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**What we  
STAND  
for**





# What does Otterbein Stand for?

The answer to this question is so much more than Otterbein's history and its aspirational vision. It is about the story we tell.

It's about the truths, the insight, the impressions any one of us portrays when we tell others that we are connected to Otterbein as alumni, parents, donors, students and employees.

As you read through this issue of *Towers*, I hope you'll agree that Otterbein people and the lives they lead, along with other news of Otterbein progress and initiatives, offer a compelling story regarding why this place matters and deserves to stand for generations to come.

The seven alumni we highlight (pgs. 14-20) are exemplars of Otterbein qualities such as respect, learning, creativity, service and hope. While each leader is an extraordinary example of potential realized, they are just that: examples. We could turn the lens of a camera on countless alumni who are contributing to their fields and careers, who are advancing the common good, and who are committed to making a difference in ways big and small.

The spotlights (pgs. 2-3 and pgs. 26-27) of campaign donors like Beth Daugherty and Annie Upper speak to the motivation behind their transformational gifts. While we are indebted to them for the generosity of their gifts, we share their stories to convey the spirit and the passion behind their giving. Their motivation is connected, again, to the values that distinguish Otterbein. Their motivation is about protecting an experience and a commitment — a way of teaching, learning, working and supporting students — that is special.

The news about the progress and the grand opening of The Point (pg. 4), Otterbein's new home to our STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) initiative, speaks to Otterbein's long-standing commitment to leading fearlessly as an innovator in higher education. This creative and forward-thinking model of bringing education, industry and community together is catapulting Otterbein onto the national scene and bringing new corporate and community partners to our door.

These stories speak to the shared Otterbein values and traits that unite the artist with the economist; the CFO and the BFA; the alumnus and the student. These people and these efforts remind us that it is more than a diploma and a shared love of a picturesque campus that connect us. It is who we are and what we stand for in our careers and our communities.

What does Otterbein stand for? Its people — a model community of individuals who sincerely, earnestly work to improve things, to advance a better way of life, to lead by example because of how they learned, what they learned and from whom they learned.

I invite your thoughts on what you believe Otterbein STANDS for, too.

If you feel inclined, drop me a note at [greatideas@otterbein.edu](mailto:greatideas@otterbein.edu).

As we enter a season of gratitude, I want you to know that Otterbein people and all that they STAND for are counted among the greatest blessings of this community.

Sincerely,



Kathy A. Krendl



President Kathy Krendl

## 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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Students **Claudia Owusu '19**, **Kristin Crews '17** and **Maria Slovikovski '17**, along with other students, formed Cards Stand Together, standing together in solidarity and unified against racism. Their story is on page 20.



# I STAND FOR HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION



Coming from a long line of educators — both grandmothers and both parents went to college and became teachers — you could say Professor Beth Daugherty's fate, a lifetime of teaching British and American literature, was sealed early growing up in Quaker City, a small town of about 500 located in southeastern Ohio.

"I liked to read as a child," Daugherty said. "But college surrounded me with the transformative power of words. I want future students to feel that expanding universe; to fall in love with language, reading and writing; to learn how literature helps us move through our lives."

Daugherty and her husband, Gary, have made a pair of generous commitments to Otterbein this year, one

establishing the Daugherty Promise Scholarship and the other supporting the Otterbein University Endowment, the Mary B. Thomas Academic Excellence Fund and the Daugherty Promise Scholarship fund through an estate gift. Income will assist promising students pursuing an English major at Otterbein.

"I really did grow up in a family where everybody valued education," said Daugherty, who as an infant, lay cradled in her mother's left arm while her mom used her right hand to finish writing her master's thesis on William Faulkner.

Daugherty, currently on sabbatical finishing her book manuscript, *Virginia Woolf's Apprenticeship: The Education of a Woman Writer*, spent five weeks in London last summer doing



# ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

A photograph of a library interior. In the foreground, several dark wooden chairs with leather upholstery are arranged. In the background, a large, arched stained glass window with intricate designs in yellow, orange, and pink allows light to filter into the room. The walls are made of dark wood paneling.

research for the book, the first in a planned three-book series on Woolf as an essayist.

"I'm trying to imagine what it was like for her as a young woman, learning to be a writer when she wasn't even sure she could be a writer yet," Daugherty said about her first manuscript on Woolf, who had almost no formal education, but was homeschooled.

Daugherty spent six days a week in the archives of the British Library, University of Sussex, King's College London, London Library, Morley College, Lambeth Archives and Women's Library at the London School of Economics. While she was in London, she was also pleased to spend time with Otterbein alumni and friends during her visit in July.

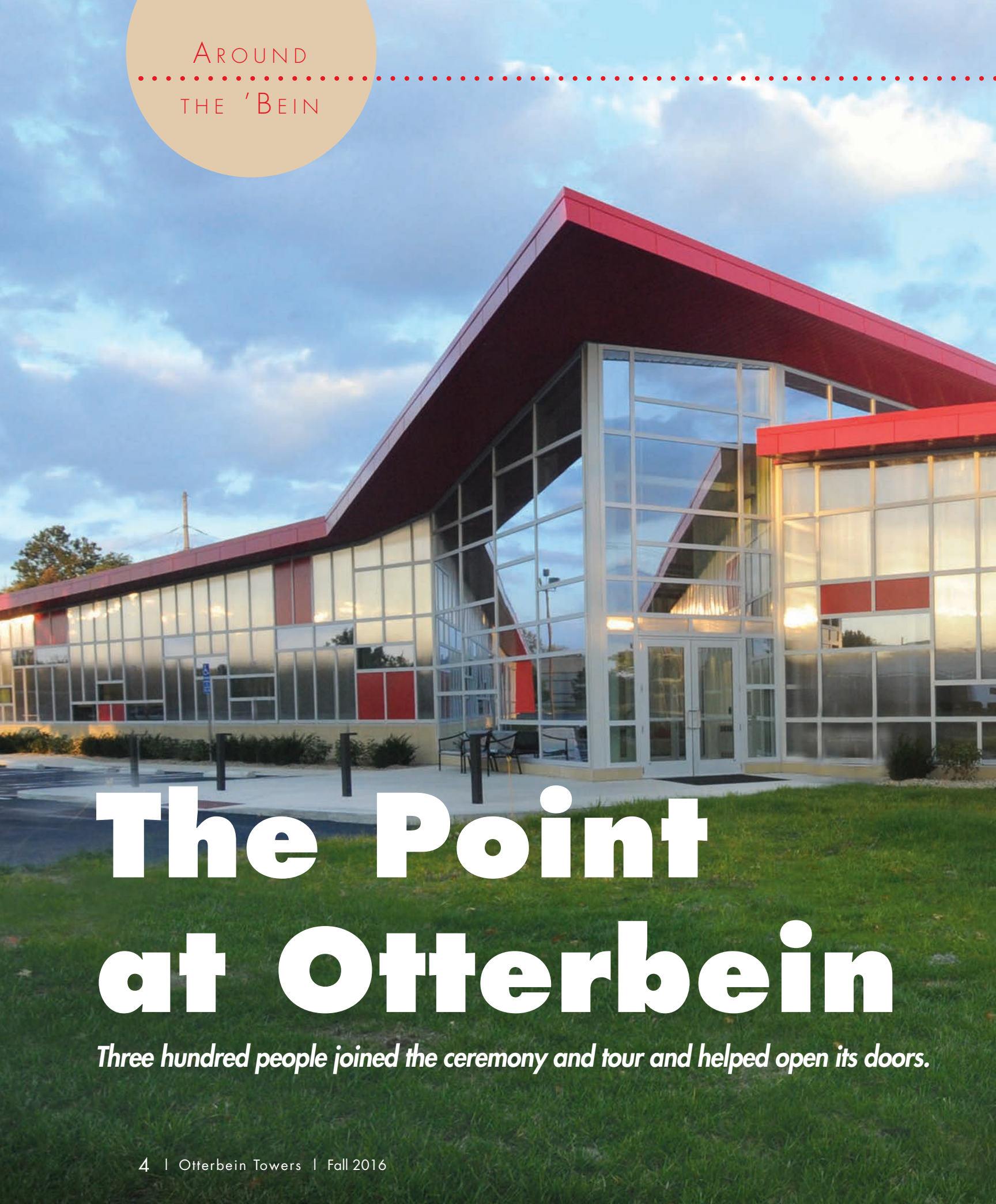
Daugherty believes her research on the education of Woolf will help her in the classroom, too.

"I think it has helped me understand more about the nature of learning in general and what our students go through today," Daugherty said. "It's a very different situation (than what Woolf faced) and yet I'm sure a lot of it is the same. As a learner, you are trying to piece together things that seem fragmented."

*Beth Daugherty has taught at Otterbein for 32 years. Daugherty was tenured in 1990 and became a full professor in 1996. To read more about her story, go to [www.otterbein.edu/stand](http://www.otterbein.edu/stand)*







AROUND  
THE 'BEIN

# The Point at Otterbein

*Three hundred people joined the ceremony and tour and helped open its doors.*





The “ribbon,” or rather the wires, are cut by University, business and community leaders for the grand opening of The Point at Otterbein University on Oct. 1.





"THE POINT HAS MEANING IN MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, AS WELL AS ART. WE THOUGHT OF HOW THIS SPACE IS ALSO A STARTING POINT, A LAUNCHING POINT AND A POINT OF INNOVATION."

- ERIN BENDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Far left: Erin Bender outside the Point. Left: Otterbein President Kathy Krendl is flanked by State Sen. Jim Hughes, left, and State Rep. David Leland, right.

# THE POINT

Otterbein's new collaboration, education and innovation center is flourishing, with a new executive director, new name and a \$1 million gift of support from the Vida S. Clements Foundation.

On July 1, Executive Director Erin Bender took the helm, bringing with her a background in legal affairs, science and higher education. Bender came to Otterbein from The Ohio State University, where she served as director of licensing and physical science, for the Office of Technology Commercialization. Prior to joining OSU, she worked for an intellectual property law firm and as a legal assistant at the Chemical Abstracts Service, a division

of the American Chemical Society. She holds a juris doctorate degree from Capital University Law School and a bachelor's degree in environmental science from Wright State University.

As the founding executive director, Bender is responsible for developing and maintaining local, state and national relationships with educators, service providers, business partners, entrepreneurs and funders to support the success of the center and benefit students. One such relationship is with Nestle Development Center in Marysville, Ohio, which recently donated \$18,000 for Tormach routing equipment to The Point engineering lab.

Bender hit the ground running in her new role, developing partnerships and preparing for the grand opening of the center on Saturday, Oct. 1, during Otterbein's Homecoming celebration. At a wire cutting that morning, officials announced the facility would be named The Point at Otterbein University.

"The point has meaning in mathematics, engineering, technology and science, as well as art," said Bender. "We thought of how this space is also a starting point, a launching point and a point of innovation. We thought of the design of this space and the architectural peak that points the way to the entrance to this space, while





also suggesting a convergence of numerous elements meeting to form a point.”

“This building is a purposeful intersection of the best principles and strengths that education, industry, business, research and government each bring to the mix. The work that happens here will offer students, corporations and community partners alike new points of view about how things can and should work,” said Otterbein President Kathy Krendl.

Seventy-five members of the Otterbein and extended community submitted names to the naming contest for the building. **Jill McCullough '89**, assistant director of wellness education and summer conferences

in Otterbein's Division of Student Affairs, submitted the idea that inspired the new name.

In addition to the new name, officials announced a major gift to the University's “Where We STAND Matters” campaign. The Vida S. Clements Foundation gifted \$1 million to support The Point. With this gift, Otterbein has surpassed the \$31 million mark in the campaign.

Combined with a Turf and Track gift of \$800,000, the Clements Foundation has provided the largest foundation gift to the campaign to date — over \$1.8 million. Westerville residents **William “Doc” Freeman '57** and **Elmer “Bud” Yoenst '53**, foundation board members, represented the

foundation at the grand opening ceremony and at half-time during the University's Homecoming game that afternoon.

“This \$1 million leadership gift will support the development of the facility and the innovative concept we are here to celebrate today,” said Krendl. “It is yet one more powerful example of the legacy that Frank Clements established as an innovator ahead of his time and the philanthropic vision Vida Clements established.”

