

Annual "O" Club Homecoming Dinner
Little Bear Lodge, 1940 Little Bear Loop, Lewis Center, OH 43035
Advance registration required

6 pm

Reunion Gathering for the Classes of 1976, 1981 and 1986
The College Inn, 63 W. College Avenue, Westerville. \$15 per person

6 pm

Young Alumni of the '90s Gathering
Welcoming all years starting at '90 and celebrating Class Reunions of '91 and '96. Meza Wine Shop, 48 N. State Street, Westerville.
\$15 per person

8 pm

Young Alumni of the '00s Gathering
Welcoming all years starting at '00 and celebrating Class Reunions of '01 and '06. Live music by Greg Hall '07.
Old Bag of Nails, 24 N. State St., Westerville. Cash bar, \$5 per person

8 pm

Homecoming Music Concert
Featuring Otterbein's talented students performing a wide variety of music. Battelle Fine Arts Center, Riley Auditorium



Otterbein Love Song

Words by Celia Ihrig Grabill/Music by Grant Grabill, Class of 1900

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

CHORUS:

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

The 2011-2012 Otterbein University Alumni Council

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