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Letter From Dean Barb Schaffner Leadership: Is It the Key to Making Things Better?

Otterbein's professionals to the rescue ... [Read more here.](#)

Education

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Graduate Showcase

April 3, 5 - 7 p.m.

Otterbein Science Center

Atriums 1 & 2

Doctoral/Master's

Commencement

April 28, 1:30 p.m.

Rike Center

Commencement Speaker:

Dr. Daniel Keenan

Executive Director of the

Martha Holden Jennings

Foundation

Dr. Keenan was the 2012 recipient of Cleveland State University's Distinguished Alumni Award for his contributions to public education.

As superintendent of the Westlake City Schools for seven years, he was the 2014 Buckeye Association of School Administrators Ohio superintendent of the year. In 2015, he became the Executive Director of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.

Otterbein Alumni Graduate

Otterbein Graduate School Student Success!

2017 Alumni Survey Preliminary Results:

97.30% of respondents felt well prepared for their career because of the education they received at Otterbein University.

62.16% of respondents obtained a new career position due to receiving their graduate degree from Otterbein University.

77.50% of respondents utilize their Otterbein graduate degree in their current profession.

Students Reported on their Graduate Program Experience:

"I felt that all faculty members that I interacted with took an active role in advancing my education."

"I believe that all Otterbein staff want students to succeed."

Watch for the final 2017 Graduate School Alumni Survey report in the Summer Newsletter 2018.

Department of Education News

Professors and Administrators Advocate for Their Fields

Education and Nursing professors, along with administration from the Courtright Memorial Library, work outside of their classrooms as advocates in their respective fields. [Spotlight story here.](#)

Kristin Bourdage, chair of the Department of Education at Otterbein, weighed in on a proposed education bill that was recently covered by *The Columbus Dispatch*. Bourdage and her colleagues at Otterbein serve as advocates to educate state legislators about issues in education.

[Read the full Dispatch article.](#)

High School Latino Night Sponsored by Otterbein Alumnus

Jose Morales Crispin, an Otterbein alumnus, organized the second annual Latino night at the Whitehall Yearling High School where he teaches Spanish. Fifty families, totaling over 150 people, attended this community event highlighting resources that support immigrants, language learning, childcare, financial supports and legal services. Otterbein Education faculty and staff enjoyed supporting Morales Crispin's effort at the event.

School Scholarship

Did you know that as an Otterbein alumni you may be eligible for scholarships for graduate programs?

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Buck Institute of Education "Out of the Gate" Grant

The Department of Education received a national grant to support training in Project Based Learning (PBL), a teaching method which examines real-world problems with 21st century skills. The "Out of the Gate" grant will provide professional development to Otterbein Education faculty, teacher partners from five different central Ohio school districts, and up to 300 Otterbein education majors.

Forum for Youth Advocacy Uganda (FOYA) Helps Young Girls



Ten years ago, [Forum for Youth Advocacy \(FOYA\)](#) was introduced to a wonderful community in Uganda. Since then fifty Otterbein students have traveled there with four alumni visiting this year. In 2018, FOYA will work with projects in building libraries and ensuring that young girls are empowered to stay in school. Allowing these young girls to tell their stories and giving them a voice in their curriculum

helps form positive developmental assets to continue their education. FOYA will also work with young adolescent girls in educating them on menstrual hygiene and reproductive health.

Jonathan Juravich '05 named Ohio Teacher of the Year

The Ohio Department of Education (ODOE) named Jonathan Juravich the 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year. [See the full profile story.](#)

Kelli Nowlin '08 Wins Distinguished Teacher Award

Columbus State Community College recently awarded the Distinguished Teaching Award to Otterbein MAT alumna Kelli Nowlin. [Read the full story here.](#)

Congratulations to Dr. Carol Young!



Dr. Young was the recipient of the 2017 Otterbein University Part-time Faculty Teaching Award. She teaches several key Special Education courses in the Graduate Education Intervention Specialist program. She has served as a Speech-Language Pathologist, Special Education teacher and supervisor, and School Administrator.

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