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A full-page photograph showing the silhouette of a person walking away from the camera down a brightly lit hallway. The person is centered in the frame, walking towards a large, bright window at the end of the hallway. The floor is highly reflective, showing clear reflections of the person and the light from the window. The walls are light-colored, and the overall atmosphere is one of quiet solitude and forward movement.

Hidden
Lives

Everyone has a Story



President Kathy Krendl

We all have something or someone who has shaped our character, set our life on a certain path or taught us lessons that guide our values. The bigger question is, why is it important we care to know these stories?

Last month, Jeanne Marie Laskas, author of Otterbein's 2015 Common Book selection, *Hidden America*, posed a similar question to first-year students. Laskas's book examines the "unseen" or "invisible" individuals who make our country work — from coal miners to migrant workers. Laskas decided it was her job to make these lives visible so that others would care and would know these stories and these people.

As our campus prepared for this topic of "hidden lives," we started asking ourselves to think about what this topic meant in terms of our own community.

If you think you know the typical trials of today's Otterbein students, think again.

In this issue, you are introduced to three hidden student lives (page 10) whose stories will give you pause and hope. Their tenacity and will to succeed affirm why it is important that Otterbein remains a community that values opportunity.

Potential is a powerful force. Otterbein has long understood that every student matters, which is why so many alumni go on to advocate, serve and champion a greater good. You'll read about some of our alumni who are on the front lines of offering dignity, opportunity and compassion to those who are often overlooked or judged too quickly or too harshly (page 14).

For some of you, my own story may be hidden. I was the fourth of six children and grew up in northwestern Ohio on a small family farm. Though it has been many years since I left that farm behind, I still carry with me many valuable lessons learned.

For example, I learned that farm chores went faster when many hands shared the work. I learned that there is never enough time to do everything that needs to be done on a farm so one has to set priorities clearly. And the only way to get the job done was to start early, work hard and go to bed tired.

While these may be humble Midwestern farm lessons, I think they ultimately serve me well as Otterbein's president. These lessons are grounded in core values, and core values define me as much as they define Otterbein and its community.

Values like one's worth, for example, not being determined by one's financial means. When Paige Miller nominated her mother, Mary Jo, for the 2015 Otterbein Model Community Family Award, she said her mother taught her never to look at her financial situation as limiting her future. "I believed if given the opportunity, I should never back down from it. This is the greatest lesson my mother has taught me because it is a lesson that can keep giving to future generations that are in situations like mine."

Everyone has a story. That's the reason we should care. Every achievement, every gift or scholarship, every diploma handed out on that commencement stage has more meaning when we care to uncover what it took to be realized. Where we came from, what we do, and what we become matters.

Sincerely,

Kathy A. Krendl
President



Paige Miller '19 nominated her mother, Mary Jo, for the 2015 Otterbein Model Community Family Award, which was presented to Mary Jo at the football game on Oct. 24.

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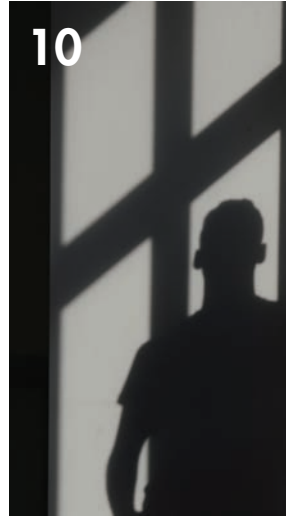
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The 2015 Common Book, *Hidden America*, challenged and inspired the Otterbein community to consider those with hidden lives who walk among us. This cover photograph is a reminder that many carry hidden stories we don't see. For those same individuals, Otterbein stands as a safe and supportive place to find a new truth, a new voice and a hopeful future.

Mission Statement

Otterbein University 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.

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LETTERS



Hidden Stories within a Photograph

Editor's note: When we posted the photo above in last issue's Archive section for you to identify, we had no idea what hidden stories were within. Thanks to all of you who wrote and shared your information with us.

I was at Otterbein between 1975 and 1979. I believe the man on the far left with the white turtleneck and wire-rimmed glasses is Felipe Martinez. He was an international student from Colombia, and functioned somewhat as a teaching assistant for Spanish. He was very active in the Agape group as well as other programs on campus. Felipe was a special person — serene and well-loved by everyone. He was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident at Otterbein within days of purchasing the motorcycle. His mother, Rosa Pardo, came for his funeral and stayed with me in my apartment on campus because at the time I spoke enough Spanish to communicate. She wanted to stay near where he had been. She told about how she knew the exact moment when he died even before anyone called her to tell her. It was so sad.

The other student I remember is **Beth Hassenpflug Manspurger '79**, second female from the left. Her father also taught at Otterbein. She and I were on the same trip to Spain in 1976.

I really liked this issue because of seeing Dr. Lovejoy. I had not known about the initiative to honor a mentor but I, too, would have voted for him. He is the reason I am in Detroit. He brought students up to Detroit to see the Merrill Palmer Institute in 1978, a site of one of his sabbaticals. I spent one semester at Merrill Palmer on a "semester off campus" program at Otterbein and ended up getting hired by my internship site and have been in Detroit almost ever since.

Holly Feen-Calligan '79

The name of the person on the left with his arms folded in the turtleneck is Felipe Martinez. Unfortunately Felipe did not have the opportunity to complete his degree at Otterbein or to finish up his exchange program because he died in or about 1976.

Felipe was also known to be very willing, able and available to tutor fellow Otterbein students in Spanish as that was his native tongue. I believe if he would have lived these past 35 to 40 years, that Felipe would have been an accomplished scholar, probably a university professor, and maybe even at Otterbein. He was dearly loved by those who befriended him.

Kerry E. Gould '78

I enjoyed reading (the early summer 2015) issue of *Towers*, as usual.

On page 42, in the photo entitled, *Who are these Cardinals?*, I see myself, Frank Mitchell (upper right corner) during my second year at Otterbein as director of cooperative education.

Although all the students are familiar, sadly I recall no names. However, as I was interested in all things international, I am guessing that the group was an international interest group.

I think the young lady in the lower left hand corner was the head of the group.

And if the older guy in the photo is not in fact me, I do hope the real person in the picture will not be too miffed by my suggestion that he looks like me, but I'm pretty sure it's me — the irregularly plowed part in my hair is a dead giveaway.

We want to hear from you.

We welcome your letters to the editor. You may send them via email to rsmith@otterbein.edu or mail to Becky Smith, Otterbein University, Office of Alumni Relations, 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.

Congrats on yet another fine issue of *Towers*.

Frank Mitchell

Otterbein Director of Cooperative Education, 1975-1984

Thanks also to **Betsy Martin Harvey '78** and **Sara Ullman Pfaff '77** who wrote and verified some of the information about the photo.

I can't remember a time when I have so enjoyed reading *Towers* magazine! When it came I found myself picking it up again and again to read more of it! It is jam-packed with not only student and alumni news, but all kinds of opportunities — including the ability to pre-order Dean Van's book.

Please pass along my thanks to your entire staff! I know it takes a "village" to produce such a magazine!

Joaline Mathias '65

Legacy Students: A Family Tradition

***There are currently 325 legacy students attending Otterbein!
Please add more to our flock!***

How to become a legacy student at Otterbein:

- Parent(s) or grandparent(s) attended or graduated from Otterbein.
- Your family takes great pride in its Otterbein experience and wants to see the tradition continue another generation!
- \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to accepted legacy student and renewable for three years!



Schedule a visit to come see all that is new and visit www.otterbein.edu/apply for application process and deadlines.

Go Otterbein Families! Go Cards!

*"We were so blessed to have been a part of the Otterbein community back in the early '80s. That's where we met and fell in love not only with our four year experience but with each other! Now, to be able to say that both of our children (**Taylor '13** and **Alissa '15**) graduated from this wonderful place is beyond words! We truly are an Otterbein family, through and through. Otterbein will always be the place we are proud to call home!"*

**Rick Harle '82 and
Sonya Spangler Harle '84**

WHAT STANDS IN THE WAY?



NEW WINDOWS LIGHT UP BATTELLE'S FUTURE

As Otterbein looks at its master plan and the many facets of the campus infrastructure, it's obvious that there are some areas around campus that need support in addition to future goals that need to be fulfilled for long-term success. The plan addresses buildings, equipment and resources that are satisfactory but stand in the way of being exceptional for the overall educational experience. Funding to the campaign, particularly "Campus Renewal" can help address these needs and is exactly what alumna **Virginia Phillippi Longmire '55** set out to do with her \$150,000 commitment toward the restoration of the Battelle Fine Arts Center, the current home of Otterbein's Department of Music.

"I am so happy that I have some resources to share in this way," Longmire says. "The restoration will dress up Battelle Fine Arts Center a bit and make it more compatible with other buildings in that part of campus. This campaign exemplifies what Otterbein has stood for over the years. It has never stepped back and become stagnant. It's always been about being progressive."

Built in 1929, Battelle Fine Arts Center long served as Otterbein's gymnasium. It was converted into a music and arts center in 1979 thanks to a \$1.4 million renovation project. The building has since hosted dance studios, art exhibitions, music recitals, lectures and special events. The current restoration project, at an

CAMPUS RENEWAL

A student in a blue shirt and khaki pants is walking from left to right, playing a large, shiny brass euphonium. In the background is a red brick building with several large, black-framed windows. The windows reflect the surrounding greenery and trees. In the foreground, there are trees with bright orange and yellow autumn leaves. The scene is set outdoors on a grassy area.

estimated cost of \$400,000, called for the replacement of windows covered by aluminum panels since the energy crisis in the late 1970s. The work entailed treating Battelle's exterior to make it more compatible with those of the Science Center and Roush Hall. Other needs are also being defined by the campaign's performing arts committee, chaired by **Nevalyn Fritsche Nevil '71**, who has pledged \$250,000 toward campaign efforts and the arts in particular.

"Otterbein's success in the academic arena makes me very proud to have been a student," says Longmire. "The success stories I hear about many of the graduates really perk up my ears and I say, 'I'm glad to be part of that, too.'"

Read more about Longmire's and Nevil's gifts to the campaign and why they stand to make a difference at www.otterbein.edu/STAND.



compiled by Jenny Hill '05

2015 Common Book Hidden America

*From Coal Miners to Cowboys, an Extraordinary Exploration
of the Unseen People Who Make This Country Work*

Otterbein students learned to look at the people around them in new and different ways thanks to the 2015 Common Book, *Hidden America*. Author Jeanne Marie Laskas visited the campus from Oct. 21-23 to discuss her book and attend other events related to the book and its overall theme.


The book's subtitle — *From Coal Miners to Cowboys, an Extraordinary Exploration of the Unseen People Who Make This Country Work* — summarizes the author's role as a tour guide, leading readers into an exploration of the people they may or may not see around them every day.

Laskas spent several weeks with the men of Hopedale Mining Company in Cadiz, Ohio. She spent time with them both below and above ground. By the end, you will know all about their work; Pap and his dying mom; Smitty and the mail-order bride who stood him up at the airport; and Scotty and his thwarted dreams of becoming a boxing champion. Laskas also explores the hidden worlds of an Alaskan oil rig, a migrant labor camp in Maine, the air traffic control center at LaGuardia Airport in New York, a beef ranch in Texas, a landfill in

California, a long-haul trucker in Iowa, a gun shop in Arizona and the Cincinnati Ben-Gals cheerleaders.

Laskas is the author of six books, including the award-winning trilogy of memoirs: *Fifty Acres and a Poodle*, *The Exact Same Moon* and *Growing Girls*. Her book, *Concussion*, is soon to be a major motion picture starring Will Smith. Most of her long-form journalism now appears in *GQ*, where she is a correspondent writing about everything from concussions to migrant workers to hit men. She has won more than a dozen Gold Quill awards for Excellence in Journalism, and her piece on coal mining, "Underworld," was a finalist for the 2007 National Magazine Awards.

This is the 21st year for the Common Book program, which is supported by The Thomas Academic Excellence Series and is intended to create intellectual excitement and strengthen bonds on campus by providing a shared academic experience surrounding an annual academic theme.

For more information about the Otterbein Common Book Program, visit www.otterbein.edu/commonbook. 

Common Book author Jeanne Marie Laskas in the Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall



New students leave the Campus Center and head to the New Student Convocation on Aug. 20 as part of the First Flight program welcoming them to their new home.

Introducing The Class of 2019

Some new faces arrived on campus in August — students of the Class of 2019. This year, Otterbein welcomed 560 first-year students to campus, representing 31 states and 19 countries.

The first-year students settled into campus life with a week full of activities designed to help them make new friends, become familiar with campus and prepare academically for the upcoming school year. They were guided through the week of programs by upperclassmen trained as orientation leaders.

As a special treat, **Cabot Rea '78** taught the *Otterbein Love Song* to the Class of 2019, a highlight that has become a new tradition for first-year students.

Twenty-seven of Otterbein's first-year students are Westerville City Schools graduates who found their ideal school right in their own backyard. More than 85 percent of first-year students live on campus.

Among the members of the Class of 2019, 18 percent are students of color and 23 percent are first-generation college students, representing one of the most diverse classes in recent history. The class is 60 percent female and 40 percent male.

Academically, 61.5 percent of accepted students in the new class have a 3.5 or higher GPA. Nearly 30 percent of Otterbein's first-year students earned a 27 or higher on the ACT — a 37 percent increase from last year.

The most popular majors for the Class of 2019 are nursing, business, health and sport sciences, and biology. This year's students are the first to enroll in the new systems engineering major.

Overall, Otterbein has approximately 2,800 students, including 2,400 undergraduate students and 400 graduate students. Otterbein currently hosts 97 international students.

Otterbein Earns National Recognition

Otterbein University has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* for its focus on academics and student success and by *Washington Monthly* for its contributions to the public good and its economic value to students.

In *U.S. News & World Report's* 2016 edition of "America's Best Colleges," Otterbein is ranked in the top 10 percent among 149 peers in the Regional Universities–Midwest category and once again earned a spot in the list of "A+ Schools for B Students." Otterbein moved up seven places from last year to rank 13th in its category overall, and debuted at 13th in its category on the "Best Colleges for Veterans" list.

"An Otterbein education focuses on blending liberal arts and professional studies, as well as providing extensive community engagement and experiential learning opportunities," said President Kathy Krendl. "We prepare our students for successful careers in their chosen professions and successful lives as leaders in their communities."

Washington Monthly has recognized Otterbein for its contributions to the public good for the fifth consecutive year in its annual rankings. Among 673 master's universities, Otterbein was ranked 42nd overall, putting it in the top seven percent of its category.

Additionally, two of Otterbein's signature programs — the Zoo and Conservation Science Program and the Department of Theatre and Dance — were recently recognized by national publications for their quality offerings.



Anna Young, director of the Zoo and Conservation Science Program, enjoys a nature hike in South Africa. Learn more at www.otterbein.edu/zoo.

Wrestling Returns



Men's Wrestling Becomes 21st Varsity Sport, New Coach Named

Otterbein University has officially added men's wrestling as a winter season intercollegiate varsity sport. Competition will begin during the 2016-17 academic year under the newly hired coach, Brent Rastetter.



Brent Rastetter

Otterbein will become the seventh member of the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) to offer wrestling, joining Mount Union, Baldwin Wallace, Ohio Northern, Heidelberg, John Carroll and Muskingum. Otterbein had previously offered the sport from 1958-1975.

Rastetter comes to Otterbein from Lexington High School in Lexington, OH, where he spent the past 12 years as the varsity wrestling coach. At Lexington, he compiled a dual-meet record of 208-34 while capturing eight straight conference championships. In addition, the Minutemen won eight sectional titles and finished state runner-up as a team in 2009.

