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FUTURE

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## Re-Imagining the Curriculum

A blank slate is an image that represents pure possibility and potential.

That is exactly what our faculty members faced as they examined curriculum changes required by our transition from quarters to semesters. The task of re-imagining Otterbein's curriculum was considerable—but, it was also the kind of challenge academics cherish. It is in our nature to constantly question our work. This calendar conversion provided the impetus to examine what we want to achieve and why it is important.

Each course provided the opportunity to ask questions like: How can I take the essential knowledge of my course and make it more relevant to today's challenges? How can more time with students give our work together greater depth and meaning? How can I re-focus my own passion and knowledge into transformative experiences in the classroom and beyond?

You'll read about some of the innovative ways faculty members and administrators have answered those questions in this issue of *Towers*. I hope you will be as inspired as our incoming students are by their professors' innovation and creativity this fall. I also hope you enjoy a *Towers* introduction to Dr. Victoria McGillin, Otterbein's new provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Finally, I am eager to return to the classroom myself this fall. I look forward to challenging and mentoring my First-Year Seminar class of Miller-Winter scholars, high-achieving freshman women named for Otterbein's first two graduates, Sarah Jane Miller and Mary Katherine Winter. This group, soon to be joined by a similarly selected group of high-achieving young men, will hear from a wide array of accomplished professionals about the changing expectations of leaders in the 21st century.

Just as men and women stood shoulder to shoulder as faculty and students in 1847—this generation calls on Otterbein to ensure the best and the brightest women and men have the opportunity to lead and serve their professions, their communities, and their nation. Otterbein's long-standing leadership in co-education—we were among the first in the nation to establish a co-educational learning environment from the day we opened our doors—and its commitment to maintaining an inclusive campus further fuels my personal commitment.

As always, I welcome your ideas and involvement. Whether lending your leadership as a guest lecturer in a newly-designed course, mentoring a student, developing an internship, or recruiting a promising new student to join us—Otterbein is as strong and successful as each one of our alumni help us become.

~ President Kathy A. Krendl



## Mission Statement

*The mission of Otterbein University is to educate the whole person in a context that fosters the development of humane values. Otterbein University is a private, church-related, four-year coeducational university that sponsors traditional and continuing-education programs of liberal arts and professional education at baccalaureate and master's levels. Our commitment is to the liberal arts as the broad base of all learning.*

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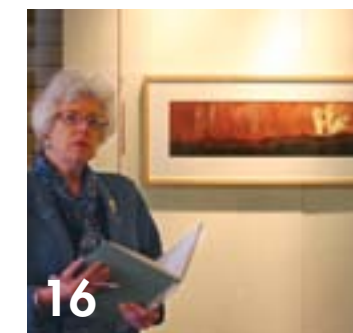
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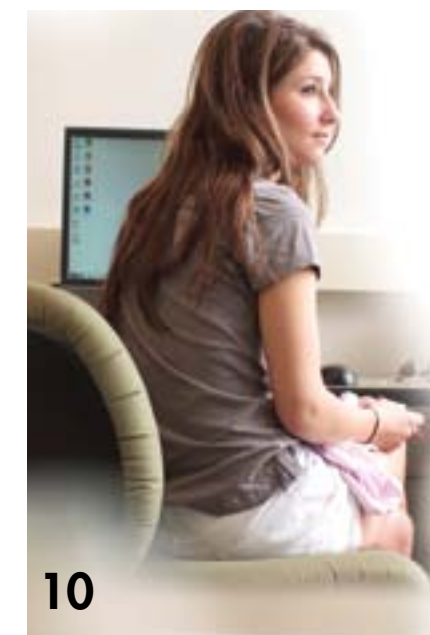
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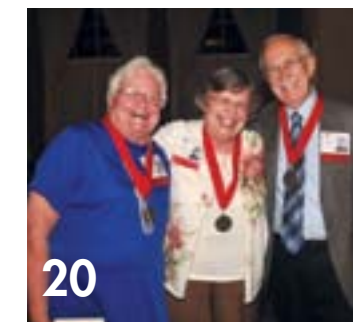
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**Jacob Escobedo '12**, a sports management major, enjoys a moment in his Music and Human Nature class this past spring. Photo by Dan McMahon.



## Internships in the 70s

Dear Mr. Routson:

I read the Spring 2011 issue of *Towers* “The Experience of a Lifetime” with great interest.

I am glad that on page 25 you included the “Internship Program” of the 1970s, part of which was the Cooperative Education program. From 1975 to 1983, while director of Cooperative Education at Otterbein, I was very pleased to assist several hundred Otterbein students find and/or approve a work experience which was often their first paying job in a field related to their major. I think it reinforced some to continue in that field, while others perhaps changed directions as a result of a real work experience. I was very impressed with the way Otterbein students threw themselves into the work, helping themselves while further enhancing the reputation of Otterbein’s connection to the community and its commitment to students. It is a fine institution which helped me no less than the students in the program.

**Frank K. Mitchell**

*OSU Biology Advising (retired)*

## Internship Program Helped Student Teacher

Something that really helped my educational career was the intern program with Otterbein, Capital, and the Gahanna School system. Instead of student teaching, I was in the intern program at Gahanna Lincoln Elementary. We interviewed for the position and were assigned to a cooperating teacher for the entire year. I had an excellent experience and got a lot of hands on training which prepared me to be a teacher.

We had many of our classes on site at the school and only had to come to campus for a few. We were paid a small stipend.

Some of the interns were from Capital and some were from Otterbein. I am still in touch with my cooperating teacher even though she now lives in South Carolina. She came to visit my classroom a few years ago and it was great to see

her. She enjoyed seeing how her little intern had progressed as a teacher.

Because of the program, I was able to have a lot of experiences that I normally would not have had as a student teacher.

**Cindi Moore Reeves ’75**

## A Plea for Class Reunion Photos

Roger,

As we approach class reunion time, I recalled that with the publication schedule changes last year, the class reunion photos did not appear in *Towers*.

From working with the 1961 Golden Reunion committee, I believe that class members who are unable to attend the gathering will appreciate seeing the photos.

For those not having reunion years, I see the inclusion of the group photos as a subtle advance notice that “Your reunion isn’t far off” and a nudge in the direction of planning to attend when your number rolls around.

So I urge *Towers* to include space for the class reunion photos. These are as important to old timers as pictures of newborns are to the younger generations!

**Peg English Duffy ’61**

*Peg, check out pages 24-27. And visit Otterbein’s website for even more photos of the weekend.*

**Editor**

## A Cappella Choir was Experience of a Lifetime

I read with interest the Spring 2011 *Otterbein Towers* letter from President Kathy Krendl about experiences of a lifetime. It brought to mind many experiences that impacted my life while at Otterbein. But I keep coming back to the experiences that center around the a cappella choir of the 1960s.

Few professors demanded the precision, respect and professionalism that Professor Richard Chamberlain demanded. He could terrify, challenge and mentor like no other. I was always in the front row of the choir and he would sprint forward and peer over my music to hear the pitch, tone and pronunciation. There was no room to be “wishy-washy.” Once, when the soloist arrived at the concert-time with no voice, he turned to me and said, “Miss Lloyd, you are on!” I must have looked hesitant (like a deer caught in the headlights)

because he said, “You can and you will!” I have often repeated that to myself when I have been hesitant to take on a new challenge.

I was most fortunate to travel with the choir to Europe twice after I graduated. We sang in cathedrals and concert halls in Cologne, Berlin, Prague, Switzerland, Italy and Paris, among other locations. To our amazement, Prof. Chamberlain spoke multiple languages and used his language skills to open many doors for us.

Not to be forgotten was the day we crossed behind the Iron Curtain at Checkpoint Charlie for a concert in East Berlin. Prof. Chamberlain warned us that there would be no foolishness at the checkpoint. We were unloaded and guarded by men with guns as the bus was searched and our passports checked. Not a sound was heard, except perhaps my heart.

Among all of my many experiences at Otterbein, none compares to those as a part of the choir. Prof. Chamberlain set the bar high and demanded that you strive for perfection. These experiences helped prepare me for later life challenges.

**Margaret Lloyd Trent ’65**

## A Graphic Design Home Run

Roger,

You hit the ball out of the park with the rebirth of the *Towers*!! The use of more white space, titles in bold, and small article photos make the contents page more lively and more readable. The cover is delightful and peppy.

The use of red color, much more white space and colored heads across the gutter tell the reader this is now a different ball game. The color reproduction is superb. The use of a variety of photo sizes makes layout more visually pleasing. Formal photos of teams are usually boring, but the soccer team photo is pleasant and intimate, and using it across the gutter was inspiring. I also liked the use of the lizards on page 18-19.

Keep up the good work.

**Bob Bradfield ’50**

## And More High Praise

Roger,

The (Spring 2011) issue was by far the best formatted, best written and best subject matter *Towers* that I have EVER received. A job very well done. This in combination with the follow-up by President Krendl to our Greek Life conversation has won me back as an Annual Fund participant...thank you both!

**Richard Russo ’64**

Got something to say? We want to hear from you. We welcome your letters to the editor. You may send them via email to [rroutson@otterbein.edu](mailto:rroutson@otterbein.edu) or mail to Roger Routson, Otterbein University, Department of Marketing and Communications, 1 South Grove Street, Westerville, OH 43081. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit all letters, and submissions are subject to space availability and suitability.



## Mystery Group Identified

The unidentified picture found on the bottom of page 41 (Spring 2011) is a 1973 picture of the softball team.

Bottom row: Kathy Ronan, Kathy Ulmer, Patty Elliot, Patti Pifer. Top row: Nancy Harter, Dianna Johnson, Bonnie Everhart, Dawn Kasow, Carolyn Banks.

This can be confirmed on page 196 of the 1973 *Sibyl*.

**Howard Carlisle ’76**

P.S. **Patti Pifer ’75** is my wife and asked if I could identify the picture. We could identify all but one without looking up the answer. Not bad for 35 years ago....

*Thanks, also, to Carol Brock Bower ’73, Barbara Hoffman ’74, Cindi Moore Reeves ’75, and Sally Miller Riker ’77 for writing in to also help identify the group. My apologies if I’ve forgotten to recognize anyone. See page 42 for a new photo to be identified.*

**Editor**



OTTERBEIN  
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HERE & NOW

# 2011 Commencement

For more photos of Commencement, go to  
[www.otterbein.edu/commencement2011](http://www.otterbein.edu/commencement2011)



photo by Bob McIlroy



compiled by Jenny Hill '05

## Otterbein Signs Agreements with Community Colleges



President Krendl, at the lectern, with (from left) David Devier, vice president for academic and student affairs, Clark State; Dennis Budkowski, vice president of instructional services, Marion Technical; Karen Reed, vice president for learning, North Central; Chad Brown, vice president for academic services, Zane State; and Ryan McCall, academic vice president, Southern State.

Otterbein University signed articulation agreements with six community colleges on May 19. Special guests at the signing included Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Jim Petro and Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio (AICUO) President C. Todd Jones.

Now partnering with Otterbein are: Central Ohio Technical College, Clark State Community College, Marion Technical College, North Central State College, Southern State Community College and Zane State College. The agreement with Central Ohio Technical College encompasses its four campuses in Newark, Coshocton, Knox and Pataskala.

The articulation agreements facilitate the smooth transition of students from these two-year community colleges to Otterbein's four-year degree programs. More than 120 Otterbein students took advantage of the existing articulation agreement with Columbus State Community College in 2010-11.



## Only Ohio School to be so Honored for Community Service

# Otterbein Finalist for President's Award

Otterbein University was a finalist for the President's Award for General Community Service as part of the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Otterbein is the only school in Ohio to be honored as a finalist.

This is the fifth year Otterbein has been recognized on the National Honor Roll. Otterbein was one of the first institutions to receive the additional honor of winning the President's Award

for General Community Service through the 2007 Honor Roll program, which is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Established in 2006, the Honor Roll's Award with Distinction is one of the highest awards a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service

and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities.

Otterbein's Center for Community Engagement (CCE) brings together volunteerism, service-learning and community-based action research for students, giving them a multitude of service activities from which to choose. Eighty percent of Otterbein's students participated in service activities, contributing more than 70,000 service hours to the community in 2009-10.

## Otterbein Recognized as a "Gem" to the Environment

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) honored Otterbein with the EMERALDS Award in the environmental education category at its annual awards luncheon on May 17.

Otterbein was recognized by an independent panel of judges for its dedication to sustainability education and initiatives under Sustainability Coordinator Paul Baldrige.

SWACO wrote: "With sustainability as a core value of the university, Otterbein University has committed itself to practices that promote waste reduction, recycling and reuse.

Evidence of the University's commitment includes; metal recycling from ongoing construction on the campus, the composting of 18 tons of animal waste and bedding per week, installation of individual building electric meters to monitor usage, the weatherization of 23 campus buildings,

and a Thrift Store designed to promote the reuse of unwanted items on the part of the University and Westerville communities. In addition, Otterbein networks and partners with several local green organizations and businesses to further sustainability efforts in the community."



Ron Mills, executive director of SWACO; David Bell '74, director of physical plant, Otterbein; and Bradley Frick, chair, board of trustees, SWACO.



# Women and Leadership Census

## President Teaches New Course in Leadership

Otterbein recently partnered with The Institute on Women and Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD) for a census of women and leadership positions in central Ohio. The results of the Central Ohio Leadership Census (COL-Census) suggest that by increasing the number of women in

leadership positions, the community can improve its economic strength.

Currently, the numbers show widespread inequality in the representation of women in leadership positions across public and private companies, certain governmental entities, colleges and universities and non-profit organizations in central Ohio. There are no women among


the CEOs of 30 publicly traded companies in central Ohio, according to the survey.

President Kathy Krendl said that steps to increase the number of women in leadership positions would help the area to retain talented women graduates of central Ohio universities. "Otterbein University prepares students to become leaders. When they graduate and begin pursuing their

careers, we want them to think of central Ohio first as a place rich with opportunity."

The findings of the study are already influencing the development of curriculum at Otterbein, including a new course taught by President Krendl about women in leadership.

The COL-Census features data collected within the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

from a variety of publicly available sources, including 10-Ks, SEC filings and companies' internet sites. The COL-Census contains key statistics on the progress of women in leadership positions, tracking the number and percentage of women on boards and women executive officers, including CEOs. To see the full study, visit: [instituteonwomen.org](http://instituteonwomen.org). 

## Otterbein Hosts School for the Gifted and Talented

Otterbein University hosted the 2011 Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted and Talented, a week-long camp in June for 22 juniors and seniors from 10 central Ohio high schools.


The Essex School offers rising high school juniors and seniors opportunities for career exploration through a unique program comprised of classes, seminars and workshops on the arts, sciences and

humanities. The program encourages social interaction and peer discussion so that students can be challenged intellectually and develop a better understanding of the role of their abilities and talents in their lives and in society. Participating students have the opportunity to earn college credit and a \$1,000 scholarship to attend Otterbein.

Workshops and programming included: Printmaking and drawing;

creating theatrical character masks; studying turtles; environmental chemistry studies; a poverty simulation; discussion of this year's Common Book, *City of Refuge* by Tom Piazza, and the impact of Hurricane Katrina; and issues in sustainability, including a tour of Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM). The Essex School was sponsored by Otterbein University, Westerville City Schools and Olentangy Local Schools.

## A Q&A with the New Provost

**Victoria McGillin recently joined Otterbein as the new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. For her bio, and the full Q&A text, visit [www.otterbein.edu](http://www.otterbein.edu).** 

### What attracted you to Otterbein?

Absolutely everything – the people, the programs and the community! I believe passionately that universities must provide the educators and curricular/co-curricular programs that will enable our graduates to successfully address the unknown, diverse and poorly defined problems that the future will present. This calls for a very special learning environment that challenges and supports students in their learning across disciplines and across experiences.