For more information, visit The Point's new website at **otterbeinpoint.com**. See updates about the event at #otterbeinsteaM. Visit Otterbein's flickr gallery for more photos from the day's events.



# One Last Bow for John Stefano



Some of the productions directed by John Stefano included *Kiss Me Kate* (top, 2003), *Carnival* (middle, 2011) and *Big River* (bottom, 1993).

John Stefano ended his distinguished career at Otterbein on a high note. The longtime chair of the Otterbein University Department of Theatre and Dance starred as Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, the final production of the 2015-16 season.

Stefano officially retired at the end of the 2016 Otterbein Summer Theatre season in late July. He served as a professor and chair of the nationally recognized department since 1992. Thanks to his leadership, *OnStage* recently ranked Otterbein fourth on its list of Top 10 BFA in Acting College Programs in the country.

Stefano began teaching at Southern Methodist University in 1975, and continued his academic career at Emporia State University in Kansas and Illinois State University where he was department chair and managing director of the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. He has been active in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival and was awarded the KC-ACTF Gold Medallion Award of Excellence in 1998. He has also directed over 40 productions, 23 of them at Otterbein, including the musicals *Carnival*, *Big River*, *Baby*, *Sweet Charity*, *West Side Story*, *Oklahoma!*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Peter Pan* and *Smokey Joe's Café*.

**John Stefano as Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*.**

photo by Evan Moore-Call '17, theatre major



# Opening Doors to the World Turning Focus to Asia



OTTERBEIN AND THE ARTS  
OPENING DOORS TO THE WORLD

Coming off an exciting and well-received first year featuring Latin American programming, Otterbein and the Arts: Opening Doors to the World is turning its focus to Asia. In year two of this international arts initiative, India and Thailand are featured this fall, and China and Tibet in the spring.

Fall offerings will include art exhibitions, films, music, theatre and dance. Current art exhibitions

include *Urban Reflections: Contemporary Thai Photography* through Dec. 9 in the Miller Gallery at the Art and Communication Building; *Sonabai: Another Way of Seeing* through Dec. 22 in Fisher Gallery at Roush Hall; and *On Being Gandhi: The Art and Politics of Seeing* through Dec. 2 in the Frank Museum of Art.

A unique offering in the film category is the return of Otterbein faculty member and acclaimed Indian screenwriter,

Abhijat Joshi, to campus for public viewings and discussions, as well as classroom experiences for students. A reading of a new and revised version of Joshi's *A Shaft of Sunlight* will inaugurate the Otterbein Department of Theatre and Dance ACT OUT Reading Series.

Theatre and Dance also will present *The Goddess*, a dance concert inspired by the Hindu goddess Durga, and *Ardhanarishwara*, a performance of traditional choreography by classically trained Indian dancer, Sreyashi Dey.

The spring schedule for Opening Doors to the World will be available soon. Visit [www.otterbein.edu/openingdoors](http://www.otterbein.edu/openingdoors) for more information.



Abhijat Joshi

## Brazilian Scholars Study Language Learning at Otterbein

Four Brazilian scholars traveled to Westerville in July to teach and learn alongside the instructors and students of Otterbein's Central Ohio English Learners' Education Collaborative (COELEC) Summer-Plus Academy and Otterbein's ESL program for international students.

The opportunity was part of a unique scholar-in-residence program and educational exchange that also sent two Otterbein

representatives to Brazil in March. Kristin Bourdage, chair of the Department of Education, and Erin Johnson, coordinator of Otterbein's ESL Program, visited southern Brazil to learn more about the country's educational structures, standards and practices for teaching language and teacher education programs.

The Summer-Plus Academy is a U.S. Department of Education, grant-funded project designed to increase the capacity of area schools to address the needs of PK-12 English learners (ELs). At the Academy, approximately 45 English learners in grades 6-10 from the Westerville and Columbus communities came to campus each day for three weeks to work on their English skills. Seventeen teachers in the program practiced applying their new techniques for integrating literacy and language learning in engaging projects with the English learners. Projects included using mathematics to design scale drawings of tiny homes, creating public service announcements for addressing hunger, writing personal narratives about immigration, and others.

The visiting Brazilian scholars from the Universidade Federal do Paraná (UFPR) are all involved in language education, with two teaching English, one teaching French and one teaching methodology, or "teaching future teachers." During their month on campus, they split their time between learning and teaching.

Otterbein will continue the exchange program with a future visit already in the works.



Brazilian scholars who taught and studied at Otterbein this past summer are João Arthur Pusley, André Luiz Galor, Angela Walesko and John Fiorese.





## Campus Renovations Include Philomathean Room

The renovation of Battelle Fine Arts Center continues. In the fall 2015 issue of *Towers*, we showed you the new windows, made possible by the campaign donation of Otterbein alumna, **Virginia Phillippi Longmire '55**. This summer brought tuck-pointing and mortar replacement, new downspouts and a refreshed patio to preserve history as well as modernize this building.



Along the way, workers uncovered architectural details from bygone eras when this space served as the student gymnasium. Carved stones above each of the four entrances remind us of the days when students and alumni rallied to build the gymnasium. They have now been restored to their former glory. Next on the list for Battelle is a complete renovation of Riley Auditorium. This work will also be supported by the campaign with a lead gift from Morton and Barbara Achter and will provide a vibrant venue for student performances, events, and meetings. Mort served as the department chair of the Department of Music from 1975-2000.

Also this summer, the Philomathean Room in Towers Hall was renovated. When the University first gave each of four literary societies their own room, students were given bare, empty spaces. Every bit of furniture, décor, lighting and other embellishments were originally funded solely by students. Now the Philomathean Room has been restored

to its 19th century splendor and modernized to accommodate our 21st century needs. In addition to many touches including new carpeting and painting, the 100-year-old chairs have been repaired and re-upholstered by the same company that originally built them. **Don Foster '73** and **Elizabeth Hauswald '94** consulted in envisioning the renovation.

In the Rike Center, two former racquetball courts have been repurposed for Otterbein's newest NCAA competitive athletic program — wrestling. Thirty students enrolled this fall to be part of the team.

Another high-profile campus enhancement is a major lighting renovation to Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall. With all new light runs and a new dimming panel that can be remotely accessed, theatre tech students will benefit from a state-of-the-art, hands-on learning environment.

As always, alumni are invited to return to campus to visit and see these and other campus improvements.





## Gaining Momentum In U.S. News & World Report Ranking

Otterbein has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report for its focus on integrative teaching and learning, student success outcomes, experiential learning and providing educational opportunities for veterans.

In U.S. News & World Report's 2017 edition of "America's Best Colleges," Otterbein moved up two places from last year to rank 11th among 171 peers in the Regional Universities-Midwest category and once again earned a spot in the list of "A+ Schools for B Students." Otterbein also moved up two places to rank 11th in its category on the "Best Colleges for Veterans" list.

The rankings are based on 16 measures of "academic excellence," which fall into seven categories, with retention rates and assessment by peers and counselors being the most important. Otterbein's first-year retention rates have increased by more than five percent since 2012 due to investments in student support and need-based financial aid. Generous gifts by alumni and friends help make this possible.

## White House Correspondent Returns to the 'Bein

Otterbein alumna and NBC Senior White House Correspondent **Chris Kapostasy Jansing '78** returned to campus on Oct. 13 to talk to Otterbein students to see how millennials feel about the presidential election. In a Towers Hall classroom, Jansing talked with students with differing political affiliations from many majors, including members of Associate Professor La Trice Washington's Senior Year Experience class, "High Stakes Politics: The 2016 Presidential Election."

"Who said you can't go home again?" Jansing said as she started her segment, which can be found online at [www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com).

Jansing is a proud graduate of the Communication Department, Otterbein honorary doctorate recipient and award-winning anchor and news correspondent. She joined the NBC News family in 1998 and her recent assignments have included covering the Summer Olympics in Rio and the presidential election.

She is known as one of the hardest working women in television journalism and won an Emmy for her coverage of the 1996 Olympic bombing in Atlanta and a Best Documentary award from the New York State Broadcasters Association for *In The Land of Plenty*, a report on hunger in New York state.

## Marine and Big Brother is Model Community Recipient

Nick Takach, a U.S. marine, role model and big brother of student Malerie Takach, has been honored with Otterbein's 2016 Model Community Family Award.

Malerie, a senior allied health major, nominated Nick for the award and attributes her success to her big brother. She is active on campus with Otterthon, Kappa Phi Omega and the SOAR orientation team, and serves as a resident assistant, president of the Panhellenic Council and a senator for the University Student Government.

In her nomination essay she wrote, "Growing up, I appreciated his compassion and support and knew he always had my back and best interest at heart. He was my protector, my partner in crime and my



**Nick Takach, winner of the Model Community Award for 2016, with sister Malerie Takach '17.**

confidant. He often helped out our elderly neighbors by mowing their lawn or shoveling snow and never sought reward or recognition."

With this mindset of serving others, Nick joined the Marines and deployed to Iraq for more than a year. Once Nick returned home, he continued to be a role model and inspired Malerie by going back to school to earn a bachelor's degree and MBA.

"Now that I am grown up, from where I stand, I can see that I owe my success to my big brother Nick.

Whenever I feel like I just can't do what is expected, I remember how he helped others without the need for recognition, fought for our freedom through some of the most terrifying times, found extraordinary ways to success and persevered despite a daunting challenge."



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# Record-breaking Class of 2020 Arrives!

This fall, Otterbein welcomed the most diverse class of first year students it has ever enrolled, with more students of color, more out of state students and more male students. Additionally, this is the largest class since 2010.

There are 646 students in the new class, an increase of more than 13 percent from fall 2015. Of the new students, 18 percent are students of color, 21 percent are first-generation students and 35 percent are student athletes. The students came from near (22 students are Westerville City School graduates) and far (the new class represents 26 states and 18 nationalities).

In addition to this success in recruitment, Otterbein has seen success in retention. The retention rate has increased every year since 2010, reaching 83 percent for the first-year class that entered last year and returned this fall. First-year retention for Columbus City School graduates stands at an impressive 94 percent. Otterbein's innovative, nationally recognized curriculum, coupled with its focus on student support and success, is delivering incredible outcomes for its students, including a four-year graduation rate (51.5 percent) that is approximately 17 percent higher than that of the Ohio public universities.

## *Otterbein Students Perform with Broadway Star Kristin Chenoweth*



Eight Otterbein Theatre students were invited to perform two songs with Broadway star Kristin Chenoweth at a performance on May 19 in Columbus. The actress was so pleased with the performance that she invited them back to her June 25 performance with the Cincinnati Pops. The Cincinnati performance included an expanded program and more stage time for the students, who brought along an Otterbein t-shirt for Chenoweth. Chenoweth is an Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer who has performed on stage, television and film.

**Pictured at the Cincinnati performance behind Chenoweth: Abigail Isom '19, Leah Windahl '18, Robert Bux (Otterbein voice faculty), Aubree Tally '17, J.T. Wood '18, Lauren Kent '17, David Buerger '17 and Dylan Davis '17. Davis is a music major, all other students are musical theatre majors. Not pictured: The Columbus performance also featured musical theatre majors Connor Allston '17, Chris Marth '18, Natalie Szczerba '17 and Luke Stewart '17.**



# Otterbein Launches Equity and Inclusion Website

Otterbein has a long-standing commitment to equity and inclusion that dates back to its founding. However, students have asked the community to remember there is always room and need to continue to learn and to grow. In a reflection of Otterbein's ongoing commitment to the people and events that help shape our shared experience and our values, a brand new equity and inclusion website has been launched.

This site offers resources, insight, education and events related to the University's mission of equity and inclusion all in one place, including:

- A letter from Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair Bob Gatti, vice president for student affairs, addressing the need for this important endeavor and how we as a community can come together.
- UnderSTAND, a section dedicated to continuing education of all the Otterbein community with a new focus every other month, featuring articles, videos and insights from national and local experts.
- Student expectations from the spring 2016 rally and how Otterbein is responding to them.

- Advocates and resources bringing together people, student organizations, university programs and more, for community members to reach out to when needed.
- The new Equity and Inclusion Matters newsletter, helping to "make the invisible visible" with student-written articles and photos each semester.

Visit [otterbein.edu/equity](http://otterbein.edu/equity) to access this new site and learn more about Otterbein's continuous dedication to equity and inclusion issues and values.



