

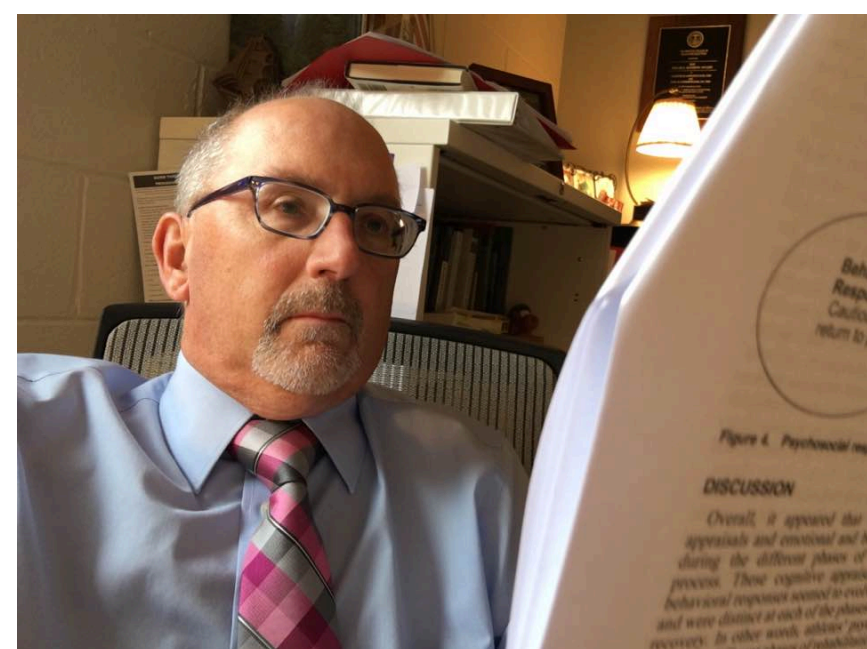
Homecoming “Superheros Unite”

Thanks to all alumni, students, faculty and community partners who participated in our “Superhero Unite” homecoming festivities.



Real Men Wear Pink

Our very own Dr. Paul Longenecker was selected to participate in **Real Men Wear Pink** of Columbus. He wore something pink everyday in October and raised the 3rd highest amount of money among the 25 participants!



Public Health Education Endeavors

Dr. Braun’s Public Health Education majors were involved in several health awareness and disease prevention projects during fall term including the STI Prevention Week in the campus center. **PHOTO COURTESY OF ROB BRAUN**



Ashleigh Thornton and Sativa Banks presented their research projects at Ohio SOPHE’s HEI Conference on October 20th. The titles of their projects are *A Comparison between Bullying & Suicide Ideation by Grade Level using the 2011-2015 YRBSS* and *Racial Health Disparity of HIV in Ohio, 2010-2014*, respectively. Their posters are on display on the basement level of this building if you would like to read more. In addition, Sativa Banks was voted on to next year’s Ohio SOPHE Board of Directors as the Student Liaison. Congratulations Sativa!

EXSC Major Reps HSS at Donor Appreciation Event

Senior Alex Feldstein was one of several Otterbein students selected by the Office of Advancement to speak about his Otterbein experience at the annual donor appreciation event in October. Alex discussed his summer internship opportunity at Google and thanked donors for the amenities for students that became available with our new HSS facility. **PHOTO COURTESY OF ED SYGUDA**



Life Long Learning

Dr. Kim Fisher and Exercise Science and Health Promotion senior Rachel Dosch presenting to Otterbein Lifelong Learning Community.



Journal Publication

The first publication from the Biomechanics Institute! Payne, S., Barrett, K., & Wilkins, J. (2016). The effect of step frequency training on a male with patellofemoral pain. Journal of Sports Medicine and Allied Health Sciences. 3(1).

HSS 2nd Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest

Thanks to all who participated in the annual pumpkin carving contest. We had some great entries and it was fun to see everyone getting creative and involved.



Race for the Jobs

Health and Sport Sciences classes are often seen outside on the football field or track, testing out new athletic techniques or strategies. So it was a natural connection for one Otterbein course to use the athletic fields in a new way — to teach about privilege in society.

Assistant Professor of Health and Sport Sciences Kristy McCray wanted to illustrate to her Sociology of Sport students that the societal “playing field” isn’t always equal for everyone in a very visible way. To really get her students’ attention, she knew she had to head out onto the turf.