Victoria McGillin

### What do you think is most distinctive about Otterbein's integrative studies program and its approach to learning?

Again, Otterbein leads the nation. I have reviewed quite a few models of curriculum that were called "integrative." Many are quite good, but none have been designed by their faculty as deeply, thoughtfully and completely

as Integrative Studies at Otterbein. Otterbein does it all! From the first year through their senior year, Otterbein students will be both introduced to the integration of ideas by others and stimulated to engage in active integration on their own.

### What elements do you think are important in great teachers and mentors?

As a clinical psychologist, I know that to grow and change, individuals must both be challenged to stretch outside of their comfort zone, and they must be supported as they take those risks. This is true both inside and outside the classroom, in our roles as faculty and as advisors. Great faculty must not only be knowledgeable in their fields, they must also be knowledgeable about how one masters that field – what sorts of learning experiences provide the richest challenges and support for learning at the collegiate and graduate levels. Ideally, this calls for active engagement with one's discipline and with the scholarship of teaching and learning. The

greatest faculty combine this with a genuine concern for the whole student, for his or her growth, and for the ways in which those students are integrating their learning inside and outside of the classroom.

### What are you most eager to address in your first year at Otterbein?

The Otterbein faculty and staff have spent the last three years transforming the curriculum and the university. We will now put all of this into action. My first year will be filled with the full implementation of the curriculum, leading our efforts to assess the student learning outcomes that we achieve, and revising or refining our work based on our outcomes. But my most important priority shall be the people of Otterbein. In my first year, I need to do all I can to come to know and support the growth and development of the faculty, staff, students and alumni of this institution.

### What life lessons do you try to infuse into your daily work as well as those you lead?

Ask questions thoughtfully and listen deeply to the answers.

*To the Otterbein Community, I want to meet you and to hear your life stories; I want to encourage you to seek ways of engaging with the learning experience of our students; and, I look forward to opportunities to engage with you and with the future of Otterbein University!*

~ Victoria McGillin





# HOW A RE-IMAGINED CURRICULUM IS SHAPING OTTERBEIN'S FUTURE

by Jenny Hill '05

## What do Harry Potter,

cavemen and sports have in common? They are all topics of new Otterbein courses designed to prepare Otterbein undergraduates for the challenges and complexity of a 21st century world.

Sure, it's not their parents' courses, but today's students face a world of merging ideas, cultures, experiences and opportunities never imagined by previous generations. As a result, an effective 21<sup>st</sup> century curriculum must combine broad and specialized knowledge, emphasizing interdisciplinary and integrative learning.

While some colleges and universities are struggling to keep up with the changing needs of curricula, Otterbein has established itself as a leader in the field. As one of only six universities nationwide to earn a grant from the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Otterbein joins such universities as Georgetown and Tufts in developing integrative curricula that will serve as models for other institutions.

The \$100,000 grant is part of the national *Bringing Theory to Practice Project*, funded by AAC&U in partnership with the Charles Engelhard Foundation and the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation. Otterbein is using the grant to fund a two-year project to further institutionalize the **Five Cardinal Experiences**, which provide high-impact, innovative, integrated and community-based opportunities for students and faculty. The Five Cards include: community engagement, global engagement and intercultural experiences, undergraduate research and creative work, internships and professional experiences, and leadership and citizenship.

Otterbein was one of 16 institutions nationally to be selected to participate in AAC&U's *Shared Futures: Global Learning and Social Responsibility* initiative in 2005.

According to Dr. Sarah Fatherly, chair of the Integrative Studies (IS) program and interim associate vice president of Academic Affairs, that award was a catalyst for the faculty to collaboratively begin rethinking and reworking the IS curriculum. "We've looked at what's working well, what still meets student needs and what doesn't. We wanted to preserve the core values of the program, while also meeting the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century graduates," she said.

### A History of Innovation

Otterbein's IS program was an innovative concept when it was established in 1969. It was originally called "Common Courses." The program was renamed "Integrative Studies" in 1976.

The changes to the IS curriculum are designed to enhance its integrative nature, in which courses fit together to create a focused, transformative experience for students. "The experience starts with the newly-developed **First-Year Seminar** (FYS) or Transition Year Seminar for new students. The first course introduces the concept of integrative knowledge and learning. The topics are interesting, exciting and unique, but all of them are designed to ensure students are working on foundational learning goals that will equip new students for academic success," Fatherly said.

In addition to their FYS course, first-year students also take a course in the Identity Projects requirement area, which also serves as a writing instruction course. Sophomore and junior students build on their first-year courses in higher-level threads, taking one course in each of four defined requirement areas that acquaint them with different disciplinary perspectives on the program's overarching learning goals. Seniors then take a dyad – two linked courses from different disciplines that fit together, for

example, environmental psychology and environmental ecology courses.

"Our new revised curriculum brings us back to the forefront of integrative general education," said Fatherly. "It has the potential to transform how students are learning, by setting up a framework in which they are more likely to make connections."

"The goals and outcomes addressed by the new curriculum will prepare our students as professionals and citizens, and impact their personal lives," she added.

What do the students think of the new curriculum? According to Fatherly, students have been very receptive to their professors engaging them to learn what works for their generation. "It's been a lot of hard work, but we're very excited about the curriculum we have developed. We plan to assess and strengthen the program as we move forward."

### Senior-Year Experience

The new IS curriculum will better prepare students for their **Senior-Year Experience (SYE)**. Developed in 1995, the SYE is a capstone course that allows students to reflect on their entire Otterbein experience through one interdisciplinary course. Students are encouraged to choose something they are interested in, concerned about or curious about, regardless of their majors. Some SYE courses are taught in the classroom, while others take students abroad to such destinations as Rwanda, Austria, Belize and even India.

To keep track of their progress as they navigate the IS curriculum and SYE, students will keep e-portfolios to assess their learning. "Each student will have an account loaded with the integrative core learning goals, and they will reflect on their learning as they move through the curriculum," Fatherly explained. "As they progress, they can look back at what they wrote as first-year students and see if they still think the same. It allows students to see how far they've come and allows professors to measure success on an individual level."

The e-portfolios also have features that can be used by career services. Students





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CHAIR OF INTEGRATIVE STUDIES



her students. "One of my very first reactions was that I couldn't wait to get students to experience for themselves the richness of humanity, the depth of tradition, and the diversity of voices within the complexities of African cultures," she said.

A lifelong learner herself, Jackson learns just as much from teaching a travel course as her students learn from taking it. "I am the epitome of someone who loves learning with the hope of an outcome of good teaching while weaving first-hand knowledge into advocating for the importance of the experiential."

#### A "Major" Facelift

In addition to the revised curriculum and new J-term, the semester conversion offered the chance to create **new majors** and give old majors a facelift. Otterbein students can now major in biochemistry and molecular biology, finance, global studies, human resources management, international business and management, management, marketing, public administration and sustainability studies. These new majors reflect current and future forecasts for job trends.

Other majors have been revised to meet current students' needs. The art major has been revised to include concentrations in art education and studio, while the English major has divided into English creative writing and English literary studies. Students interested in communication can now major in communication studies or journalism and media communication. In addition, the Spanish major has been developed into a Spanish education major and a Spanish and Latin American studies major.

Otterbein students can also look forward to such new minors as audio production, cultural anthropology, and film studies, among others.

From an updated curriculum and semester conversion to new J-term opportunities, majors and minors, there is a lot of change happening at Otterbein. It's all part of a well-planned strategy for Otterbein's future. •

## The Graduate School Offers New Alternatives

by Vicki Miller '06

New opportunities are being offered in The Graduate School at Otterbein.

Nursing students can advance their clinical expertise to the next level by earning a doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degree. Advanced practice nurses pursuing the DNP will be challenged to provide leadership to positively influence health care policy in nursing and health care organizations.

The Otterbein University/Grant Medical Center Nurse Anesthesia program is a collaborative effort preparing graduates for surgical and diagnostic anesthesia careers. Graduates leave with the competencies required to fulfill professional responsibilities as certified registered nurse anesthetists.

A post master's Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program is anticipated for 2012. A final exciting development is the partnership of the nursing and business master's degree programs to offer the MSN/MBA dual degree. Designed to prepare the advanced practice nurse for upper level management positions, the program provides students with expertise through a combination of nursing service administration and graduate business administration coursework. This degree can be earned in as little as three years.

Otterbein's Master of Business Administration (MBA) program offers three new concentrations – information technology, fraud examination and actuarial science. These specially designed courses are for professionals who wish to sharpen their business skills, advance or change their career, or have a new learning experience. Certificates can be earned in information technology and fraud examination.

Through the Masters of Education (MAE) program, licensed teachers develop professional empowerment through study, research, and reflection. Two major areas of study are offered: reading, and curriculum and instruction. Within the curriculum and instruction major, non-endorsement emphases include professional development or theory and research for those preparing for a doctorate degree. For those with a baccalaureate degree who wish to teach, the MAT program provides a graduate route to teacher licensure in middle childhood education.

Teachers may also undertake non-degree professional development in the following areas: reading, TESOL, 4-5 generalist and 4-6 generalist endorsements, professional development, post-baccalaureate teacher licensure, and masters + . For more information about Otterbein's graduate programs in business, education, and nursing, visit [www.otterbein.edu/graduate](http://www.otterbein.edu/graduate), or call (614) 823-3210.

can invite potential employers to see samples of their skills online.

#### New Calendar

Converting from quarters to semesters has created a unique opportunity for faculty to develop new curriculum. One benefit of semesters, according to Fatherly, is that students have more time to write, revise, reflect and learn about topics.

Semesters also present the opportunity for an immersion experience during **J-term**. On the new system this year, fall semester ends Dec. 15 and spring semester begins Jan. 30. Students can choose to take the long interim for immersive experiences, such as internships or global engagement, or take a three-week intensive course in January as part of the J-term experience.

"J-term is a time for students to explore something different without impacting their course loads. They can fulfill an Integrative Studies requirement in a way that might not be possible otherwise, like travel courses," Fatherly said. "J-term is ideal for more focused topics."

Professor of Religion and Philosophy Glenna Jackson co-leads an annual trip to the African nations of Rwanda and Malawi that will be offered as part of the new J-term in January 2012. Along with Professor of Biology and Earth Science Simon Lawrance, Jackson's course previously has explored such topics as

the region's AIDS epidemic and its impact, genocide, mountain gorilla conservation, women's rights and poverty, among others.

Before departing for their experience abroad, students prepare in the classroom, where they get to know each other, the cultures and the logistics of the trip, and participate in fundraisers for African orphanages, schools, clinics and hospitals, and veterinary and wildlife clinics.

According to Jackson, what they learn in the classroom is just the beginning or the curriculum of her course. "Travel in African countries puts a literal face on what students learn about African cultures in the classroom. Suddenly, they can see, hear, smell, taste and feel Africa—not just know about it as an object of interest. No amount of classroom learning adequately prepares students for the trip, but that's also part of the fun," she said.

"Because we purposely travel as non-tourists, as much as that's possible, students begin to understand the dynamics of privilege and of poverty. We travel on buses with friends we've met along the way, we are hosted in their homes, we play with their kids, we sleep in their houses. Sometimes we sleep in the orphanage dormitory rooms. None of us can gain that perspective from the classroom," Jackson said.

When Jackson first traveled to Africa 11 years ago, she immediately thought of





# HIGHLIGHTS OF OTTERBEIN CURRICULUM

## 1847 - Original Course of Study

Otterbein began with one course of study, soon broken into two areas: the Men's Course and the Ladies' Course. The Men's Course consisted of two specialties: Classical and Scientific. The Ladies' Course was a modified version of the Scientific Course. Each course of study developed a Preparatory Course to accompany it, allowing students without a strong educational background to be brought up to a university-level competency.



## 1873 - Music Added

Music has been part of the Otterbein experience since early in its founding. However, it was considered to be extra-curricular prior to 1873, when a listing of music classes was first added to the course catalogue.

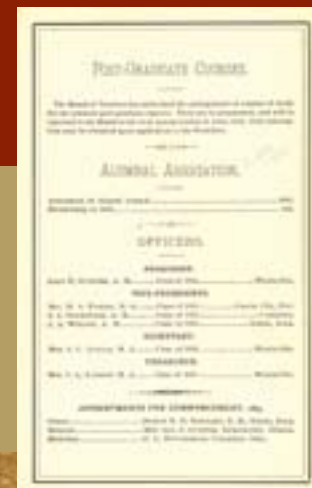


## 1870s - New State Standards

Starting in the 1870s, Otterbein was involved in the new standards for higher education being established by the state of Ohio. For example, in 1881, the Philosophical Curriculum replaced the recently retired Scientific Course.

## 1883 - Graduate Degrees

Graduate-level work was first offered at Otterbein in 1883. The students who enrolled in this program lived off-campus but came to Westerville to present papers and be examined by the faculty. The first three doctorate degrees were awarded in 1889.



## 1890s - Visual Arts

Painting and drawing were offered at Otterbein as far back as the 1850s, but they were treated as disciplines outside of the curriculum. Beginning in 1862 and continuing for 31 years, Mrs. Henrietta Thompson (left), the wife of President Thompson, taught painting and drawing. Due to her pioneering efforts, art was gradually integrated into the curriculum by the 1890s.



## 1900s - Bachelors Only

In 1895, the doctorate program was discontinued but the master's degree continued to be offered until 1912. Based on the new curriculum standards adopted by the state of Ohio, the Philosophical Course (Ph.B.) was entirely eliminated in 1902 and all undergraduates were henceforth awarded either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree.

## 1910s - Semesters and Letter Grades

Otterbein switched its calendar year from three quarters to two semesters. Each course was assigned specific numerical credits. Public speaking was integrated into regular course work, contributing to the decline of the literary societies. A letter grading system was adopted. Otterbein was granted membership in the newly-formed Association of American Colleges.

## 1917 - University to College

As early as 1895, Otterbein administrators were questioning the validity of the designation "University." In 1914, the trustees recommended that the name be changed, and the next three years were spent gaining both alumni support and the approval of the church conferences that supported the school. Finally in 1917, through an act of the state legislature, Otterbein University officially became Otterbein College.



## 1920s - New Academic Departments

To accommodate newly developing student interests and changing needs, a number of departments were formed. The Department of Business Administration was established in 1924. The Department of Physical Education was formed in 1926. The Department of Classical Languages and Literature was added in 1931.

## 1920s - Accreditations

As Otterbein moved forward with curricular changes, it gained Class "A" recognition from the Religious Education Association in 1925. Also in 1925, it received accreditation from the Association of American Universities, and in 1929, from the American Association of University Women.



## 1920s - Commitment to the Liberal Arts

Rising out of Classical and Hellenistic Greece, and later becoming a standard in Roman and Medieval times, the "Liberal Arts" had historically sought to impart general knowledge and foster critical thinkers. Embracing this philosophy, higher educational institutions in the United States began structuring their curricula in the late 1920s to immerse students in a wide range of disciplines rather than focusing on a narrow line of courses or skill sets. Otterbein's tradition for developing well-rounded students led them to embrace this "Liberal Arts College" movement and the University continues to be committed to this doctrine.

## 1939 - First Student Teaching

In 1939, Otterbein entered into a partnership with the Westerville Public Schools to place education students in the classroom to gain first-hand teaching experience.

## 1950s - Speech and Theatre

Dr. James Grissinger (left) and Professor Marion Chase added new courses and made major changes to the curriculum beginning in the early 1950s. When Charles Dodrill (right) arrived on campus in 1958 to head the Department of Theatre, and Fred Thayer (center) followed in 1960, the theatre became a major force in the cultural and intellectual life of Otterbein, resulting in regional and national acclaim.



## 1965 - The 3/3 Plan

Led by Academic Dean James Miller, a group of professors developed an innovative calendar/curriculum plan to "provide greater integration...promote the development of academic excellence...and encourage genuine independent learning." The 3/3 Plan was adopted in 1965 and implemented in 1968. The academic year was divided into three 10 week terms, and students took three academic classes during every term.