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# Born to be a Storyteller

*"I've had stories in my head ever since I can remember."*

In fifth grade, **Mindy McGinnis '01** took an assessment that was supposed to help match her skills to a career path. "The proctor asked us ahead of time what we wanted to do when we grew up, and I told her I wanted to be a writer. My results came back and said I should be a cop."

McGinnis didn't listen but said the path towards publishing wasn't easy. "There was a long period of time during that journey where I quit, put away the dream and told myself

it wasn't possible. But the stories in my head didn't stop, so I thought I might as well write them down, and once that was done I might as well attempt to get them published."

Four novels later (with four more under contract) and winning the Edgar Allen Poe award for her Gothic historical mystery, *A Madness So Discreet*, affirms McGinnis' path. "I can't imagine myself doing anything else."

"I HOPE OTHERS SEE ME AS A SYMBOL OF STRONG LEADERSHIP, AN ADVOCATE FOR THE ARTS IN A WORLD WHERE MOST OF OUR WELL-PAID HEROES ARE NOT ARTISTS."



# A Passion for Wildlife

*In memory of son Kyle, Millers create endowed scholarship*

Kyle Miller was a junior zoo and conservation science major at Otterbein when he died in a tragic kayaking accident in March 2014. During their time of loss, Pamela and Craig Miller, Kyle's parents, discovered the support of the campus community — from his classmates who planted a memorial tree on campus to the administrators who helped them establish an endowed scholarship fund and plan the first Kyle Miller Memorial 5K.

"Having gone to a larger university, we were both amazed by the level of empathy that we felt and how much the staff cared and wanted to help our family to honor Kyle," Pamela said.

"Kyle always loved animals but it was Otterbein's zoo and conservation science program that ignited his passion for wildlife," she said. "The endowed scholarship gives our family the opportunity to create Kyle's legacy and for others to hear and learn by his passion for wildlife."

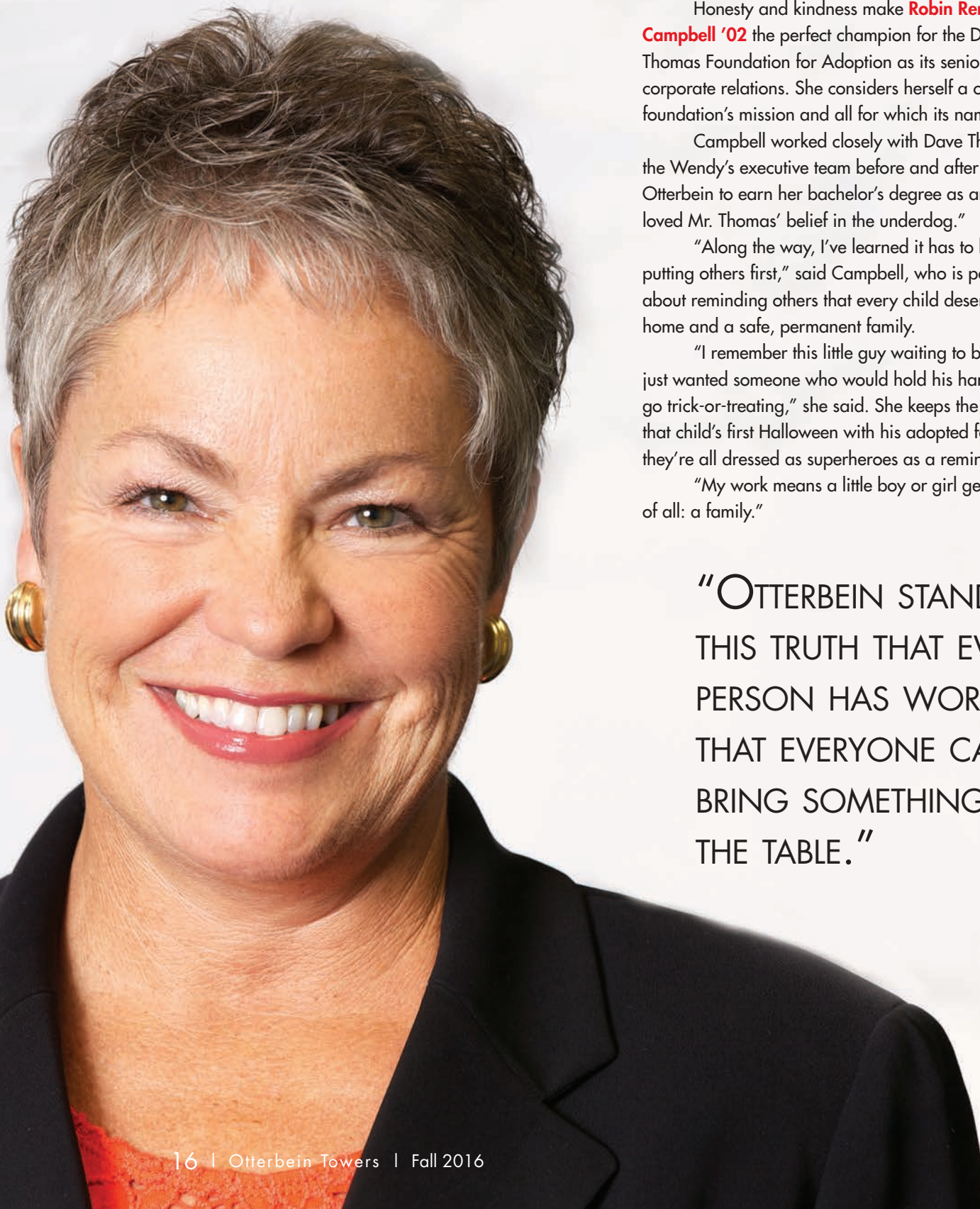
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# Putting Others First

*"My work aligns with my core values."*



Honesty and kindness make **Robin Rentfrow Campbell '02** the perfect champion for the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption as its senior director of corporate relations. She considers herself a conduit for the foundation's mission and all for which its namesake stood.

Campbell worked closely with Dave Thomas and the Wendy's executive team before and after attending Otterbein to earn her bachelor's degree as an adult. "I loved Mr. Thomas' belief in the underdog."

"Along the way, I've learned it has to be about putting others first," said Campbell, who is passionate about reminding others that every child deserves a loving home and a safe, permanent family.

"I remember this little guy waiting to be adopted; he just wanted someone who would hold his hand so he could go trick-or-treating," she said. She keeps the photo of that child's first Halloween with his adopted family where they're all dressed as superheroes as a reminder.

"My work means a little boy or girl gets the best gift of all: a family."

**"OTTERBEIN STANDS FOR THIS TRUTH THAT EVERY PERSON HAS WORTH — THAT EVERYONE CAN BRING SOMETHING TO THE TABLE."**



# An Undercover Man

*"I had much to learn — but I knew I was going to make an impact."*

After a distinguished 25-year career with the FBI, **Michael McKinney '86** credits Otterbein with furthering his success as a street agent.

"You need to speak your mind and have an opinion. Find a way to deliver that opinion and it will have an impact." McKinney said that lesson proved invaluable. "I was able to garner respect within my first week on the job."

McKinney participated in more than 50 undercover operations and was an instructor for the FBI's intense undercover training. "There aren't many who wear the wire and use fictitious names. I was proud to be a part of it."

McKinney believes in conveying respect in all situations, no matter how dangerous. "You ask yourself how am I going to talk to this person so they know I respect them but I won't stand for anything less than them doing exactly what I expect — in three seconds." He said it's in the eyes.

**"THERE'S NOTHING  
MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN RESPECT —  
DELIVERING IT AND  
EXPECTING IT IN  
RETURN."**

photo by Steve Glass



# Living the American Dream

*A graduate degree and U.S. citizenship for this native of Ghana*

For **Justice Adu '15**, earning his master's degree was one part of his American dream. Celebrating it with his family was another.

Adu immigrated from Ghana to the United States in 2008. He worked hard to re-establish himself and enrolled in Otterbein's Graduate School in May 2013. He became a U.S. citizen in June 2014. His son was born later that year in Ghana.

Adu earned his master's degree in mathematics education from Otterbein in 2015, but delayed his graduation

one year until his wife and son could be there with him to celebrate. With the help of his advisor, Associate Professor Jeff Smith, the family was reunited on Dec. 9, 2015, and celebrated Adu's graduation on April 30, 2016.

These days, Adu has much to celebrate — his family is together, he is an American citizen, and he holds a master's degree from the school he loves.

"I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE AS A FAMILY TO LIVE OUR AMERICAN DREAM..."





# Adventurous, Giving Spirit

*Volunteering is a way of life*

In the 44 years that **Sharon Milligan '65** taught at the University of Findlay, she used her summers to the fullest — backpacking the Appalachian and Pacific Crest trails, biking the TransAmerica Trail, doing mission work in Haiti after the earthquake, and more.

Now in her retirement, she has even more time for adventures. She started by committing two years to the Peace Corps, teaching at a school in an impoverished township in South Africa. And this summer, she was a visitor information volunteer at Yosemite National Park for the third time.

"Perhaps I'm a bit selfish because I always get more out of volunteering than I really give," she said. "My mother was my role model, as she made volunteering a way of life and took me along with her sometimes."

Milligan's advice to others about being a lifelong learner, adventurer and volunteer is, "Enjoy today. That's all we have."

"ONE OF MY  
FAVORITE SAYINGS  
IS 'THE BEST IS YET  
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THE PRESENT AND  
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ADVENTURES."



# Cards Stand Together

*Standing together to promote respect*

This fall, a group of students came together to make sure that no matter what their differences, #cardsSTANDtogether.

According to **Maria Slovikovski '17**, #cardsSTANDtogether is a student-led movement to make Otterbein more inclusive. "Any student who chooses to be a part of this movement is committing to standing up against racism and prejudices and standing together in solidarity and support for all people."

Slovikovski founded the movement with **Jordan Hawkins '17**, **Kris Crews '17** and **Claudia Owusu '19** and the support of Otterbein faculty and staff members. It was inspired by a diversity and inclusion rally on campus last spring.

"The rally called for change and some of that change needs to come from students," Slovikovski said. "It takes only one person to step up and make a difference and I know each Otterbein student is capable of standing up to the discrimination that is present in the world."

**"EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON IS BEAUTIFUL AND UNIQUE."**





# Alumnus Rallies Classmates to Honor David Deever '61

by Jenny Hill '05

The Summer Breeze gathering in June 2015 was a chance for the free-spirited students of the '70s to kick back and enjoy the college experience together again. And as they reminisced on the people who made their college experience special, a group came together to honor a beloved math professor by announcing an endowed fund in his name.

**Alan Goff '75** and 21 fellow alumni created the **Dr. David Deever Mathematics and Computer Science Endowed Fund**. Many of them were there for the surprise announcement, attended by Professor Emeritus **David Deever '61**.

Deever was one of three mathematics professors, along with Dr. Roy Reeves and Dr. Tom James, responsible for co-developing a new major for Otterbein called computer science. The trio also served as the original campus IT department. When the workload of supporting the computer systems in addition to teaching computer

science and mathematics became too much, Deever proposed a separate IT department. This is the origin of Otterbein's Information and Technology Services (ITS).

Goff led the charge on behalf of his classmates to create an endowment that will provide discretionary resources to support math and computer science at Otterbein and to honor and celebrate Deever.

Goff earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Otterbein in 1975 and took his career path into the field of software development and computer science. He served as a vice president at Chase Manhattan Bank in software development before becoming a consultant in his field.

"When it came time to think of how I got to where I am today and who helped shape me during my years at Otterbein, I knew it was my responsibility to acknowledge what Dr. Deever's impact meant for me and my classmates," Goff said.

Pete Sanderson, mathematics professor and former chair of the Department of Mathematical Sciences, said Deever's influence has been broad. "In talking with those who knew him well, I can tell you he is remembered with respect and fondness for his advocacy on behalf of his colleagues, his excellence as a teacher and his dedication to Otterbein as a scholar, a teacher, an avid history buff and for his commitment to serving others."

Through this fund, Goff and his fellow classmates hope others will benefit from the values Deever exemplified. "I know that Dr. Sanderson and those who follow will use these funds in ways that honor the same spirit of innovation and excellence that Dr. Deever will forever represent to me and many of his students," he said.

