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Graduate School News Highlights

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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.](#)

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 School Scholarship

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

[Learn more.](#)

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.

Allied Health News Highlight

Otterbein Alumni and Students are Leading the Way in Corporate Wellness Programs

Otterbein is responding to the demand for trained professionals and is at the forefront of leading healthcare initiatives in Central Ohio. [Read the full spotlight.](#)



Allied Health Graduate Program Director Paul Longenecker (center) with Lauren Keller, former graduate assistant and MSAH alumna (left), and David Frederick, current graduate assistant (right).

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Education News Highlight

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.

Educational Mathematics News Highlight

Professor Jeff Smith Selected for Role with "Teach to Lead"

Thanks to a nomination from MAEM student Caleb Slavinski, Professor Jeff Smith has been selected as a facilitator for "Teach to Lead" in Ohio.

"Teach to Lead" is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of Education, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and ASCD along with over 150 supporting organizations. "The Teach to Lead" initiative focuses on expanding opportunities for teacher leadership in ways that enhance student learning and make it possible for teachers to stay in the classroom while leading in the profession. [Learn more.](#)

MBA Program News Highlight

New Orientation Event for Incoming MBA Students

The MBA program has designed a new orientation event for incoming students. Students will attend a half-day or day-long immersion workshop prior to their first semester, which will introduce them to key aspects of what they will experience during the program. Areas will include collaboration, design thinking, leadership, data analysis, project work, business design, entrepreneurship/intrapreneurship, etc. The goal is to better prepare incoming students to be aware and take advantage of all the value-added aspects of the Otterbein MBA. [Learn more about the MBA program.](#)

Nursing Program News Highlight

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)

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