## 1976 - Integrative Studies

In 1976, the College absorbed the Common Courses into a larger framework called Integrative Studies, more commonly known as IS. While preserving the focus on human nature, IS added the additional intent to foster a "life-long habit of integrating ideas and experiences from many areas." Courses were revised to develop critical thinking, research skills and persuasive presentation of ideas.

## 1976 - Equine Department

In 1976, Otterbein established its nationally recognized Equine Science program for students interested in pursuing careers as varied as stable owner and veterinarian. At first, it was under the umbrella of the Department of Life and Earth Sciences but as its popularity grew, it became its own department. Experiential learning occurred at stables leased off-campus. Soon, a competitive equestrian team was created.



## 1980s & 90s - Mastering Education

The Master of Arts in Education and the Master of Arts in Teaching were first offered at the end of the 1980s. The Master of Science in Nursing was added in 1993 and the Master of Business Administration was added in 1997.

## 1995 - SYE and the Common Book

The Senior Year Experience (SYE) was established in the fall of 1995. Designed to help students focus on significant contemporary issues, the SYE provides opportunities for students to act, reflect and prepare for transition into the community and into the world. 1995 was also the first year of the Common Book, a program that has all incoming freshmen read the same book followed by the author's visit to campus.

## 2010 - Five Cardinal Experiences

The Five Cardinal Experiences are: Community Engagement; Global Engagement and Intercultural Experiences; Undergraduate Research and Creative Work; Internships and Professional Experience; and Leadership and Citizenship. These experiences encourage undergraduate students to become involved outside the classroom as they move forward on their journey toward becoming contributing members of a global society.



## 2010 and 2011 - Return to "University" and Semesters

After 93 years, Otterbein College was officially renamed Otterbein University in July 2010. This reflected the growth of the graduate programs and the overall expansion of Otterbein's educational offerings. In the fall of 2011, the conversion of the academic calendar from quarters to semesters will be complete, allowing students greater opportunity for extended research in the classroom and better access to internships and other off-campus opportunities.



## 2011 - Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

In 2006, responding to the national initiative of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing for advance-practice nurses to have a practice doctorate, the Department of Nursing received approval to develop a post-master's degree program. The first ten students, all of whom were practicing or educator nurses, enrolled in March 2011.



# ENCORE CAREERS

## THE NEXT CHAPTER

It's about the desire to grow and follow new directions

A Q&A with Susan Fagan, Associate Vice President and Dean of Academic Services

**T**oday's students are learning new information to prepare themselves for 21st century careers, but so are adult learners. In fact, many people turn to adult learning opportunities to prepare themselves for an "encore careers," or career changes pursued later in life.

Towers talked to Susan Fagan, associate vice president and dean of academic services at Otterbein University, about encore careers and her personal experience with new careers. She has worked in not-for-profits, the telecommunications industry and her own consulting practice before beginning an academic career. She also discovered a passion for art later in life, and is pursuing her own long-delayed dream of becoming an artist after earning her master of fine arts degree from Goddard College in 2010. Remembrance: Art Made at the Intersection of Horror and Hope, a collection of works by Fagan inspired by the Holocaust, was on display at Otterbein's Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall this summer.

by Jenny Hill '05

### What is your experience working with people considering encore careers?

For eight years of my 18 at AT&T, I worked as an ombudsperson. Though many issues come to an ombudsperson, the one that seemed to show up so often were those who were saying something like this: "I feel as though I've outgrown my job, this company, but I have no idea what to do instead or even how to figure it out. And I am scared; I make a good living here. How can I even think about walking away from that?" Over time, as I collaborated with people making their way through transitions of all sorts, I realized how very normal and predictable is the need to continue to grow, and to follow new dreams.

People of my vintage are either retiring or preparing for retirement, and are considering what to do next. I know not a single soul who simply wants to sit on a porch, rocking their way to the end of life. Again, I delight in the resiliency of people finding themselves once more redefining and expanding their roles in the world. One adventure opens the door to another, and the evolution is more organic than charted.

### What motivates a person to pursue an encore career?

There are many possible reasons. People continue to expand and grow their interests in new directions over their lifetimes. After relishing a career in one area, someone

may long for new adventures and different challenges. All the learning from one phase of life may open doors and form the foundation from which new directions may be launched.

Being downsized, or retiring and pursuing a deferred dream also can trigger such a change. Stories abound about people who realize their life has evolved in ways that indicate they have outgrown something that once fit well, and now no longer does. Life offers frequent opportunities for reinvention. What was once fulfilling can become restricting, and a person's inner compass then acts as the catalyst for change.

### How can one prepare oneself for an encore career?

Knowing oneself well and being attuned to the inner and outer signals that presage change

create the most fertile ground for mindful change. Paying attention to the ever-evolving landscape of careers that pique one's interest may also serve as inspiration for a new endeavor. Through networking, people can discover opportunities that had never been on their radar before, and can then explore those opportunities for potential matches. Sometimes, it is a longing that remains from childhood that can foreshadow a new direction for someone.

### How much formal training/education is required to change careers?

It depends. If a teacher wants to become a doctor, quite a lot would be required. If a person wants to leave the corporate world and become an entrepreneur, he or she may be able to accomplish that in some cases without formal schooling, but rather by taking advantage of all the resources available through the lectures and seminars at local colleges, Small Business Association, SCORE, libraries, attorneys and accountants, to name a few.

### What are the benefits experienced by people who change careers?

The benefits are legion. I know many people who have left the corporate world and who have done a wide variety of things—started a consulting practice, opened retail shops, joined not-for-profits, launched a home health care service, to give a few examples. In each case, they have certainly talked about the challenges involved. They have also talked about being re-energized, engaged in a way they might



One of Susan Fagan's encore careers is that of artist. This past summer she exhibited works inspired by a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, the site of a World War II concentration camp. The exhibit was in Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall.

not have been for years. They use words like "following a passion or a dream," feeling delightfully once again at the beginning of something, rather than at the end.

### What are some of the challenges faced by people who change careers?

Fear is perhaps the largest challenge of all. Leaving comfort can scare people; they wonder and ponder before making the leap—and sometimes after making the leap as well. What is safe and secure can also be binding and limiting. Certainly it is critical to understand one's own relationship with change and the prior experiences with risk which color that relationship. Robert Quinn puts the challenge quite powerfully and simply. He says we only have two choices: "deep change or slow death." (Robert Quinn. *Deep Change: Discovering the Leader Within*. Jossey-Bass: San Francisco CA, 1996.)

Planning for the practical side of the change is a challenge as well. Understanding the financial and lifestyle implications are critical and occasionally daunting, though not insurmountable.

### Do you recommend that people pursue encore careers?

As a several time career changer myself, I would say a very hearty yes to any who feel they are no longer a match for what they are doing, and feel a need to follow emergent passions. If one finds he or she wakes up on most mornings dreading the day to come, that is certainly a sign that change may be vital.

For people who are deeply content where they are, an encore career may not be in order.

Given the fact that many people now live longer than ever, considering some encore event—whether it is career, volunteerism, public service, creative work—seems a useful endeavor. Having goals for later in life infuses those years with an extra energy. I have seen some adults after retirement lose focus and pleasure in living, and I have seen others reborn as they follow interests or hobbies or service that may have hovered only in the background earlier in life.

**Assistant Editor's Note:** Otterbein hosts many opportunities for adult learners, from free classes for senior citizens to our free Graduate Symposium speakers and other public lectures. This year, we offered a variety of summer learning opportunities for adults. They included on-campus opportunities taught by Otterbein professors, like Create Your Legacy: Enriching Your Life Through Memories and Storytelling; Horsing Around: An Otterbein Equine Science Camp; and OP2: Operation Physics for Central Ohio Middle School Teachers (funded by the Ohio Board of Regents). Additionally, an off-campus teacher education workshop was held at Cuyahoga National Park this summer called Reading the Earth: the Language of Nature (funded by the Ohio Humanities Council and the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation). Watch our website for new opportunities. •



## Encore Career

# La Dolce Vita

Betsy Krick Skrobot '88 went from nurse to pastry chef and entrepreneur. She is now living the sweet life with her own business, Sweet Dolce.

**"I LOVE WHAT I DO. I LOVE HAVING MY OWN BUSINESS...I'M JUST SO HAPPY WITH THE PATH MY LIFE HAS TAKEN."**  
~ BETSY SKROBOT

by Roger Routson

It's clear in talking to **Betsy Krick Skrobot '88** that she very much has a sweet tooth. "Dessert is my favorite part of the meal," Skrobot said. But what is also apparent is that she has a big sweet tooth for life. "One of the big reasons I love life so much, is I love what I do." Ah, la dolce vita.

Skrobot is a poster child for those considering an "encore career." For her, it couldn't have worked out better. Once a nurse, she is now a pastry chef and the owner of her own business, Sweet Dolce.

Skrobot graduated in 1988 from Otterbein in nursing. She was part of the 2 + 2 program allowing her to earn an associate degree (and the right to take the state boards and be licensed as an R.N.) after two years, and then continue for two more years to earn a bachelor's degree. Upon graduation, she went to work for Children's Hospital in Columbus, and subsequently worked as a nurse in both St. Louis, MO, and in Zanesville, OH. Pediatric nursing was her calling. "I loved working with children," she said.

In the 1990s, as she was having three children, she "dabbled here and there" in her work. She took shifts as a contingent/PRN nurse, she worked for RSVP (Responsible Social Values Program) where she went to middle schools to teach about abstinence and the importance of making good life decisions, and she also worked as an office manager for her husband, **David '88**, in his podiatric practice.

But by 2003, she was ready for a change. "I felt I needed a creative outlet that nursing didn't provide. So I said to myself, 'What is it I really love to do?' And the answer was baking." So back to school she went, to Zane State Community College, where she got her associate's

degree in culinary arts. Upon graduation, she went to work for a local restaurant, but "that was not conducive to also raising a family," she said.

Skrobot assessed her options: pastry chefs in the Zanesville area were not in high demand, and commuting or moving to Columbus was not considered. The answer was clear—start her own business. Sweet Dolce was born.

The business has no store front. "I have a great kitchen in my house," Skrobot said. "That's where I work." Business is by phone only. Nothing is pre-made, and everything is customized to the individual client. "I talk to customers about their preferences—favorite flavors, favorite colors, and so forth." In essence, she loves to create unique desserts designed specifically for each client. Those clients have included groups such as the Obama for America campaign, the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra, Longaberger Baskets, and the Zanesville Rotary Club. Orders can range from a dozen cookies to a full-fledged wedding dessert buffet.

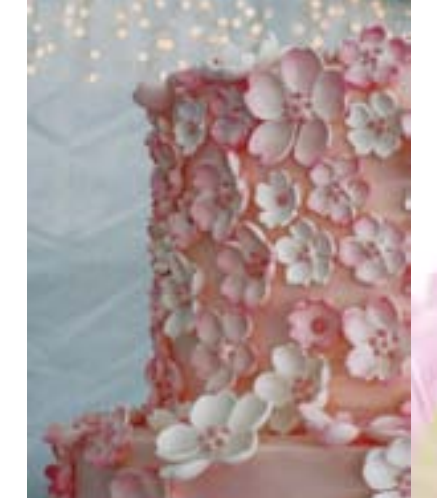
And Skrobot has not forgotten her love for teaching. She has been an adjunct

faculty member of Zane State, teaching baking, since 2007. One of her former students works for her part time.

She looks back on her Otterbein education as paving the way for the rest of her life. "In the 2 + 2 program, the first two years are very clinically oriented and very focused on nursing skills. But the last two years taught me a lot about management, about employee relations, and about running a business." Skrobot said she feels like that education opened different positions for her in life beyond just nurse—such as head nurse, office manager, teacher—and that all those experiences help her in her current endeavor.

When asked if she had any advice for today's Otterbein students, she said, "Just really appreciate all of your experiences. They will all impact your life in ways you don't even realize at this point. Breathe it in. It's a special time in life and you don't get to do it again."

Meanwhile, she'll be living the sweet life. "I love what I do, I love having my own business. It allows for a lot of creativity. And I love to teach. I'm just so happy with the path my life has taken." •



Betsy Skrobot '88 with husband David '86.

For more photos and information,  
go to [www.sweetdolce.com](http://www.sweetdolce.com)





# 2011 Alumni Weekend

Otterbein welcomed back alumni from 25 states during Alumni Weekend 2011. Reunion Classes of '51, '56, '61, '66, '71 and other alumni came to campus to reflect on their years at Otterbein and reconnect with old friends. Alumni participated in a variety of events including campus tours, open houses, exhibits, reunion dinners, and a series of presentations called Classes Without Quizzes, which focused on Otterbein's history, using social media, and learning about the University's Community Garden. See more photos from Alumni Weekend [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/photos.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/photos.asp)



There were a variety of Classes Without Quizzes offered to Alumni Weekend guests, including a tour of Hanby House, above.



Above left: **Joyce Strickler Miller '61**. Above: The Pictorial History of Otterbein was unveiled at Alumni Weekend. The project, which adorns walls on the third floor of Roush Hall, was sponsored by the Class of 1956.



**Marilynn Marsch Hinder '66 and Michele Wilson Toney '66** share memories at their 45th reunion.



**Phyllis Jenkins Heitz '61, Alice Heft Hoover '61, Richard Hoover '61 and Peg English Duffy '61** at the Friday night dinner for the golden reunion class.



**Bill Evans '56, Bud Warner '56, Dave Warner '56 and Jim Wagner '56** at the Friday night dinner at the home of **Bill '56 and Sonya Evans '56**.



**Jinx Tong '56, Steve Moeller '71 and Curt Tong '56** are all smiles upon connecting during the weekend.



Golden Reunion  
Class of 1961

**Front Row:** Roger F. Brant, Nerita Darling Brant, Ann Cherry Pryfogle, Judy Nosker Croghan, Sally Word Masak, Joe Glick, Judy Pohner Christian, Audrey Springer McClure, Judy Graham Gebhart, Peg English Duffy, Sara Elberfeld Deever. **Second Row:** Barb Bennett LeChaix, Maxine Swingle Morain, Marilyn Altkon Fields, Sandra Kohler Leedy, Grace Wolfersberger Berlo, Karen Morrison Fisher, Phyllis Jenkins Heitz, Mary Jean Barnhard Pietila, Jane Newell Cochran, Claire Lindell Williams, Judy Blue Hood, Carol Thompson, Joyce Strickler Miller, Ida Freeman Zepfel. **Third Row:** Nancy Raymond Wilson, Carolyn Weidel Dickson, Nancy Jones Smith, Judith Wandersee, Bernice Glor Pagliaro, Sue Fish Gatton, David Deever, Muriel Ramsey Homer, Richard K. Hoover, Alice Heft Hoover, Brenda Dall Andrews, Kathy Krumhansl Heidelberg. **Fourth Row:** John Reichard, Brad Pitman, Al Gress, Ron Jones, Bruce Hickin, Dave Deever, Duane Slade, Robert King, Bernie Campbell. **Fifth Row:** Don Hooper, Duane Correll, Don DeBolt, Gary Allen, Hugh G. Snapp, Jerry Lehman, Michael Christian, Tom Price, Sam Gantz. **Sixth Row:** John Campbell, Brent Martin, Jim Shackson, James Walter, Dick Rufener, Fred Ciminello, James Paxton, Dave Huhn, Joel Williams, Ron Ritchie.