Deever was present for the announcement, which was a surprise to him. He was flattered that his students honored him in a way that will continue to help future students at Otterbein. •



Left: **Alan Goff '75** and Professor Emeritus **David Deever '61**, at the Summer Breeze gathering in 2015. Center: Deever speaking at the podium. Right: Deever was surprised but flattered that his former students honored him to help future Otterbein students.

For more information, contact Candace Brady, Executive Director of Individual Giving, at 614-823-1953 or [cbrady@otterbein.edu](mailto:cbrady@otterbein.edu).





# STANDING TOGETHER

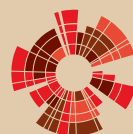
## Celebrating Campaign Growth

The “Where We STAND Matters” campaign total has grown by more than \$10 million in cash gifts and commitments since this time last year, surpassing \$34 million raised. Thanks to generous donors like you, funds have been offered to support scholarships; student and faculty travel; internships; activities related to STEAM at The Point; the Common Book program; the Five Cardinal Experiences; support for the English, mathematics, chemistry and music departments; updates to Battelle Fine Arts Center and Health and Sport Sciences Center and more.

More than 9,130 donors have contributed to the campaign with 2,700 donors making their first-ever gift to Otterbein. “We’re pleased with the excitement and engagement of our alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, foundations and corporations,” said Michael McGreevey, vice president for institutional advancement. “There is a nice mix of cash gifts that we can put to use immediately and bequest intentions that will come to fruition at a later time in Otterbein’s history.”

Since the beginning of the campaign in July 2011, the highest number of planned gifts have been documented totalling \$14,323,017. The highest cash commitment to date, \$1.8 million, was received from the Vida S. Clements Foundation. “We’re so appreciative to the Clements Foundation’s board of directors for their investment in Otterbein,” said President Kathy Krendl. “Their recent commitment of \$1 million for The Point will ensure the facility will be successful with needed equipment and support for various projects.”

In addition, 49 named scholarships were added to Access and Affordability, and 29 named funds were added to the Model Community priority.



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WE’VE SURPASSED

**\$34,000,000!**

CAMPAIGN QUICK FACTS

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# CAMPAIGN HAPPENINGS

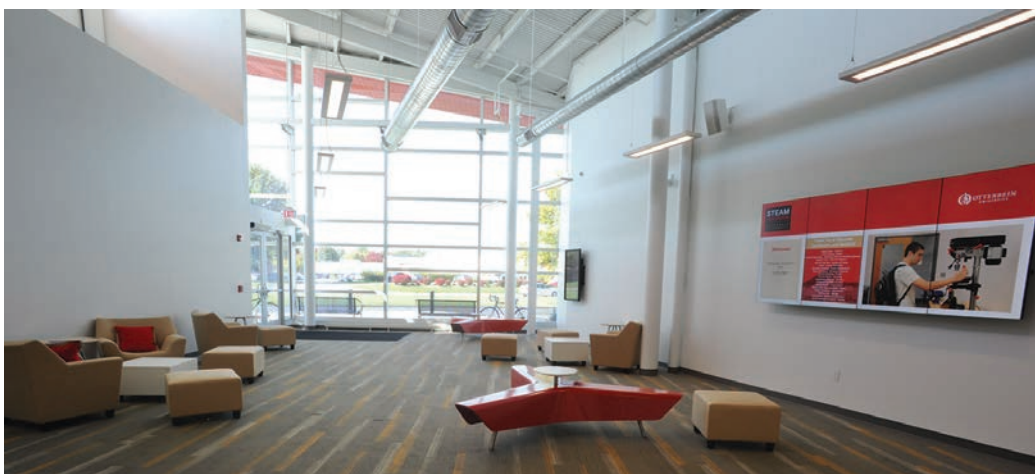
## *Thanks a Million!* *A glance at recent gifts*



Otterbein's Science Center and the Department of Chemistry.



Rendering of the proposed pedestrian mall project, The Grove.



The lobby of The Point, Otterbein's new STEAM initiative center. For more stories and photos, see pages 4-7.

**\$1.8 million** from the Vida S. Clements Foundation, the largest organizational gift to the campaign, with **\$1 million** for general use at The Point for STEAM initiatives.

**\$1.75 million** from **David L. Ward '74**, who has committed the largest individual gift to the campaign with an estate gift to benefit the Department of Chemistry.

**\$1.5 million** from **Annie Upper '86**, **\$1 million** in a bequest intention for scholarship support and a **\$500,000** cash commitment for The Grove pedestrian mall project near the Campus Center.

**\$1.3 million** from an anonymous bequest for scholarship support.

**\$1 million** from **Tom Morrison '63** and his wife, Sarah, in a bequest for the Thomas C. Morrison Scholarship Fund in Government Service.



# STANDING TOGETHER

## Leadership Update



Kent Stuckey '79



Nevalyn Fritsche Nevil '71



David Fisher '75



Michael Hoggarth



Annette Harting Boose '94



Dana Madden Viglietta '96



Kathleen Bonte



Candace Brady

Otterbein thanks **Kent Stuckey '79** and his continued service as volunteer chair of the campaign. He joined the campus community during its Welcome Back ceremony for faculty and staff earlier this fall to express his appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the campaign. Otterbein's faculty/staff gift giving participation rate was at 45 percent — nearly double the giving rate at similar institutions. In addition, Stuckey recently gifted the campaign with a \$500,000 bequest intention to advance the mission of Otterbein University.

Performing Arts Chair and Trustee **Nevalyn Fritsche Nevil '71** committed a \$250,000 gift as a seed gift to support future construction of a mid-sized theater. In addition, Nevil recently committed a gift in memory of her mother, Neva Fritsche, to support the arts and its initiatives for growth.

Joining our chairs and others to help lead the campaign this year is **David Fisher '75**, a Columbus attorney, who will lead volunteer efforts as they relate to corporations and foundations. To strengthen the **John W. Fisher '71** Memorial Senior Writers endowed award in memory of his late brother, as well as to support the Campus Renewal priority and the Otterbein Fund, Fisher and his wife, Beth, made a cash commitment of \$100,000. Fisher joined the board of trustees at Otterbein in May 2013 and has been instrumental in sharing insight to facilitate various business transactions and in introducing connections in the central Ohio market.

Internally, Academic Administrative Assistant for Health and Sport Sciences **Annette Harting Boose '94**, will join Michael Hoggarth, professor of biology and earth science, to co-chair campaign efforts for faculty and staff. She has worked at Otterbein for the past 18 years and will assist campaign involvement efforts on campus. **Dana Madden Viglietta '96**, formerly with the Office of Alumni Relations, has been tapped to manage the campaign's daily operations and volunteer committees as the director of campaign planning and logistics. She started in her new role at the end of October. At the same time, Kathleen Bonte assumed new direction for overseeing corporation and foundation giving as the executive director of development for organizational and special giving, while Candace Brady was named executive director of development for individual giving to oversee planned giving, principal and major gifts.

"We're excited about these organizational changes to add continued momentum to our campaign efforts," said Michael McGreevey, vice president for institutional advancement. "While many projects are completed or underway, there are new ones forthcoming including efforts with the Five Cardinal Experiences, The Point and how we start to approach enhancing the Campus Center. We are excited to make more connections and visits and welcome continued dialogue."



# CAMPAIGN HAPPENINGS

## *The Otterbein FUND: Loyalty and Dedication Prevail*

The Otterbein Fund is not an exclusive club. Young, old and in-between can join and help make a difference in the lives of Otterbein University students. For alumni **Dick Bridgman '49** and **Michael Papadales '05**, the Otterbein Fund is special.

Bridgman began giving to Otterbein as a student, not only because he was convinced to do so by fellow senior **Art Schultz '49**, but he also wanted to impress a certain young lady's father. The \$10 that he gave to Otterbein as a senior has turned into a lifetime of giving to his alma mater, having never missed an annual gift for 66 straight years. And that young lady, **Carolyn Boda Bridgman '50**, has been his wife for more than 60 years.

"Carolyn and I had a great experience at Otterbein, partly because of the friendly feeling on campus and in the community and partly because of the professors," Bridgman said. "We felt that Otterbein really cared about its students."

These sentiments were also shared by Carolyn. "We know that there is always a need for student assistance," she said. "Otterbein is such a good institution, and what it stands for, we believe in. We have to support that."

Although a long way from 66 straight years of giving to the Otterbein Fund, Papadales has contributed more to the fund than anyone among traditional-aged students who have graduated from Otterbein since 2005.

"I truly feel indebted for the opportunities that Otterbein helped create for me," Papadales said. "Everyone at Otterbein is invested in you as a student. They want you to succeed. Numerous professors, who were mentors, invested a lot of their personal time with me outside of class, helping create professional skills, challenging me, pushing me to think things through. I don't forget that."

Papadales credits Otterbein for the launch of his successful career in management and strategy consulting as an analyst in Washington, D.C., first with DFI International, which later spun out to become The Avascent Group, and now with IAP Worldwide Services as senior director of strategic development.

A double major in business administration and economics, Papadales spent a semester at Maastricht University in the Netherlands taking MBA courses as part of an exchange program his junior year at Otterbein. As a senior, he participated in the Washington Semester Plan, studying economics and working an internship at DFI in Washington, D.C. DFI hired him upon graduation. Papadales described the experience at Maastricht as "life changing" and helped shape him into what he is today.

"I don't get back to Columbus as much as I want so my contribution to the Otterbein Fund makes me feel like I still have a strong connection to Otterbein, a dedication," he added. "It feels like I'm investing in something I truly believe in, which is Otterbein provides a fantastic education and life experience."



**Dick '49 and Carolyn Boda Bridgman '50** show their Cardinal pride at this year's Homecoming and Family Weekend festivities.



**Michael Papadales '05** with sons, Charlie, 4, and Robbie, 4 months; and wife, Karen.



# I **STAND** WITH OTTERBEIN...



"...BECAUSE EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT. WE MUST PROTECT THE PLACES THAT DO IT WELL AND TAKE CARE OF THEIR STUDENTS. THAT'S OTTERBEIN."

ANNIE UPPER '86



# I'M A LIFELONG LEARNER

## *I saw an ad in the paper for a course at Otterbein*

and thought that it sounded interesting. I ran over to Otterbein to sign up. In the middle of the course, I realized I was doing really well and would have an 'A' so I decided to become a student.

It took me nine years to earn my degree. I was raising four children and helping run the family business while I would juggle taking a class or two. (*Annie was helping build Donatos Pizza into a hugely successful pizzeria chain with her then-husband, Jim Grote.*) My hard work came to fruition in 1986 when I earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in sociology.

The whole experience opened up my mind and my world. I grew up in an age when some people felt women shouldn't go to college. That's what made me so hungry for Otterbein.

*Annie's Otterbein involvement didn't end there, however. She's served on the Alumni Council and as a University trustee. She also supports her alma mater as a philanthropic leader with a vision — whether gifts to the Otterbein Fund (formerly known as the Annual Fund), funds for special projects that include the Knowlton Center for Equine Science and Science Building improvements, or in creating an endowed scholarship for women returning to college.*

Now, Annie is standing strong with her alma mater, again, this time in support of the "Where We STAND Matters" comprehensive campaign. She has made a commitment of \$1 million for scholarships and \$500,000 to support The Grove pedestrian mall project near the Campus Center. It is one of the largest gifts from a single donor for the campaign.

I really believe in Otterbein. It's the perfect size, the campus is beautiful, and I love the leaders there. It's an easy place to get to know people and be one-on-one with your professors. That made a big difference for me since I had been out of school for so long. I found the professors were willing to go all out to help me.

*Annie believes that funding scholarships will help ensure that Otterbein is not only accessible for future students — but that it will help make sure faculty members are able to continue offering the kind of caring support that was critical to her success.*

The Grove will create a very calm and serene place for students walking to and from class. It's really important for me to see that on campus.

*Annie credits Otterbein for helping start her along a path of education and service. Among a lifetime of contributions to advance a greater good, Annie has owned and operated Gentle Wind Books and Gifts; she has volunteered alongside mental health counselors and at a women's shelter for victims of domestic violence; and is one of the founding mothers of Amethyst, a safe and stable environment for recovering drug- and alcohol-dependent women to maintain sobriety.*

I'm a lifelong learner. Sometimes you go to a place and feel like you belong. That feeling and the openness there were really important to me.