An eight-time Ohio Cardinal Conference Coach of the Year, Rastetter has produced 189 district qualifiers, 45 state qualifiers,

27 state placers and four state champions during his career. Eleven of his former Lexington wrestlers have gone on to compete at the college level.

"I want a first-class program all the way," Rastetter said of his vision. "We are going to focus on being the true student-athlete; promoting a quality education and walking out with a degree. At the same time, our guys will have the opportunity to compete at the highest level on the wrestling mat."

"Many factors were considered when adding this program," said Director of Athletics Dawn Stewart. "Prospective and current Otterbein students were surveyed about their sport interest and the results continually showed strong support for wrestling. In addition, the OAC provides an immediate competitive avenue for this program and we are looking forward to furthering the conference's tradition of excellence within this sport."

"We are very excited to reestablish the wrestling program," said Bob Gatti, vice president for student affairs and dean of students. "There has been a lot of enthusiasm from our students. This addition will enhance our athletic program and the recruitment of additional students will support our strategic enrollment plan."

Opening Doors to the World Through the Arts



OTTERBEIN AND THE ARTS
OPENING DOORS TO THE WORLD

Over the next three years, Otterbein University will deepen its mission-stated commitment to global education through *Otterbein and the Arts: Opening Doors to the World*, a multi-year international arts initiative focusing on three regions: Latin America (2015-16), Asia (2016-17) and Africa (2017-18).

The initiative was officially launched this fall with a focus on Chile, including an art exhibition, *Te Busco: Poetic and Visual Collaborations of Pablo Neruda, Nemesio Antúñez, and Roser Bru*, and a visit from Chilean artist Isabel Cauas.

Fall programming also included visits from Christian Formoso, renowned Chilean poet and recipient of the *Pablo Neruda Award* for poetry, and Latin American scholar Fernando Blanco, as well as a Chilean film series.

From January through May 2016, *Opening Doors* will shift its focus to Cuba with three art exhibitions, visiting Artist-in-Residence Juan-Si Gonzalez, visiting artist Coco Fusco and music performances. For more information, visit www.otterbein.edu/openingdoors.





Otterbein University's Department of Health and Sport Sciences recently moved into a new facility — the former Davis Annex residence hall, which recently underwent a \$1 million renovation. The Center of Health and Sport Sciences celebrated its opening with an open house during Otterbein's Homecoming celebration on Sept. 26.

The department has become one of the fastest growing programs on campus as market demand for many of the majors it offers is increasing. Almost 300 students are enrolled in one of the five majors the department offers, with 111 in allied health, 58 in athletic training, eight in health education with public health concentration, 45 in health promotion and fitness and 75 in sport management. Students may also minor in nutrition.

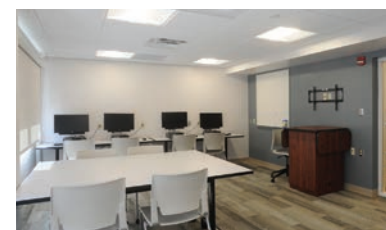
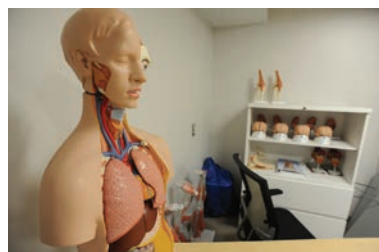
The academic and administrative space for programs features state-of-the-art equipment, two classrooms, a computer lab, a research lab, a lounge, a reception area and faculty offices.

The classrooms and teaching lab provide enhanced educational opportunities such as hands-on instruction and practice in a one-on-one or a one-on-two situation. A human performance lab not only allows students and faculty to engage in specific research projects, but will also lend opportunities to conduct research and activities in the immediate community. Included in this area are gait analysis equipment, exercise- and fitness-based testing equipment, including VO2 Max measurement tools and current fitness assessment devices.

View more photos of the new Center of Health and Sport Sciences at www.flickr.com/photos/otterbein/albums



While the initial renovation took place with budgeted funds, there are still opportunities to donate and name the facility during additional enhancements. For information about how to make a gift to support this and future HSS renovations, please contact Kathleen Bonte, executive director, development, kbonte@otterbein.edu.



HIDDEN LIVES

HIDDEN CHALLENGES

"AFTER 37 YEARS AT OTTERBEIN, I'VE SEEN HIDDEN CHALLENGES AND ADVERSITIES THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE ANY STUDENT HAVING TO FACE... IN FACT, ALMOST EVERY STUDENT HAS A HIDDEN STORY."

BOB GATTI, VICE PRESIDENT
FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND
DEAN OF STUDENTS

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*Foreword by Vice President for Student Affairs
and Dean of Students Bob Gatti*

Many of us have this idea of what the college experience means for students. It starts with a picture of mom and dad unloading suitcases, helping their student unpack and get settled into their new home.

The fact is we have students who show up, alone, with one suitcase. Their reality is not the one we expect.

After 37 years at Otterbein, I've seen hidden challenges and adversities that are difficult to imagine any student having to face.

In fact, almost every student has a hidden life.

Our job is figuring out when something is preventing students from achieving the success they come here seeking; and then, what we can do to help them get through it.

Earlier this year, a panel of students shared their **hidden lives** with the Division of Student Affairs. It was a sobering reminder of what our students struggle with in addition to their coursework — family demands, work, heartbreak, personal worth, sexual identity, illness, loss, financial worries, food insecurity. For example, we're seeing such an increase in food insecurity, meaning students don't know where their next meal is coming from, Otterbein will be starting a food co-op to help meet that need.

When we can connect students with the resources and support they need, they do persist. When the number of students requesting counseling services increased 25 percent and we had a three-week waiting list, we took action. Today, we offer counseling services through a full-time psychologist and a part-time therapist.

I've also seen the gap widen in terms of the socioeconomic realities during my years here. Of this year's first-year students, 32 percent are Pell eligible, which means many of these families are below the poverty level, and 23 percent are first generation. Otterbein remains committed to opportunity. I'm often struck that so many of our donors give to scholarships and support programs while not always knowing who the ultimate recipient will be. I can assure you the benefit is real. Our faculty and staff get to see what our donors' support means in the lives of students every day and the results are inspiring.

What follows are three stories of hidden lives at Otterbein. We've protected their identities to honor their candor and their privacy. If you feel moved by their courage and tenacity, you're not alone. They are the reasons so many of us dedicate our lives to this work and this place. Remember, my door is always open for those who want to help us continue to make a difference in the lives of our students.

~ Bob Gatti

Choosing to be the Exception

“**W**hen people see me, they don’t know everything I’ve been through.”

And John has been through a lot.

He grew up surrounded by the heartache and consequences of drug and alcohol abuse rampant throughout his families. Two of his brothers have been or are in prison. His mother suffers from a chronic illness. And when John was 12, his father was shot and killed.

“I had to grow up early. I missed being a kid sometimes.”

After his father’s death, John remembers almost giving up. “As a 12-year-old kid, all I wanted was to be around my dad. I was devastated.”

But instead of giving up, John accepted an invitation to go to church. “I heard a little about God.” John remembered going to summer vacation bible school once but thought of it as a place tired parents who needed a break sent their kids for babysitting.

But not this time. This time something happened at church. It was a turning point in John’s life. “God put something special in me. It had to be God. I don’t know how else I could have found the drive to do right. I surrendered my life to God and it has guided everything I’ve done since.”

As a 12-year-old child, John decided he and his little brother would live their lives differently. They would be the exceptions. “After my Dad passed, I stepped up. I remember my dad told me, ‘at the end of the day he’ll always be your brother.’”

The reality of stepping up meant John helped raise his brother and that he was the primary caregiver for his mom. He still remembers the time she almost died from a collapsed lung. He rushed her to the hospital. He was 16.

When it was time for college, John worried about leaving his brother. He prayed a lot about where to go and felt God steered him to Otterbein because he would grow more here. “This school has become a big part of me. I met my best friend here and I’ve met other great people, and have had a lot of opportunities.”

In addition to carrying a full class load and playing football as a student-athlete, John works several jobs to help pay for his own school; to help supplement his little brother’s expenses, who is also now in college; and to try to financially help his mom and niece when he can.

“I want to make good decisions when it comes to paying for school — I don’t want

to be in a lot of debt. My mom didn’t know how to help me and I’m learning as I go. But I’m proud I haven’t taken out any private loans.”

John has worked on campus as a resident assistant and as a summer camp and conference assistant; and has even mowed the lawns of Otterbein neighbors. “It’s not easy but I get a lot of encouragement and help from other people.”

John is a senior and he’s earned scores on the GRE that he hopes will enable him to pursue a master’s degree. But when he thinks about his future — he’s not looking for luxuries. He just wants to help people. He’s learned empathy is one of his top strengths. “If people would be more empathetic — even when someone has done something wrong — it could change things. It helps to put yourself in someone else’s shoes — to try and understand what they’ve been through.”

There is a quiet, sincere strength in John. His faith gives him peace. He never complains about his life, in fact he says he’s blessed. “There are a lot of people who have it rougher than I do. I’m blessed to know my parents loved me. My mom just didn’t have the knowledge to set up her life. God makes us stronger to make us what he wants us to be.”

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Love Endures

When Daniel came out about his sexual orientation to his dad the summer before his first year of college, he was kicked out of the house that had been his home for 18 years.

“He told me I wasn’t his son.”

Daniel is quick to say that he knows his father loves him. He is adamant that — except for this — his dad was a great dad. And that he appreciates how much his dad provided for him.

That doesn’t mean it doesn’t hurt.

When Daniel returned for some of his belongings, things escalated. All of this bewildered him. Daniel still can’t understand how one part of him could change all he had always been in his family.

“I was Mr. Everything in high school. Partly because I wanted to be involved but partly because I wanted to make my parents proud. I received good grades; I was captain of the wrestling team; I was a lead in the school musical; I showed cattle in my county fair; I was student body president; I was even prom king. People liked me. Why didn’t he? Why did this have to define who I am to him?”

Being around family became a roller coaster. Things would be quiet and then they’d get bad — then worse. Daniel tried to make amends. “If I would try and talk about being gay, there would be issues. If I didn’t mention it, things would be quiet.”

Daniel’s brothers, his mom and his grandma were very supportive. “My mom is Wonder Woman; my grandma was just as amazing as my mom.” One conversation with his mom changed the game for Daniel. “She reaffirmed how much she loved me and my sense of worth and importance to her and the family.” Daniel decided he wasn’t going to push any more and that time would help things heal.

But then the second heartache appeared.

Daniel’s grandma was diagnosed with stage four gallbladder and intestinal

cancer. The doctors said she had three months to live. Daniel’s grandma was everything to him. This news — in the midst of so much pain with his dad — was devastating.

The night his grandma died, Daniel and his brother, who also attends Otterbein, drove home from school to their rural town together. “My dad barely looked at me. But I went up to him, hugged him and told him I loved him.”

Daniel said it was hard to deal with the grief at the same time — losing his grandma and feeling like his dad was lost to him. There were many nights when the school day was done and he was finally still that he would start to think and then he would cry. Sleep just wouldn’t come.

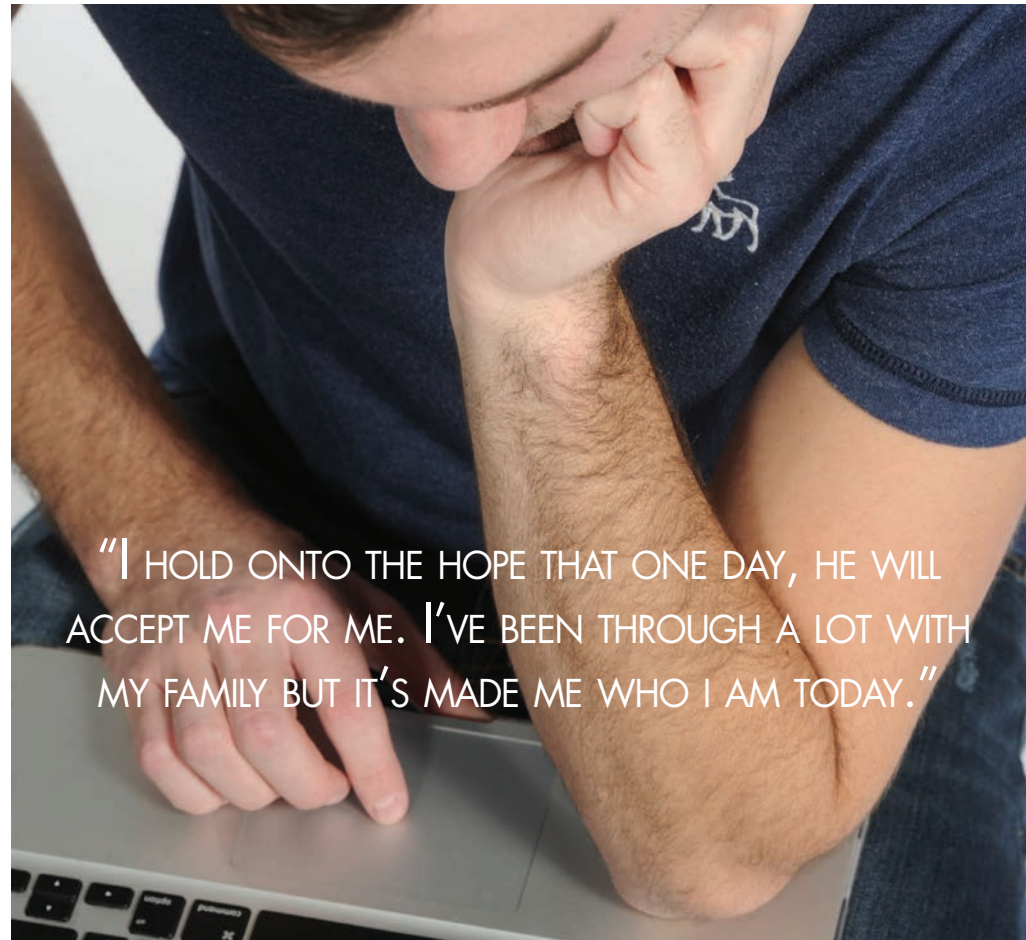
“I miss my grandma all the time and still listen to her old voice mails that I saved. She was a woman of God and lit up any room she was in. She loved helping people. She used to tell me — all the time — she loved me ‘all the way to the sky.’”

“As for my dad, it’s going to take a lot of time. I hold onto the hope that one day, he will accept me for me. In the end if he chooses not to, I am completely content with who I am.”

Through it all, Daniel said that the outpouring of love and support he has received from his Otterbein community, as a resident assistant, student leader and fraternity brother, has been amazing. “It is remarkable to see and feel how loved I am here.”

Daniel returns that support in many ways including sharing his story with incoming freshmen to help them understand that Otterbein — among all its values — cares about diversity and being an inclusive community and that they aren’t alone here.

“My heart goes out to kids who don’t have any support. My dad thinks I’m choosing to be gay. I did not choose to be this way. I firmly believe I was born this way and I finally decided to embrace myself. I’ve been through a lot with my family but it’s made me who I am today.”



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Owning Her Life

“I remember walking into the registrar’s office to drop something off before commencement. One of the greatest moments of my life was looking at that card and seeing ‘magna cum laude’ under my name.”

That moment is important because Bri was 27. Her path to earning her degree was longer than most and riddled with obstacles, but she never gave up.

When Bri was 16, she lost her dad unexpectedly to a massive stroke. “I was so sad. My dream of going away for school went away. In hindsight, I should have tried but I was too scared. My world crumbled as I started working to help my mom pay the mortgage.”

She started nursing school after high school, but was later asked to leave the program after she fell behind academically. Bri said she felt completely demoralized. “A lot of doors kept closing in my face. I wasn’t living a life that was going anywhere.”