Pre - Class of 1961

**Front Row:** Barbara Klenk Forman '56, Glenna Keeney Long '51, Patricia Orndorff Ernsberger '43, Warren Ernsberger '43, Gene Pflieger '51, Meredith "Mike" Schlatter '51, MaryAnn Charles Eschbach '56. **Second Row:** Arthur Fulton '51, Kay Dornan Ciminello '59, Anita Ranck Morris '51, Hazel Hockett Burkholder '51, Ruth Anne Smith Moore '51, Joanne Yohn Colberg '56, Joyce Shannon Warner '58, Connie Meyers Mentzer '60, Emily Bale Warner '58, Ann Yost Ickes '53, Stanton Ickes '53, O. Kent Reed '56. **Third Row:** Ron Smith '51, Priscilla Warner Berry '51, Mariam

Ridinger '51, Gerald Ridinger '49, Ann Brentlinger Bragg '56, Ralph Bragg '56, Ed Mentzer '58, Richard W. Morain '59, Ray Heckman '51, Martha Weller Shand '51, Jim Shand '51, Hugh Haines '51, Sonya Stauffer Evans '56, Helen Koehler Bickford '56, Thelma Hodson Orr '56. **Fourth Row:** George Fisher '56, Irv Bence '56, Dave Warner '56, Wavalene Kumler Tong '59, Jim Wagner '56, Mary Lou Wagner '56, William Replogle '56, Bud Warner '56, Bob Fulton '57, Curt Tong '56, Duane Hopkins '56, Wade Miller '56, Bob Wilkinson '56, Annbeth Sommers Wilkinson '56, Bill Evans '56.



Class of 1966

**Front Row:** Edith Sheets Hajek, Phil Roberts, Martha Warthen Wolfe. **Second Row:** Richard Waltz, Jan Lenahan Dwyer, Marilynn Marsch Hinder, Joann "Bell" Sudduth, Marilyn Hutchings Carroll,

Roger Hohn. **Third Row:** Mike Fensler, Ronald Pope, Brian Hajek, Phil Dever. **Fourth Row:** Dean Nemetz, Steve Moeller



Class of 1971

**Front Row:** Jim Waugh, Carol Carpenter Waugh, Jae Benson Van Wey, Dennis Lohr, Dale Miller, Linda Wilkins Miller, Ellen Andrews, Dottie Stover-Kendrick, Joyce Bristow Winget, Barb MacKenzie Campbell, Margaret (Peg) Ridge Stuckey. **Second Row:** Wilma Patterson Moore, Linda Ancik Augspurger, Cynthia Savage Dybik, Phyllis Osborn Evans, Barbara Bibbee, Meredith Martin, Sue Borg Poll, Anne Benard Hewitt, Rita Shumacher Bilikam.

**Third Row:** Kennedy Legler, Bonnie Ross Moore, Susan Dabbert Meredith, Marsha Brobst Adkins, Amy S. Luek, Adele Knipp Klenk, Laura L. Tuck-Wood, Susan Boster Rink, Mark Savage. **Fourth Row:** Chuck Barcus, Brian E. Napper, Tom Perkins, Bill Marshall, Dave Phillips, George Martin, Tom Turner, Barry C. Walton, Jim Wood, Dan Armbruster, Jim Augspurger, John Underwood, Jim Sylvester.

## Founders Day 2012

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CELEBRATION





compiled by Laurie Draper and Becky May '78  
profiles by Kimberly Schomburg Nagorski '89

**Sandra Rubino Paul '46** was featured in *The Columbus Dispatch* in January. She was presented a memorial banner in honor of her son, Air Force Capt. Craig Paul, who was killed during the Vietnam War. The banner was given to her by the Ohio chapter director of Honor and Remember, a non-profit organization with a goal of giving special flags to families that have lost loved ones in war.

**Charles Phallen '47** was recognized by the French government for his service as the leader of a tank destroyer

unit during World War II. He was one of three receiving the Chevalier Legion of Honor, which is similar to the U.S. Medal of Honor. In a ceremony held at Arlington National Cemetery, as part of the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division's 91st Reunion, Phallen was greeted by the mayor of a town he liberated, the French consulate and other French dignitaries. Last year he spent two weeks with other veterans touring the places they fought and liberated from North Africa to Salerno, Italy, to Munich to Salzburg and back to Munich,

dedicating memorial plaques in many of the towns. **Fred Martinelli '51** received the Ohio Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ohio State football staff and the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association on July 8 in Columbus. Martinelli is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and the field inside Ashland University's football stadium, where he was formerly a coach, is named in his honor.

**Teresa Petch '51** was honored at the Cultural Center for the Arts in Canton, OH, for her 51 years of service. She played many leading roles in the heyday of the Canton Civic Opera's theater productions, as well as providing conducting assistance, script writing and

hours of work in the music library.

**Dick Sherrick '54** represented Otterbein University by attending the inauguration of Dr. Lawrence D. Czarda, 18th President of Greensboro College, NC.

**Anita Shannon Leland '55**, artist and teacher, was featured in the *Dayton Daily News* for her work with the students in her art classes at Hithergreen Senior Center in Dayton, OH.

1957 reunion year alumni weekend 2012

1962 reunion year alumni weekend 2012

**Dick Reynolds '65** was the speaker at the London, OH, Rotary Club's special member-guest luncheon in April.



**Steven Johnston '82** was named president and CEO of Cincinnati Financial Corporation. Previously he held the titles of chief financial officer, secretary and treasurer. Johnston joined CFC in 2008 after serving as CFO from State Auto Financial Corporation in Columbus. He is also president of Cincinnati Insurance, one of the Fairfield-based insurer's biggest subsidiaries.



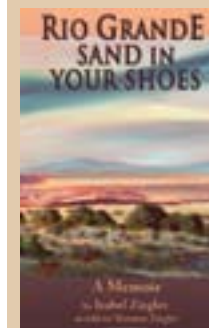
**Ralph Barnhard '59** (pictured with wife, La Vern) was recently honored by the University of Oregon Chemistry Department at the dedication of a new lecture room and resource center bearing his name, the Ralph Barnhard Chemistry Resource Center. A former student of Barnhard's made a significant donation and requested the resource center and classroom be named in his honor. "To have a former student remember me, especially from 44 years ago, is both humbling and a great honor," Barnhard said.

Giving Note

**The Grace Rohrer Rymer '48 and Richard Rymer Scholarship** was created by **Grace Rohrer Rymer '48** and her husband, Richard Rymer. Their fund will provide scholarship support for undergraduate students at the junior or senior level who are pursuing a degree in environmental science. The first award will be made for fall 2012.

## Otterbein Book Corner

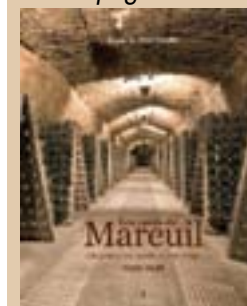
**Isabel Howe Ziegler '40** has written and published a book about her life in northern New Mexico with husband, **Samuel**



**Ziegler '36**. The book, *Rio Grande Sand in Your Shoes*, covers the couple's life in Espanola, just north of Santa Fe, where they moved in 1946. Sam was a physician for over 30 years, in addition to serving on the City Council and running for State Senator. Belle helped to start a local library, was a member of the Garden Club and on the Board of the Espanola Chamber of Commerce, and became its first woman president in 1979.



**Jean Poulard '63** has published a book in French entitled, *Les Caves de Mareuil — L'histoire d'une famille et d'un village 1939-1948* (*The Champagne Cellars of Mareuil — The Story of a Family and of a Village 1939-1948*). Both he and his wife, **Regina Fehrens-Poulard '64**, attended the book fair at the Salon du Livre in Paris where the book debuted in March. Plans are to publish both English and Spanish editions. Poulard continues teaching political science at Indiana University Northwest, where he is a full professor.



**Karen Hoertah Meyer '65** has published her first book, *Conflict at Chillicothe*, an historical novel written for young people that includes Tecumseh and Simon Kenton, as well as a fictional hero. She was invited to the Ohioana Library Festival this spring to launch the book to the public. She also visits elementary schools in the character of Grandma Sarah from the novel, teaching about life in Ohio in the 1780s.



**Marti Trudeau '85** recently completed a book entitled, *Dmitri's Neighborhood: Feel at Home with Chemistry Basics*. The book is a primer for kids to read before taking their first chemistry class. It provides a light-hearted first look at chemistry.

**Have you written and published a book? Let us know at [classnotes@otterbein.edu](mailto:classnotes@otterbein.edu). Send us a high resolution photo of yourself and of the book cover. Let all your old Otterbein classmates know of your publishing success!**

1967 reunion year alumni weekend 2012

**Kathy Dietz Lowery '68**, along with 30 other women including President Krendl and **Deborah Hillis Johnson '84**, took the opportunity to participate in a women's flight with the Ohio Air National Guard's 121st Air Refueling Wing at Rickenbacker Airport in April.

**Frederick Glasser '69** has been named a recipient of Chemical Abstracts Service's 2011 Meridian Awards. He was honored as a member of the SciFinder content team. SciFinder is the premier source of chemical information that is curated and quality controlled by scientists at CAS with an average of more than 20 years experience building databases.

**Todd Graeff '71** has retired from a 35-year career in natural resource agency management, during which he provided management or leadership for agencies in Ohio, Idaho, Kansas, Oregon and Arizona. He is also a free-lance writer having been published in numerous magazines and fiction anthologies.

1972 reunion year alumni weekend 2012

Authors



**Jay Hone '74** has left the private practice of law to join the Republican administration in the New Mexico state government. He is now the general counsel for the General Services Department, overseeing all state purchases and landlord for all state offices, and director of Risk Management Division, which handles all state employee benefits and supervises the defense of all civil cases against state government entities. His wife of almost 20 years, Heather Wilson, is a candidate for the U.S. Senate, having served more than 10 years in the House of Representatives.

**Bill Brewer '75** celebrated 30 years as the founder of the Oxford Area Community Theatre in Oxford, OH. He is currently directing his 40th production, *Doubt*. He is also a clinical faculty member at Miami University.

**Pamela Hill Lorr '75** directed *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* at Wittenberg University and *Don't Dress for Dinner* at Otterbein Summer Theatre. She lunched with Stephen Sondheim at his home in New York City last May.

1976 reunion year Homecoming 2011

**Ronald Gorman '76** was appointed president of Diamond State Group of Global Indemnity. He joined Global just a year ago serving as senior vice president of underwriting for Diamond State Group.

**Dianne Grote Adams '78** was recently elected to serve a three-year term on the American Industrial Hygiene Association's Board of Directors. She officially joins the Board in May at the AIH Conference and Exposition in Portland, OR.

**Gregg Collins '80** was inducted into the Granville, OH, High School Athletics Hall of Fame in January.

**Bob Jacoby '80** was recently named the Associated Press Ohio Division I High School Football Co-Coach of the Year. In his first year at Hamilton High School, located in the suburban Columbus area, he led the football team to its first playoff berth in nine years.

1981 reunion year Homecoming 2011

**David Marcia '81** teaches at the University of Missouri, in Columbia, MO, where he is also completing his Ph.D. in theater. His play, *Lust of the Flesh and the Wiles of Sin*, was a finalist in the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center's 2011 National Playwrights Conference.

**Steve Martindale '84** has been named the chief regulatory officer of the Department of Insurance by Ohio Lieutenant Governor and Department of Insurance Director Mary Taylor. He will oversee the Risk Assessment division, the Product Regulation and Actuarial Services division, and

the Fraud, Enforcement and Licensing division.

1986 reunion year Homecoming 2011

**David Caldwell '86** staged the *Sanders Family Christmas* in the chapel of the Worthington United Methodist Church this past holiday season, the initial play of his company, DHC Productions. Caldwell has served as both guest actor and director at Otterbein in the past, staging *Sanders* on campus in 2003.

**Jerry Berry '87** was recently honored as an educator of the month in Bedford County, PA. He is the band director at Northern Bedford County High School, a position he has held for 12 years. In his spare time, Berry performs with the Brethren Brass, spreading the Gospel throughout the south central Pennsylvania area through music.

**April Dolin Eichner '87** is the nurse manager of the emergency department at Mercy Medical Center and a flight nurse for Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. She recently spoke about her personal experiences as part of the Continued Learning

## Janet McCann '63 – English

### English and Language is Her Beaker of Tea

When **Janet McCann '63** arrived at Otterbein as a freshman, she had no idea what career path she wanted to follow. "I was pretty naïve," she said. "I started out as a major in chemistry, but found that I was enjoying the English classes so much more." That English degree has certainly paid off; McCann has taught English at Texas A&M University since 1968.

Once she found her calling, McCann became editor of the *Tan and Cardinal* and minored in French and German. Her language skills have enhanced both her travels and her research into essays and poetry by French writers.

After graduation from Otterbein, McCann went on to graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh. She credits her experiences at Otterbein with helping her get the position at Texas A&M, because her Otterbein professors made interviewing for internships or jobs part of the curriculum. "One thing all of the faculty members did was form panels for us. They had us answer questions as though we were in an interview. It really taught me how to be a good candidate."

For the most part, McCann teaches classes in creative writing and women's novels. This fall, she heads to Italy to teach women's

novels based in Italy at the university's campus near Arezzo.

McCann said she enjoys being engaged with students at the college level: "They keep me awake and alive, inform me of cultural or current events I would otherwise miss," she said.

She has found over the years that "students haven't changed a lot except in their backgrounds. Now, there is no longer a common educational foundation. Some have read no Shakespeare, for instance."

According to McCann, today's classroom has become "more distant yet more participatory. I've taught online, for instance, and that's an interesting experience. In a classroom, it's difficult to make sure everyone participates. When you're online, you can require so many participation credits."

McCann's personal focus is on poetry. Not only has her research concentrated on poetry, but she herself is a poet, having written several volumes, as well as five chapbooks.



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Program on the campus of the University of Mount Union.

**Mary Jo Monte '87** competed in a four-man open mixed team of canoe racers and they finished fourth in their class of 26 teams in the Ocean to Ocean Cayuco Regatta in the Panama Canal.

**Beth Allen Thatcher '87** and husband, **John '86**, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in June.

**Patrick Baker '89** is now the associate head coach of the University of California Golden Bears women's soccer team. Prior to that, he was the head soccer coach of Rollins College for one year and was the all-time winningest coach at

the University of Georgia from 2007-2009.

**LeighAnn Inskeep-Simpson '89** was chosen as an Outstanding Teacher at Urbana High School, Urbana, OH, by Lauren McCurdy, an incoming Otterbein freshman who will be in the Class of 2015.

**Robert Witherow '89** was the stage manager for the Broadway performances of *Million Dollar Quartet*, *Boeing Boeing*, *Next to Normal*, *Avenue Q*, *La Boheme*, and *Putting It Together*. He was also the theatrical stage supervisor for the film *Burlesque*.

**Rachael Harris '90** stars in the independent film drama

**President Kathy Krendl** has been awarded **\$1,500** from **The Columbus Foundation** to support the Girls Going Places® Entrepreneurship Conference held in May. Otterbein's partnership with the Columbus City Schools, the National Association of Women Business Owners, and the Columbus Financial Group, Inc. made this event possible for 100 middle school girls. [www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp)

*Natural Selection* as a suburban Texas housewife searching for her dying husband's illegitimate grown son. The film won the Grand Jury Prize for narrative feature filmmaking, as well as the Audience Award, at this year's South by Southwest (SXSW) Film Festival.

1991 reunion year Homecoming 2011

**Bryan Knicely '91** recently was hired as president of the Stonewall Museum Library and Archive in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The library's mission is to provide a unique cultural and intellectual alternative in the community. Prior to his relocating to Florida, Knicely served as the president of the Greater Columbus Arts Council.

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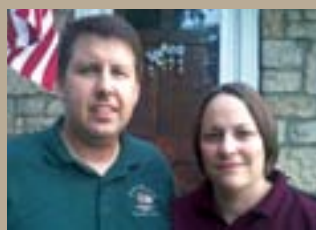
**Melissa Gilbert**, Center for Community Engagement, has been awarded **\$2,200** from **The Columbus Foundation** to support the Otterbein Community Garden. This garden provides produce to local area food pantries and works to enrich the lives of those at-risk of hunger. [www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp)



top academic achievement and teacher grants. Also in attendance were award winners **Lizette Paul Peter '76** (center) and **Jason Littleton '05** (right).