*Annie hopes others will follow her example and support the campaign.*

Otterbein continues to stand for integrity and leadership.



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compiled by Becky Hill May '78 and Deb Madden '03

**Roy Clare '48** retired after 57 years of teaching music and serving as choral director at Heim Middle School, Williamsville School District, Williamsville, NY.

**Oliver Lugibihl '53** was named Citizen of the Year for 2015 by the Bluffton, OH, Lions Club in March, recognizing his years of community service. He delivered more than 2,000 babies in his 40 years in practice and was on staff at Bluffton Community Hospital until his retirement in 2004.

**Barbara Reynolds Manno '57** has retired from Louisiana State University School of Medicine where she was a professor.

Giving Note

**Morton and Barbara Chapman Achter** made a generous gift to support the renovation of Riley Auditorium with new chairs. Achter was chair of the Department of Music when Riley was first created. We are especially grateful that they are providing the lead gift for the renovation of this recital hall and common space.

## 1967 reunion year Homecoming 2017

**Allen Myers '67** retired after 41 years as senior editor at Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, MI. He is also retired from the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Brian Bates '69** is a professor of humanities at Los Rios Community College District, Sacramento, CA.

**Frederick Glasser '69** retired from Chemical Abstracts Service after more than 31 years of service. He is now a preacher and Bible teacher with Completed Task Ministries, based in Westerville.

## 1972 reunion year Homecoming 2017

**MaryAnn Everhart-McDonald '72** has moved from a full-time practice in physical medicine in Columbus to a part-time practice in electrodiagnostic medicine in Hillsboro, OH, where she is relocating to a small farm.

**Don Foster '73** retired as registrar at Otterbein after 23 years in the Division of Academic Affairs.

**Stuart Putnam '73** retired from Bank of America Corp. in Connecticut.

**David Bell '74** retired as director of the physical plant at Otterbein after 42 years of service.

**Mellar Davis '74** is the director of palliative care for

the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA.

**Bill Jardine '75** and **Elaine Schacht Jardine '75** are owners of Quail Cove Farms, which specializes in growing, selling and distributing organic and natural foods to co-ops in Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and North Carolina.

## 1977 reunion year Homecoming 2017

**Chet Simmons '77** is administrative manager of Ryerson Inc., metal processor and distributor of stainless, aluminum, carbon and alloys.

**Becky Fox Edwards '78** is the director of assessment and intervention center at Fairfield County Juvenile Court, Lancaster, OH.

Eleven of the 12 surviving housemates from the **Clippinger House Class of '63** gathered on campus in September for their annual reunion. Front: **Lois Augenstein Harris, Chris Fetter**



**Greene, Carol Simmons Shackson, Kathy Ackerman McDannald, Lois Axline Campolo.** Back: **Connie Hellwarth Leonard, Sharon Hept Blakeman, Elaine Koehler Henn, Elizabeth Arnold, Carol Shook Rufener, Darlene Stoffer Mellick.** Not pictured, **Imodale Caulker-Burnett.**



**Nancy Bocskor '79** was named one of the Top 12 Women in Political Communication in Latin America by the Washington Academy of Political Arts & Sciences at their annual Victory Awards Conference. She has worked with women activists at conferences in Latin America as well as being a guest lecturer in Bolivia, Paraguay, Mexico, Brazil and the Dominican Republic.



**Linda Lucas '80** is a personal banker with Community One Bank NA, in North Carolina.

**Douglas McCombs '81** is a staff pharmacist at Galion Community Hospital, Galion, OH.

**1982** reunion year  
**Homecoming 2017**

**Joseph Krumpak Jr. '82** is a principal in the Youngstown (OH) City Schools.

**Christine Cover Paterson '82** is an academic advisor at The Ohio State University at Mansfield.

**Matthew Westfall '82** is a K-8 school counselor in the West Liberty Salem Schools, OH.

**Michele Burns Betten '83** retired from Blackwell Stables, Grand Haven, MI, and is now a self-employed horse show judge.

**Tom Schorr '83** has retired from the U.S. Army after 31 years, but is still stationed in Seoul, South Korea, where his wife continues in service.

**Karen Kirsop Beck '84** retired after 32 years of teaching health and physical education in the Charleston and Berkeley County School Districts in South Carolina. She coached track and volleyball, was

Former Board Chair and Emeritus Trustee **Tom Morrison '63** and his wife, **Sarah**, have documented a \$1 million estate gift with Otterbein to further fund the **Thomas C. Morrison Scholarship Fund in Government Service**. An important part of this scholarship will allow the recipient to attend a summer institute in Washington, D.C. We are grateful to the Morrisons for their dedication to Otterbein and its students.

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## Otterbein Book Corner

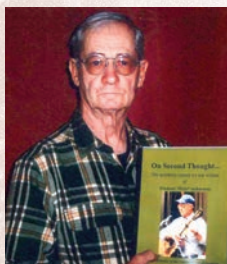


**Karen Hoerath Meyer '65** launched her newest book, *The Tiara Mystery*, in August. A 12-year-old Orville Wright is a part of the fun mystery set in Dayton in 1884 in the historical fiction novel for children.

**Michael Olin Hitt '86** won the 2016 Osprey Fiction Award for his manuscript, *Messiah Complex and Other Stories*. Middle Creek Publishing & Audio will publish it later this year. He is a professor of English, teaching American literature, fiction writing and Native American literature, at the University of Mount Union, Mount Union, OH.



**Mary Ellen Armentrout '66** has self-published *And Her Stockings Sang: Childhood Memories of Carnegie Libraries*. The book is a collection of stories of how the Carnegie libraries impacted the lives of people growing up not only in Ohio but across the U.S.



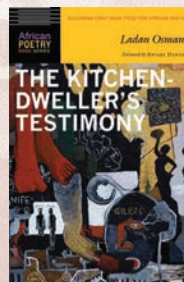
**Fritz Ackerman '69** has published *On Second Thought* to benefit the local historical society. A compilation of humor, history and philosophy, the book's whimsy thinly disguises deeper meanings. Ackerman is a self-employed safe and lock technician and an elected official in Bellville, OH.



**Mindy McGinnis '01** won an Edgar Allen Poe Award for her book, *A Madness So Discreet*, in April. The Edgars are the top awards for crime and mystery books.



**Ladan Osman '06** published *The Kitchen Dweller's Testimony*, winner of the Sillerman First Book Prize for African Poets. Her poetry is centered on her Somali and Muslim heritage and has also been published in a number of literary magazines. In May, she participated in the Chicago Home Theater Festival, a platform for artistic exchange within neighborhoods featuring narratives by and about artists of color, women, migrants, immigrants and others.



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



## Fred Collins '54

### Seriously "Noodling" with Foam Plastics

By Tuesday Beerman Trippier '89

One evening when **Fred Collins '54** was still in high school and leaving his after-school job in Bellville, OH, he spied two big burly men hanging around outside. Turns out they were the baseball and basketball coaches from Otterbein who were sent to talk to him, thanks to a friend's mom. After a visit to campus, Collins was hooked.

Collins initially majored in education because most of the educated people he admired were teachers. He soon discovered his talent for mathematics and physics, so he double majored in those areas and minored in chemistry.

He was married in his sophomore year, then his first child was born, so most of his time was spent studying and working to support his family. One job led to a treasured, lifelong friendship with **Mary B. Thomas '23**. During his senior year, Collins was unexpectedly laid off from his job as a plastics molding machine operator. Thomas quickly hired him to do spring cleaning for her and lined up several of her friends for the same. In her constant generosity, Thomas also gave him a loan.

"Mary was so important to me that I never missed visiting her when I came back to Ohio to visit," remembers Collins. Thomas passed away in 1999.



Collins graduated near the top of his class and landed a job with Dow Chemical. This job began his 35-year career in plastics that included working at Dynafoam (Sun Chemical) and Sweetheart Plastics before landing at Valcour, Inc., where he was vice president of research and development.

Collins was a pioneer in polystyrene and polyethylene foam plastics. He holds several patents for inventions in the field, but the most satisfaction

comes from conceiving the idea for the "water noodle" in 1983.

His company nicknamed it the "noodle" after an associate's daughter saw them in the pool testing the white-hued prototypes and said, "It looks like a bunch of wet noodles."

When Collins retired from Valcour, several of the younger engineers nominated him to be a Fellow in the Society of Plastics Engineers, which he received in 1995, and Thomas nominated him for the Otterbein Alumni Special Achievement Award, which he received in 1996. Both of these recognitions leave Collins feeling humble. He says awards like this should go to teachers.

"Teachers are the ones who work so hard and rarely get the recognition they deserve," says Collins. In actuality, he did teach throughout his career, teaching fellow engineers how to utilize new technology, even lecturing in Japan.

named Teacher of the Year for 2007-08 and was awarded the Post & Courier and Medical University of South Carolina Boeing Wellness Award in 2016. She recently volunteered at the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Robert Lantz '85** was named the 2016 A. Monroe Courtright Community Service Award winner by the Westerville Rotary

Club. He is the 40th recipient of the award, which recognizes outstanding community service. He has organized food drive contributions from Otterbein University students for the Westerville Area Resource Ministry.

**Scott Alpeter '86** is the office manager at Mac Murray, Petersen & Shuster LLP, Columbus.

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**Mary Bravard Alpeter '87** is a customer service representative with the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology, Grove City, OH.

**Ronda Gearhart Koepeke '87** is an account executive at Roche Diagnostics.

**Steven McConaghy '87** finished the Run for God half marathon in Dalton, GA, in April with a time of 1 hour 43 minutes.

**John Cole '88** was named Volunteer of the Year at Nationwide Children's

Hospital in April. He has been volunteering for more than 21 years, with more than 1,250 hours logged. He is currently volunteering in the Sibling Clubhouse.

**Donna Hiles Lannard '90** earned her master's degree in education from Northern Illinois University in December. She is an instructional designer and trainer at Ashland University, Ashland, OH.

**Kelly Stein Luneborg '91** is a special education coordinator for Garaway Local Schools, Sugarcreek, OH.

Giving  
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Trustee and Campaign Chair **Kent P. Stuckey '79** made a campaign commitment of an estate gift totaling \$500,000 to benefit the University. In addition, he gave a generous gift to the Annual Fund. We are grateful for his leadership and his commitment to both the present and the future success of Otterbein.



## Andy Lee '88

# Art is not Only Technique, but a Philosophy of Visual Experience

By Ed Syguda

There is a little bit of Otterbein in every lesson artist **Andy Yeonsung Lee '88** teaches at the Let's Art Youth Art & Design Center, a school he founded for students of all ages in 2003 in Seoul, South Korea.

Let's Art is a private after-school program for about 120 students, ranging in age from 4 to 20. Courses of study include painting, drawing, printmaking, three-dimensional art, visual communication, product design and cultural craft.

Quite an interesting career for Lee, who entered Otterbein in 1984, undecided about a major until he took an elective drawing class from Earl Hassenpflug.

"I really enjoyed his class and one day he offered me a talent award scholarship that made a huge impact on me," Lee said. "He was the first one who recognized my passion and talent in art. He was my mentor, as were professors Joanne Stichweh and Al Germanson."

After his bachelor's degree, Lee earned his master's degree in art in 1993 from Southern Illinois University where he taught art part-time before returning to South Korea



to serve as global design strategy manager at Samsung Electronics Co. until 2000.

The birth of Lee's son, Sean Gyeong jun Lee, led to the inspiration to build Let's Art.

"I was thinking, what talent do I have for my son and children in Korea," Lee said. "I realized I could use my art and language talent. That was how it all started."

Lee, who made a week-long guest artist visit to Otterbein last April, describes his art as "visual storytelling."

"I paint pieces of my experiences, stories, memories, everyday observations and my own fairy tales in a combination of cubism and abstract expressionistic manner with mixed media," Lee said.

A lot of what Lee learned from Hassenpflug and Stichweh in the art studios carries over into the classrooms of Let's Art, for instance, using only five colors and mixing them for painting or turning your art work upside down before finishing.

"Not only technique, but I also learned the philosophy of visual thinking," said Lee.

Lee learned more than great art from his Otterbein professors. "I learned family warmth and brotherhood from my fraternity, Pi Beta Sigma, and that carries on in my life," he said.

