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# Nursing

News from The Graduate School Spring 2018



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

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

### Nursing

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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.*

## Nursing Program News

### Congratulations to Matthew Steele, CRNA

Matthew Steele, CRNA, alumni of the Otterbein University/Ohio Health Grant Medical Center Nurse Anesthetist program was featured on the Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists' Blog. He shared how he ended up in the nursing field and how his military experience helps in day-to-day life in the operating room. [See the full blog post here.](#)



Matthew Steele, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)

### School Scholarship

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**Kirsten Johanson, Advanced Practice Nurse, Serving Our Community**  
Kirsten Johanson, Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) and Otterbein alumna, is one of more than 234,000 Advanced Practice Nurses serving our communities in 2017. More than 89 percent of nurse practitioners were prepared for primary care roles, while only 14.5 percent of doctors entered primary care according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). [Learn more from AANP.](#)



*Kirsten Johanson, Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)*

### **Nurse Anesthesia Students Presentation Highlighted**

Eric Glassetter, Aaron Roth and Taylor Morriss' presentation on *Perioperative Opioid Reduction Techniques* was highlighted on the [Society for Opioid Free Anesthesia \(SOFA\)](#) website.

### **Danielle Scharpf (Winch), CRNA, DNP Recent Publication**

Congratulations to Danielle Scharpf (Winch), CRNA, DNP and faculty member on her recent publication in the Journal "Hepatology". [See more article information here.](#)

### **Welcome DNP alumna Dr. Deana Batross to the Department of Nursing**

Dr. Batross received a Master of Science in Nursing from Otterbein in 2004 and a Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2016. Her DNP research was on the evaluation of quality of life in heart failure patients with low health literacy levels. She found an almost 50 percent health literacy rate in her local community. "The challenge was in educating these patients in a very complicated treatment regimen. My philosophy on education is to start with what students know and build on their current knowledge," she stated. Her hobbies include cooking and photography and "I love my dogs," she added.



*Dr. Deana Batross, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)*

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