**Ron Jones '84** (left), as president of the Dripping Springs ISD Education Foundation in Texas, attended a banquet honoring

**Beverly Rogers Niccum '90** is president of the Newark, OH, City School Board. Prior to joining the board, she was president of the John Clem Elementary PTO from 2006-2009. She also served as co-chairman of the levy committee in 2009. **Richard Niccum Jr. '90** was recently selected to serve on the Board of Ohio Nature Education, a non-profit organization located in Johnstown, OH, dedicated to providing a home for animals that can no longer live in the wild. The group also conducts environmental education programming throughout the central Ohio area.





**Shawn Arrington DeVol '92** received her doctorate of physical therapy. She is the owner of Select Home Care, a Medicare-certified agency providing skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy services in Columbus, OH.

**Michael Moser '92** is currently working at BMW Financial in Hilliard, OH. He also enjoys working part-time at Oakland Nursery.

**Jim Rinaldi '92** left the field of athletic training in 2000 to pursue his passion for photography. He does portrait work as well as sporting events from Little League to the professional level.

**Kelly Robbins '92** co-owns a business, Four Paws K-9 Detection, Inc., in Columbus, OH, which has been certified by the National Entomology Scent Detection Canine Association

**Terry Hermesen**, associate professor of English, has been awarded **\$5,000** from **The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation** for a week-long institute for approximately 20 classroom school teachers held at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. "The Language of Nature: Teaching in Place" project brings together strands of interest and concerns in contemporary humanities to help teachers better connect their students to the world beyond the classroom. [www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp)

to detect pests. Marley, her beagle, detects bedbugs for both home and commercial customers.

**Ian Short '93** recently directed the 1950 Broadway hit *Guys and Dolls* with his hometown theatre troupe, Gahanna Community Theatre. This was Ian's seventh consecutive year as director, having previously done shows with CATCO and Actors' Theatre. He also earned acclaim last year in the leading roles of the Available Light Theatre's productions *Merrily We Roll Along* and *The Life and Death of Richard the Third*.

**Todd Crain '94**, who originated the role of Jeff Tate, Tech Trends reporter for the online edition of *The Onion*, stars as

co-anchor, Tucker Hope, on *The Onion News Network* on The Independent Film Channel (IFC). The first 10 episodes of the series debuted in January 2011.

**Dan Knechtges '94** is directing and choreographing the Transport Group's production of *Lysistrata Jones*, which opened this summer in the Judson Memorial Church Gymnasium in NYC. The production is being staged in an actual gymnasium reflecting the setting of the play where the Athens University basketball team hasn't won a game in 30 years. The pop musical comedy is adapted from Aristophanes' comedy, *Lystrata*, giving the classic Greek tale a new twist.

## Deborah Grove '75 – Life Science

### Broad View Leads from Poetry to Genetics

As director for genetic analysis of the Genomics Core Facility at Penn State University, **Deborah Grove '75** works with machines that cost up to \$500,000 each. In fact, the facility holds over \$3 million worth of equipment, and it can cost researchers up to \$15,000 to use that equipment for just one test.

"I am responsible...for helping undergraduate and graduate students obtain results in their research. As a core facility, we have these expensive machines that a researcher can't afford to have in the lab. And the students often need advice on which services to use, how to prepare samples and how to analyze the results."

A life science major at Otterbein, Grove went on to study biochemistry at The Ohio State University, where she received her doctorate degree. She and her husband joined the Penn State University staff in 1984 as researchers. She became director of the Genomics Core Facility in 1996.

"When I started in this position 15 years ago, Sanger sequencing gave researchers 400 bases of the DNA sample they submitted. Now, next-generation sequencing (NGS) returns 80 billion bases. The cost has also gone down from six cents a base

to 12 cents per million bases."

Otterbein exposed Grove to a broad range of experiences. "It gave me more opportunities to participate in activities I might not have had in a large school. Besides the science courses I took, I also took Japanese, a couple of philosophy courses, and enjoyed my English classes."

Grove even won a couple of poetry awards and was vice president of *Quiz and Quill*.

"All of this, of course, broadens a person's view of the world and gives one more ways to interact with people." These early interactions have helped her in this position, where she deals with "all kinds of personalities, and people from all countries and backgrounds."

And those English courses have come in handy as well—since 1991, she has written monthly articles for a chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).



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## David Phillips '71 – Music Education

### This Musician's Career has Hit Many Diverse Notes

"This is a pretty exciting time to be in higher education," commented **David Phillips '71**, director of the Arts Institute and associate dean for the arts at Montgomery College in Rockville, MD. "There's a realization now that just teaching in the old ways—generally the lecture and test process—is not always the most effective. We're doing more with helping students learn critical thinking skills, creative thinking skills, and teaching them to become problem solvers."

Phillips says his time at Otterbein was helpful in teaching him creative problem-solving skills, both inside and outside the classroom. "Being in Kings fraternity with a very diverse group of brothers who came from all over the country, and band tours to New York City, Chicago and London, were particularly strong growth experiences."

Since receiving his degree in music education, he has had a number of exciting career opportunities. Early in his career, he served as volunteer administrator for the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra. This ultimately led to his next job as director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, then head of the corporate contributions program at Lockheed Martin.

"Over the years, opportunities have opened and I've been happy to step into them," he said. "So far, every job has been fun."

And through it all, he has continued to play the French horn. He maintains a small studio, where he continues to teach private lessons.

As for adapting to a new era of education, he believes that "leadership at a college or university needs to inspire among the faculty an eagerness to embrace new ways of teaching that will be relevant to the new characteristics of each incoming group of students. We...help the instructors be their best, challenging them to reevaluate what they teach and how they teach it."



**Todd Spires '94** was recently promoted to director of the Counter Narco-Terrorism Technology Program Office Programs ID/IQ Solutions at Lockheed Martin Global Training and Logistics. His 16 years with the company have taken him to Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Bosnia, Djibouti and Kenya.

**Wendy Peterson Bradshaw '95** has recently joined Thirty-One Gifts as their director of philanthropy, leaving her previous position as director of community development with the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets. Thirty-One Gifts (named after Proverbs 31) is a home-party retail business in the Columbus area specializing

in purses, totes and storage solutions offering 30,000 consultants an opportunity to own their own business on their own terms.

**1996** reunion year  
**Homecoming 2011**

**Cherie Sturtz Colopy '96** was recently promoted to principal at Driscoll Elementary in the Centerville, OH, School District. During the past several years she has been the district's literacy instructional coach providing professional development and resource support for teachers.

**Garic Warner '96**, a trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant. He will transfer from the Mount Gilead

post, where he was named Trooper of the Year in 2005, to the Marietta post, where he will serve as an assistant post commander. Garic has been with the patrol since 1998.

**Michelle Prieto Brooker '97** has been named senior manager-auditor for Rea and Associates in Dublin, OH. Rea and Associates is an accounting and business consulting firm with 11 offices in Ohio. Michelle has been with the firm since 1997.

**Ben Hauck '98** was recently interviewed by *Backstage* magazine. The article talks about the balance of being a "stand-in" while maintaining an acting career. Hauck also runs a web site about this topic called Stand-In Central.

**Victoria Libertore '98** had the lead role in the February 2011 production of *Girl Meat*, put on by Dance New Amsterdam in NYC. She both wrote and performed the story of the 16th century alleged serial killer, Hungarian Countess Erzsébet Báthory.

**Brian Miller '98** was recently named the Ohio Firefighter/ EMT of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who also awarded him the VFW National Firefighter Award. Prior to the state and national awards, he was recognized in his hometown of Westerville with an Excellence in Service award. He has been with the Westerville Division of Fire for 11 years.



**Karey West '98** has been selected to be the senior director of marketing and communications for the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges. OFIC's mission is to solicit donations from corporations, foundations and other donors and to distribute those donations to member colleges and universities for educational programs, scholarships and collaborative efforts.

**Sam Jaeger '99** and his wife, **Amber Mellot Jaeger '99**, star in the new movie *Take Me Home* which was also written and directed by Sam. The film premiered at the Nashville Film Festival in April. Sam currently plays Joel on *Parenthood* and has also appeared on several other television shows such as *Law and Order*, *ER* and *CSI*. Amber has acted on Broadway and has starred in several independent short and feature films including *Advantage Hart*. She also has served on the administrative team of the Vox

Humana Theater Company for six years.

**Riyad Gandhi '00** has returned to Otterbein as a riding instructor in the equine department. His experience includes helping owners and trainers deal with behavioral issues in the disciplines of polo, racing and dressage; helping clients train and show horses; and working in the areas of alternative health and equine therapies. Besides teaching riding lessons and coaching the hunt seat team, he plans to develop courses in equine behavior and wellness.

**Robyn Henry '00** is the stage manager for Roundabout Theatre Company's production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* on Broadway through July 3. She also serves as an adjunct professor of theater at Fordham University in NY.

**Marti Lou Harvey Wright '00** and her husband, Jim, spent a week in New Orleans

with Samaritan's Purse to help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. She is now working as the area coordinator for Operation Christmas Child in Parkersburg, WV. She covers 10 counties in West Virginia and collects personal hygiene items, school supplies and toys to send to children in 106 countries around the world who have been devastated by war, poverty, natural disasters and disease.

**2001** reunion year  
Homecoming 2011

**Mike Kirsch '01** is co-owner of Unique New York Productions, a company creating video and film productions for business, personal, commercial and social entities. His most recent work for the National Jewish Outreach Program appeared on the *Today Show*. Mike is credited with co-writing, co-directing and choreographing the piece.

**Melinda Ellis Nagel '01** has completed her first season with MamLuft&Co. Dance, a Cincinnati-based modern dance company, as company dancer and ballet mistress. She is also teaching as an adjunct instructor at the University of

Cincinnati. Nagel continues to practice physical therapy at NovaCare Rehabilitation in West Chester, OH, as well as the dance department at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

**Heather Shaeffer Dean '02** is the director for the Ohio House Rabbit Rescue in Columbus, OH.

**Becky Faith O'Neil '02** is the teen librarian at Westerville Public Library. She writes a blog and maintains a Facebook page for volunteers and customers, updating them about adolescent books. This past February, she hosted an Anti-Valentine's Day theme party at the library which featured bitter heart crafts and breakup songs.

**Brandy Snedden '02** recently began a new business, Flying Horse Veterinary Practice, in Licking County, OH. Her mobile equine practice is outfitted with tools for basic check ups, therapy, dentistry and acupuncture, all contained in a half-ton pickup truck. Brandy is available 24/7 for emergency care in addition to wellness visits.

## Ken Jewett '76 – History

### Retired Military Man Turns Novelist

Ken Jewett '76 keeps history alive through his series of novels, using his own family as characters living through the Revolutionary War.

Combining his love of history with his extensive military experience, Jewett has created a three-book series that chronicles the struggles of a family living in colonial Virginia. His first book, *To the Valley*, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize by its publisher, Ithaca Press.

*The Valley* series actually began as letters written by Jewett to his nephew. When visiting historical sites such as Williamsburg, Jewett would write as if he were living during that time period.

A history major, he joined the Air Force after graduation, specializing in intercontinental ballistic missile operations for 22 years before moving into the diplomatic arena. It wasn't until he retired as a colonel after 30 years of service that Jewett expanded those early letters into a book.

The first novel started as a way for his two nephews to connect with a grandfather they had never met, as well as with other family members from the past. "I use a lot of family names in the books; it makes it fun for them," he said. In fact, the stories revolve around the Jewett family, who often interacts with well-known figures, including George Washington and Daniel Boone.

While his writings are set in the past, the writing process is very much a part of the 21st century. "How I've written has changed a lot," he said. For instance, to locate a publisher for his books, he simply searched online. "I don't send them a fat envelope with pages anymore. They want an electronic copy. The editor sends her comments back via e-mail. Other than the gallery proof, which is paper, all work is done via 21st-century methods."

Jewett's early experiences at Otterbein have helped him in both his military and his writing careers: "The best thing about an Otterbein education is you have to learn, you can't hide in a large lecture hall," he said. "Beyond writing your paper in proper English, you also had to do proper research so you actually had something to say.... Defending myself before Drs. Hancock and Holtermann was more nerve-wracking than standing before any general, precisely because they had taught me so well."



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**Craig Johnson and the Department of Music** have again received a **\$4,800 Presser Foundation Scholarship** for students majoring in music who demonstrate excellence and artistic potential. [www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/sponsoredprograms/grants-awarded.asp)



**Sonya Lowmiller Higginbotham '98** was recently honored as one of the *Columbus Business First* Top Forty Under 40 awardees in May. She is the director of corporate communications for Worthington Industries in Worthington, OH. The award is based on four criteria:

reason for nomination, professional development, awards/recognitions and community involvement.

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**Mary Logan So '02** is the director of safety and employee development at George J. Igel and Co., Inc. Igel is a heavy construction company located in Columbus, OH.

**Michelle Hopper Diederich '03** received her MSN from the University of Southern Indiana in July 2010. She is now an acute care nurse practitioner and is working as a trauma nurse practitioner at Grant Medical Center in Columbus, OH.

**Daniel Dodson '03** has joined the law firm of Oths, Heiser & Miller, LLC as an associate attorney in Wellston, OH.

**Julia Hills Meadows '03** is working as an athletic trainer at Ohio Therapy Institute, the physical therapy provider for the Ohio Orthopedic Center for Excellence.

**Shaun Morrison '03** is working as a physician assistant for Toledo Orthopedic Surgeons.

**Kelley Sims Newsad '03** is currently the facility manager and physical therapist at Burkam and Associates Physical Therapy in Powell, OH.

**Ruth Downing '04** is the president of Forensic Health Care Consulting in Delaware, OH. Its mission is to integrate health care and justice in response to violence in communities. Through specialized education and consulting services, Forensic Health Care Consulting creates relationships between health care and law enforcement to enhance multidisciplinary services to victims of violence.

**Megan Durbin Elliott '04** is in her second year working for Mohican Sports Medicine at Mount Vernon High School. She also coaches 16 and under softball, and first and second grade basketball.

**Anne Halter Gonzales '04**, former Westerville mayor and city council member, is the 19th District representative in the Ohio House of Representatives.

**Misty Spring Karr '04** is a vice president at JPMorgan Chase Bank after being with the bank for five years. She is an insurance specialist and deals with trust-owned life insurance and annuity products.

**Cynthia Crawford Nawar '04** presented a program on

the benefits of music therapy for children and adults with special needs at the Community Library in Sunbury, OH, in January. After graduation from Otterbein, Cindy furthered her education with the Music Therapy Equivalency Program through Ohio University.

**Kristy Yahl Yonyon '04** is sales manager for the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

**Erica Hlavin Bell '05** completed her doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biology from Johns Hopkins University. She is currently a research assistant professor in the department of radiation oncology at The Ohio State University.

**Mark Cook '05** has a new job teaching high school English at Olympic High School in Charlotte, NC.

**Jamie Levy Dodrill '05** is working for the Big Dog Running Company, a new, full-service running store in Columbus, GA.

**Jonathan Geyer '05** became director of residence life at Bethany College in Bethany, WV, in July 2010.

**Joyce Thomas Grimm '05** is a Title I math teacher at Baltic Elementary in the Garaway Schools, in Baltic, OH. She earned her master's degree in education at the College of Mount St. Joseph, her grade four and five endorsement from Kent State, and is currently pursuing a

reading endorsement at Bowling Green State University.

**Matthew Heizman '05** is teaching English in Seoul, South Korea. He admits that he knew only how to say "hello" and "thank you" in Korean when he began his journey. He recently returned home to Ohio to get married.

**Rob Hille '05** is associate artistic director of aMios, a group founded by The National Theatre Conservatory alumni, whose purpose is to create new plays. He recently appeared in *Secondary Sources*.

**Neil Hohman '05** is an intervention specialist at Central Crossing High School in Grove City, OH. He is also the head coach for girls' basketball and tennis.

