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Otterbein University Update
President Kathy A. Krendl
September 17, 2014

Last week Otterbein University Trustee Rebecca Princehorn '78, returned to campus to speak to one of our First Year Seminars. She shared a story that took place during the fall of her senior year at Otterbein. She was heading out of the Campus Center and ran into President Tom Kerr. He told her that he had mentioned her name to a local attorney and suggested she give him a call. When Becky followed up, the attorney, a partner at Bricker and Eckler, encouraged her to consider law school. The next fall Becky found herself at the University of Kansas Law School where she discovered her passion -- the world of public finance. Upon graduation, she was recruited to join Bricker and Eckler. Today Becky is partner and chair of the Public Finance group there. Her entire career dates back to that one day, that one encounter, that one conversation on the steps of the Campus Center here on the Otterbein campus. I think of this story now when I see a faculty or staff member pausing on those steps to talk with a student, and I know that those passing conversations have the potential to change lives.

Welcome Back Ceremony One to Remember

Monday, August 18, 2014 was a great day in Otterbein's history. As we welcomed back faculty and staff as well as new employees, we announced our efforts to raise \$50 million in a comprehensive campaign titled "Where We Stand Matters." For complete details of the event including the funding priorities, video of the event, photos, and campaign marketing materials, please visit My Ozone at ozone.otterbein.edu and click on the "Campaign Tab." A public announcement of the campaign will take place at Homecoming on September 20th at 1:45 p.m. during pre-game festivities.

Homecoming!

Please join us for a great weekend of Homecoming events and activities as we welcome friends, colleagues, alumni, and neighbors to campus this weekend. Additional information can be found by clicking on [There's No Place Like Homecoming 2014.](#)

Professional Development Opportunity – Otterbein to Host Ross Leadership Institute

Be sure to take advantage of a new professional development opportunity by participating in the Ross Leadership Institute series hosted by Otterbein. **Ross Leadership Institute** is dedicated to raising the quality of leadership in business, education, nonprofit and government organizations. By bringing together proven leaders the Ross Leadership Institute provides focused responses to critical leadership needs through a variety of resources including leadership developments programs, courses, consulting, coaching, and presentations. One hour sessions will be held at Otterbein from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. on the following dates in Roush Hall 114:

October 21, 2014
November 18, 2014
January 20, 2015
February 17, 2015
March 17, 2015

April 21, 2015
May 19, 2015
July 21, 2015
August 18, 2015

There are no sessions scheduled for December 2014 and June 2015. For additional information and to register, please visit [Ross Leadership Institute](#). Participants attend at no charge.

Payroll Conversion Planned

To modernize and increase our payroll efficiencies, Otterbein has selected Paycor as our new payroll software vendor. The process of converting the Banner payroll and related functions to Paycor began over the summer under the direction of our Human Resources Department. A cross-functional university team including representatives from Information and Technology Services, Academic Affairs, Business Affairs, and Institutional Research is involved in overseeing the process with a target date for implementation of January 1, 2015. The new system will eliminate paper time sheets and move to an electronic system that will increase accuracy and provide increased efficiencies for the employee, supervisor, and payroll staff. With the elimination of paper time sheets, staff and students will enter their time using computers. We will continue to have time clocks where necessary. Administrators and staff will also submit their requests for leave using their computers. As we progress towards our target date, we will provide additional information and training to prepare you for our new system.

Accreditation Update

This academic year marks the end of the 10-year accreditation cycle for Otterbein, so re-affirmation of our accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) must occur this year. Members of the Accreditation Steering Committee continue to refine Otterbein's Assurance Argument for submission to the HLC's site visit team by the end of this semester. The Argument addresses University policies and operations in five broad categories: *Mission and Vision; Ethical and Responsible Conduct; Teaching and Learning Quality, Resources and Support; Teaching and Learning Evaluation and Improvement; and Resources, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness*. In October, the Accreditation Steering Committee will present a draft version of the complete Assurance Argument to the Board of Trustees. The Steering Committee is also preparing for the new version of a Federal Compliance review that will be part of the re-affirmation process. The HLC team of visitors will be on campus **February 9-10, 2015**, and they will hold meetings with campus constituent groups: faculty, staff, and students. Visit the "Accreditation" tab on O-Zone for more information about the re-affirmation of accreditation process this year and the work of the Accreditation Steering Committee.

University Senate

The first meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17, from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** in Battelle Hall's Riley Auditorium. It has come to our attention that as a result of scheduling changes, a number of classes now conflict with the University Senate meeting schedule established last summer. **Beginning with the next Senate meeting on October 22, the time has been changed to 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Town Hall Meeting Scheduled

Please plan to attend a Town Hall meeting which has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 24, 2014, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** during common hour. Enrollment, budget, and campaign updates will be provided with plenty of opportunity for questions, answers, and discussion. It will be held in Battelle Hall's Riley Auditorium. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

Comings and Goings

Please join me in welcoming the following new faculty and staff who recently joined Otterbein:

Leonard Baldwin, Faculty (PT), History and Political Science

Elizabeth Beggrow, Faculty (PT), Education

Troy Bonte, Executive Director of Facilities Management and Planning, Business Affairs

Sheila Chapman, Visiting Assistant Professor, Nursing
Dara Ford, Head coach, Track and Field, Athletics
Heath Gibson, Assistant Cross Country/Track Coach, Athletics
Chad Greenwald, Faculty (PT), Music
Abraham Halon, Faculty, Business, Accounting and Economics
Nathan Parsell, Academic Advisor, Center for Student Success
Marcena Shultz, Graphic Designer (PT), Marketing and Communications
Amanda Sweeting, Nursing
Nicholas Steffanni, Assistant Golf Coach, Athletics
Dieter Thellman, Assistant Coach (PT), Athletics

We wish success to the following faculty and staff who recently departed Otterbein:

Allan Cooper, Professor, History and Political Science
Susie Crum, Dance Squad Advisor, Athletics
Dennis Romer, Professor, Theatre
Justin Tatman, Athletic Trainer, Athletics
Justin Thatcher, Stable Assistant, Equine Center
Paige Zillincik, Assistant Director, Office of Sponsored Programs

We apologize if there are any omissions or errors. Please contact Human Resources with any corrections or concerns so we can acknowledge all new and departing colleagues.

Save the Date

Please save the date for our annual Holiday Open House which is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 10, 2014, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** at the President's Residence. More information will be made available in the near future.

As always, if you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or a member of Cabinet.

Sincerely,
President Krendl

Otterbein University Vision

Otterbein University will be nationally recognized as a model community of educators, leaders, and learners who set the pace for higher education and contribute to the common good.

Otterbein University Mission

Otterbein is an inclusive community dedicated to educating the whole person in the context of humane values. Our mission is to prepare graduates to think deeply and broadly, to engage locally and globally, and to advance their professions and communities. An Otterbein education is distinguished by the intentional blending of the liberal arts and professional studies, combined with a unique approach to integrating direct experience into all learning.