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From Dr. Barbara Schaffner, Dean of the Graduate School

Only Otterbein - The Otterbein Way

I can only say, and want to share with you, how proud I am to be part of the Otterbein community. Otterbein has stepped up in every way during this community crisis to assure ongoing operations with full support to students, faculty, staff and our community!

Please know that Otterbein is in full operations. Even with classes being taught remotely and with most office personnel also working off-campus, we continue to provide all student services. We are finding new and creative ways to teach and maintain relationships with students and each other. The Graduate School is no exception. **All graduate classes are now online!** The last couple of weeks have been a true adventure. Faculty and students have adjusted well, as our high quality of education continues. Students will graduate on time in early May, and recruitment continues as new students will start their exciting adventure as graduate students this summer! [Continue reading >>](#)

All that Otterbein has done and will do is only possible with your ongoing support. If you wish to contribute to our efforts to support students in immediate need during these difficult and chaotic times, please donate to ["Cardinals Care"](#).

From one Cardinal to another, THANK YOU!



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NURSING

Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) News

We now have 643,014 cases in the United States and 28,312 deaths. Ohio has 7,794 confirmed cases and 362 deaths as of today (4.16.2020). For more information about the breaking news on the virus, the story of the first case, general information, and criteria/ recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), click on the attached links:

- > [Breaking news: Coronavirus latest](#)
- > [General information about the virus](#)
- > [Criteria and recommendations for identifying, testing, treating, and reporting](#)

- [Nursing](#) Graduate Director John Chovan

EDUCATIONAL MATHEMATICS

Problem-Based Learning Gains Momentum in Math Classes

With the growing popularity of applied mathematics and engineering, middle school and high school teachers are turning toward Project-Based Learning (PBL) to engage students in authentic mathematical tasks. Unfortunately, without careful preparation and forethought, students may not make the meaningful connections that educators assume occur simply

because of the nature of the work. [Continue Reading >>](#)

- [Educational Mathematics](#) Graduate Director Jeff Smith

EDUCATION

Otterbein to host the 2020 Project-Based Learning Ohio Institute

Otterbein University will host the 2020 Project-Based Learning (PBL) Ohio Institute this July 28-31. Sponsored by PBLWorks, the four-day institute will attract educators from around the world. Approximately 400 PK-16 teachers, instructional coaches, and school leaders will gather at Otterbein for this educational and networking event. Click [here](#) for more information about PBL and the Institute. [Continue Reading >>](#)

- [Education](#) Graduate Director Dee Knoblauch

MBA

Did You Know that Sensemaking is the #1 Indicator of Leadership Effectiveness?

Have you ever faced a problem at work that did not make sense? Where is the first place you turn? Do you start brainstorming right away to solve the problem? Likely, you do. I consider myself a good problem-solver and have found success in "solving problems" in my career. Please note: I never do it alone, and collaboration across the organization is a priority. However, if I were to get to the root where successfully solving a problem begins, I would say that making sense of the problem is more critical than even solving the problem. [Continue Reading >>](#)

- [MBA](#) Graduate Director Eric Lloyd

MSAH

Population Health: The New Direction of Understanding Healthcare

Although not a new concept, Population Health is getting the attention of many outside the world of healthcare. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) views population health as an interdisciplinary, customizable approach that allows health departments to connect practice to policy for change to happen locally. The concept is built around the five Social Determinants of Health -Health Care, Individual Behavior, Social Environment, Physical Environment, and Genetics. [Continue Reading >>](#)

- [Allied Health](#) Graduate Director Paul Longenecker

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