**Amelia Morgan '05** graduated from University of Cincinnati College of Law in 2008 and passed the bar that same year. She is licensed in Ohio and works as a public defender in the felony division in Clermont County, OH.

**Robin Pertz '05** is the Homework Help Center coordinator with the Columbus Metropolitan Library at the Gahanna, OH, branch.

**Lauren Sheldon Schluterman '05** graduated from Tuskegee University in Alabama with her doctorate of veterinary medicine degree. She is currently an intern at Oklahoma State University in the equine medicine division.

**Rodger Vedder '05** is a marketing coordinator at Coldwell Banker King Thompson Realty in Columbus, OH. He is also the assistant track coach at Horizon Science Academy High School with **Bobby Fink '08**. Vedder plays in an acoustic duo with **Sam Ross '04**.

2006 reunion year Homecoming 2011

**Andrew Boose '06**, arborist with Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks, recently identified a 100-foot survivor elm at Three Creeks Metro Park. A survivor elm is a tall, mature tree that somehow managed to survive Dutch elm disease. U.S. Forest Service researchers are hoping to learn why some trees survived and breed reliable replacement trees.

**Molly Camp '06** appeared this past season in an episode of *The Good Wife*, the CBS legal drama. She played a character whom lawyer Alicia (Julianna Margulies) tried to involve in a class action suit. Molly has previously appeared in *Law and Order*.

**Katie Chrien Moore '06** is living in Fort Myers, FL, and working for the local early

intervention program, Early Steps, as a provider liaison. Early Steps is a state and federally funded program that facilitates services and therapies for children under three years of age with developmental delays and/or special needs by working with healthcare providers.

**Tiffany Estes '06** received her master's degree from California University of PA and is working for OhioHealth Sports Medicine at the Southwest Health Center in Grove City, OH. She is also working with the Hilliard Bradley High School in Hilliard, OH, as an athletic trainer.

**Rachel Ferrara '06** is currently the managing attorney of the Toledo branch of King Law Offices, a personal injury firm in Toledo, OH.

**Michiteru Koike '06** is attending chiropractic school in California.

**Lizzie Schleicher '06** is currently a principal singer with the St. Louis Symphony Chorus. Previously she sang with the Chicago Symphony Chorus and with the Grant Park Music Festival Chorus. She recently made her Lyric

Opera of Chicago debut in the ensemble of *Lohengrin*. In May, she performed on campus as a guest artist.

**Amanda Applegarth '07**, who is a student at the New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, NY, has been chosen to serve an internship at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center. She currently serves as President of the Student American Chiropractic Association at NYCC. Prior to this internship, she interned at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Bath, NY, and Monroe Community Hospital in Rochester, NY.

**Lucas Crumley '07** was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps as a first lieutenant. He is now pursuing a master's degree in public policy and management at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University. He is also working in the Columbus office of Congressman Pat Tibieri (ROH12) overseeing veteran and military affairs and assisting veterans in dealing with the federal government.

**Annelise Repenbeck '07** is a physician's assistant in Lancaster, SC.

**Ember Johns Grant '07** graduated from the University of Dayton with a doctor of physical therapy degree and is working for Good Samaritan Hospital North in Dayton, OH, as a physical therapist in the outpatient clinic. She is also on their sports medicine team.

**Nicole Harrison '07** has joined the law firm of Goubeaux & Brand in Greenville, OH, as an associate attorney. She will assist with the existing case load and generate new business through clients with a variety of legal needs.

**Abby Stillings Whiteside '07** is working at the Athletic Performance Center, a physical therapy clinic in Raleigh, NC. She is working primarily with active adults as well as with the Carolina Hurricanes of the NHL. She also does outreach at a local high school.

**Justin Tatman '07** is an assistant athletic trainer at Otterbein.

**Allie Busser '08** is the assistant director of academic services for students with special needs at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY.



**Bill Allender '06** has been named successor to the retiring CEO of BMI Federal Credit Union effective in 2012. In the interim, he will serve as president beginning in March 2011. Prior to that, he served as the executive vice president. Bill started with BMI eight years ago as vice president of finance.



**Ashleigh Ignelzi '07** spoke at Hilliard Darby High School in September 2010 for Hilliard's career mentorship program. She is an ESPN reporter and covers the entire state of Ohio for *ESPN The Magazine*.



## Sarah Martindell '08 – English

## Teacher in Africa is a Student of the People

Like many Otterbein grads, Sarah Martindell '08 is an educator. Unlike most Otterbein grads, she teaches in the African nation of Namibia with the Peace Corps.

Martindell joined the Peace Corps in October 2010 with a sense of idealism, which she said can “quickly be replaced by homesickness, frustration with the education system here, and just general stress that comes with being a teacher.”

“But those were good wakeup calls,” she added. “And the challenges, though difficult, don’t dominate my experience here.”

Martindell teaches English, physical education and a library class to about 170 students in eighth through 10th grades. School starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m., with a 30-minute tea break in between. The students live in a hostel, visiting their families only about once per month.



The only spot Martindell's found where she can get an internet signal.

When she began teaching, “a couple kids made life miserable with their discipline and behavioral problems. But they stuck with me, I stuck with them, and now they’re 180 degrees different. We each became a real person to one another,” she said.

While 21st century technology has helped her to teach—she uses a flash drive to exchange lesson plans and other information with fellow volunteers—she has left behind many of today's conveniences that we take for granted. The school doesn't

have telephones, fax machines or the Internet, and many days, the cell phones don't have service.

“But that forces me to get creative,” she said. “I feel like I’m using parts of my brain that have been deadened for a while, numbed by letting technology do all my thinking for me. Solving problems on your own, without consulting Google, can be a liberating experience,” she said.

An English major with a minor in religion, she credits Otterbein for “helping me know how to be with people who are different than I am. The religion courses helped me see how others live, think, believe. I learned that the difference between cultures is not an issue of who’s right and who’s wrong. We’re simply different. We’re diverse. If anything, Otterbein didn’t teach me how to educate people, it taught me how to be a student of people. That’s what I want my life to be about.”



Sarah Martindell (holding glasses) with other faculty at the school in Namibia where she teaches English and Physical Education.

**Andrew Chrismer '08** is currently in graduate school at American University's School of International Service. His focus is European Political Economy and International Trade. This summer includes an internship in Brussels at the European Commission, then a month in Berlin studying German. When he returns to the States, he will spend a semester as an intern for the State Department in the Office of Central Europe.

**Lizzy Hewitt '08** is a physical therapy student at the College of Mount St. Joseph's in Cincinnati, OH.

**Kendra Knight '08** is employed part-time by OrthoNeuro rehabilitating patients and is the assistant athletic trainer at Pickerington Central High School in Pickerington, OH.

**Carly Knisley '08** is in nursing school and working as a certified pharmacy technician.

**Carly Lee '08** is the athletic trainer at Hamilton Township High School in Columbus, OH.

**Tom Long '08** is a physical therapy student at the College of Mount St. Joseph's in Cincinnati, OH.

**Ben Moldenhauer '08** is living in the Houston, TX, area working as an actuary for Aon Hewitt in Retirement Counseling.

**Roger Payne '08** is serving in the U.S. Air Force as an electronic warfare technician with the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw AFB, in SC.

**Carmen Rowlands '08** is the artist in residence at Bowling Green High School, where she has assisted with theater productions

for the last few years. She recently was involved with a project merging theater, technology and science. The project explored the concepts of inertia, vertical force, optics, color and sound on the stage of the district's Performing Arts Center, in cooperation with the drama and science departments.

**Julie Scarpelli '08** is a first year occupational therapy student at The Ohio State University.

**Kevin Stahr '08** is an occupational therapy student at The Ohio State University.

**Amanda Benson '09** is a graduate student at Barry University in Florida.

**Christine Borowske '09** is studying to be a physical therapist in Dubuque, IA.

**Jessica Buschmann '09** is living in Scranton, PA, and attending Marywood University, where she is working on her master's degree in sports nutrition and exercise science. She also is taking classes toward becoming a registered dietitian.

**Kate Connelly '09** is a graduate student at The Ohio State University.

**Tiffany Faust '09** is living in Philadelphia, PA, completing her master's degree in physician assistant studies.

**Josh Gibson '09** joined the U.S. Army responding to the need to serve his country.

**Heather Holl '09** presented work on second generation sequencing in Appaloosa horses at the Plant and Animal Genomics Conference. She recently published an article on genetic mutations in *The Horse Magazine*. Heather is a graduate student at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

**Janelle Jones '09** is a graduate student at Miami of Ohio University.

**Amanda Pizzi '09** is a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Auburn University in Auburn, AL, and is working with The United States Army.

**Renee Buchele '10** returned to Otterbein last August to join the staff at the Equine Science Center. Buchele says that even though her job requires her to be at the barn before dawn, she feels good giving back to the horses who taught her so much, while ensuring other students have the opportunity to learn from them as well.

**Tyler Congrove '10** is a graduate assistant athletic trainer at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, NC.

**Corey DeBarbrie '10** is an NFL intern with the Cleveland Browns.

**Dave Dziedzicki '10** is a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN.

**Eric Folks '10** is a member of the resident company, The Bats, at the Flea Theater in NYC. The mission of the company is to present works that raise the standards of

**J. Patrick Lewis**, who was a professor of economics at Otterbein from 1974 to 1998, has been selected as the nation's new Children's Poetry Laureate. The award entails a two-year tenure and includes a \$25,000 cash prize. Lewis has written more than 50 books of poetry for children, including *A Hippopotamusn't: A Book of Animal Poems*. He is the third poet to receive this honor. Lewis taught economics at Otterbein from 1974 to 1998, leaving to write full time. His first children's book, *The Tsar and the*



*Amazing Cow*, was published in 1988. His 74th children's book, co-written with Jane Yolen and set for publication in the fall, is *Self-Portrait With Seven Fingers: A Life of Marc Chagall in Verse*.

**J. Patrick Lewis on a recent return visit to campus.**

Off Broadway for both artists and audience. He recently appeared in *Just Cause*.

**Andrea Johnson '10** is enrolled in the physical therapy program at Ohio University and serves as the graduate student on the Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association Young Professionals Committee.

**Nathan Keen '10** is in the Broadway touring company of the newly updated *West Side Story* through July 2012. The new version, while keeping the same characters and story line, has been updated for the 21st century audience. Nathan has also appeared in touring companies of *Beauty and the Beast*, *Les Miserables* and *Ragtime*.

**Molly Morton '10** is the band and string instructor for grades three through eight in the Twin Lakes School District in Twin Lakes, WI. Her sixth through eighth grade concert band

performed at a Milwaukee Bucks game and a Milwaukee Admirals game, as well as performing in the Chicago St. Patrick's Day parade. Next year she will also coach the middle school track team.

**Will Stephens '10** is an athletic trainer in the Columbus Public School System.

**Jessica Miller '11** is a marketing coordinator at SBC Advertising in Columbus, OH. Her position entails managing and tracking metrics for the agency social media and assisting with development of new business.

**Becca Sheehan '11** is the human resource coordinator at the Red Capital Group based in Columbus, OH. Red Capital Group is a direct provider of debt and equity capital to multifamily, affordable and student housing communities, as well as senior housing and healthcare facilities. •



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## Marriages

**Jill Brodt '04** to **Justin Busbey '04**, April 17, 2010. The wedding party included **Max Hill '04**, **Michele Beck Hill '04**, **Adam Miller '04**, **Beth Brodt Clark '03**, **Aaron Mack '04**, **Laurel Nock '04**, **Brady Mathews '04** and **Tiffany Roebuck Ricart '04**.

**Erica Hlavin '05** to **John Caleb Bell '04**, May 22, 2010.

**Rebekah Davis '05** to **Angelo Manzo '04**, Oct. 9, 2010.

**Julia Beck '05** to **Nathaniel Marks**, April 10, 2010.

**Lauren Sheldon '05** to **Craig Schluterman**, May 22, 2010.

**Erika Kastner '06** to **Matthew McKinney**, May 29, 2010. The wedding party included **Melissa Davis '05**, **Lindsay Warner '06** and **Leslie Griffin '05**.

**Stevie Peirano '08** to **Chris Adams**, Nov. 12, 2010.

**Amy Flanigan '08** to **Paul Collini**, Feb. 12, 2011.

**Amanda Huxtable '10** and **Dolan Bloom '11**, May 19, 2011. Members of the wedding

party included **Justin Keller '10**, **Jason Newsom '10**, **Angel Young '10** and daughter, Grace, **Simon Trumble '11**, **Luke Scroggins '12**, **Lee Kociela '11** and daughter, Zoe.

## Births

**Craig Barnum '87** and wife, Deanna, a son, **Blaise**, Dec. 15, 2010. He joins Brianna and Brady.

**Kristina Cole Diederich '90** and husband, Ray, adopted a son, **Kayden Cole**, Dec. 11, 2009.

**Ash Reynolds Babbitt '91**, and husband, Geoff, a son, **Sheamus**

**John**, March 3, 2011. He joins big brother **Colin**, 2.

**Tracey Young Babcock '93** and husband, **Doug '93**, a son, **Henry Edward**, Feb. 8, 2011. He joins big brother **Jack**.

**Royce Wong '94** and wife, Hayden, a son, **Ryan Kai**, Feb. 26, 2011.

**James Sawyer '95** and wife, Jennifer, a son, **Zachary James**, Nov. 10, 2010. He is the grandson of **George '67** and **Gloria Biggs** and **Richard '67** and **Jacqueline Sawyer** and the great-grandson

of **George '32** and **Martha Wingate Biggs '32**.

**Michael Stobart '95** and wife, Claire, a son, **Corbin**, May 27, 2010.

**Ted Busch '97** and wife, Karen, a daughter, **Breanna Noelle**, Dec. 20, 2010. She joins big brother **Teddy** and big sister **Mia**.

**Andrea Russell Barlow '00** and husband, Jason, a daughter, **Addison Grace**, Oct. 26, 2010. She joins big sister **Paige** and big brother **Evan**.

**Brooke Nuzum Braunstein '00** and husband, **Jordan '99**, a son, **Calvin Patrick**, Dec. 2, 2009. He joins big sister **Simone**, 3.

**Donald Kress '00** and wife, Tara, a daughter, **Alexandria Rose**, Jan. 14, 2011. She joins big brother **Barry**, 2.

**Melody McDowell Reed '00** and husband, Thomas, a daughter, **Megan Emily**, Oct. 25, 2010. She joins big sister **Gretchen**, 3 and big brother **Nathan**, 2.

**Amy Melvin Roush '00** and husband, Richard, a son, **Colton Trey**, May 6, 2010. He joins big sister **Kailyn**.



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Sheamus John Babbitt



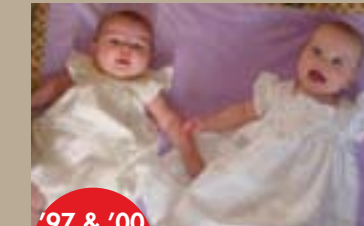
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Henry Edward Babcock with big brother Jack



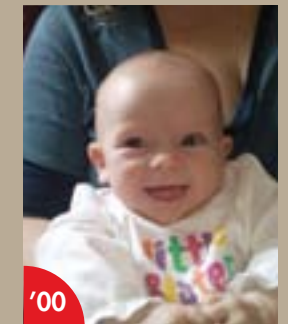
'94  
Ryan Kai Wong



'95  
Zachary James Sawyer



'97 & '00  
Breanna Noelle Busch & Addison Grace Barlow



'00  
Megan Emily Reed



'00  
Alexandria Rose Kress



'01  
Tyler Robert Savitski



'01  
Sophia Rose Myers



'01  
Lucas James Erwin



'03  
Liam Alexander Payne



'03  
Samuel Joseph Terhune with big sister Clare



'03  
Rylan Scott Alan Karr



'07  
Lily Brooke Griffin



'05  
Stephen Wilttrout



Jill Brodt '04 with groom, Justin Busbey '04 and wedding party.