She tried following her sister and nephew to California but that didn’t pan out. She came back to Ohio determined to see if a door in nursing might still be open. She put together a great portfolio in hopes of earning a place in Otterbein’s nursing program. She was rejected. But again, she decided not to give up.

She went to Otterbein’s Adult and Transfer Admission staff and found an answer. “Mary Mosca was a life-saving and beautiful person. She encouraged me to take off my narrow vision glasses and see what else was out there for me.”

Bri took advantage of her science background and jumped into health communication. “I felt lost but Professor Kerry Strayer was the first person I met and she immediately took me under her wing and became my mentor.”

“I was a 25-year-old sophomore and finally got a view of my life.” And then Bri found out she was pregnant. It wasn’t part of the plan. “I went from being an adult,

commuter student with a full-time course load, working two part-time jobs, to being an adult, pregnant commuter student with a full-time course load, working two part-time jobs.”

Bri took 20 credit hours that summer and earned a 4.0 GPA. She still doesn’t know how she did it but says that everyone, including department heads and faculty, were incredibly supportive. “I never felt judged. Professor Strayer, Susan Millsap and Chris Reynolds were my rocks.”

Bri took a quarter off and Oct. 3, the day her healthy baby boy was born, was the “greatest moment” of her life. Life evolved again. Now a “mom” commuter student, she often sobbed about leaving her baby while walking to class and feeling the weight of new responsibilities.

Commencement day was huge for Bri. “There are many great moments, but this one was just for me — that walk across the stage and through the tunnel of faculty. I earned that moment. And when my fiancé handed me our son as I finished my walk out, I was just so proud.”

“I’ve had a tough road to get here. There were times I didn’t have books for my courses because I couldn’t afford them. I could never afford to live in the dorms

and there were plenty of times I didn’t have enough money to buy campus food to eat. It’s not easy to study when you’re hungry. Later on, trying to manage being a student and a mom was so hard. I had to dig deep.”

Bri hopes to be like one of the Otterbein women who guided and supported her during her struggles. “If I could be that person for one student during my life it would mean the world to me.”

“I always felt like a failure. I’ve now learned that you have to own your life and grow from your mistakes or else it’s all pointless. I took a long path to get here, but I am so proud of who I am these days.” •



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Reaching Out to the Unseen

Since 1995, a Common Book has been selected each year to create a year-long shared learning experience

at Otterbein for all incoming first-year students and participating faculty and staff. Common Book topics focus on significant contemporary issues and often open readers' eyes to worlds they haven't seen before.

This is particularly true for this year's selection, *Hidden America: From Coal Miners to Cowboys, an Extraordinary Exploration of the Unseen People Who Make This Country Work* by Jeanne Marie Laskas.

In *Hidden America*, Laskas takes her readers inside the lives of people who are often overlooked. These people share their hopes, dreams and general thoughts on life with Laskas, and as a result, her readers learn to view others who make our country work in a different way.

Otterbein has always challenged its students to be open to new people, places and experiences, and to think differently about the world around them. These are the stories of alumni who learned those lessons and applied them to their everyday lives, as they reach out to the "unseen" people around them.

• REMOVING BARRIERS •

The summer after **Nancy Loudenslager Cassell '65** graduated from Otterbein, she made a personal commitment to follow Jesus. That commitment would connect her to cultures around the world in service to refugees and others looking for hope.

Cassell came to Otterbein to study French, and although she had a desire to serve others before setting foot on campus, her time at Otterbein exposed her to new cultures and people, including students from Sierra Leone.

After graduating from Otterbein, Cassell led a full and busy life. She traveled, worked, earned a doctorate degree in French, married and had two children. She settled in Tennessee with her first husband, but later divorced and remarried.

It was with her second husband that Cassell's dreams of serving others were truly realized. For six years, starting in 1983, the couple volunteered with Faith Mission in

Nancy Loudenslager Cassell '65 hugs her sponsored child, Monica, in Mexico.



the border town of Del Rio, TX, to bring Christmas joy to children in Mexico. They worked in the mission's warehouse and crossed the border into Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, to deliver truckloads of presents.

In the following years, she volunteered for mission organizations, including resettling refugees for World Relief. These refugees faced many challenges, including the language barrier.

"The refugees I helped for World Relief were from various countries — Vietnam, Russia, Somalia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan — and spoke varying degrees of English," she said.

In the fall of 1992, an opportunity arose to remove that barrier by teaching English to Kurdish refugees who had relocated from a rural area of northern Iraq to Nashville.

"(They) faced so many challenges — loss of everything in their home country, learning a new language, learning how to navigate a new culture, finding food they were used to, getting jobs to support their families, finding affordable housing, learning to drive and getting clothing," she said.

According to Cassell, challenges were not new to the refugees. "Most (of the Kurdish women) had never been to school and could not read or write in their own language. Most had lived in tents in refugee camps in Turkey for four years before coming to the U.S., literally with just the clothes on their backs. They had to flee to the mountains when Saddam Hussein was bombing and gassing their villages.

"I started several classes for illiterate women in their homes with Servant Group International, a newly created organization to minister to the Kurdish population in Nashville. After class, I stayed to help with paperwork, phone calls, filling out school cards, doing taxes, or other requests, sometimes until 10 p.m."

In 1995, Cassell's students lost their housing. She purchased five duplexes for the larger families who had nowhere to go.

According to Cassell, Nashville has over 10,000 Kurds, the largest population in the U.S. She continues to assist in filling out applications for citizenship or permanent resident cards, but hopes to sell her properties so she can travel and focus on writing.



Cassell with children at an orphanage in Mozambique

She has also served on mission trips to Croatia, Romania, Turkey, Mozambique and Egypt.

Cassell said the most rewarding thing about her service is "the friendships that have formed over the years (and) seeing families and children succeed in building a successful life and overcoming so many obstacles. My desire was to let them see Jesus through me and feel His love by serving them."

• BUILDING BRIDGES •

Radio and service are in the blood of **Jeff Wilson '85**. More than three decades into his career, Wilson uses his position with Radio One to work toward social change in the communities he serves.

Otterbein — with its television and radio stations and a strong commitment to standing for what's right — was a perfect match for Wilson's career interests and personal values.

"The curriculum and culture at Otterbein weaves diversity into its DNA," Wilson said. "At Otterbein we are taught — and then go on to teach — that we learn from, grow from and celebrate that which makes us different. We are called to build bridges, and honored to do so, especially over the deepest chasms."



Jeff Wilson '85 with Cleveland mayor, Frank Jackson; and Eddie Harrell Jr. '94, Radio One's regional vice president for Ohio and Otterbein board of trustees member



In the years after graduating from Otterbein, Wilson's career spanned a wide variety of positions — on-air personality, controller, sales manager, director, vice president and general manager — for companies in markets across the country.

The radio veteran began his employment with Radio One in 2003 as vice president and general manager of the Columbus market. Today, Wilson directs all daily operations for Radio One properties in Washington, D.C., and oversees the Baltimore, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Louis and Indianapolis markets.

"As senior regional vice president for Radio One, I supervise our urban radio stations in St. Louis. We have a creed that goes way beyond 'radio,' and takes the leadership of the communities we serve to heart," Wilson said.

It was this position that brought Wilson into one of the most significant social issues facing America today — perceived racism in law enforcement.

On Aug. 9, 2014, in the town of Ferguson, MO, just outside St. Louis, an 18-year-old African American man, Michael Brown, was fatally shot by a police officer. The community plunged into civil unrest.

"As violence erupted in Ferguson, we immediately broke format to become a conduit between government officials and the community leaders to provide neutral and peaceful channels of communication," Wilson said.

"It gave them an honest and unfiltered voice under the umbrella

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of neutrality and peace. Through our microphones and via our talent, the people of Ferguson knew they were being heard by government officials, and vice versa. It was humbling to see how both sides utilized our medium and our resources for the common good in the face of tremendous crisis."

Michael Brown Sr. even recorded a personal plea for peace at the Radio One facility, which was echoed by President Obama.

According to Wilson, frustration and distrust with authorities began before the shooting, but citizens wanted to work toward a solution. "Much of what you saw on television was the result of outsiders. Citizens of Ferguson tried desperately to restore peace."

"I will never forget walking through the riot zone late one afternoon, watching everybody getting along wonderfully. It was like a block party," Wilson recalled.

"Police officers were providing a safe zone for families barbequing and socializing, while persons of all ethnicities and ages were mingling with no tension at all. Everybody wanted peace. Yet, everybody knew that when the sun set, others would emerge — largely gang

members and outsiders — and a whole different scene would take place."

"It was a very visible and vocal minority, most of which came from elsewhere, who kept the trouble brewing," Wilson added.

"Despite what you might have seen on television, key stakeholders generally wanted the same things. The Brown family, the citizens of Ferguson, the citizens of St. Louis, and almost all government officials wanted a constructive solution and immediate peace. Therefore bringing different parties together was usually easy," Wilson said.

Wilson said he and Radio One remain available to the people of Ferguson, if the need arises again.

Their response to the events in Ferguson led Wilson and Radio One to take a similar community leadership role in the midst of civil unrest in Baltimore and Cleveland. "The mayor and police chief of Cleveland formed a close alliance with us to open communication channels before and during a trial of alleged police brutality and the Tamir Rice incident. That conduit was credited with helping keep peace in northeast Ohio," Wilson said.

• REMEMBERING ROOTS •

Portuguese native **John Ricarte '85** is helping fellow immigrants to America in a unique way. Through the power of music, the Houston, TX, resident hopes to inspire understanding of different cultures and the immigrant experience and to remind others that Americans are almost all immigrants.

Ricarte himself was an immigrant. He came to the United States from his native Portugal in 1981 when he was 19 years old to major in music and speech communication at Otterbein. Although Ricarte knew English and credits the small, welcoming campus for making his introduction to American culture a smooth one, he did face obstacles on his journey.

The family friends who had financed his first year at Otterbein were unable to continue and Ricarte had to find work to continue his education. He worked, remained active in campus activities and excelled in his studies.

"I was able to do this through great mentorship and support from (Joanne) Van Sant and Bob Gatti among many who supported me and nurtured me while at Otterbein," he said.

After discovering his passion for conducting at Otterbein, Ricarte earned his master's degree from Michigan State University and doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina, where he served as assistant conductor for both the University of South Carolina Symphony and Chamber Orchestras. He and his wife, Elizabeth, lived for a few years in New York before settling in her native Texas.

For 10 years, Ricarte was music director and conductor of the Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra. Now, he is founder, conductor and music director of the Grace Symphony Orchestra; conductor and music director of the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra; and teaches five orchestras at CyFalls High School.

Grace Symphony Orchestra is a unique performance ensemble that



John Ricarte '85 with performers at the "Viva! - A Celebration of Life!" flamenco-themed concert

incorporates a full orchestra of professional classical musicians with drama, dance and art into performances with an emphasis on the higher and spiritual nature and intellect of its audiences. The Orchestra's vision is to use symphonic music and complementary art forms to entertain and inspire a glorifying response to God.

In June, Grace Symphony Orchestra performed a patriotic Independence Day concert, "The Dream." The performance was a personal celebration for Ricarte, who had been naturalized that spring.

"It felt great, and it felt very natural. I love this country, and I wanted to be a part of it," Ricarte told the *Houston Chronicle* of becoming an American citizen.

The concert incorporated patriotic music and a slide show of historical photographs, both of landscapes and people, to remind the audience that Americans are all immigrants and that

generations past sacrificed a lot and worked hard. The concert fostered openness and acceptance of all cultures.

In September, Ricarte brought more culture to his audience with "Viva! - A Celebration of Life!" The concert featured guest flamenco guitarist Jeremy Garcia, singer Irma la Paloma and flamenco dancers.

You can hear the symphony online at www.gracesymphony.org.



John Ricarte '85



Although they were previously cat owners, retired couple **Dave '66** and **Kathy Morris '67 Orbin** were inspired to see through the challenges of puppy training to raise guide dogs for blind people. Since 2009, the couple has raised nine puppies at their home in Drums, PA, for The Seeing Eye® Puppy Raising Program.

A Cardinal couple, Dave and Kathy left campus with a love for each other — and Otterbein's values.

"I believe that the students and faculty at Otterbein in the late '60s were a model of a caring community," said Dave. "I had a wonderful advisor, and the entire faculty and staff cared about and supported each student. Many of the faculty went out of their way to help students grow and succeed."

Dave applied the same level of care he learned at Otterbein as a professor of biology at Penn State University. After retiring, the couple's caring nature went to the dogs.

The Orbins first learned about raising guide dogs through a friend, and later through PawsAbilities, a puppy-raising

club in Luzerne County, PA, affiliated with The Seeing Eye, the oldest guide dog school in the nation.

"Kathy spent the afternoon talking with the group and holding a puppy. That pretty much sealed the deal," Dave said.

Based in New Jersey, The Seeing Eye is a philanthropic organization whose mission is to enhance the independence, dignity, and self-confidence of blind people through the use of seeing eye dogs.

According to Dave, The Seeing Eye has supplied more than 16,000 guides to more than 8,000 persons since its founding in 1929.

The Seeing Eye gives puppies from their breeding program to volunteer foster families at seven weeks of age. Families raise the puppies until they are a year to a year and six months old. The puppies are then returned to The Seeing Eye, where they are trained in harness by professional trainers for approximately four months. The trained dogs are then matched with a blind person.

The Orbins received their first dog from The Seeing Eye in April 2009, a seven-week-old yellow lab named Rainy.

"Our primary responsibilities are to housebreak the puppy, teach it basic commands and socialize it in all kinds of environments. We take the puppies nearly everywhere we go," Dave said. "Rainy visited our bank, auto repair shop, shopping malls, restaurants, motels, amusement parks, museums and church."

Raising a puppy is a full-time commitment and requires a lot of work. But according to Dave, the biggest challenge is not in raising the puppies. "I suspect that the biggest challenge for a puppy raiser is letting go of a dog that has been part of your family for over a year.

"The separation is softened by the knowledge that the puppy will go on to provide a wonderful service, and the knowledge that another seven-week old puppy will soon be entering our home."

In December 2014, one of their puppies returned home. The Orbins adopted Sally, a puppy they had raised, when she retired after spending three years as a breeding dog for The Seeing Eye.

The Orbins have now raised nine puppies — seven yellow Labrador retrievers and two German shepherds.

"The goal of the guide dog is to give independence and dignity to a visually impaired person. Guide dogs give blind people the ability to go where they want, when they want. Seeing a blind person, head held high, briskly walking with their dog is wonderful. Knowing that we play a part in making that possible is all the reward we want," Dave said. •



Kathy Morris Orbin '67



Dave Orbin '66, reunites with Sally, a former foster puppy, after three years apart.

The Faculty-Student Connection

Professor Laubach Epitomized the Model Community

Shannon Back '16 and Jenny Hill '05 contributed to this story.

Otterbein's Model Community is a recent concept, but one that has its roots in the leaders of its past. One such leader, Professor John Laubach, former chair of the Department of History and Political Science, exemplified the Model Community both inside and outside the classroom.

Laubach began his long career at Otterbein in 1958 and received an Honorary Alumnus Award in 1985. The award was created in 1950 for the purpose of recognizing and honoring those individuals who, though not graduates of Otterbein, have demonstrated outstanding interest, commitment and involvement in its life and activities. Recipients embody the notion that friends of the University, in addition to its alumni, can play an important and vital role in the enhancement of the institution. Laubach was the perfect choice for the award.

"Dr. Laubach was a great man and very brilliant," recalled **Stephanie Souryasack '93**. "He overcame a great challenge of deteriorating eyesight, and always remained sharp with a 'photographic' like memory. He and his wife were wonderful to me, and I would love the opportunity to repay his incredible generosity to me and to others."

To Souryasack, Laubach was not only a mentor, but a friend

who helped her through some difficult times.