Profile

1992

reunion year  
Homecoming 2017

**Rebecca Hook Queener '93**

is an associate at FC Bank, Cardington, OH.

**Scott Wilson '94** is a counselor at East High School, Columbus, OH.

**Michelle Johnson Ball '95** is the director of marketing and communications for the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University.

**Scott Bechtel '95** was promoted to director in tax practice at GBQ Partners LLC, a tax, accounting and consulting firm in Columbus.

**Laura Kunze '95** is

practice administrator at Comprehensive EyeCare of Central Ohio. She is also a licensed real estate agent.

**Brent Walters '95** is head athletic trainer at Glenville State College, Glenville, WV.

**Joshua Allen '96** is a principal theatre consultant with Theatre Consultants Collaborative. He has consulted on the design of more than 150 performance venues worldwide, has received numerous IES awards, and was recently accepted as a member of The American Society of Theatre Consultants, as the organization's youngest

member. He lives in Raleigh, NC, with his wife, **Amy Needham '94**, and their 13-year-old son, Sam.

**Tamara Staley '96** works for the Mayo Clinic in sales of cardiovascular diagnostic tests.

**Michael Vollette '96**, executive director of The Underground, a Christian affiliated concert venue in Cincinnati, received the C-Suite Award presented

by Venue and Lead Magazine. The award, presented in May, honors the region's leading chief executives and other C-level executives for their invaluable contributions to their organization and the community as well as their personal leadership characteristics.

1997

reunion year  
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**Stephanie Mack Loucka '97** was promoted by Ohio

Trustee **Eddie Harrell '94** and his wife, Valerie, have documented an estate gift for general use and a multi-year commitment to support The Otterbein FUND. We are grateful for the Harrells' commitment to both the present and the future of Otterbein.

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Governor John Kasich to director of the Ohio Department of Aging in July.

**Dennis Bertolotti '98** was promoted to president and chief operating officer of MISTRAS Group worldwide headquartered in Princeton Junction, NJ. MISTRAS is a global provider of technology-enabled asset production solutions used to evaluate the structural integrity of energy, industrial and public infrastructure.

**Marina Ourshansky Eller '98** is a nurse practitioner at the CVS Minute Clinic, Pataskala, OH.

**Kim Aikens '99** has a new position as manager of the Premier Inc. account, one of the top three accounts at Abbott Nutrition.

**Christine Collins '99** is the senior communications manager for university marketing and communications at Towson University, Towson, MD.

**Mark Ewing '99** received his master's in business administration from the University of Maryland this summer.

**Rod Skaf '99** was inducted into MetLife's Hall of Fame. He is a senior financial planner and financial services executive with SKAFSCO, a financial planning office of MetLife and a part of MetLife Premier Client Group of Ohio. Less than one percent of MetLife's financial services representatives have achieved this level of recognition.

**John Boyer '00** was inducted into the National Forensics Association's Hall of Fame in April at the beginning of the NFA's national tournament. He is a past member of the Otterbein debate team and is currently the debate coach at Lafayette College, Easton, PA.

**Deke Hocker '00** is dean of students at St. Paul School in Westerville, OH.

**Cara Bonasorte Boettner '01** received her master of science

in education in school counseling degree from the University of Dayton in May.

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**Dennis Duryea '03** is a physician at Tristan Radiology Specialists, Harrisburg, PA.

**Carrie Johnson '03** is director of communications at the Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), Arlington, VA.

**Rebecca Machuga Hubbard '03** is a human resources generalist at The Ohio State University.

**Wes Clarkson '04** is senior product manager at HBO in New York City.

**Misty Spring Heffernan '04** is a vice president, trust officer at Midwest Trust, Worthington, OH.

**Carissa Hershey '04** is the communications manager for the Reading Recovery Council of North America, Worthington, OH. RRCNA is a nonprofit association of

reading recovery professionals, advocates and partners.

**Becca Rossiter Lachman '04** has joined the Athens County Public Libraries as their first full-time communications officer. Her latest freelance writing can be found in *Ohio Today*.

**Courtney Dolphin Siegel '04** is a part-time athletic trainer at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus.

**Erica Hlavin Bell '05** was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in April. The article, "Radiation plus Procarbazine, CCNU, and Vincristine in LowGrade Glioma," resulted from her cancer research at The Ohio State University.

**Jennifer Brantingham '05** is a physician assistant at Emergency Services, Inc. Mount Carmel Emergency rooms, Columbus. She completed her master of science in health sciences degree with a track for physician

**Cindy Swartz Hughes '02** hosted Otterbein alumni at the Traveling Vineyard annual Wine Guide convention in Denver in July. Traveling Vineyard is an in-home wine tasting/direct sell concept. Pictured left to right are **Leslie Walker Ford '01**; **Kristina Johnson '02**; **Evan Hughes '02** and Cindy; **Mark Holland** (spouse of **Andrea Sisson Holland '99**); **Coralie Schulman Hafner '10**; **Krista Lively Stauffer '02**; in front is **Julie Wells Porretta '03**.



**Maggie Meier '09** won the 2016 Excellence Award for Teaching from Success Academy Charter Schools, New York City. She was selected from among 1,400 faculty members from 34 schools. Teaching in a fourth grade integrated co-teaching class at Harlem North Central, she says her theatre degree has never failed her. "The show must go on, no matter what."



## Julie Stroyne Nixon '14

### Starting a New Life Included Saving Another One

By Shirley Scott '70

Most brides recall memorable wedding moments, but **Julie Stroyne Nixon '14** can list saving a life as a special memory of her day.

In June as she and new husband, Andrew, crossed a Pittsburgh street after their reception, Nixon recounts, "Somebody screamed, 'Does anyone know CPR?' My nursing instincts just took over."

The trauma nurse at Pittsburgh's UPMC-Presbyterian Hospital — still dressed in her wedding gown — resuscitated an unresponsive woman near the newlyweds' hotel before an ambulance arrived to take the woman to the hospital.

A Pittsburgh native and state tennis champ, Nixon searched for a college with good programs in nursing and tennis. Although she visited Otterbein during a downpour, the university checked all her boxes including, "After the concrete of the city, I wanted a school with grass." In the midst of that grass, she played her way to four Cardinal Player-of-the-Year honors.

Having worked weekends as a hospital aide, Nixon was also pleased to find a praiseworthy nursing program.



During clinicals she discovered, "Otterbein students were allowed to do much more and were closer to the patients. My experiences helped me feel prepared and confident."

Nixon lauds the nursing program staff that "wanted us to succeed." She credits **Dr. Sue Butz DNP '13**, who worked with seniors in the area of critical care, with excellent preparation for the NCLEX Licensure Exam. And Butz "took time to care about us. She often asked me how tennis was going."

Nixon also singles out **Eleanor Vogel MSN '14**, another critical care instructor for seniors. "She was very strong about not judging patients and impressed upon us that patient behavior should never affect the care we give them."

Already working toward her next career goal of nurse practitioner, Nixon reflects on her years at Otterbein, "I loved the small-town feel of the campus and downtown Westerville. And incoming freshmen do not need to fear peer pressure; they can be themselves."

What more could this heroic nurse have asked: from the city to "a quiet, peaceful village" — and back again.

Profile

assistants at Cleveland State University/Cuyahoga Community College in December.

**Justin Clark '05** earned his law degree from Cleveland State University, Cleveland Marshall College of Law, December 2015. He is an associate with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP in Cleveland.

**Heather Duwel-Mehl '05** is an attorney with Duwel Law, Dayton, OH. She is active in the American Association for Justice, the Ohio Bar Association and the Dayton Bar Association. She focuses on family law and domestic relations litigation.

**Susanne Lynch Lintz '05** is the assistant superintendent of Northmont City Schools, Englewood, OH.

**Kristen Burns Vitartas '05** is the digital marketing manager at Caring Marketing, Columbus.

**Andrew Boose '06** is now the aquatic ecologist for the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks, a public agency serving the citizens of central Ohio and featuring 19 natural area parks with more than 27,000 acres of land in seven counties.

**Nicholas Kiger '06** is the associate director for Mission Support for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America located in Columbus.

**Tim Pheister '06** is a staff nurse at Riverside Methodist Hospital in the vascular thoracic unit.

**Mandi Wroblewski '06** is an intervention specialist in the Southeastern Local Schools, South Charleston, OH.

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**Andy Bowsher '07** was licensed and sworn in by the Ohio State Bar Association in May and became a judicial and

legislative affairs counsel for the Supreme Court of Ohio in August.

**Lanae McInturf '07** was selected by Battelle for Kids as one of the Ohio Appalachian Collaborative 2016 Distinguished Educators. The OAC is comprised of 21 rural districts throughout Ohio. She is an intermediate teacher in math and social studies at Foxfire Community Schools, Zanesville, OH.

**Christine Smothers '07** is self-employed at Christine Smothers' Fitness and Wellness, Delaware, OH, as a personal trainer.



**Ashlee Householder Henney '08** is owner of Cuddle Monster, an online baby and toddler boutique based in South Carolina.

**Shannon Carr Swint '08** is the animal programs office coordinator for the Columbus Zoo.

**Melody Brugh Thomas MSN '08** is an instructor of nursing practice at The Ohio State University College of Nursing.

**Whitney Prose Bruno '09** was ordained by the United Church of Christ at Zion UCC, Delaware, OH, in July. She is pastor of St. Michael's UCC, Baltimore, OH.

**Bridget Kelley '09** is a digital sales assistant at WKYC-TV, Cleveland.

**Kristin Sutton Harris '09** earned her master's degree in public policy and management in May from The Ohio State University.

**Greg Beers '10** is a dentist in general practice at Advanced Dental Wellness, Columbus.

**Cassandra Cardenas '10** is a public relations account executive at O'Connell and Goldberg Public Relations Agency in Hollywood, FL.

**Margaret Michels '10** became certified as a registered microbiologist in food safety and quality microbiology in June. She is employed by Smithfield Foods, Cincinnati.

**Michael Sawicki '10** is a software engineer at The Nerderly, a group of web developers, UX designers, QA engineers and other experts that create custom technology to solve clients' needs.

**Alex Stansbery '10** is the principal at Zenith Academy, a K-12 charter school in Columbus.

**Samuel Watson '10** is a high school history teacher and offensive coordinator for varsity football at Eaton Local Schools, Eaton, OH.

**Jessica Michael Detwiler '11** is a registered nurse at Ohio Health.

**Jillian Fair '11** is talent acquisition coordinator at The Ohio State University.

**Brandon Gessner '11** was promoted to director of global accounts at HelmsBriscoe, where he focuses on matching the needs of meeting planners with the right hotel in sports markets, including corporate association, collegiate and amateur travel.

**Garth Weithman '11** is a project manager with United Way of Central Ohio.

**Kelly Woolfe-Patterson '11, MSCH '16** is the head athletic trainer and assistant girls soccer coach at West Muskingum High School, Zanesville, OH.

**Joshua McCaskey '12** is coordinator of athletics recruiting and game operations at Quincy University, Quincy, IL.

**Mitchell Warmbein '12** is a speech language pathologist at Trumbull County Educational Service Center, Niles, OH.

**Erin Carpenter '13** is an eighth grade social studies teacher in Auburn City Schools, Auburn, AL.

**Rebekah Reese Kent '13** is a registered nurse on staff at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

**Daniel Mayo '13** is quality assurance coordinator at SK Food Group, Inc., Reynoldsburg, OH.

**Brooke Robbins '13** has been named coordinator for leadership and annual giving at the Ball State University Foundation, Muncie, IN.

**Alison Thompson '13** received the Outstanding Educator Award in her second year of teaching in SouthWestern City School District. She is a first grade teacher at Darbydale Elementary School, Grove City, OH.

**Megan Gray Eberhard '14** is a secretary at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

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**Catherine Kerber '12** is operations administrator for Yellow Zebra Safaris, a luxury African safari company based in London, UK.

### Please Note: Changes Coming to Classnotes!

In the coming months, we'll be making some exciting updates in how we share our achievements and career news with our Towers and online readers. In an effort to share news faster and reach more alumni across the country and around the world, we'll begin to post achievements and career news via our alumni social media outlets (with permission), and via our Classnotes webpage, [www.otterbein.edu/classnotes](http://www.otterbein.edu/classnotes).