Angelo Manzo '04 with bride, Rebekah Davis '05.



Erica Hlavin '05 with groom, Caleb Bell '04.



Amy Flanigan '08 with groom, Paul Collini.



Stevie Peirano '08 with groom, Chris Adams.



Amanda Huxtable '10 with groom, Dolan Bloom '11.

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**Jenny Hitmar Shankland '00** and partner, Jody Shankland, a daughter, Claira Sophia Elizabeth, May 16, 2010.

**Sara Schaefer Erwin '01** and husband, **Brian '03**, a son, Lucas James, March 10, 2011.

**Cie Belba Myers '01** and husband, Daniel, a daughter, Sophia Rose, Sept. 28, 2009. She joins siblings Ethan, 5 and Maddie Ann, 3.

**Cyndi Kocias Savitski '01** and husband, **Josh '03**, a son, Tyler Robert, Feb. 20, 2011.

**Jeromy Hensley '02** and wife, Andrea, a daughter, Jocelyn Shayne, Aug. 24, 2009. She joins sister, Jordyn.

**Katherina Nikzad-Terhune '03** and husband, Jon, a son, Samuel Joseph, March 15, 2011. He joins big sister Clare.

**Tiffany McNeal Payne '03** and husband, William, a son, Liam Alexander, Nov. 14, 2010. Proud aunt is **Laura Payne '13**.

**Misty Spring Karr '04** and husband, **Scott '03**, a son, Rylan Scott Alan, May 27, 2010.

**Sarah House Wiltrout '05** and husband, Brice, a son, Stephen, Dec. 18, 2010.

**Carly Shugarman Griffin '07** and husband, **Mike '08**, a daughter, Lily Brooke, July 4, 2010.

## Passings

**Marian Grow Bromeley '29** passed away April 8, 2011, at the age of 104. She was a member of the former Valley Hunt Club, Pennhills Club, Bradford Club, Bradford Literary Club, Bradford Landmark Society and the Order of the Eastern Star. She and a dedicated group of friends were instrumental in the development and operation of Crook Farm, an historical restoration of a farm and oil-producing property typical of the area around Bradford. Her son, **Thomas Bromeley '51**, served as chair of the Otterbein Board of Trustees for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert '29**; sister-in-law, **Jeanne Bromeley Caldwell '27** and brother-in-law, **Edward Caldwell '27**. She is survived by her son, **Thomas '51** and his wife, **Jean Hostetler Bromeley '54**; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

**Marian Kiess Albright '30** passed away March 8, 2011. Following graduation she returned to her alma mater, North Robinson High School, to teach English and Latin until she married. Kiess returned to teaching at the high school in 1954, also directing plays, and in 1971 retired from teaching at Colonel Crawford High School. She was active at St. Paul Lutheran Church, North Robinson, OH. Preceded in death by her husband, Paul. Survived by daughters **Joanne Albright Seith '59** and **Carol Albright Lauthers '64**; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Thomas Smith '34** passed away Jan. 10, 2011. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he received the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal with three Bronze Stars for his service. Smith received his master's degree from Bucknell University. He retired from the Harford County Maryland Public School System as the supervisor of curriculum after many years of teaching and supervising. In 2002 he was named to that system's Educator Hall of Fame. Smith was a member of the Bel Air Post of the American Legion and the Bel Air United Methodist Church. Preceded in death by his wife, Doris. Survived by daughters, Victoria Schepers-Kennedy and Christina Canatella; and one granddaughter, Hannah.

**Anna Voorhees Herrmann '39** passed away May 10, 2011. For many years she worked on the admission staff of the University of Pennsylvania. While at Penn, she became the first associate dean of women. Herrman was a member of Epsilon Kappa Tau, the Hetrick chapter of the DAR, Hebron Historical Society and the Hebron United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Melvin.

**Charles Morrison '39** passed away June 13, 2011. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Navy as a communications officer aboard an LST class tank landing ship and a captain of a landing craft infantry ship. He retired in 1980 from Dayton Malleable Iron Company in Ironton, OH. Morrison was a member

of the First United Methodist Church, Ironton, OH and the Huntington Chess Club. Preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Jeane; brother, **Wilbur Morrison '34**; sisters, **Ruth Morrison Johnson '37** and **Frances Morrison Nichols '32**. Survived by daughter, **Juliane Morrison McGowan '70**; three grandchildren; nieces, **Helen Johnson Hutchinson '72** and **Diane Morrison Stanley '76**; and nephew, **Tom Morrison '63**.

**Ferdinand Wagner '40** passed away May 8, 2011. During his years in ministry he pastored nine churches in the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, served as district superintendent of the Peninsula District 1977-1983, served with the U. S. Air Force preaching missions in Europe and retired in 1986 in Martinsville, VA. Preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Arndt Wagner; and his second wife, **Dorothy Rupp Wagner '37**. He is survived by his daughter, Mary; sons, Ferdinand and John; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**George Needham '41** passed away July 1, 2010. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II. He received his master's degree in theology in 1952 from Southern Methodist University. During his 40-year ministry he served many churches in the Oklahoma Conference and enjoyed teaching at the United Methodist Women's Schools of Christian Mission. Preceded in death by his first wife, Ethel. Survived

by wife, Ann; children, Sylvia Kelly, Coralee Duncan, Laurel Eaton, Steve Moomau, and Susie Wallace; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Keith Henton '43** passed away Dec. 17, 2010. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II. He retired as an executive from the Barnes Group, in Bristol, CT. He was a member of Karl Road Baptist Church, Columbus, OH, where he was a deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir member and assistant treasurer. Preceded in death by his wife, **Janet Holzworth Henton '43**. Survived by daughters, Ann and Mary; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Floyd Moody '44** passed away Jan. 16, 2011. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he added a degree from The Ohio State University in Electrical Engineering to his B.S. from Otterbein. He worked for Frigidaire and Ranco, then retired from Thermo Disc in 1986. Moody was a member of the Malabar Spinning & Weaving Guild, the Mansfield-Ontario Food Co-op and the Butler Historical Society. Preceded in death by sister-in-law, **Josephine Stoner Deeever '30** and brother-in-law, **Dr. Philip Deeever '34**. Survived by his wife of 66 years, **Ruth Deeever Moody '44**; children, **Dr. Timothy Moody '68**, **Rev. Kathryn Moody-Arndt '69**, **Rev. Beth Moody Weisbrod '77** and her husband, **Rev. Benjamin Weisbrod '77**; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; sister-in-law,

**Kathryn Deeever Lott '40** and cousin, **Dr. Lewis Frees '58**.


**Dorothy Allen Strawser '45** passed away May 26, 2011. She was employed by Battelle Memorial Institute and The Ohio State University. She was an active member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ashville, OH; and the Goodtime Quilter's Club of Circleville. She was named Pickaway County Mother of the Year in 1979. Her husband, Walter, preceded her in death. Survived by daughters, Sally and **Ann Strawser Hay '78**; sons, Michael Buckingham, David, John and Ed; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Gloria Server Swaine '45** passed away on Dec. 26, 2010. Preceded in death by her husband, Garnet, and son, Garnet II. The Swaines were part of the founding members of All Saints Episcopal Church in Phoenix, AZ, and later, early members of Christ Church of the Ascension where Gloria was a choir member, soloist and active on the Altar Guild.

**Loran Pratt Jr. '46** passed away Feb. 12, 2011. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He retired from E.F. McDonald Co. as vice president of accounting and tax law. Pratt was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Middletown, OH, and served on the local board of the Heart Association. Survived by his wife of 66 years, **Ellen Ewing Pratt '46**; his daughter, Marcia Letts; son, Greg; sister-in-law, **Margery Ewing Entsminger**

**'46**; niece, **Kim Entsminger '70**; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Edwin "Dubbs" Roush '47** passed away June 8, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during World War II. He was the owner of Roush Hardware, Roush Honda and Roush Sporting Goods. Roush was a former president of Westerville Rotary Club and Hardware Wholesalers, Inc. and an active member of St. Paul Catholic Church. Roush Hall on Otterbein's campus, which opened in 1993, is named in his honor. Survived by his wife of 65 years, **Marilou Harold Roush '45**; children, **Wendy '71**, Susie and her husband, **Daniel Fagan '74**, **Larry '76**, Dan and **Cynthia '80**; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**For an extended obituary and photos, go online to:**  **[www.otterbein.edu/passings](http://www.otterbein.edu/passings)**

**John Albrecht '49** passed away May 31, 2011. He was a veteran of both World War II and Korea, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was employed as a pharmaceutical sales representative for William S. Merrill and CIBA-Geigy. Albrecht was a member of Belmont United Methodist Church, Dayton, OH, the Lions Club and the Pharmaceutical Association. Survived by his wife of 61 years, **Joan Hopkins Albrecht '50**; his children, Debbie, **Dan '79** and Joseph; brother, **Joseph Albrecht '50**; and two grandchildren.

**Joanne Gauntt Burns '49** passed away Oct. 15, 2010. She taught English overseas through the early 1950s; then taught high

school English, speech and theatre for 23 years in Columbus, GA. She spent many years teaching at Chattahoochee Valley College before she retired to Westerville to be near her family. Burns was active at the Church of the Messiah UMC, Westerville. She was preceded in death by relative, **Jean Gerber Freeburn '53**. Joanne is survived by daughter, **Pamela Burns Hayes '78** and her husband, **Timothy '77**.

**Claude Blauch '50** passed away April 10, 2011. He was a school teacher until his retirement, then he worked in the sample room at the Belden Brick Company in Sugarcreek, OH. He was a member of the First Mennonite Church at Sugarcreek and a former member of the Sugarcreek Rotary Club. Survived by his wife of 57 years, Eileen; sister-in-law, **Jennie Wheelbarger Blauch '45**; sister, **Sue Blauch Denzer '53** and her husband, **Robert '52**; brother, **Doyle '48**; children, Michelle Stein, Beth Steed and Mike Blauch; and five grandchildren.

**William Hanna '50** passed away Jan. 23, 2011. He was in the Army Air Corps during World War II, serving as a meteorologist in Europe. He received his medical degree from The Ohio State University. Dr. Hanna retired from practicing orthopedic surgery after 25 years at St. Rita's Medical Center and Lima Memorial Hospital. He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Lima, OH. Survived by his wife of 51 years, Doris; four children, Leslie, Bill, Jeff and Heather Leverett; and three grandchildren.



**William Neff '50** passed away Feb. 16, 2011. He served in the U.S. Army prior to Otterbein. He was employed in the offices of the Belden Brick Company for 20 years before going to work for Skyline Mobile Homes as a manufacturer's representative. He retired from Skyline after 18 years. Neff served as treasurer in Sugarcreek, OH, for 11 years and was on the village council for 20 years. He was a former president of his local Lion's Club, former Commander of the American Legion, past Chancellor of Sugarcreek K of P Lodge and taught Sunday school at Sugarcreek First United Church of Christ. Preceded in death by his son, Joel. Survived by sons, Kim, David and Keith; and two grandsons.

**Constance Hahn Austin '51** passed away Dec. 18, 2010. Preceded in death by her husband, Clyde.

**Mary Dillon Jacoby '51** passed away Jan. 1, 2011. Mary and her husband of 60 years, **Jerry '53**, were business partners for 28 years, operating Westerville Interiors furniture store in Uptown Westerville. She was active in Central College Presbyterian Church, Westerville. Preceded in death by her mother-in-law, **Isabel Jones Jacoby '27** and father-in-law, **Byron Jacoby '28**. In addition to her husband, survived by daughters, Janet Walko and Kari Luthi; a son, **Robert '80**; granddaughter, **Kelli Jacoby '09** and six more grandchildren.

**Perry Reall '51** passed away May 4, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He began his teaching and coaching career in 1951 at Hilliard High School and was baseball coach 1951-1957, basketball coach 1951-1970, and golf coach 1951-1987. He was inducted into the District 10 Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1993. Preceded in death by his wife, Mary. Survived by sons, Gary, **Scott '76** and Chris; relative, **Robert Reall '62**; and five grandchildren.

**Robert Shaw '52** passed away April 10, 2011. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, served with the 104th Infantry Division across Europe, and received a Bronze Star. Shaw's NFL career began in 1945 with the Cleveland Rams. Among his football accomplishments: he set the record for the most touchdown passes (five) caught in one game that still holds today. After leaving pro football, he returned to Otterbein as head football coach from 1985-87. Preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Mary. Survived by his son, Webb; daughter, **Amy '82**; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Martha Calland Gidich '53** passed away Jan. 4, 2011. She was a teacher at the elementary and high school levels. She started the Learning Disabilities Program at Lorain High School, Lorain, OH, where she taught until she retired in 1994. Gidich was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Lorain; the Lorain Education Association, Retired Teachers Association,

and Lakeland Women's Club. Preceded in death by her daughter, Ruth Anne. Survived by her husband of 53 years, Paul; children, Paul, Mary Bari, and Jean Gidich-Holbrook; and six grandchildren.

**Garrison Murray '57** passed away Feb. 19, 2011. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. Following Otterbein he graduated from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and operated the Murray Funeral Homes in the Creston and Fredericksburg, OH, areas for more than 50 years. Murray was an active member of the Creston United Methodist Church, Creston, OH; served on the Canaan Twp. Fire and Rescue squad, was a member of the local Lion's Club, American Legion Post 794, Moose Lodge 1224, Seville Lodge 74 F& A.M., the Al Koran Temple, the Scottish Rite of Canton and past president of Wooster Shriner Club. Survived by his wife, Alice; sons, James, John, and Joseph; and six grandchildren.

**William Duteil '58** passed away April 14, 2011. He was a member of the American and Ohio Osteopathic Associations, the Dayton Academy of Osteopathics, was certified for family practice by the American Academy of Family Practice, was a member of Beaver Valley Masonic Lodge #275, the Scottish Rite Greater Valley of Dayton, and Antioch Shriners Temple. Survived by brother, **Harold '61**; two sons, Daniel and Michael; two daughters, DeAnn and Nicole; two grandchildren and three step grandchildren.

**George Lloyd '58** passed away May 29, 2011. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps., he practiced dentistry for over 40 years in the German Village area of Columbus. He was an active member of the Griswold Center, where he worked out with friends. Survived by his wife of over 51 years, Emily; his daughter, Laura Purcell; sons, George, Wayne and Clark; and four grandchildren.

**Charles Lembright '59** passed away Feb. 22, 2011. He earned his M.F.A. in theatre arts from West Virginia University and taught for 38 years in Ohio and Mississippi at both the high school and college levels. Lembright served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the American Legion Post #44. He sang in the choir and served as a deacon and elder at the Long Beach Presbyterian Church in Longbeach, MS. He most recently was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canton, OH. Survived by his wife of 45 years, Sharon Bollinger Lembright; sister, **Marlene Lembright Stillson '60**; niece, Brynn Cline; and great niece, Aviana Cline.

**Edwin Westbrook '61** passed away March 4, 2011. He spent most of his career at Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, OH. Survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Esther; son, Grant; and two grandchildren.

**Marjorie Friar Crouch '62** passed away Dec. 9, 2010.

**Otis Hicks '62** passed away Feb. 28, 2011. He was a veteran of

the Korean conflict and played football for a U.S. Army traveling team. Hicks was an insurance agency owner and former president of Phi Delta Kappa. Survived by his wife of 48 years, Brenda; son, Chris; daughter, Andrea; and three grandchildren.

**Sharon Knoff Sexton '63** passed away Feb. 11, 2011. She was an artist in many different mediums; her specialties included antique restoration, murals, primitive and decorative finishes. Survived by her children, Troy, Jason, and Susannah Annis; and four grandchildren.