Souryasack spent her high school years in different foster homes, but was determined to attend college. She went to Otterbein for a visitation day and fell in love with the look of the campus and how nice everyone was.

Otterbein offered her a generous financial aid package, and she began her first year as a political science major in the fall of 1989. Otterbein proved to be a perfect fit for her, from the welcoming campus to the personal attention she received from her professors.

But as the temperatures dropped and the leaves began to change colors that fall, Souryasack found herself with nowhere to spend the long winter break. She confided in Laubach, her advisor and professor whom she had already grown to respect and admire.

He consulted with his wife, **Diane Harvey Laubach '73**, and the couple invited Souryasack to spend the holidays at their house near campus with the couple and Diane's two sons. Soon, Souryasack began to feel like part of their family.



Stephanie Souryasack '93

"They became like parents to me," she said. "They were so generous and nice, and let me stay with them for my first three years at Otterbein. I visited with them like they were family and had dinners with them every so often or went to the house to get away from Otterbein every once in a while."

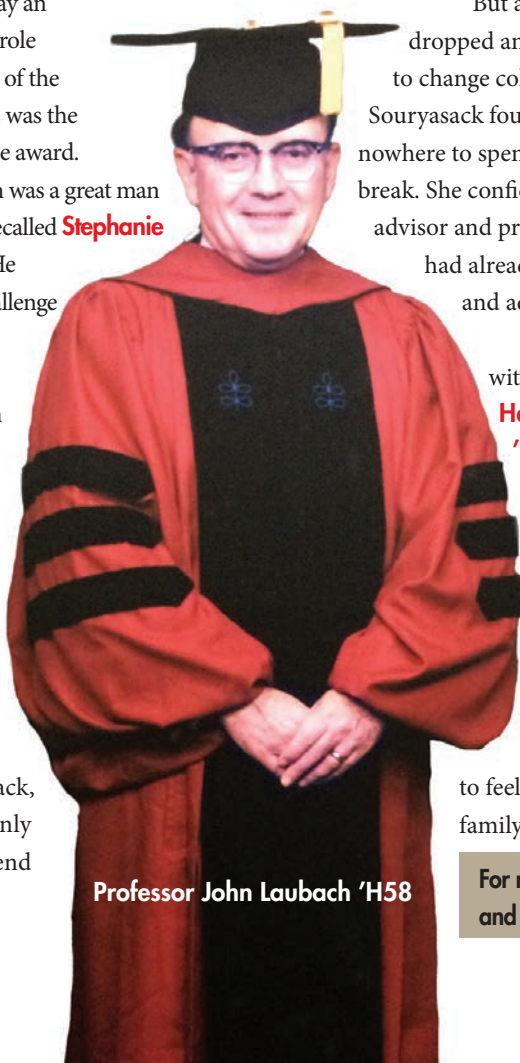
Professor Laubach retired with emeritus status in 1992, and the Laubachs moved to Benton, PA. But they extended another act of kindness — the Laubachs paid the small amount of Souryasack's tuition that remained. They returned to campus to see her graduate in 1993.

She went on to earn her master's degree in business administration at Capital University in 1998. She began a successful career that included positions at CoreComm Telecommunications and Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, before she was hired by Nationwide in 2006. She currently works as IT application development manager for the Columbus-based Fortune 500 company.

Souryasack stayed in touch with the Laubachs through phone calls, emails and occasional visits, even taking her daughter along on one visit to Pennsylvania.

Professor Laubach passed away in 2008. Souryasack decided to honor her mentor and friend in 2009 by establishing the Dr. John H. Laubach Internship for Political Science to provide a grant to a full-time student pursuing an internship in political science.

She hopes that others who remember Laubach, or those who would like to provide hands-on learning experiences for political science students, will join her in supporting the endowed prize. •



Professor John Laubach 'H58

For more information, contact Candace Brady, director of development and planning giving, at 614-823-1953 or cbrady@otterbein.edu.



I STAND WITH OTTERBEIN

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BETSY SALT



A WORLD PERSPECTIVE



From the icy shores of Antarctica to the sandy beaches of the Palau Islands in the Pacific, Betsy Salt's intrepid travels have taken her to the far reaches of the world and allowed her to enjoy its natural wonders and myriad cultures.

In all, Salt has visited 80 countries during a life-long adventure that began her freshman year in college and continued throughout her long tenure as a cataloger and metadata librarian at Otterbein's Courtright Memorial Library. Now she wants to help Otterbein students have the same kind of life-changing experiences that she is firmly convinced come with traveling and studying abroad.

With that in mind, Salt has established the Elizabeth A. Salt Travel Endowed Scholarship Fund at Otterbein. Her generosity will provide students who may not be able to afford international travel with the opportunity to benefit from global experiential learning.

Her significant gift supports the University's \$50 million "Where We STAND Matters" campaign and fits nicely with one of its overarching priorities — Building a Model Community.

"Studying abroad was one of the most eye-opening things I did in college," Salt says, "and I want to give Otterbein students the opportunity to do that, too, even if they lack the financial means."

Salt fondly recalls the travel seminar she participated in during her first year at Western College, a liberal arts school that's now part of Miami University in Oxford, OH. The trip took her to Peru, Brazil, Colombia and Chile, exposing her to the people and natural beauty of these diverse South American countries.

"It got me interested in other cultures and travel," she says. "I've had that interest ever since then."

It was the start of a travel odyssey that has taken her to every continent. It was capped by an amazing trip she took earlier this year when she was part of a group that traveled the world over the course of a month with National Geographic Expeditions.

Among the many stops were Oman in the Middle East; the Himalayan countries of Nepal and Bhutan; Laos in Southeast Asia; the aforementioned Palau Islands; the Maldives Islands in the Indian Ocean; the African countries of Botswana and Rwanda; and, at the end of the trip, Barcelona, Spain.

"It was my dream trip — a trip of a lifetime," Salt says.

Salt's many achievements at Otterbein included being a key member of teams that helped the library transition to an automated cataloging system and other technological evolutions, said Lois Szudy, who recently retired as the University's library director.

Salt continues to be proud to stand with a university that still teaches the liberal arts that she values so deeply.

"A liberal arts education gives students the broad-based background to pursue whatever career path they choose to follow," she says. "Otterbein also remains academically challenging for students and has an excellent reputation for integrity and student success."

For the full story, visit www.otterben.edu/stand.



WHERE WE
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The Campaign for Otterbein's Future:
Investing in Students First



STANDING TOGETHER

New VP, Largest Gifts Impact Campaign

Three major announcements impacted the “Where We STAND Matters” campaign in a matter of weeks in late summer. First came the selection of Otterbein’s new vice president for institutional advancement, Michael (Mike) McGreevey; the second came from the largest individual gift to the campaign thus far of \$1.5 million from alumna **Annie Upper ’86**; and the third included the largest gift made to Otterbein by a Greek organization in its 168-year history.

The gifts, announced at Homecoming, raised the campaign total past the \$21 million mark and was at \$22.8 million as of Nov. 2. More than 7,700 alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents and friends have offered their support toward Otterbein’s future.

McGreevey, who will continue campaign leadership efforts, has more than 25 years of experience in higher education administration within advancement, alumni relations, international education, enrollment and student affairs. He comes to Otterbein from Wells College in Aurora, NY, where he served as vice president for advancement. He joined Otterbein on Oct. 19.

“I am excited and honored to work with President Krendl and the Otterbein community to advance the vision and strategic priorities of this outstanding University at this important moment in the institution’s history,” McGreevey said.

“Mike’s experience in multiple facets of higher education administration makes him stand out as a well-rounded and ideal professional to serve as Otterbein’s vice president for institutional

advancement. His campaign, major gift and staff development experience will serve Otterbein well as we continue our ‘Where We STAND Matters’ campaign,” said President Kathy Krendl.

While at Wells College, McGreevey developed a full service advancement program and led the planning and implementation of the college’s comprehensive and project campaigns, with nearly \$40 million raised. He also oversaw

a successful annual giving program, which raised \$2.5 million in unrestricted and budget-applicable dollars per year.

Prior to his position at Wells College, McGreevey worked at Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY, and London, England, from 1988-2008. He served as assistant director for student activities and orientation, special assistant for enrollment planning, director of the Ithaca College London Center, interim director of alumni relations and

director of special programs for advancement. He capped his time at Ithaca College serving as senior advisor/chief of staff to the president from 1999-2008.

McGreevey earned his bachelor’s degree in interpersonal and public communication from Bowling Green State University; master’s degree in education, higher education and student affairs administration from the University of Vermont; and master’s degree in organizational communication from Ithaca College.

A Greenville, OH, native, McGreevey and his family are enjoying getting to know Otterbein and the local communities.



The McGreeveys at Homecoming: Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Mike, on right; Karen, to the left of Cardy; and their children, from left, Liam, 13; Maggie, 8; and Katie, 10

CAMPAIGN HAPPENINGS

"OTTERBEIN MEANT SO MUCH TO ME AS AN ADULT STUDENT. THE SUPPORT WAS JUST INCREDIBLE. I WANT FUTURE STUDENTS TO HAVE THE SAME SUPPORT I HAD. IT'S A SPECIAL PLACE WITH TALENTED PEOPLE..." **ANNIE UPPER '86**

Homecoming ushered the announcement of the largest individual gift to the campaign to date: \$1.5 million from alumna Annie Upper of Galena, OH.

Uppers' gift will endow a permanent scholarship and provide significant funding for future Otterbein students, enhancing the access and affordability campaign priority. Her gift will also impact the university's campus renewal priority within the strategic plan and support a visible improvement to the campus.

"Otterbein meant so much to me as an adult student," said Upper, a former Otterbein trustee and business entrepreneur. "I needed my degree to do the things I aspired to do and the support here was just incredible. I want future students to have the same support and accessibility that I had from faculty. It's a special place with talented people who are making a difference in our world."

"Our alumni, board and donors like Annie are really stepping forward to make an impact at Otterbein," said President Krendl. "Their understanding of our need to invest in students first by creating scholarships for travel, music, math, arts and sciences, among other gifts, has been overwhelming. We look forward to continuing the work we have ahead of us to build Otterbein's future."

Lambda Gamma Epsilon endows \$80,000 scholarship, the largest gift made by any Greek organization in Otterbein's history.

A scholarship will be awarded each year to a fraternity brother who exemplifies the values of the organization and demonstrates financial need. Efforts were coordinated by chapter alumni members including **Russell Beitzel '96**, **Charles Ernst '73** and **Mike Wasyluk '74** and past president of the chapter, **Brandon Moss '05**. The gift amount was collected over time by various constituents of the Lambda Gamma Epsilon Housing Association with the intent of improving the chapter's standing. A housing focus was deferred in favor of establishing a scholarship endowment and the Housing Association will dissolve with the Kings Alumni Association as its successor.

"This was an extremely thoughtful and useful investment of the Kingsmen," said Bob Gatti, vice president for student affairs and dean

of students. "We're enthusiastic to work with other Greek organizations who might also see the value in establishing endowments toward the future of their chapters that can impact the campaign."

Since July 2015, donors have given \$2,900,000 to support the "Where We STAND Matters" campaign. More than 25 percent of the campaign donors are first-time donors to Otterbein; 7,700 individuals have donated to date; and 466 corporations, foundations and organizations have committed support. More information about the campaign initiatives and donor profiles can be found at www.otterbein.edu/STAND. •



Front Row: Bob Gatti, vice president for student affairs and dean of students; Kerry Strayer, associate professor of communication; Kathleen Bonte, executive director of Development; Russel Beitzel '96. Back row: Michael McGreevey, vice president for Institutional Advancement; David Parkison '17; Michael Wasyluk '74

"Where We STAND Matters" Campaign Priorities

- Building a Model Community
- Campus Renewal
- Access and Affordability

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compiled by Becky Hill May '78

1951 reunion year
alumni weekend 2016

Robert Dunham '53 retired from Pennsylvania State University where he was senior vice president and dean.

1956 reunion year
alumni weekend 2016

1961 reunion year
alumni weekend 2016

Carol Thompson '61 has retired from Baldwin Wallace University where she was an associate academic dean.

James Gilts '63 celebrated 20 years as a cast member at Walt Disney World, Orlando, in September.

Martha Slack Kinkead '63 is serving as the membership chairperson for the Franklin County Retired Teachers Association.

Joyce Rugh Miller '65 and her husband, **Joseph Miller '64**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August with a surprise celebration that more than 90 people attended.

1966 reunion year
alumni weekend 2016

Geoffrey Astles '70 was appointed to the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RTS) board of commissioners in July by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. He will represent RTS Ontario County.

Daniel Evans '74 has retired from teaching in Montgomery County Public Schools, MD.

Elaine Clarke '76 works at Schneider's Bakery, Uptown Westerville.

Tom Comery '77 was elected president and CEO of Eco Building Products, Inc. EBP is a manufacturer of treated wood products using a proprietary eco-friendly technology.

Pati Shambaugh '77 is an administrative associate at the American Postal Workers Union, Columbus.

Thomas Shanks '77 has retired as a CPA from PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Dianne Grote Adams '78 was a finalist for the 2015 Visionary Award, given by the National Association of Women Business Owners. The award honors one woman in central Ohio who has achieved success in business while making notable contributions to her community, industry and initiatives for other women in business. She is the president of Safex, Westerville.

Cyndi Skunza Macioce '78 won *Columbus Parent's* Teacher of the Year award in the high

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Virginia "Ginny" Phillippi Longmire '55, provided funding as the lead donor of the restoration of the **Battelle Fine Arts Center**, the current home of Otterbein's music department. Her gift was made in memory of her late husband, **Howard Longmire '55**, and their shared love of music. We are grateful for her dedication to Otterbein and her commitment to this campaign.

David Thomas '69 is the U.S. representative for Experiencia Spanish language schools in Mexico, with campuses in Morelos, Oaxaca and Nayarit. He markets and promotes four schools to American students interested in the cultural immersion experience and improving their Spanish. The school at right is in Cuernavaca, Morelos.



Carol Carpenter Waugh '71 and seven other alumnae from the **class of 1971** have kept a round robin letter going for 44 years. This August, they met at Stonewall Resort, WV. Pictured are

Wilma Patterson Moore, Carol, Lana Waters Liu, Betty Johnston Rigdon, Francine Adams Dyer, Barbara Bibbee and Rosemarie Willhide. Not pictured, **Brenda Fausnaugh Zenan.**



school division. She is in her 20th year teaching theatre and drama at Gahanna Lincoln High School.

Jeffrey Cole '79 retired after 33 years in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. He was the deputy assistant inspector general for audits within the office of the inspector general.

Katherine Cox '79 is a self-employed accountant in Columbus.

Holly Feen-Calligan '79, associate professor, College of Education Art Therapy Program at Wayne State University, Detroit, was selected by the Honors Committee to receive the American Art Therapy Association's 2015 Distinguished Service Award.

Sylvia Ingels Hill '79 retired from Delphi Automotive in March.

Mollie Echelmeyer Prasher '79 is the clerk of council for the village of Granville, OH.

Chris Carlisle '80 was named Licking County Conference boys coach of the year and district coach of the year following the 2014 season. He has been the head boys golf coach at Johnstown-Monroe High School since 2004. This is the sixth time he was named coach of the year in the conference and fourth time in the district. His teams or players have made appearances in five state tournaments.

Lori Huntsman Farkas '83 is a chiropractic assistant at Chapel Hill Chiropractic Center, Chapel Hill, NC.

Steven Rush '84 is vice president of global purchasing at Magna Powertrain in Michigan.

Kim Walker '85 is traffic director at iHeartMedia, Inc., Toledo.

Karen Dickinson Blair '88 is senior account manager at Information Control Company, Columbus.