## Entertainment Center

**Rob Liotti '86** was chosen by filmmakers to portray the late Bon Scott in a biopic. Scott was the original lead singer of the Australian band, AC/DC. The film is currently in development awaiting funding.

**Johnny Steiner '96** performed *Songs from Broadway Musicals of the 1950s* in concert accompanied by **Eileen Fagan Huston '57** and **Paul Baker '15** in Otterbein's Battelle Fine Arts Center in August. He also began working as associate director of music/choir director at Church of the Messiah UMC, Westerville, in July.

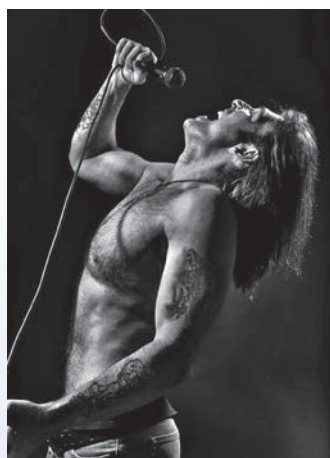


**Johnny Steiner '96**

**Amy Ellenberger '98** starred in *In Case of Emergency* this summer, presented by the Chalk Repertory Theatre, which Ellenberger helped found. The play takes place in a garage at a private home in Pasadena where the main character has filled the garage with supplies for any emergency and the supply has gotten out of hand.



**Amy Ellenberger '98**



**Rob Liotti '86**

**Scott Fais '98** won an Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Suncoast Division. He was honored in a category where journalists serve as photographer, writer, video editor, reporter and producer, mastering all five disciplines. This is his fourth Emmy Award. He was also recently selected as the Florida correspondent for the program, *Travel Monthly*, which appears across the U.S. on Time Warner Cable On Demand. He continues to share reporting responsibilities with News 13 in Orlando and Bay News 9 in Tampa.



**Scott Fais '98** at the Antarctica tour at SeaWorld.

**Scott Wilson '02** played Tom in MadLab Theatre's world premiere production of *The NSA's Guide to Sex and Love* in Columbus this spring. He played a gung-ho agent, similar to Robert Stack's role in *Airplane*.

**Dave Hutte '06** won his second Emmy award in June for Best Weekend Evening Newscast Market 41+. He directed this newscast which occurred on Super Bowl Sunday 2015, during a record snowfall in Toledo.



**Jonathan Jurgens '07**

**Jonathan Jurgens '07** will sing the part of Don Jose in the Opera Columbus production of *Carmen* in May 2017, sung in French with English subtitles.

Several alumni participated in the production of *Cats: The Musical* with Columbus Children's Theater in May at the Lincoln Theater.

**Michael Minite '13** served as stage manager, **Jeff Fouch '04** choreographed and performed, **Mary Sink '00** was the makeup artist, **Jessica Parker '12** was dance captain and performer, and **Krista Stauffer '02** and current student **Alex Armesto '17** performed.



**Jeff Fouch '04** leaping.

**Jordan Donica '16** made his Broadway debut in the role of Raoul in the production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*, directed by Harold Prince.



**Jordan Donica '16**



**Kelsie Gorrell '14** is an OhioHealth athletic trainer working at Fisher Catholic High School. She is also teaching an athletic training class there.

**Abigail Hornyak Reed '14** is a patient care technician in the cardiovascular intensive care unit at The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano in Plano, TX.

**Tim Mosher MSN '14** was given the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges in June. He is currently serving as a certified nurse practitioner at St. Rita's Professional Services, Lima, OH.

**Anthony Napoli '14** is a software engineer at IBM, New Albany, OH.

**Allison Smith '14, MSAF '16** is assistant athletic trainer/clinical instructor in the Athletic Department at Otterbein.

**Shannon Back '15** is visit and events coordinator in the Office of Admissions at Otterbein.

**Jeannie Goff DNP '15** is a nurse practitioner in the Parkersburg, WV, area.

**Rachel Scherzer '15** works with Americorp/Vista and is currently assigned to The Promise House at Otterbein. The Promise House is a newly created resource on campus providing emergency food and other personal needs for students living independently.

**Brandy Stiverson '15** began pursuit of a master's degree in college student personnel at

Ohio University this fall. She will also mentor and coach students as a graduate assistant in the Allen Student Advising Center.

**Gloridely Tavarez '15** is marketing coordinator for OHM Advisors in Columbus.

**Sarah Janning Wadsworth '15** is in her second year teaching sixth grade math and science at Big Walnut Intermediate School, Sunbury, OH.

**Jim Waterwash '15** is the agency branch manager at American Family Insurance, Powell, OH.

**Alexandria Weber '15** is pursuing a doctor of philosophy degree at Duke University, Durham, NC.

**Alexandra Conrad '16** is manager of ticketing in Otterbein's Department of Theatre and Dance.

**Brianna Diehl '16** is teaching AP biology, AP environmental science, IB biology and coaching freshman cheerleading at Worthington Kilbourne High School, Worthington, OH.

**Zachary Hamilton '16** is a teacher in the North Union Local Schools, Richwood, OH.

**Ashley Jungclas '16** is a product support specialist at London Computer Systems, Loveland, OH.

**Andrew Kovalski '16** is secretary/receptionist in

the Department of Music at Otterbein.

**Sarah Lemanski '16** is a senior human resource analyst at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus.

**Mary Arnold Long DNP '16** is president of WO Consultation, LLC, providing educational and professional consultative services. As an active member of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society (WOCN), she recently presented a lecture on skin tears

at InterPele in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She is one of 10 certified full scope WOC nurses in the U.S.

**David Monaco '16** is an assistant golf coach in the Athletic Department at Otterbein.

**Bailey Pontius '16** is an assistant golf coach in the Athletic Department at Otterbein.

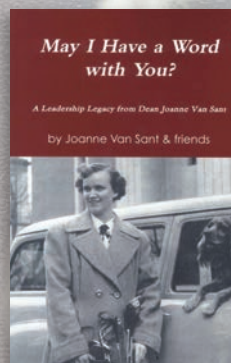
**Kim Shapiro '16** is employed by Safex, Inc., Westerville, as an environmental health and safety specialist. •

#### Corrections from last issue:

In the Sean McDaniel profile article (page 34), his mother's name was misspelled. It should be **Ann Backer McDaniel '75** (not McDonald).

In the article about Professor Rex Ogle, we failed to identify **Myron Campbell '77** as an alumnus.

Our apologies!



#### Available now! Dean Van's Book!

Order your copy of *May I Have a Word with You?* at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/alumnibooks](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/alumnibooks) or call 614-823-1650.

The book costs \$15 with all proceeds contributed to the Joanne Van Sant Initiative.



# MILESTONES

compiled by Becky Hill May '78 and Deb Madden '03

## Marriages

**Victoria Ruth Libertore '98**

to Jennifer Koltun, June 4, 2016, in Bali. **Ryan Migge '97** walked Libertore down the aisle. In attendance were **Christopher DePaola '97**, **Maya Gangadharan '95**, **Ben Hauck '98**, **Melissa Muguruza Weaver '97** and **Celina Polanco '98**.

**Gretchen Linscott '01** to

Michael Quick, May 28, 2016. The wedding party included **Lisa Patton Bruggeman '01**, **Lena Bockrath Furci '01**, **Michelle Pomeroy Roettger '01**, **Melissa Darling Andrix '01** and Coach Connie Richardson.

**Jeremy Bridgman '04** to Megan

DuBato, May 1, 2016. He is the son of **Rev. David Bridgman '78**, who officiated the ceremony, and **Mim Goehring Bridgman '77**. The wedding party included sister, **Charis Bridgman McFarlane '07**. Grandparents, **Dick Bridgman '49** and **Carolyn Boda Bridgman '50**, were also honored for their more than 60 years of marriage.

**Andrea Howard '10** to

David Drago, June 11, 2016. **Megan Hartley Ford '10** was matron of honor; bridesmaids were **Lauren Rothermel '10**, **Amy Law '10** and **Nicole Housekeeper '12**.

**Lauren Williams '10** to Patrick Farrell, Aug. 8, 2015. The

wedding party included **Vanessa Slocum Gardin '08**, **Kaylyn Armstrong '11**, **Katherine Court '11** and **Meagan Navarre '12**.

**Kara Cover '11** to **Matthew Miller '11**, June 25, 2016. The wedding party included **Mark Cramer '11**.

**Stanzi Detzel Davis '12** to **Adam Schalter '12**, Sept. 14, 2013. Class of '12 guests were **Andrea C. Enright Varadi**, **Jacob Robinson**, **Jamie Ferguson**, **Kyle McIntire**, **Emma Brock**, **Cameron Hobbs** and **Lauren Friednash**, who gifted the couple with a choreographed piece at the reception.

**Megan Gray '14** to Stephen Eberhard, July 2, 2016.

## Births

**Dawn Mamula Stewart '98** and husband, **Steven '98**, a son, Jack Gibson.

**Melissa Johnson Simkins '99**, and husband, William, a son, Kingston Edward.

**Amanda Welch Hickman '00** and husband, **Brian '99**, a son, Nolan Cade. He joins brother, Caleb, and sister, Aubrey.

**Tiffany Allison Goodman '01** and husband, Andrew, a son, Thomas Andrew.



Jennifer Koltun with spouse, **Victoria Ruth Libertore '98**.



Michael Quick with wife, **Gretchen Linscott '01**.



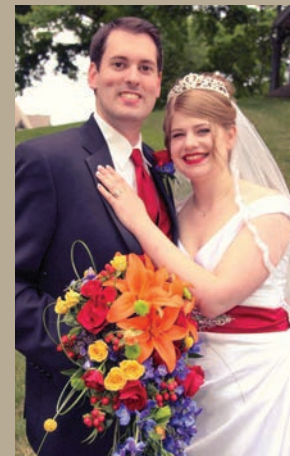
**Jeremy Bridgman '04** with wife, Megan Dubato, and family.



**Andrea Howard '10** with husband, David Drago, and matron of honor and bridesmaids.



**Lauren Williams '10** with husband, Patrick Farrell.



**Stephen Eberhard** with wife, **Megan Gray '01**.





Jack Gibson Stewart



Kingston Edward Simkins



Nolan Cade Hickman with big sister, Aubrey, and big brother, Caleb



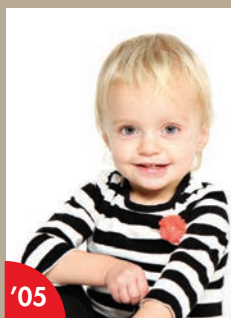
August Russell Dearth



Joanna Elaine Hughes



Ward Randles Morneauault with big sister, Molly Joann



Aubrey Ann Allen



Avery Jane Derr with big brothers, Noah and Bryson



Elliot Vitartas with big sister, Arianna



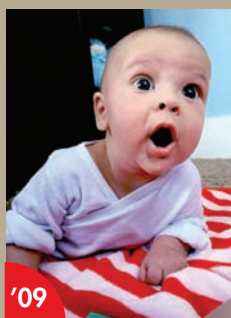
Kara Emerson Kiger



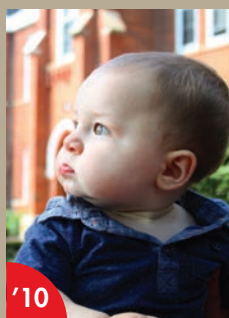
Harrison Hoeger



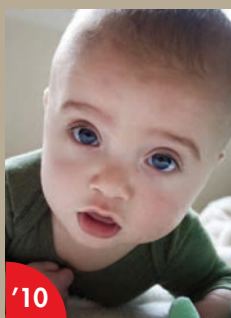
Ethan William Nichols



Lincoln Thomas Fisher



Grayden Barnett



Jackson Robert Prescott



Owen Kerry Coy



Ariella Jordanna Vilanova

**Andy Dearth '02** and wife, Amanda, a son, August Russell. Proud grandfather is **Steve Dearth '73**.

**Cindy Swartz Hughes '02** and husband, **Evan '02**, a daughter, Joanna Elaine. She joins big brother, Benjamin.

**Matt Morneauault '04** and wife, Mirullia, a son, Ward Randles. He joins big sister, Molly Joann, 3.

**Kim Groseclose Allen '05** and husband, Jon, a daughter Aubrey Ann.

**Jessica Henning Derr '05** and husband, **Evan '05**, a daughter, Avery Jane. She joins big brothers Bryson, 5, and Noah, 3.