**Todd Gould '64** passed away June 7, 2010.

**Lawrence Pryfogle '64** passed away Feb. 10, 2011. A veteran of both the U.S. Army and the Marines, Pryfogle received his master's degree from Ohio University. He taught in Columbus Public Schools for 30 years. After retirement he became a docent at both the Columbus Zoo and Hanby House and was a member of the Westerville Lion's Club. He attended the American Baptist Church of Westerville. Survived by his wife, **Ann Cherry Pryfogle '61**; a son, **Scott '86** and his wife, **Robin '88**; a sister, **Kim Reed '75** and her husband, **Jim '75**; and two grandchildren.

**Barbara Ink Vachon '66** passed away Feb. 7, 2011. She taught in the Akron Public School System until 1972. Survived by her sister, Dorothy Bauer; daughters, Elizabeth Kargbo and Vickie Pittner; and four grandchildren.

**Tom Weakland '72** passed away Jan. 23, 2011. He was a training coordinator at the Delaware County Bank and also held a part-time job at Meijer. Survived by his wife, **Shannon McGhee Weakland '72**; daughters, Jenna Inscho and Deanna; sons, Nate, Kit and Ned; and two grandchildren.

**Lois Eikenberry Miller '73** passed away Jan. 31, 2011. She taught for over 20 years in Ohio elementary schools. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Watertown; Retired Teachers Association of Ohio, the Fine Arts Club, Handbell Choir, Christian Women's Club and the Jolly 17'ers, an international pen pal group with members born in 1917. Preceded in death by her husband, Dale. Survived by her children, Doug, Barbara Brinkman, **Dwight '72** and his wife, **Christine Challain Miller '72**, and Beverly Matsumura; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Raymond Davis '80** passed away Dec. 3, 2008. He was retired from Grant Hospital and former chairman of Ohio Health Credit Union. Raymond previously served on the Westerville Parks and Recreation Board. Survived by his wife, Gloria; and children, Shannan and Raymond Jr; and three grandchildren.

**Douglas Barr '81** passed away Feb. 27, 2011. He was serving as assistant fire chief at Violet Township Fire Department and was a 15-year volunteer firefighter in Pleasantville, OH. He was a

two-term Fairfield Union Board Member, taught special needs students at Fairfield Union High School, and physical education at the Pleasantville Elementary School. He also taught emergency medical services at the Ohio Fire Academy and the Eastland Career Center. Survived by his wife, Kandy; son, Zachary; and daughter, Kaylee Wisecup.

**Claudia Mitchel Neubert '82** passed away June 11, 2011. She was a member of Three Chimneys Empty Nester's Club and the Forsyth County Ladies League of Forsyth County, GA. She was a member of several United Methodist churches in both Ohio and Georgia. Survived by her husband, James; daughters, Angela Wilson and Erika Simon; and two grandsons.

**Thomas Demana '83** passed away Feb. 9, 2011. He worked as distribution manager for the family business, Demana Produce Company. Preceded in death by his mother, Betty Ann. Survived by his father, Frank.

**Tracy Austin '93** passed away Jan. 14, 2011. He was a nurse for the former StarMed Traveling Nursing Company working in the Cleveland and Columbus areas. He attended Grace Fellowship Church of Niles, OH. Preceded in death by his mother, Judith; and sister, Joy. Survived by his father, Terry; sister, April Bell; and two nieces.

**John DiGiacomo '01** passed away Dec. 6, 2010. He retired from Lucent Technologies, but continued working at UNICCO

Government Services at the GAO in Washington, D.C. until his death. Survived by his wife of 23 years, Karen; sons, Eric and Tony DiGiacomo, and Zachary Denton; and two grandchildren.

**Beverly Lynn Craig '02** passed away Feb. 8, 2011. Since 1981 she worked for several federal agencies, including the Defense Logistics Agency in Columbus, OH; Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Arlington, VA; Dept. of Energy, and the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.; and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Indianapolis, IN. Craig volunteered at the Fairfax, VA, Adult Detention Center where she taught finance basics to female inmates. Survived by her daughter, Abigail Darrah; and her son, Zachary Darrah.

**Ryan Martin '02** passed away May 28, 2011. He was employed by Lyon Video as operations manager. He was a member of Aurora Lodge #48 F & AM in Portsmouth, OH. Survived by his mother, Jody; his father, Timothy, and stepmother, Susie; sisters, Teri Martin, **Kimberly Martin Snyder '89**, and her husband, **Chad '89**; and stepbrother, Jason Eddy.

**Amy Hoover '06** passed away May 6, 2011. She was employed by Speedway Corporate headquarters. Survived by her parents, Randall and Pamela; grandparents, Richard and Lucille Shaner; and her daughter, Sierra DeWeese. •



## The Mace and the Flambeau

The mace and the flambeau can be seen at commencement ceremonies carried by bearers leading the graduation procession.

Both were commissioned by former president Lynn W. Turner (1959-1972). The mace, with the globe of the world, represents the educational authority of Otterbein. The flambeau, with its light, represents the light of learning bestowed by Otterbein.

## Can you help us identify this photo?

We think it's a sock hop at the Student Union, and it is believed to be from 1947. Can you help us out here and tell us when this is and who's in the picture?



## Ladies...take aim

This photo was plucked from a collection of slides from 1942. This apparently was a Phys. Ed. class, and probably held outside of the Alumni Gym (site of the current Battelle Fine Arts Center).



## Cardinal Tales

by Becky Fickel Smith '81, director of Alumni Relations



artwork by Amy Householder

Top-quality professors have long been a standing tradition at Otterbein, going back to its founding. Professors like Price, Vance, Wray, Chase, Hancock, Day, Ludlum, Daugherty and many others open our minds to possibilities, opportunities and awakenings.

We have all walked the brick pavers of Otterbein to encounter faculty who broadened our perspective and challenged us to stretch beyond our comfort zone. Still today, we live by their words of wisdom and use the learning experiences provided in the classroom in our career journey. I continue to live by my mentor's advice and share with others each day:

"You can deal with what you know." – Joanne "Dean" Van Sant

"People can steal your wallet, your purse and your car. The only thing they can't take from you is your integrity. You have to give that away." – Marilyn Day

"Leave them wanting more." – Bob Gatti

Recently on the Otterbein Facebook page, alumni were asked 'what experiences or advice do you continue to use in your career which you learned from an Otterbein professor?' We are touched by words, actions and deeds of others for a reason, for a season and for a lifetime. At homecoming on Saturday, Sept. 24, members from the Otterbein Quarter Century Club (comprised of Otterbein professors and staff who have at least 25 years of service at Otterbein) look forward to welcoming you home.



**CARDINAL FOOTNOTE:** Join the conversation at the Otterbein University Alumni Facebook page at [Facebook.com/Otterbein](https://www.facebook.com/Otterbein). Watch for Tuesday Trivia each week and post your comments!



"Dean Van"  
Joanne Van Sant

What experiences or advice, learned from an Otterbein professor, do you continue to use in your career?

**Frankie '97 / PR Case Studies**  
with Denise Shively – "Face-to-face contact is the most effective means of communication!"

**Michael '08 / Business, Dr. Don Eskew**  
"Leave your mind and heart open to all opportunities that come your way. Even if it does not make sense to you at the time, be open to the possibilities that lie ahead."

**Terri '58 / Dr. Harold Hancock** – I took every class he taught, and he was the person who encouraged me to be a Washington Semester Student, a major turning point in my life.

**Holly '93 / Capstone Culture Course**  
with Dr. Chris Reynolds – It provided great real life lessons and memorable examples. During a four month assignment living in Shanghai, China, this initial base of learning was most useful.

**Ash '91 / PR Ethics with Dr. John Ludlum** – The debates were great and he really made us examine all sides of issues and define our positions. We also had to determine how those positions would impact various audiences and respond to them. It was a very thought-provoking class.



## Club News



Three generations of Mentzers: Clockwise from top, **Ed Mentzer '58**, **Connie Myers Mentzer '60**, **Lisa Mentzer Carter '85** and incoming freshman **Rebecca Carter '15**.



For the first time a classic car show was part of the festivities at the June Bug Jamboree. Shown is **Wayne Wright '60** with his Ford Mustang. Behind the car are his wife, **Susan Allaman Wright '60**, **Barbara Puderbaugh Gribler '60** and **Jerry Gribler '60**.

## June Bug Jamboree

The 15th annual June Bug Jamboree for Dayton area alumni and friends was held on June 25 at the home of **Bill '48** and **Helen Hilt LeMay '47**.

A large crowd of almost 100 enjoyed a delicious catered picnic, hayride driven by **Ed Mentzer '58**, fishing, children's crafts, cornhole, a nature hike with **Bob Henn '57**, a classic car show, and the wonderful singing of the serenade songs and *Otterbein Love Song* led by **Jim Shand '51**.

## Kick Off to a New Tradition

The Class of 2011 was welcomed as Otterbein's newest alumni at the Kick-Off to Commencement celebration on June 9 at the Medallion Club. "It Only Takes A Minute To Get Involved" was the theme this year as various Alumni Club members, Otterbein staff and alumni benefit partners spoke about the opportunities to stay involved with Otterbein after graduation.



Left: **Matt O'Rourke '11**, **Drea Blaine '11** and **Rashaine Thomas '11**. Right: Brand new alumni from the Class of 2011.



From left, **Annette Harting Boose '94**, **Jane Morrison Horn '50**, emeriti and former parent **Sylvia Alspaugh**, **Jan Madak O'Daniel '86** and Alumni Director **Becky Smith '81**. Not pictured: **Jim Wagner '56** and **Shannon Lord '00**.

## Celebration of Service

Six dedicated alumni and volunteer friends were honored at the annual Celebration of Service ceremony hosted by the Center for Community Engagement on May 25. These alumni and loyal friends went 'above and beyond' in their volunteer time and efforts to assist the Office of Alumni Relations and we thank them for their ongoing dedication.

## African American Hall of Fame

The African American Hall of Fame was established in 2008 to recognize outstanding African American Otterbein alumni. Each year, we honor two graduates, one male and one female, who are chosen for their professional accomplishments and service contributions to Otterbein and to their community. The 2011 Awardees, **Sarah Barrett '02** and **Jason Jenkins '04**, received their awards at the Black Baccalaureate ceremony on May 27.



**Sarah Barrett '02**, President Krendl and **Jason Jenkins '04**.

To see complete photo galleries of all alumni events, go to [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/photos](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/photos)

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Mark your calendar and watch for the Cardinal Migration Brochure which will be arriving in your mailboxes in January 2012.

## 2011 Cardinal Migration: Baltimore, MD

Otterbein Cardinals traveled to Baltimore, MD, to experience centuries of American history from the Battle of Baltimore in 1814 to the Civil War to America's First Cathedral to the nation's capital. The weekend was full of Otterbein connections including **Rob Burk '00** arranging tours to the Maryland State House and U.S. Naval Academy. A highlight of migration was a visit to the Old Otterbein United Methodist Church and Cemetery where lies the grave of Philip William Otterbein whom Otterbein was named in honor. Visit [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) and click on "photos" for additional pictures.



Top: **Peggy Smart Ginn '74** and **Jerry Ginn '68** visit the World War II Memorial on a post migration trip. Far left: Cardinals visited the Old Otterbein Church, where Phillip William Otterbein, the namesake of Otterbein University, is buried. Left: **Richard "Hop" Rufener '61** and **Carol Shook Rufener '63** are greeted by local Baltimore host, **David Henn '91**.



# Inaugural Young Alumni Awards to be Presented at Homecoming

We're rolling out the red carpet for our 2011 Young Alumni Awardees.

Otterbein University will present the inaugural Young Alumni Awards during Homecoming Weekend. Otterbein will recognize eight selected alumni age 40 and under who put into action Otterbein's Five Cardinal Experiences (community engagement, global engagement and intercultural exchange, research and creative work, internships and professional experience, and leadership and citizenship) in their daily lives. The Five Cardinal Experiences not only serve to prepare students in their professional and academic pursuits, but also help them to become informed and engaged alumni in our global society. To read more about the Five Cards, please visit [www.otterbein.edu](http://www.otterbein.edu).

A committee within the Alumni Council selected eight individuals out of a field of 36 incredible nominees submitted by alumni, faculty, staff, parents and friends of the University.

All alumni are invited to join us on Friday evening, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. on Towers Plaza as we roll out the red carpet to recognize these individuals who exhibit consistent devotion to their professional career and a strong desire to bring about meaningful change within their community and the world. Register online, [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) and click "Events and Registration."



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## The 2011 Awardees



**Carli Amlin Dean '99**  
Community Engagement



**Scott Lacy '93**  
Global Engagement and Intercultural Exchange



**Erica Hlavin Bell '05**  
Research and Creative Work



**Rebecca Rossiter Lachman '04**  
Research and Creative Work



**Melissa Johnson '99**  
Professional Achievement



**Michael Morgan '93**  
Professional Achievement



**Wendy Peterson Bradshaw '95**  
Leadership and Citizenship



**Jason Jenkins '04**  
Leadership and Citizenship

## 2011 Alumni Award Winners

For over 50 years, Otterbein Alumni Awards have honored individuals who have demonstrated Otterbein's excellence through their outstanding achievements. Whether in their careers, their service to others, or their service to their alma mater, we are proud of our alumni and their accomplishments. During Alumni Weekend, Otterbein recognized seven alumni for their achievements during the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon on Saturday, June 11. Those alumni are **David Yohn '51**, Distinguished Alumnus Award; **Randy Adams '76**, Special Achievement Award; **Michael E. Ducey '70**, Special Achievement Award; **Arthur B. Fulton '51**, Special Achievement Award; **Susan E. Wiley '86**, Community Service Award; **Thomas Croghan '61**, posthumously, Hall of Fame Award; and **Guido Ricevuto**, Honorary Alumnus Award.

Visit [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) to read more about this year's winners and to submit a 2012 nomination.



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**Susan Wiley '86**  
Community Service Award



**Judy Nosker Croghan '61**, accepting posthumous Hall of Fame Award for her late husband, **Thomas Croghan '61**.



**Guido Ricevuto**  
Honorary Alumnus Award

## Cardinals by the NUMBERS

### 686



Number of alumni with an education undergraduate degree.

### 448



Number of alumni with an education master's degree.

### 576



Number of undergraduate degrees awarded in 2011.

### 120



Number of master's degrees awarded in 2011.

### 164

Number of new legacy students.

### Quarters & Semesters

**1910s** Quarters to semesters  
**1968** Semesters to quarters  
**2011** Quarters to semesters



## Save that Date!

Register online for these events at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni), click 'events and registration' or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.

### 2011

August 12 / **Alumni Council Meeting**

August 15-26 / **Alumni Mediterranean Cruise**

August 26 / **Alumni Club of Central Ohio at Westerville 4th Friday Festival**

September 1 / **Columbus Young Alumni Night—Broadway Show Jersey Boys**

September 2-4 / **Otterbein Football Game vs. Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.**

September 16 / **Otterbein vs. Capital Homecoming Blood Drive**

September 23 / **Young Alumni Awards Recognition**

September 23-24 / **Homecoming**

November 3 / **Alumni Night at the Columbus Museum of Art—hosted by the Alumni Club of Central Ohio**

### 2012

January 25 / **SW FLA Alumni Club at Solomon's Castle, tour and lunch**

February 11 / **Tokyo, Japan, Alumni Gathering. For more information, contact Lyle Barkhymer '64 [lbarkhymer@otterbein.edu](mailto:lbarkhymer@otterbein.edu)**

February 18 / **SW FLA Alumni Club Captiva Cruise to Useppa Island and lunch at Collier Inn**

March 17 / **SW FLA Alumni Club Annual Alumni Luncheon, Colonial Country Club**

March 29-April 1 / **Cardinal Migration, Phoenix, AZ**

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During his three decades of service to Otterbein, Chair of the Music Department Craig Johnson has grown the department and touched many lives in the process, from music students on the risers to music enthusiasts in the audience. He lays the baton down on his time at Otterbein to become Dean of the School of Music at North Park University in Chicago this fall, joining family who live in the area. Bravo, Craig, you will be missed.