Jolene Thompson Tuttle '88 has been named to the American Public Power Association board of directors. She will represent Region 2 on the board, which includes Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. She is senior vice president of member services and external affairs at American Municipal Power, Inc.

Helen Stewart Harding '89 was named chief nursing officer at Fairfield Medical Center, Lancaster, OH, in July.

Jim Day '90 was inducted into the Westerville South Alumni Hall of Fame in April. He hosts the pregame and postgame shows of the Cincinnati Reds broadcasts, *Reds Live*.

Kathryn Cale Eichlin '91 was inducted into the VIP Woman of the Year Circle by the National Association of Professional Women in May. She is head of internal communications at Syngenta North America, which specializes in agribusiness.

TJ Gi '91 is semi-retired in Tempe, AZ. He enjoys hosting trivia shows.

Otterbein Trustee member **Alec Wightman**, and his wife **Kathy**, made a gift of \$250,000 to support current and future needs at Otterbein. "I am very interested in this whole question of how we effectively endow scholarships and provide financial aid so that Otterbein students do not graduate burdened with debt," he says. "Otterbein does a pretty good job of that now, but we need to do more." As Chair of the Advancement Committee, Alec has played an integral role in the "Where We STAND Matters" campaign.

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Lynette Freshour Vargyas-Buchser '73 participated in the Avon 39 The Walk to End Breast Cancer in September in Santa Barbara, CA. Participants walk 26 miles on Saturday and 13 miles on Sunday. She raised more than \$2,500 for the cause.

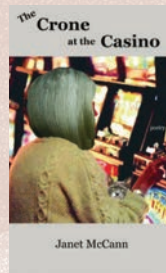
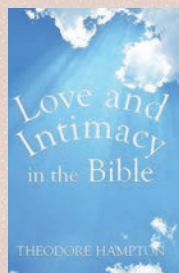
Jeff Wilson '85 ran in his 100th marathon, the Flying Pig, in Cincinnati, May 2, 2015.



Otterbein Book Corner

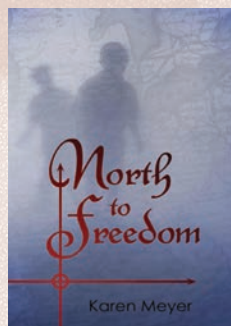


Theodore Hampton '59 has published his first book, *Love and Intimacy in the Bible*. The book focuses on one of the cultural distortions of scripture that deny expression of our most intimate relationships.

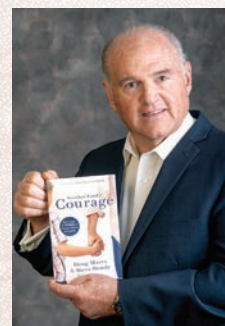


Janet Lacey McCann '63 has published her eighth poetry collection, *The Crone at the Casino*. The poetry finds humor in growing old.

Karen Hoerath Meyer '65 has published, *North to Freedom*, her fifth historical novel written for young readers. The book follows two fugitives from slavery through Kentucky as they make their way into Canada. The Hanby family shelters them as they pass through Westerville. The book is available through Amazon and at the Hanby House Gift Shop.



Doug Mazza '69 has published a book, *Another Kind of Courage*. In the book, written for parents of children with disabilities, he hopes to impart insight into God's design for these families. All proceeds are used to help Joni and Friends ministry projects. He is the president and COO of Joni and Friends International Disability Center.



Ricardo Murph '78 has published his first book, *Four Secrets to be Free in Christ*, a study of salvation based on four simple words — grace, propitiation, justification and redemption.



Julie Foltz Warther '91 has published her first haiku chapbook, *What Was Here*. She is currently serving as the Midwest regional coordinator for the Haiku Society of America. Her work is also included in many journals and anthologies including *A New Resonance 9: Emerging Voices in English-Language Haiku*, *Haiku 2014* and *The Red Moon Anthologies*.



Becca Rossiter Lachman '04 has published her second collection of poems, *Other Acreage*. She currently teaches at Ohio University.



Jen Knox '07 has published a collection of short stories entitled, *After the Gazebo*. She was also a visiting writer at Otterbein's Literary Festival in January.



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Melissa Miller Winters '91 creates jewelry from resin and recycled materials. Her work is displayed in the new cooperative art gallery in downtown Granville, Art@43023. Her work has also been featured in the Belle

Armoire Jewelry and Green Craft magazines.

Marshall Brown '92 is the community manager for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer at the American Cancer Society, Dublin, OH.

Beth Kidwell '92 is a staff accountant in the business office at Otterbein.

Jenny Thatcher Herr '94 is a middle school counselor at Adams Middle School, Johnstown-Monroe School

District, OH. She earned her master's degree in school counseling in 2011 from the University of Dayton.

Chris Kramer '94 is district manager for the Gulf Coast at Finish Line in Florida.

Alumnus Often Serves the Survivors Left Behind

By Tabatha Piper '15

Most Americans do not remember the names of Somerset County and Shanksville, PA, but most remember United Airlines Flight 93. On Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. Capitol was the target of Flight 93, but passengers fought the attempts of the terrorists, forcing the plane to crash in a field outside Shanksville, killing all 44 aboard.

For **Reverend Chuck Olson '65**, then-pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Somerset County, that day was a significant moment in his lifetime of service to others. He was on the scene to counsel anyone in need after the tragic crash.

"It's not all about talking," said Olson. "Just being there can make a huge impact."

Olson often serves the people that are left behind. For most tragedies, it's the survivors who suffer longterm. The victims come to mind most often, but survivors are expected to go on living their normal daily lives after disaster strikes.



"It's a difficult time," said Olson. "I just give people a hug, encourage them and help them to know that God cares for them and that God will be with them as they deal with this loss that is certainly devastating to them."

One of Olson's goals in counseling is to remind the families that the victims' lives will not go unnoticed. "We will remember and never forget," said Olson.

Somerset County was the site of another potential disaster. On July 24, 2002, nine miners were trapped for 77 hours in the flooded Quecreek Mine. Olson was right beside the families comforting and counseling them. All nine miners survived.

"In Quecreek, the families stayed very close together, not only the spouses of the miners but parents and grandparents and all the pastors stayed close by and tried to be very supportive and let them know that regardless of what happened next we were going to be there for them. And we were," said Olson.

Todd Spires '94 is the director of business development at Pluribus International Corporation (PIC) in Maryland. PIC specializes in providing analytical, operational, engineering and program management support services to federal government customers in the defense, security and intelligence sectors.

Alicia Caudill '95 is executive vice president of the division of student affairs at the College of Charleston, SC.

Pam Yount Syzdek '96 is owner of Advanced Business Consulting, Zanesville, OH.

Matthew Ehlinger '97 is a math teacher at the Global

Impact STEM Academy, Springfield, OH.

Cydney Rooks '98 is an executive assistant at Miller Russell Associates, an investment advising and wealth management company in Phoenix.

Crystal Austen Von Oesen '98 is a training specialist at Anthem Blue Cross Blue

Shield, Middletown, NY. She also regularly performs with Cornerstone Theatre Arts, Goshen, NY.

Barbara Moore Prosser '99 is chief financial officer at St. Mary Development Corporation, Dayton, a faith-based non-profit that creates sustainable, affordable housing solutions in southwest Ohio.



Jane Hassenpflug Johnson '86 received the 2015 Golden Apple Award from the Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donahue Family Foundation at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May. She is the special education and resource teacher and vice principal at St. Mary's Bryantown School, a pre-K-8 school in the archdiocese of Washington, D.C., where she has taught for 14 years.



Catherine Randazzo '87 manages the literary office at Florida Studio Theatre, Sarasota. She assists the associate director with intensive audience outreach in the community. She received the Cultural Organization of the Year Award for small business from the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce last spring.

Helene Mundrick Wirth '99 is a technical director at Nationwide Insurance, Columbus.

Amy Mussett Wideman '00 completed 15 years at Wilder Elementary School, Westerville.

Heather Hittle Bush '01 is owner and chief financial officer of Hittle House LLC, a residential treatment center that provides therapeutic and educational services to adolescent boys suffering from sexual trauma.

Coralea Matix Collins '01 is the new co-owner of Indian Bear Lodge in Walhonding, OH. The business consists of a new winery, lodge, carriage houses and cabins for dining and events.

Patrice Allen Brady '02 earned her master's degree

in city and regional planning at The Ohio State University in June 2013. She is now working on the Celebrate ONE infant mortality initiative as a senior planner for the city of Columbus.

Robin Rentfrow Campbell '02 is senior director at the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Dublin, OH.

Heather Towers Jenkins '02 is a genetic technologist at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

Chris Lenz '02 is the operations manager for Franklin Park Physical Medicine, Columbus.

Shauna Smith '02 is a seventh grade language arts teacher and yearbook advisor at Oak Glen Middle School, New Cumberland, WV, the same middle school that she attended. She earned her dual teaching

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certification in secondary education for English and communications in April, and completed her master's degree in December at Robert Morris University, Moon, PA.

Emily Stout-LaSalle '02 is an optometrist at EyeCare One, Beaufort, SC.

LeeAnne Mizer Jurkowitz '03 is the secondary school counselor at Fredericktown Local Schools, OH.

Jennifer Preston '03 is a collections agent with the Denver Public Library and loving life in Denver, CO.

Micheaux Robinson '05 was re-activated from injured reserve with the Jacksonville Sharks of the Arena Football League. He begins his sixth

season with Jacksonville, where he is franchise leader in tackles, interceptions and pass breakups.

Molly Colburn '06 is human resources director at Kirk Williams Co., a mechanical contracting business in Grove City, OH.

Lenora Evans '06 recently finished her residency at Baptist Hospital, Madisonville, KY, and is practicing as a physician of family medicine at St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville, IN.

Jason Fletcher '06 is a funeral director at Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Millbury, OH.

Mayme Moyer Kugler '06 earned her master's degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing at

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Jennifer Morgan Flory '95 was promoted to full professor in the college of arts and sciences at Georgia College, Milledgeville, GA.



Anthony Fulton '00 received his doctorate in English rhetoric and composition from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, in May. He presented a paper on superheroes and disabilities at the Comics Arts Conference during Comic-Con International in San Diego in July.



Pam Traylor Simpson '69 and Ron Simpson '69

Couple Help Ethiopian Women Break the Cycle of Poverty

By Dan Steinberg

A hidden population — one in which thousands of Ethiopian women trek 10 miles up the slopes to collect eucalyptus branches — caught the attention of **Ron '69** and **Pam Traylor '69 Simpson**. The women, though they barely earn enough to survive, are often the sole support of their families.



The Simpsons and their daughter established a foundation, Connected in Hope, which builds the capacity of women and families, helping them to learn weaving skills and empowering them to rise above poverty.

"A sustainable income is a family's first step out of poverty," said Pam, who earned a doctorate degree in education at Virginia Tech after graduating from Otterbein. "Connected in Hope's holistic model goes beyond charity, giving families the tools and support they need to succeed."

Change has been the hallmark of the Simpsons' lives. Pam majored in elementary education and enjoyed her sisters in Tau Epsilon Mu while on campus. Ron was a member of

Kings. The couple moved to South Carolina where Pam taught gifted and talented students, while Ron worked for the Department of Energy. Pam and Ron retired on the same day in 2007.

Pam's first travel to Ethiopia in 2009 with her daughter, Ryane Murnane, was to pick up Ryane's son, Joseph, in an international adoption. "We fell in love with the country and the people,"

Pam said. "We wanted to find a way to honor Joseph's birth culture, to give back and make a difference."

"Connected in Hope has grown in five years," Pam said.

"More than 80 women earn sustainable incomes producing leather goods, scarves hand woven of Ethiopian cotton, baskets and other items. We pay for the raw materials, buy the finished products, and sell them online, at trunk shows and through retail partners.

"One hundred percent of the profits from sales are reinvested in programs for the women and their families. Despite our progress, much remains to be done. We are aware of the depth and breadth of need in the community that still exists," Pam said.

Profile

Hood College, Frederick, MD, in May.

Trent Kugler '06 was among three finalists whose projects were selected best in show and were published in the United States Institute for Theatre Technology's national trade magazine, *Theatre Design & Technology*, summer 2015 edition. His project, "A Realistic and Interactive LED

Candle," was displayed at the Tech Expo as well.

Jillian Shellabarger-Tobias '06 graduated from her child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship in June and joined Consolidated Care, Inc., in Urbana and Bellefontaine, OH, treating both adults and children.

Justin Whitehill '06 is a research associate at the Michael Smith Laboratories, University of British Columbia. His research on the

emerald ash borer was featured as the cover illustration for the December 2014 issue of the international journal, *Oecologia*.

Current trustee **James Rutherford**, and his wife, **Kathleen**, have provided for Otterbein through their estate with an additional campaign gift that would support the greatest needs of the university when the gift is realized. In addition to their involvement today, the Rutherfords are parents of an Otterbein alumnus, **Keith Rutherford '99**. The university thanks them for their continued generosity.

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Andre Lampkins '03 is the director of outreach and engagement at the Center for Healthy Families in Franklin County, OH. He is responsible for development and events. The center's mission is to provide services and support for pregnant and parenting teens that will create self-sufficiency.

Melica Hampton '04 is a writing tutor for students at the College of St. Elizabeth and a supported education specialist at Bridgeway Rehabilitation Service, Inc., New Jersey. She participated in an event for children at the Ferry Avenue Library, Camden, NJ, in September, pictured here.



Niraj Sharma '03, 'MBA '06

Alumnus Reaches Out to His Former Home, Nepal, and Its People

By Tabatha Piper '15

On the quiet morning of April 25, 2015, the small country of Nepal, nestled in the Himalayan mountains, was awakened by the jolt of a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. The quake killed more than 8,500 people and injured more than 22,000. It triggered an avalanche on nearby Mount Everest.

This was the worst natural disaster to strike Nepal since 1934. The earthquake left people without homes and in desperate need of food and clean water.

The devastation was broadcast around the world. Watching from afar was **Niraj Sharma '03, MBA '06**, a native of Kathmandu, Nepal's gateway to tourism.

Sharma could understand not only the photos he was seeing but also the language and cries of the Nepalese people. He also knows that Nepal is one of the poorest countries in Asia.

"It had a really profound effect on me," said Sharma. He decided he needed to become involved.

Sharma knew he would be a hindrance if he went to Nepal, so he made the decision to help from the United States. He started a GoFundMe initiative, a fundraiser that allowed people to donate money to the people of Nepal.



"About 95 percent of the donations we collected came from the Otterbein community," said Sharma, who now works as the director of technology infrastructure for his alma mater. "It just shows how much the Otterbein network cares, not just locally, but to a small country half-way around the world."

Thus far, Sharma's efforts, as well as those of Assistant Professor of Religion Geoff Barstow, have raised more than \$8,000. Barstow's backyard cookout raised about \$1,800 alone.

All the money has been used to buy or send

supplies and cash to Nepal.

"A little bit can go a long way," said Sharma.

Sharma is no stranger to volunteering or lending a helping hand. In fact, he is a firm believer in returning the favor.

"Community service is an important part of my life," said Sharma.

He plans to go to Nepal in early 2016 to help further.

Sharma's advice is to encourage people to give back, get involved and volunteer somewhere. He urges that the time is now.

Teresa Young Tabler '06 is a business analyst at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

Greg Cooper '07 is athletic director at Indiana University Kokomo. He oversees the athletic programs and the Milt and Jean Cole Family Wellness and Fitness Center.

Shannon Ebbinghaus '07 is a Spanish teacher at Gahanna Lincoln High School, OH.

Lara Moore Henning '07 is owner/designer/illustrator at Hen Pen Paper Co., Grove City, OH.

Heather Manning '08 taught a human microbiology course in the Department of Biology and

Earth Science at Otterbein as an adjunct professor last spring.

