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# ALLIED HEALTH

News from The Graduate School Spring 2020



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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## 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. Without looking at all five determinants, it is difficult to understand how to impact healthcare delivery in the United States. Based on the [2019 Health Value Dashboard](#) from the Columbus-based Health Policy Institute of Ohio, the state is not doing a good job in addressing healthcare challenges. Ohio ranks among the lowest in many of the categories that define good health. As explained by Dr. Joseph Geskey at an ACHE conference on Population Health sponsored by Mount Carmel and Otterbein University last fall, "Looking at something as simple as where someone lives - their zip code - can help you understand the challenges an individual faces in addressing their healthcare needs." As suggested by Dr. Geskey, this link can provide you with additional information.

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