“Everyone starts at the 25 yard line facing toward the end zone. I stand in the end zone, representing each person’s ideal or dream job,” McCray explains. “I then proceed to read statements that if it applies to them, the students would take a step forward or step back, depending on the directions given. Once I’m through all the questions, they then sprint to my position and win the job. However, it’s clearly seen that not everyone had the same advantages as the others.”

Statements read by McCray range from “take a step forward if you come from a two parent household” to “take a step back if your race or ethnicity was blatantly depicted negatively in pop culture.” The majority of statements read are out of the students’ control. After the race, the class discusses what it was like and how it felt to be at different positions on the field. They then connect it to previous course material through journal entries and small essays.

McCray says that by the time they are ready to run toward their dream job, her class is already noticing things about themselves and those around them. “It really begins to sink in once they look around and see how everyone is staggered across the field. It becomes a springboard for better understanding of our own privilege and how we can all help create more opportunities for those who need help to overcome an obstacle. Doing this active learning makes it that much more impactful and poignant,” said McCray. First-year student Regan Wilson was part of the “Race to the Jobs” activity, and it really opened her eyes to things that you can’t really see.

“This is a lot more than just words on paper,” Wilson said. “We get to see what has made our classmates who they are and not just what they portray. It really pushed me to want to work on evening out the inequities of our culture.”

This is the second time McCray has conducted “Race to the Jobs” at Otterbein, but she’s been teaching it much longer. She says that taking a different approach to showing these issues is what really can make a big difference in student’s perceptions.

“It’s a wonderful way to open their eyes and to become more self-aware. The students begin to see that, in regards to our lectures, not everyone can be a LeBron James, born into a relatively difficult situation and rise to the levels he has based on luck or talent alone. We examine our privilege, because if we don’t know who we are we will never see the blind spots.” (Reprinted from <http://www.otterbein.edu/Spotlights/race-to-the-jobs-teaches-students-about-privilege>) **PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNETTE BOOSE**



Athletic Training Students at the Columbus Marathon

Otterbein Athletic Training students volunteered at the Columbus Marathon. This is an annual community service endeavor that gives our students an opportunity for hands on experience and networking.



HSS Alumni Leadership Advisory Board

Members of our newly formed HSS Leadership Advisory Board met this fall for the first time. The HSSLAB will help to insure the alignment of our HSS majors’ experience with the opportunities, evolving needs, and challenges of the broader professions. The HSSLAB will also serve as the hub for HSS alumni engagement; providing our alumni with an effective conduit to engage, inform and contribute to the HSS academic programs, its students, and faculty in meaningful ways. The HSSLAB will focus its strategic efforts on: mentoring and networking with current students, fostering connections between HSS alumni, growing the current HSS majors into an engaged alumni, and assisting the HSS department to realize a vision of professional success. Board members include: ATHT-Chris Troyer, Kate Weale, ALHL-Jenny Knox Gayler, ESHP-Lindy Gilkey, HPED-Steve Bilikan, Sheronda Whitner, SMGT-Bret Billhart, James Prystock, Adam Wolfe, MSAH & SMGT-Stephania Bernard-Ferrell, HSS Faculty/Staff-Dr. Joan Rocks, Dr. Rob Braun, Dr. Teri Walter, Dr. Kristy McCray, Patti Wilson, Annette Boose and Dr. Cynthia Jackson. If you are an alumni and you would like to be involved please let Annette know.



HSS alumni Lindy Gilkey discusses the topic of Professional Development with a class.



Class of 2020



Meeting the class of 2020 earlier this fall.



Hunger Heros 5 K

ATHT 1000 students helped volunteer at the 2nd annual Westerville Hunger Heroes 5K and Fun Run which raised over \$4200.00 to help reduce food insecurity for Westerville students. Half of the proceeds will go to WARM Share Bac A Pac and half will go to the Otterbein Promise House.



Faculty/Staff Updates



Otterbein Alumni, Dr. Erin Baumann joins us as Assistant Professor of Allied Health



Lauren Keller is our new Graduate Assistant for the Master’s in Allied Health degree program.



A big congratulations to Part Time HSS Faculty and Otterbein alumni **Jessica Buschmann**, recipient of the Otterbein Part Time Faculty Teaching Award for “Teaching in the Discipline.”

HSS Leads the Way