Tyler Stephen '08 is head coach of the men's tennis team at Otterbein.

Christopher Watson '08 is the owner/president of New Leaf Financial LLC, Dublin, OH.

Whitney Prose Bruno '09

earned a dual master's degree in theology and divinity at The Methodist Theological School, Delaware, OH. She is pastor at St. Michael's United Church of Christ, Baltimore, OH.

Heather Marshall '09 is a trainer and quality analyst for Cardinal Health, Columbus.

Colleen Shaver Holton '06 opened a home décor business, Upstairs Originals, LLC, in Westerville, offering customized furnishings, accessories and clothing. Everything is made by hand and personalized to fit the customer's needs. Many of her products can be found in the Ohio Art Market in Uptown Westerville and Simply Vague at Polaris Fashion Place. She is shown with her husband, Sam, and son, Eli.



Molly Metz '09 received her doctorate in psychology and certificate in college and university teaching at the University of California, Santa Barbara, in July. She is a visiting assistant professor in the psychology department of Miami University, Oxford, OH, this fall.

Entertainment Center

Benjamin Hodges '91, president of Theatre World Media and editor-in-chief of the *Theatre World* series, produced the Eighth Annual Fire Island Pines Literary and Theater Weekend in Fire Island Pines, NY, in October, featuring two-time Tony and Emmy award winner, Andrea Martin.



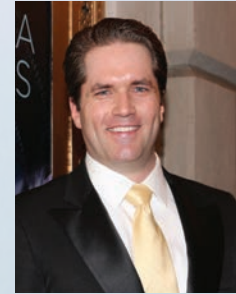
Daniel Knechtges '94 directed and choreographed *Hairspray* at The Muny, America's oldest and largest outdoor musical theatre in St. Louis in June.



Shannon Reed '96 (left) and fellow Otterbein alumnus **Brett Sullivan Santry '96**, presented two one-act plays at the Pittsburgh Fringe Festival held in May. She recently completed her master's degree in fine arts at the University of Pittsburgh.



Johnny Steiner '96 performed selections from his album, *Young at Heart*, at Cowan Hall in August.

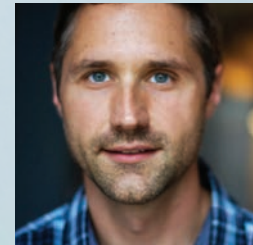


Aaron Ramey '98 played Otto Hahnke in the Broadway production of *The Visit*.



Sheryl Warren-Wisniewski '00 was nominated for two Emmy Awards as part of The Lighting Design Group team who worked on the 2014 NBC Olympics in Sochi. She served as project manager.

Eric Kasprisin '04 was nominated for an Emmy Award for his work as a gaffer with The Lighting Design Group team for the 2014 NBC Olympics in Soshi.



Audrey Hueckel Hasson '03 joined the NBC4-TV sportscaster team in Columbus this summer.



Molly Wetzel '13 (left in photo) performed as a witch, Lady Macduff, and many other parts in the touring production of *Macbeth* last spring with the Utah Shakespeare Festival's Shakespeare in the Schools Tour. This was her first role in *Macbeth* and her first touring experience.

Sean Poncinie '09 was featured in an article about a veteran employment program in *Columbus CEO* magazine in July. He is a quality assurance analyst at IGS Energy in Dublin, OH.

Cassandra Cardenas '10 is creative director at TransMedia Group, Boca Raton, FL. TransMedia is a multi-lingual public relations firm serving clients worldwide.

Micaela Coleman '10 participated in the Graduate Gateway Program at American University where she studied global business and trade and was honored to have received a Dean's and Leadership Advancement Scholarship.

Anna Haller '10 has opened a quilting store, HootnHaller, in Yellow Springs, OH.

Pamela Miller Maynard '10 is dean of students at Green Dot Public Schools, Wooddale Middle School, Memphis, TN. She is also working on her education specialist degree in educational administration at the University of Tennessee.

Jamie Whetstone '10 is the grants coordinator in the Office of Sponsored Programs at Otterbein.

Jayme Detweiler Crowell '11, social media manager and magazine associate editor at Delta Gamma Fraternity, Columbus, received a first place award for the story, *Sisters Shining in Their Golden Years*. She also placed first for overall social media engagement, among more than 50 national Greek organizations. The awards were presented by the Fraternity Communications Association in May.

John Henderson '11 is a communications assistant at Methodist Theological School, Delaware, OH.

Thad Kandel '11 will continue his medical training with a residency in general surgery at York Hospital, York, ME.

Michelle Davis Mossbarger '11 is a human resource generalist at Stanley Black and Decker, Westerville.

Patricia Devlin Parrish '11 is employed by the Mount Vernon Animal Hospital, after graduating from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in May. She recently traveled to visit a colleague at the University of Utrecht, Netherlands, with her husband, Evan, and is now settling down on their new farm.

Kelsi Fawley '12 is a banking and cash management auditor at L Brands.

Andrea Keil '12 received her master's degree in music history from Bowling Green State University (BGSU) in May. She was a graduate teaching assistant and was awarded the Charles E. Shanklin Award for Research Excellence while at BGSU. After graduation, she served as an adjunct instructor of musicology in the College of Musical Arts at BGSU. This fall she returns to teaching at Music Makers Piano Studio in the Columbus area.

Sarah Overdier '12 performed with the band, Salty Caramels, at the Columbus Arts Festival in June and the Westerville Music and Arts Festival in July. She is currently working on a solo project to be released soon.

Jill Baker '13 is a research coordinator at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

Brandon Barker '13 is a data analyst, claims control at Progressive Insurance.

Ashley Bruehl '13 is in charge of patron experiences at Jefferson County Public Library, Denver, CO.

Rose Powell Grady '13 is a registered nurse at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

Amanda Harris '13 is an IT business analyst at The Motorist Insurance Group, Columbus.

Gina Jones '13 is a corporate buyer at Worthington Industries, Columbus.

Ashlee Smith Saunders '13 is a registered nurse at Madison Health, Springfield, OH.

Graham Shippy '13 is assistant account executive for Ron Foth Advertising, Columbus.

Kathleen Smart '13 is a middle school science teacher at Performance Academies, Columbus.

Allison Marie Switzer '13 is working at Joann Fabrics in Michigan.

Craig Tomastik '13 is a service desk analyst at Huntington National Bank, Columbus.

Elyse Brigham '14 is a communications specialist at Aultman Health Systems in Canton, OH.

Chelsea Burns '14 is a crop consultant at Crop Production Services, Southern Ohio division.

Jerrin Hill '14 is the study abroad coordinator in the Center for International Education and Global Engagement at Otterbein.

Suzanne Kelly '14 has opened a business with her sister in Galena, OH, Talula's, filled with odds and ends, trinkets and t-shirts. An art major, she crafts some of the pieces they sell.

Evan McIntyre '14 was awarded Educator of the Year at Hawthorne Elementary, by the Westerville Education Association at their annual reception in May.

Lauren Myers '14 is a registered nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

Kelly Pruchnicki '14 was accepted into The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Giving Note

Lambda Gamma Epsilon (Kings) endowed a permanent scholarship at Otterbein. The scholarship will be awarded each year to a fraternity brother who exemplifies the values of the organization and demonstrates financial need. To date, this is the largest gift from an Otterbein Greek organization. We are grateful for their dedication to Otterbein and its students.



Rashad Mosley '11 is owner and lead photographer for Vision & Style Photography. Earlier this year, he volunteered to take professional headshots for the students who came to Otterbein's Center for Career and Professional Development program.



Michelle Quinn Dippold '13 earned her master's degree in higher education and student affairs at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, in May. She is coordinator of collegiate programs and communications at the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society, Columbus.

Hannah Gorman '15 is assistant venue manager at The Estate by Gene and Georgetti, Chicago. She credits her Otterbein experiences and internships in landing her this job.

Katelyn Hanzel '15 is a media relations specialist at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Alisa Hartman '15 is a marketing communication specialist at OhioHealth.

Megan Hartnett '15 is a registered nurse at OhioHealth.

Gina Heitkamp '15 was accepted into the OhioHealth Critical Care Fellowship.

Adam Lucksinger '15 is a sales representative for Carmen's Distribution Inc., a national distributor of commercial janitorial supplies.

Stephanie Maupin MBA '15 is digital content manager at Event Marketing Strategies, Columbus.

Kayla Radekin '15 is a secretary at Image Optical Todd M. Clark, Westerville. She provides customer service

ranging from ordering and scheduling to insurance billing.

Emma Shipkowski '15 is working in the business office at Otterbein as a general accounting assistant.

Brandy Stiverson '15 is an administrative services associate in the department of modern languages at Ohio University, Athens.

Gloridely Tavaréz '15 is a public relations account executive at Chempetitive Group, an international marketing

communication agency focused on life sciences in Boston, MA.

Breanna Vincent '15 is an applied behavior analysis therapist with Care Columbus and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

James Waterwash '15 is a sales representative with American Family Insurance Ty Kashmiry Agency, Powell, OH.

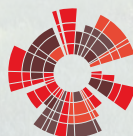
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J. Patrick Lewis, former Otterbein economics professor, was awarded the 2015 Ohioana Book Award for Juvenile Literature for his book, *Harlem Hellfighters*. He has written more than 60 children's books. •

What LEGACY will you leave?

The desire to plan for the future leads us to ponder our legacy. What kind of legacy will you leave? One idea to consider is a charitable bequest. It is simply a commitment made in your will to leave a future percentage of your estate to the University. Your gift would help continue a legacy of education and opportunity. If you have already included Otterbein in your estate plan, please tell us so that we can recognize and thank you. To learn more about how to create a bequest in your will or if you have any questions, please contact Candace Brady, Director of Development for Planned Giving, at 614-823-1953 or CBrady@Otterbein.edu. For those who are required to take minimum distributions from their IRA account, please look for more information forthcoming on possible tax benefits.

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Stephen Spurgeon '70 to Jim Grand, March 21, 2015, in Rancho Mirage, CA.

Lynette Freshour Vargyas '73 to Bruce Buchser, May 16, 2015. Her brother, **Jim Freshour '70**, officiated.

Judy Tardell '74 to Edward Thomas, Nov. 14, 2013, in Key West, FL.

Rachael Harris '90 to Christian Hebel, April 30, 2015.

Crystal Austen '98 to **Mark Von Oesen '97**, May 15, 2015.

Amy Peirano '00 to Nicholas Derksen, Sept. 20, 2014.

Erin Martin '01 to Thomas McGowan III, May 10, 2015.

Patrice Allen '02 to Avery Brady, April 11, 2015.

Carrie Eckert '05 to Jonathan Egan, April 25, 2015.

Ellen Zedella '05 to David Norris, Nov. 23, 2014. In attendance were **Susan Zedella**



Jim Grand with spouse, **Stephen Spurgeon '70**



Lynette Freshour Vargyas '73 with husband, **Bruce Buchser**



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Miller '02 and **Christina Duryea '05**.

Adam Koehl '06 to Sara Weisbrod, June 26, 2015.

Courtney Wagner '08 to **Jake Massey '09**, Oct. 25, 2014. The matron of honor was **Janelle Garver Tackett '08** and **Maureen Strobel Vaughney '08** was a bridesmaid.

Hilary Patrick '08 to William Nichols, Sept. 27, 2014. The wedding party included **Heather Gilbert '08**.

Stephanie Perry '09 to Mike Staudt, May 9, 2015.

Grace Proctor '09 to **Kyle Culver '10**, May 9, 2015.

Jayme Detweiler '11 to **Ryan Crowell '11**, May 30, 2015. The wedding party included best man, **Cody Horstman '11**, and **Sean Kavlick '11**, **Taylor Cain '11**, **Ryan Patingale '14**, **Kelsey Busser Guyer '11**, **Jessica Michael Detweiler '11**, **Shaylyn Cain '13** and **Kelly Krieger Kavlick '12**. A total of 31 Otterbein alumni attended.



Ellen Zedella '05 with husband, David Norris



Adam Koehl '06 with wife, Sara Weisbrod



Courtney Wagner '08 with husband, **Jake Massey '09**



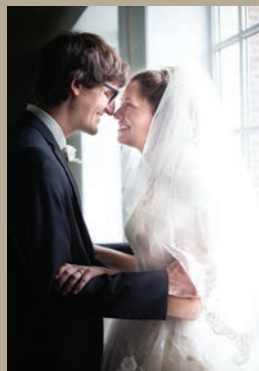
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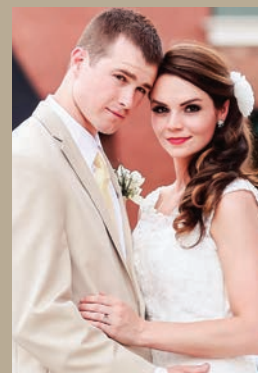
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Bethany Hunt '11 with husband, Matthew Miskiewicz



David Kruk '12 with wife, Sarah Amy



Rose Powell '13 with husband, Eric Grady



The **Jayme Detweiler '11** and **Ryan Crowell '11** wedding



The **Jessica Miller '11** and **Andrew Henderson '10** wedding

Jessica Miller '11 to **Andrew Henderson '10**, Sept. 7, 2013. The wedding party included **Melanie DeBear Smith '09**, **Megan Hartley Ford '10**, **Todd Thomas '10**, **Brennan Smith '09** and **Mark Cramer '11**. The couple met on Jessica's first day of class and married exactly six years later on the same date.

Bethany Hunt '11 to Matthew Miskiewicz, Aug. 15, 2015.

David Kruk '12 to Sarah Amy, June 20, 2015. The wedding party included **Seth Holland '12** and **Elizabeth Robinson '12**. Sarah is the daughter of **Jonathan Amy '79**.

Tiffany Fritz '13 to Daniel Davidson, June 27, 2015.

Rose Powell '13 to Eric Grady, May 8, 2015. The wedding party included **Maddie Agler Smith '13**, **Jenna Hochstetler '13**, **Kiersten Hanby Hayes '13**, **Lindsay Wargelin '13**, **Lindsey Hobbs '13** and **Kyle Smith '11**.

Additions

Jennifer Sullivan Combs '98 and husband, **Jason '97**, a daughter, Claire Elizabeth.

Barry Knack '99 and wife, Danielle, a daughter, Kensington Noelle. She joins big brother, Granger, 2.

Evelyn Davis-Walker '00 and husband, Steven, a daughter, Poppy.



'98

Claire Elizabeth Combs



'00

Poppy Walker



'00

Andrew Michael Derksen



'00

Cohen Michael Fox with big brothers, Eli and Asher



'00

Josefina Anna Salinas



'00

Penelope Quinn Palmer



'00

Grant Matthew Wideman



'03

Mollie Renae Jurkowitz



'03

Lillianna Shaffer with big brother, Noah



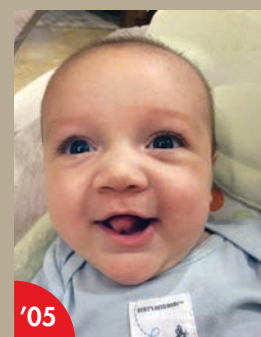
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Noah James Terhune



'04

Evan Richard Potts with big sister, Michaela



'05

Landon Christopher Butcher



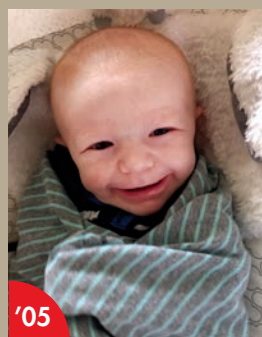
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Ellie Maria Nicolopoulos



'05

Hudson John Roberts



'05

Adam Stephen Vigneron



'06

Rowan Christopher Greasamar



'06

Reese Emerson Tobias



'06

Penelope Nyjole Fountas



'06

Flynn Howard O'Brien



'07

Oliver Dean Stelzer



'10

Barrett Harold Watson

Amy Peirano Derksen '00 and husband, Nick, a son, Andrew Michael.

Kristin Lanier Fox '00 and husband, Daniel, a son, Cohen Michael. He joins big brothers Eli, 5, and Asher, 2.

Jacqueline Fritz '00 and Alejandro Salinas, a daughter, Josefina Anna Salinas.

Ashley Palmer '00 and husband, Aaron, a daughter, Penelope Quinn.

Amy Mussett Wideman '00 and husband, Matt, a son, Grant Matthew. He joins big brothers Bryant, 3, and Camden, 2.

LeeAnne Mizer Jurkowitz '03 and husband, Joe, a daughter, Mollie Renae. She joins big sisters, Jenna, 5 and Kate, 3.

Katherina Nikzad-Terhune '03 and husband, Jon, a son, Noah James.

Krista Gallit Shaffer '03 and husband, Matt, a daughter, Lilliana. She joins big brother, Noah, 3.

Sara Yund Potts '04 and husband, **Brian '04**, a son, Evan Richard. He joins big sister, Michaela, 3.

Chris Butcher '05 and wife, Brandy, a son, Landon Christopher.

Danielle Holbrook-Roberts '05 and husband, Josh, a son, Hudson John.

Angela Goranites Nicolopoulos '05 and husband, George, a daughter, Ellie Maria.

Alyson Blazey Vigneron '05 and husband, Kristopher, a son, Adam Stephen.

Patience Denz Bowman '06 and husband, Dan, a son, Richard. He joins big sister, Patience, 2.

Lauren Baker Fountas '06 and husband, Steve, a daughter, Penelope Nyjole.

Wendy Kuszmaul Greasamar '06 and husband, Christopher, a son, Rowan Christopher. He joins big sister, Amelia, 4.

Caitlin Czarnecki O'Brien '06 and husband, Michael, a son, Flynn Howard. Proud aunts and uncles include **Steve Czarnecki '09**, **Elizabeth Shivener Czarnecki '09** and **Elizabeth Schleicher '06**.

Jillian Shellabarger-Tobias '06 and husband, Zack, a daughter, Reese Emerson. She joins big sister, Avery Alexia, 5.

Alexandrea Kontos Stelzer '07 and husband, **Paul '08**, a son, Oliver Dean. Proud uncle is **Nick Stelzer '10**.

Sam Watson '10 and wife, Abby, a son, Barrett Harold.

Deaths

Wanda Hamilton Tinnerman '40 died April 16, 2013. She volunteered for the American Red Cross and Hope Hospice in

A change is coming
In the near future, we will be directing readers to the website for full obituary information. This change will allow us to be more timely with the news without space restrictions. We will continue to publish the list of recently deceased alumni in the print edition of *Towers*.

Ft. Myers, FL. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert Tinnerman '38**. She is survived by four children, including **David Tinnerman '67**, his wife, **Catherine Brandeberry Tinnerman '66** and **Barbara Tinnerman Zech '69**; four grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

Florence Emert '42 died Aug. 28, 2015. During World War II, she was the only female chemist in the dynamite plant where she worked. She contracted polio and was unable to continue as a bench chemist, leading her to a career in several university science libraries, and ultimately, to Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus. She is survived by generations of nieces and nephews.

Meriam Haffey Ernsberger '45 died May 14, 2015. Preceded in death by her husband, **Paul Ernsberger '44**; father-in-law, **Roland Ernsberger '1917**; brothers-in-law, **Ralph Ernsberger '39** and **Warren Ernsberger '43**; and one grandson. She is survived by one son; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, **Patricia Orndorff Ernsberger '43**.

Jane Sturgis Kestner '45 died May 6, 2015. She worked at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, for

35 years. After retirement, she volunteered at the Family Research Library, Kensington, MD. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin, and one son. She is survived by three daughters, eight grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Ruth Ann Masters Clossman '46 died May 11, 2015. She was a former school teacher. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and daughter, Carolyn. She is survived by four sons, 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Everly Hiatt '46 died June 12, 2015. She was employed by Marana High School in Arizona from 1948 until 1983, first as a teacher, then as a counselor. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert Hiatt '47**.

Wanda Boyles Gebhart '47 died April 27, 2015. She translated Spanish for an export firm, then became certified in handwriting analysis by the International Graphoanalysis Society in 1973. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, **Clifford Gebhart '47**; parents, **Elmer Boyles '1916** and **Neva Priest Boyles '1921**; and three sisters including, **Marilyn Boyles Flanary '47**. She is survived by four children;

five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sister, **Carol Boyles Cramer '54**.

Doyle Blauch '48 died Oct. 25, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving as a medic with the infantry in the European theatre. He was a retired professor of botany and biology, retiring from West Virginia Northern Community College, Wheeling, WV, in 1988. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Claude Blauch '50**. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, **Jennie Wheelbarger Blauch '45**; one daughter; one grandson; two siblings, including sister, **Sue Blauch Denzer '53**; and brother-in-law, **Robert Denzer '52**.

Mary Morris Hearley '48 died July 8, 2015. She was a professor at Rochester (MN) Community College where she taught speech and lip reading. She was prominent in the Cleveland Council of World Affairs and served on Gov. John Gilligan's Patient Care Committee. Her research appeared in the *Journal of Curriculum Studies* and commentary in *USA Today*. She was preceded in death by husbands, **Ray Gifford '44** and Thomas Hearley. She is survived by three daughters and two grandchildren.

Frances Queen Touby '48 died May 22, 2015. She volunteered for many groups including 20 years in the Girl Scouts, docent at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu and at the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio during her life as an Air Force

wife. In 1985, she became a reading specialist at Winston School and volunteered with a remedial reading program in San Antonio. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert Touby '51**. She is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Donald Cooper '49 died March 22, 2015. He was employed by Titanium Metal Corporation for more than 50 years, retiring as technical director. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, **Theodore Nichols '27**. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, **Berneta Nichols Cooper '49**; two children; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and brother-in-law, **Theodore Nichols II '62**.

Mildred Thorpe Ice '49 died May 13, 2015. She taught home economics for two years, then joined the Ohio Power Co., educating consumers about new kitchen appliances in person and on television. She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry, and sister, **Marian Thorpe Locke '47**. She is survived by four children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

James Nash '49 died March 7, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Marie Holt Nash '46**, and one son. He is survived by six children and cousin, **Richard Winkler '55**.

Frank Marlett '50 died Aug. 26, 2015. He was a United Methodist pastor for 43 years, serving churches in Columbus, Cleveland, Mentor, Akron, Galion and Wooster. He was district superintendent in Mount Vernon, retiring in 1992; then served part-time at West Lebanon UMC for four years. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joan Waugh Marlett; three children; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Joan Eckard Vargo '50 died June 2, 2015. She was a middle and high school English teacher, retiring from Norton School, OH, after 25 years of service. She was preceded in death by her first husband, **George Simmons '47**, and second husband, George Bartels. She is survived by her husband, George Vargo; four children, including **Pamela Simmons '75** and **Brenda Simmons Casciani '77**; and nine grandchildren.

Constance Bailey Brandenburg '51 died July 3, 2015. She was an employee of the Franklin (OH) City Schools for 21 years, retiring in 1991. She was a Jennings Scholar in the 1983-84 school year and named Teacher of the Year in 1986. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Charles. She is survived by four children, including **Marilyn Brandenburg Winn '73**; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Joan Young Hicks '51 died May 26, 2014. She was a teacher for 33 years in the Fairborn City Schools, Fairborn, OH. She was preceded in death by her twin sister, **Jean Young '51**. She is survived by three children, including son, **Brian Hicks '01**; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Lillard Law '51 died Aug. 18, 2014. He was a veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was a superintendent in Alliance, Hamilton Township and Westfield Schools in Ohio early in his career. He was appointed as an administrative law judge to settle school system disputes and sat on the bench in Atlantic City and Trenton, NJ. At the age of 55, he went to law school and received his juris doctor. He remained on the bench until his retirement in 2000. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Jane Hinton Law '47**, and brother-in-law, **William Hinton '43**. He is survived by four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ned Forman '54 died June 25, 2015. He was a veteran of the U.S. Naval Air Reserves and a retired school administrator, serving in various Ohio school districts. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Barbara Klenk Forman '56**; five children, including **Tom Forman '78** and **Nancy Forman Beers '79**; 17 grandchildren, including **Kevin Beers '05**, **Karen Beers Horvath '07** and **Gregory Beers '10**; seven great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, **Susan Klenk Creamer '66** and brother-in-law, **Dale Creamer '66**.

Dorothy Laub Kaiser '54 died April 5, 2015. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, **John Kaiser '56**; three daughters; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Henry "Hank" Nottingham '55 died June 10, 2015. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force retiring in 1975 as Lt. Colonel. He was the first corps commander of Otterbein's ROTC program. During the Vietnam War he flew the F-105 while stationed in Thailand. He did a tour in South Vietnam at Air Force Headquarters. He is survived by his wife, Huong, one daughter and three grandchildren.

Thomas Cassley '56 died April 23, 2015.

Donald Schraitle '56 died April 22, 2015. He was employed by Republic Steel and J&L Steel for 30 years. After retiring, he started DAS Accounting, providing services to small businesses for more than 27 years. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, **Janet Newman Schraitle '56**. He is survived by three children and eight grandchildren.

Janet Newman Schraitle '56 died Feb. 2, 2015. She was a teacher in Brunswick (OH) City Schools for 30 years. She was survived by her husband of 60 years, **Donald Schraitle '56**, who has since died; three children and eight grandchildren.

Eugene Purdy '57 died June 17, 2015. He was a veteran of the U.S.

Army serving during the Korean War. He spent 37 years as a pastor serving different churches including Findlay, Salem, Springboro and North Bend Evangelical United Brethren churches; as well as Minerva Park, Circleville and Whitehall United Methodist churches. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Eloise Tong Purdy '54**; four sons; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Patrick Fitzgerald '60 died April 17, 2015. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Berlin crisis. He was the president of R.A. Harrell Distributors, Tampa, FL, from 1971-1990. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, **Sally Jane Harrell Fitzgerald '58**, two children and two grandchildren.

Chuck Deyo '64 died June 16, 2015. He was a teacher and coach in Columbus City Schools, including East High School and Northland High School, retiring in 1995. After retirement he worked at Don Scott Airport as a marshaller. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carol; two children and two grandchildren.

Carol Albright Lauthers '64 died Aug. 11, 2015. She was a dental hygienist working for Dr. W. F. Marshall in Fairview Park, OH, for more than 30 years. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Marian Kiess Albright '30**. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Clancy; two children; four grandchildren and sister, **Joanne Albright Seith '59**.

Sheila Leonard Pratt '64 died March 3, 2105. She was a teacher in Fairborn City (OH) Schools and Merrie Time Preschool, and director of Forest Ridge Baptist Church Preschool in Dayton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard. She is survived by three children and six grandchildren.

Susan Murley Barton '65 died July 25, 2015. She was a teacher in Burton, OH, before she began raising a family. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Louis; four children; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Joseph Booth '65 died Aug. 11, 2015. He was a veteran of the Air Force Reserves, serving for six years as flight surgeon. He was a board certified physician, specializing in urology, in Zanesville, OH. He was a member of Zeta Phi Fraternity, played football and ran track at Otterbein. He was preceded in death by his father, **Edmond Booth '36** and an uncle, **Harrison Booth '49**. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Betty; five children; eight grandchildren; three brothers, including **James Booth '64** and **Jack Booth '69**; and niece, **Jennifer Jones '05**.

Geoffrey Custer '65 died May 23, 2015. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines. He traveled the world for the international sales division of Anchor Hocking and was on the board of directors of the Fairfield Medical Center, Lancaster, OH.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judy, three children and three grandchildren.

Roger Lamb '65 died May 12, 2015. He was retired from Nationwide Insurance. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Cheryl; two sons; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

David Samson '65 died May 28, 2015. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Vietnam War and retiring as a colonel in 1992. After his retirement, he began a consulting business and became a licensed minister in the United Church of Christ, serving in Claremont, NC. He is survived by his wife, Colleen, five children and 11 grandchildren.

Donald Rawlins '66 died April 26, 2015.

Mark Woodruff '66 died June 24, 2014. He was a freelance commercial artist. He is survived by his two children and four grandchildren.

William Ahl '68 died Feb. 24, 2015. He was a lieutenant in the Ohio National Guard for 10 years, and worked in telecommunications and cyber security for 35 years. He is survived by two sons and three granddaughters.

David Sampson '68 died Feb. 10, 2013. He was a podiatrist in private practice in Chillicothe, OH, for 40 years. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, **Virginia**

Schuer Sampson '67; two daughters, including **Heather Sampson Bryant '98**; five grandsons; two brothers, including **Doug Sampson '74**; and Doug's wife, **Sandy Loos Sampson '76**.

Dennis Heffner '69 died July 12, 2015. He was a United Methodist pastor, serving 36 years at the Valley View UMC, Espanola, NM. He was the founder and long-time director of Amigos del Valle, offering free services to senior citizens who wish to remain independent in their own homes. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, **Delbert Krumm '49**. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, **Dee Dee Krumm Heffner '69**; two sons, including **Todd Heffner '95**; and four grandsons.

Diane Saari Kapostasy '69 died March 22, 2014. She taught elementary school in Painesville, OH, and in Cleveland City Schools, where she shared her love of music and art. She is survived by her husband, David, and two sons.

Willeen Bretz Fraker '72 died July 18, 2015. She retired after 30 years teaching in the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, Johnstown, OH. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Floyd Griffith and Paul Fraker; one son and one grandson. She is survived by six children, including **Diana Griffith Nixon '87** and **Paul Griffith '88**; 23 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Earle Gilbert '72 died Jan. 14, 2015. He worked for many years as a custom carpenter in his own business. He was also employed by The Ensign-Bickford Co., Simsbury, CT, and the Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford, CT. He is survived by three sisters.

Mary Lou Hammond McKeen '72 died July 20, 2015. She retired after 35 years as a school teacher for the Westerville City Schools. She was a volunteer at both the Hanby House and Ohio Village for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Jean Cook Hammond '40** and **Granville Hammond '40**. She is survived by one daughter; two grandchildren; sisters, **Carol Hammond Orndorf '69**, **Gayle Hammond Peterson '73**, **Linda Hammond Smith '75**; and and brother-in-law, **Richard Orndorff '65**.

Vicki Smithson Arthur '73 died Aug. 11, 2015. She worked for AT&T and The Village Merchant. She was preceded in death by her sister, **Holly Smithson Smith '75**. She is survived by her husband, Mick; four children, including **Natalie Arthur '08**; five grandchildren; and sister, **Bonnie Smithson '84**.

Carla Sawyer '74 died July 7, 2015. She was a long-time employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs. She is survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

Patricia Fink Behnke '77 died April 29, 2015. She was an accomplished artist, poet

and teacher. She was preceded in death by one grandson. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, four daughters and six grandsons.

Henry Molinaro '78 died April 9, 2015. He retired after 35 years of teaching music in the Connellsville (PA) Area School District. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Cindy, three children and nine siblings, including **Mary Rose Molinaro '85**.

Jeffrey Ulery '81 died Feb. 19, 2015. He worked at Ulery's Greenhouse, Springfield, OH, for many years, then pursued other interests including financial advising with Edward Jones. He is survived by three children; three grandchildren; brother, **Mitchell Ulery '82** and relative, **Alison Ulery Hoffman '85**.

David Freeman '83 died July 13, 2015. He was sales manager for AES Specialty Contractors. He was preceded in death by his parents, **John Freeman '50** and **Margaret Eschbach Freeman '50**, and uncle **Robert Eschbach '54**. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Dawn; two children; sisters, **Gretchen Freeman Hargis '77** and **Karen Freeman Sewell '79**; brother-in-law, **Mike Sewell '79**; uncle, **William Freeman '57**; and cousins, **Pamela Freeman Chaffin '83** and **Cheryl Freeman Hill '87**.

Christine Dudero '85 died May 19, 2015. She was certified in oncology nursing and worked in home health care, hospice and oncology for more

than 25 years. She is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

Jon Dill '88 died Aug. 15, 2015. He was an electrician for Romanoff Electric in Columbus. He is survived by two children.

Linda Middaugh Paxton '89 died April 11, 2015. In 2014, she retired as secretary of the Sunbury United Methodist Church, Sunbury, OH. She had previously retired from Lucent Technologies as a course developer. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, **Marvin Paxto Sr. '44**, and brother-in-law, **Marvin Paxton, Jr. '77**. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, **James Paxton '61**, two children, one granddaughter and nephew, **Marvin T. Paxton '88**.

Leslie Tuttle McKinley '03 died July 8, 2015. She was a physician practicing most recently at Family Physicians, Inc., North Canton, OH. She was preceded in death by a brother. She is survived by her husband, Scott Kenreich; one son; her parents and one sibling.

Mary Agriesti Gall '05 died April 13, 2015. She was a surgical nurse at Grant Medical Center, Columbus. She is survived by her husband, **Mark Gall '06**, and two children.

Penny Snyder MSN '07 died July 17, 2015. She was a professor in the nursing department at Ashland University and former president of the Ohio Organization of

Practical Nursing Educators. She is survived by one daughter and three siblings.

Friends

Kim Sturgeon Boyd died July 14, 2015. She was a

retired teacher from Delaware Hayes High School and choral instructor at Otterbein University. She is survived by her husband, Norman Meulenberg, two children and three grandchildren.

Woodrow Macke died July 14, 2015. He served as Otterbein's business manager from 1965 to 1968 and as vice president for business affairs from 1968 until his retirement in 1988. He was preceded in death by his wife,

Wilma. He is survived by four children, including **Mary Macke Buchanan '76** and **William Macke '78**; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and nephews, **Chris Kaiser '77** and **Jonathan Amy '79**.

Spring Alumni Weekend 2016

Reunions for the Classes of 1951, 1956, 1961 and the Golden Reunion for the Class of 1966

Featuring the third annual Spring Alumni Awards Ceremony Gala on Saturday, April 23, with special musical performances by the alumni and students of Otterbein University's Department of Music and Department of Theatre and Dance. Visit the 2015 Awards Gala at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/alumniawards.

"It is always such a great feeling to return home to Otterbein to find it flourishing, changing and growing — but remaining the same. As usual, the interchange with the current students enhanced the renewing of friendships from decades ago." **Barb '64**

"The awards gala was amazing! You showed us some of the true talent currently on campus at the awards ceremony as well as some of the many achievements of just a few of our graduates." **Doug '64**

"The entire audience was wowed by the Awards Program ... it was like a Broadway production itself." **Loretta '69**



April 22 and 23, 2016
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WEEKEND**



Hidden History Unexpectedly Uncovered During a Search for a Grandmother

What makes the hidden come to light?

Sometimes, it is as simple as a granddaughter in search of the grandmother she never knew.

When Sonya Mixon Goldsboro searched for her grandmother, Esther Kirkesy, a document from Otterbein University came up. Goldsboro contacted Otterbein Archivist Stephen Grinch, who discovered that Kirkesy attended Otterbein's School of Music from the fall of 1908 until at least the fall of 1910. She went on to graduate from a music conservatory in Boston. Otterbein's first female African American graduate was **Viola Burke '1928** (also in music), so Esther Kirkesy may very well be the first African American woman to attend Otterbein. Goldsboro expressed great gratitude in finding information about her long-lost grandmother. At right are some of her words.

"This is truly wonderful! I am in tears as I gaze upon her face. For, you see, this is the first time I have ever seen a photo of her. While searching for information about Esther, I Googled her name, birth city and state, and somehow I came upon a document from Otterbein University in which she was listed as a music student.

"Esther is my father's (James Thomas Mixon Sr.) mother. She died of a heart attack while teaching music at Selma University when my father was a young boy. My grandfather, James Monroe Mixon, remarried before I was born, so the only grandmother I have known on my father's side of the family was my grandfather's second wife. There were never any photos of Esther. I cannot thank you enough for the photos of my grandmother and for this insight into my grandmother's history at your university.

"I must also say, I am enjoying learning about Otterbein University via the Internet. Its history is fascinating and even more so when I read about its early openness to African Americans, giving them an opportunity to obtain an education. I would love to know how it was that my grandmother and her parents learned about Otterbein being that she was a young woman from the deep South, Selma, Alabama, no less. Just who was instrumental in encouraging her and assisting her? Could it have been a citizen of Selma who was in fact an alumni of Otterbein who saw her potential? I am intrigued!" ~ Sonya Mixon Goldsboro

Cardinal Tales

by Becky Fickel Smith '81, executive director of Alumni Relations

We celebrated our annual homecoming with the theme "Our Cardinal Family: Connections that STAND the Test of Time." Otterbein has been my family for the past 38 years. Families stay connected through communications, engage in meaningful events, volunteer to help when needed and contribute to the cause. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for being a proud member of my personal and Cardinal Family. I like to hear from my family! Call me at 614-823-1650 or email at rsmith@otterbein.edu.

With Cardinal Pride,

Becky Fickel Smith

Becky Fickel Smith '81

Executive Director of Alumni Relations



New Alumni Council members, 2015-2018:

Front Row: Stephanie Perry Staudt '09, Regina Parcels Bremer '70, Jocelyn Fu Curry '78, Kim Aikens '99, Miriam Fetzer Angerer '84. **Back Row:** Dan Bremer '70, Phil Wolfe '93, Jeff Yoest '77, Chris Butcher '05.



Cardinals by the NUMBERS

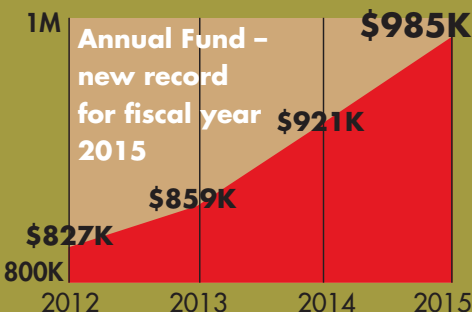
872 2015 Homecoming registrants

222 Alumni volunteers from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015



Get involved:

www.otterbein.edu/alumni/getinvolved



2,425 LinkedIn Alumni



1,688 Alumni Facebook Friends



Be a Facebook friend:

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Save that Date!

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming alumni events and plan on joining us. More information can be found at www.otterbein.edu/alumni, or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.

December 4 / Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Feast

December - March / Becker Gallery Alumni Artist Display: Lindsey Buck '07

January 9 / Young Alumni Advisory Board Meeting

January 15 / Alumni Council Meeting

April 22-23 / Spring Alumni Weekend

April 30-May 1 / Commencement

May 15-18 / Cardinal Migration, Nashville, TN

June 24-26 / Summer Breeze '70s Alumni Weekend

June 25 / Junebug Jamboree, Waynesville, OH

July 15-25 / London and Scotland Alumni and Friends Trip

July 28 - August 5 / Canadian Rockies Alumni and Friends Trip

August 13-21 / Parks of Colorado Alumni and Friends Trip

Otterbein Homecoming 2015 September 25 & 26



CONNECTIONS THAT STAND THE TEST OF TIME

"It was a wildly successful Homecoming weekend. Crowds, excitement, Cardinal red everywhere, happy people, music, animals. Oh, my! Thank you for the fun." Loretta '69



"It was - by far - the best homecoming I've ever attended at Otterbein!" Michael '87



Three generations of royalty: 2016 Homecoming king **Luke Hassenpflug '16** is flanked by grandmother, **Mary Jean Barnhard Pietila '61** (left), 1961 Homecoming queen and aunt, **Wendy Pietila Watson '92**, 1991 Homecoming queen.



"Each trip back to Westerville makes me more proud of my education. I am happy with the memories, proud of the present and excited about the future of a dear school." Bill '84




22nd Cardinal Migration

Nashville

*Sunday, May 15 - Wednesday, May 18, 2016***Highlights included in tour package:**

- ✓ The Hermitage
- ✓ Ryman Auditorium
- ✓ The Grand Ole Opry and Behind-the-Scenes Tour
- ✓ Belle Meade Mansion
- ✓ Music City History Trolley Tour (pre-migration)
- ✓ Cheekwood Botanical Gardens (post-migration)

Call 877-443-7829 now to reserve your hotel room at the Holiday Inn Express Nashville Downtown. Ask for the Otterbein University group room rate of \$199/night. Registration for tours and activities opens in February at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/travel 



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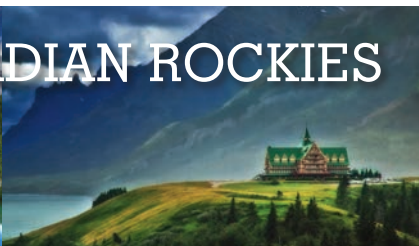
LONDON & SCOTLAND



July 15 – 25 • \$3,345 pp (plus airfare) based on double occupancy • Cruise down the Thames River for dinner. Visit Highclere and Windsor Castles. Travel in first class on the high speed train into Scotland. Tour Edinburgh, Loch Ness, St. Andrews, Culloden and Glasgow.

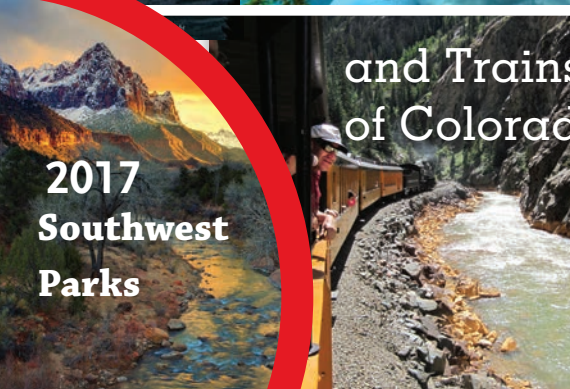
Your deposit is due Dec. 1, 2015.

CANADIAN ROCKIES



July 28 – Aug. 5 • \$3,095 pp (plus airfare) based on double occupancy • Arrive and depart from Calgary, Alberta, Canada (passport required) Visit five world-renowned National Parks: Banff, Glacier, Jasper, Kootenay and Waterton Lakes. **Deadline extended to Feb. 1, 2016.**

and Trains and Parks of Colorado again!



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Aug. 13 – 21 • \$2,345 pp (plus airfare) based on double occupancy • Aboard a coach and four scenic railways, you travel through southwestern Colorado's breathtaking scenery to view: The Million Dollar Highway, Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado National Monument, Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak. **Deadline extended to Feb. 1, 2016.**

Registration for all three trips:
Travel Warther, Mark Warther at 330-340-0122

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Congratulations to the 2015

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS



Victoria Libertore '97



Sadie Bartholomew Ingle '07



MaryBeth Bailer Heath '05



Maggie Ellison '10



Eryn Campbell Hathaway '11



Rae Reed '11

Six recipients of the 2015 Young Alumni Awards were honored on Sept. 25 in Roush Hall for their contributions and successes in both career and community endeavors. Each honoree was introduced by a favorite professor, mentor or fellow Otterbein alumni peer that inspired them during their time as a student. The welcome address was given by 2014 Young Alumni Award winner **Andre Lampkins '03** and noted the fifth anniversary of the Young Alumni Awards program.



AWARD Recipients

Creative / Research:

Victoria Libertore '97 of New York City, NY, is an actress, writer, curator, emcee and teacher who served as a two-year artist in residence at the Brooklyn Arts Exchange.

Sadie Bartholomew Ingle '07 of Menlo Park, CA, earned her doctorate in biochemistry from Stanford University and currently works in research and development at MyoKardia, a biotech startup that is developing treatments for heart disease.

Professional Achievement:

MaryBeth Bailer Heath '05 of Pinehurst, NC, is a clinical neuropsychologist with Pinehurst Neuropsychology, a former faculty member at Keiser University, teaching fellow at Boston University and served as a clinical fellow at Harvard Medical School.

Leadership:

Maggie Ellison '10 of Columbus, is a volunteer, coach and community leader with Big Brothers

Big Sisters, 1Girl, Vaude-Villities, Columbus City Schools I Know I Can, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Women for Economic Leadership and Development and the Otterbein Young Alumni Advisory Board.

Community Engagement:

Eryn Campbell Hathaway '11 of Columbus, is the founder and CEO of Eryn PiNK, an organization serving girls and teens in the community through mentoring, special events, workshops and speaking engagements.

Rae Reed '11 of Columbus, is a freelance writer, editor and founder of WordUp, LLC, which assists small businesses with writing and content needs. Rae organized the first "Columbus Rising" event in 2015 at the Columbus Museum of Art, a movement to end gender violence against women and girls.

To read award winner bios and nominate a young alumna or alumnus for next year's awards, visit www.otterbein.edu/alumni/youngalumniawards.



Summer Breeze 2016

If you were on campus in the '70s, you are invited to get back, get back, get back to Summer Breeze Weekend 2016 • June 24-26

Based on the overwhelmingly positive response and feedback after last summer's inaugural event, Summer Breeze is returning for an encore, spotlighting the **Classes of '71 and '76** as they celebrate milestone anniversaries.

- ☺ Return to campus for a revised take on Spring Fever Day.
- ☺ Get reacquainted at the Old Bag of Nails on Friday night, followed by a bonfire.
- ☺ Take part in new versions of the old Scrap Day competitions.
- ☺ Attend sessions presented by alumni on health, history, hospice and more.
- ☺ Learn about Temperance Row and how Westerville has changed.
- ☺ Visit with your former favorite faculty members.
- ☺ Participate in a class year competition similar to Family Feud.
- ☺ Tour the new buildings and reminisce about those that are gone.
- ☺ Wear your best '70s fashion to win prizes at the Otterbein American Bandstand on Saturday night at The Embassy Suites Hotel near campus.
- ☺ Put on your dancing shoes, watch the years melt away, relive the best times of your life!
- ☺ Call your roommate, call your active, call your pledge, call everyone in your class and get back to where you belong!



Registration opens in April. View a tentative schedule at www.otterbein.edu/summerbreeze. Interested in learning more, volunteering to call friends, sharing on Facebook? Email alumniinfo@otterbein.edu

Read more about our weekend plans at www.otterbein.edu/summerbreeze.



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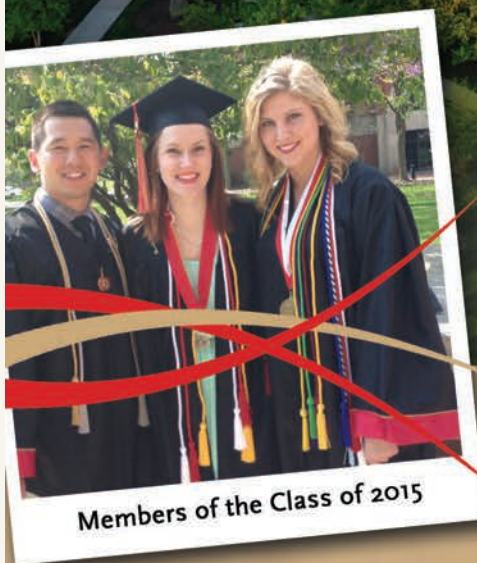
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**What do
they all have
in common?**

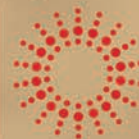
They all found their **potential** at Otterbein. Will you **STAND** and be counted and give that opportunity and experience to today's Otterbein students?



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