**Michael V. Papadales '05** and his wife, Karen, a son, Robert James. He joins big brother, Basil.

**Kristen Burns Vitartas '05** and husband, **Matthew '04**, a son, Elliot. He joins big sister, Arianna, 6.

**Misty DeMichael Kiger '06** and husband, **Nicholas '06**, a daughter, Kara Emerson.

**Ben Hoeger '07** and wife, Kelly, a son, Harrison.

**Hilary Patrick Nichols '08** and husband, William, a son, Ethan William.

**Cara Gale Fisher '09** and husband, **Auggie '10**, a son, Lincoln Thomas.

**Chelsea Moyseenko Lehman '09** and husband, **Ben Lehman '07**, a daughter, Josephine Grace.

**Jeraca Yetzer Barnett '10** and husband, **Clay '10**, a son, Grayden.

**Elizabeth Freshley Coy '10** and husband, Stephen '08, a son, Owen Kerry.

**Natalie Yost Prescott '10** and husband, Jacob, a son, Jackson Robert.

**Kelsey Wilson Vilanova '10** and husband, **Kleber '14**, a daughter, Ariella Jordanna.



# IN MEMORIAM

'39 Ruth Ehrlich Ostrom, Feb. 17, 2016  
'40 Helen Albright Leasure, May 10, 2016  
'44 Elizabeth Calkins Smith, Nov. 1, 2014  
'44 John A. Smith, June 4, 2016  
'46 N. John Koda, Jan. 18, 2015  
'46 Carol Peden Lefferson, May 1, 2016  
'47 Lucy Layer Jacoby, March 15, 2016  
'47 Palmer W. Manson, Aug. 19, 2016  
'47 Margene Mikesell Schuller, April 8, 2016  
'48 Leokadia Cummings Jensen, Jan. 17, 2016  
'48 Thomas V. Moon, May 20, 2015  
'48 Maria Kepple Moseley, May 16, 2016  
'49 Barbara Bone Feightner, June 11, 2016  
'50 Betty Ervin Stockton, April 28, 2016  
'50 Joyce Wagner Leatherman, March 26, 2016  
'50 Ruth Arthur Woods, Nov. 6, 2015  
'51 Ralph W. Hughes, March 28, 2016  
'51 James B. Baker, July 7, 2016  
'51 John H. Baker, March 9, 2016  
'52 Stanley L. Miller, Oct. 9, 2015  
'52 Carol Cassel Badgley, May 14, 2016  
'52 Marilyn Good Stebelton, March 27, 2016  
'52 Miriam Stockslager Hedges, May 14, 2016  
'52 Naomi Mann Rosensteel, June 1, 2016  
'53 Haven C. Kelley, April 10, 2016  
'53 June Decker Egan, Nov. 29, 2015  
'53 Gerald E. Jacoby, May 24, 2016  
'53 George William Lehman, July 22, 2016  
'54 Jack F. Shively, Aug. 21, 2014  
'54 W. Dean Kirkland, March 1, 2016  
'54 Anne Liesmann Clare, May 19, 2016  
'54 Patricia M. Gibson, June 15, 2016  
'55 Leslie D. Foor, April 27, 2016  
'58 Hugh W. Zimmer Jr, Sept. 15, 2014  
'59 Nancy M. Lucks, April 9, 2016  
'59 Marlene Lash Willey, Sept. 25, 2015  
'59 Ralph E. Bender, March 30, 2016  
'59 Roger A. Bell, Feb. 27, 2016  
'60 John J. Behling, May 20, 2016  
'60 Larry G. Willey, Oct. 27, 2015  
'61 Keith L. Brown, April 19, 2016

'61 John W. Campbell, April 10, 2016  
'62 Ellen Kemp Kay, May 15, 2016  
'62 G. Robin Hance, March 12, 2016  
'62 Lynn T. Sherman, Jan. 16, 2016  
'63 Homer F. Trout, June 28, 2016  
'63 Martin L. Franklin, Aug. 19, 2016  
'64 Jacqueline Reed Parker, March 21, 2016  
'64 James W. Ward, May 13, 2013  
'64 William D. Thompson, March 11, 2016  
'65 Paul E. Thomas, Nov. 15, 2015  
'65 Charles R. Easter III, July 15, 2016  
'67 I. Bruce Turner, Aug. 19, 2016  
'73 Maryann Marstrell Wakefield, April 6, 2016  
'73 Carol Mathias Herron, April 16, 2016  
'75 Thomas L. Sheppard, May 28, 2016  
'77 Patricia Call Riner, Aug. 14, 2016  
'77 Cynthia Snodgrass Jones, May 25, 2016  
'78 Debra Geesey Riley, July 3, 2016  
'78 Ann Black Ihnat, Feb. 14, 2016  
'79 Dorothy Danford Knight, March 18, 2016  
'82 Ruth Ann Noble, June 11, 2016  
'90 Vicki Lynn Dolash, May 11, 2016  
'91 Craig David Barnes, Feb. 21, 2016  
'97 Matthew James Rudisill, March 12, 2016  
'99 Cynthia Lynn Burmaster, March 16, 2016  
'00 William Michael Grubb, March 28, 2016  
'07 John N. Cockerill, Aug. 12, 2016  
'09 Crystal Koon-Lester, Nov. 22, 2016

## Friend

Neva Fritsche, Aug. 20, 2016

### Please Note: Changes to Obituary Listings

In this issue of *Towers*, we made changes to our obituary listings in order to share information in a more timely fashion. Listings only contain names, class years and the date of death. Long format obituaries can be found on our website, [www.otterbein.edu/classnotes](http://www.otterbein.edu/classnotes). This change allows us to share more alumni life stories and connections to Otterbein with our readers. No internet? Call 800-614-2600 for a complete obituary listing.



# Otterbein's Historic Costume Collection

Who knew you could find hoop skirts, flapper dresses, petticoats, knickers and even some psychedelic-colored "mod" dresses from the '60s in Roush Hall?

All of these pieces, and about a thousand more, are part of Otterbein's Historical Costume Collection, started by Jean Spero, emerita professor, back in 1984. At first, she was merely trying to find a place for her grandmother's heirlooms. From there, it grew to individual donations and an influx of items from The Ohio State University's Textile and Clothing Department.

The collection is housed on the second floor of Roush, in two rooms. This past fall, many pieces from the suffragette era have been on display in the Fisher Gallery. The second floor display case on the north side of the gallery (which serves as a permanent display for the collection) is just a hop-skip in Mary Janes from the office and storage room.

The collection is managed by an advisory board that consists of Spero; her daughter, **Maggie Spero '85**; **Linnette Schaffer '91** and Karen Adams.

First housed in the McFadden-Schear Science Building, the collection was moved to Roush Hall in 1993. Many of the older and more delicate pieces cannot be hung on hangers, so they rest permanently on mannequins, which were built by the elder Spero.

There are some men's items within the collection, though because men's fashions change much less than women's, there are fewer historical pieces available. "Men's clothing was typically worn until it wore out," explains Spero, "so fewer pieces survive."



Jean Spero with a dress from the suffragette era in the background.



Left: All kinds of clothing options make up the collection, including hats, knickers, silk stockings, scarves, jewelry and much more. Above: Dresses from the suffragette era adorn the display case on the second floor of the Fisher Gallery.





# Cardinal Tales

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

**STAND UP. STAND STRONG. STAND OUT.** There are a thousand distinctive reasons to be proud of your alma mater. Share your Otterbein Pride with others by shouting the facts you see on this page. We are

**STANDING** out

- among our peers in education, community service, and community engagement,
- by our graduates living all around the world making a difference, and
- with alumni serving their college with their time, talent, ties and treasures.

Take a look within this section and determine how you want to connect and engage with Otterbein by ways including recruiting prospective students, connecting internships with your employment, attending an alumni event, nominating an alumnus/a for an award, traveling with us because we take care of the details, sharing this **STAND OUT** news with others and the list goes on.

With Cardinal Pride,

*Becky Fickel Smith*

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Alumni returning to Otterbein classrooms and  
events to inspire, mentor, network and  
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**Welcome Class of 2020!**

This record-breaking, first-year class is  
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**96%**

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**Otterbein Class of '67!**  
**Your 50th reunion will be**  
**held at Homecoming,**  
**Sept. 14-16, 2017.**  
**Plan to come home!**



**"THANKS FOR A SPECTACULAR HOMECOMING!"**



For more photos and a recap of Homecoming & Family Weekend,  
 visit [www.otterbein.edu/homecoming2016](http://www.otterbein.edu/homecoming2016)







**Scott Arthur '99, Nathan Speiser '05, Rayshawn Wilson '02, Kerrie Copas Adams '98 and Jay Schomaker '05. Not pictured, Jeremy Bobb '03.**

*Congratulations to the 2016*

# Young Alumni Award Winners

Six recipients of the 2016 Young Alumni Awards were honored on Sept. 30 in the Battelle Fine Arts Center 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 who inspired them during their time as a student.



**Micaela Coleman '10** [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/youngalumniawards](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/youngalumniawards).

The welcome address was given by 2016 Celebration of Diversity recipient, **Micaela Coleman '10**, and marked the sixth anniversary of the Young Alumni Awards program.

To read award winner bios and nominate a young alumna or alumnus for next year's awards, visit

**Professional Achievement, Kerrie Copas Adams '98, Director of Enterprise Analytics at Lowe's**



**Leadership & Citizenship, Scott Arthur '99, Vice Chancellor of Advancement, Univ. of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus**



**Creative Achievement, Jeremy Bobb '03, Actor**



**Professional Achievement, Jay Schomaker '05, Vice President, Finance, Pharmaceutical Segment, Cardinal Health**



**Professional Achievement, Nathan Speiser '05, Head of Sales, NetJets**



**Community Engagement, Rayshawn Wilson '02, Climate and Culture Support Manager, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio**



*See bios of all the winners at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/youngalumniawards](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/youngalumniawards).*





## SPRING ALUMNI AWARDS CEREMONY GALA

**Saturday, April 22, 2017, 3 p.m. Cowan Hall**  
Featuring the fourth annual Spring Alumni Award Ceremony Gala with recognition of the 2017 Alumni Award Recipients. Special musical performance by the alumni and students of Otterbein University's Department of Music and Department of Theatre and Dance.



## Come Home to Otterbein at Homecoming & Family Weekend 2017

*All Class reunions will be featured at Homecoming  
on Sept. 15-16, 2017*

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23RD CARDINAL MIGRATION — OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY BOUND

# Fly Home to the Nest

MAY 31 — JUNE 3, 2017

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Cardinal Migration is flying home to Otterbein in 2017. The program tracks will feature Otterbein's outstanding academic courses, history of Otterbein and the village of Westerville, and an Otterbein hunt to some very special places on campus. *More information will be forthcoming!*



2017 Otterbein Spring Travel to

## Southwest Parks

Enjoy the beauty of America's Southwest, May 6-13, 2017

Are any of these sites and adventures on your travel bucket list?

- Grand Canyon South Rim and Lake Powell dinner cruise
- Monument Valley by four-wheel vehicle
- Colorado River float trip
- Glen Canyon views from the Colorado River
- The hoodoos of Bryce Canyon National Park
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# PREPARED TO **STAND OUT**

Our alumni credit Otterbein for spotting their potential and teaching them how to do something special with their talents. Their success spans the years but Otterbein is the constant for where it all began. How has Otterbein helped you **STAND** out among the best?

## Match these Otterbein Alumni with Their **OUTSTANDING** Achievements

**1** Head of sales for NetJets Inc., the worldwide leader in private aviation with the largest and most diverse private jet fleet in the world.

**2** Senior economic analyst who monitors, analyzes and forecasts aspects of the automotive industry for J.D. Power in Washington, D.C.

**3** Research scientist developing new therapeutics to treat genetic heart disease.

**4** Global Head of Diversity & Inclusion at Yahoo!

**5** Senior Global Sales Analyst at Nike SB.

**6** Asst. manager of communications and investor education at the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc., Ms. Virginia USA Ambassador 2016.

**7** Made Broadway debut in *The Phantom of the Opera* within one month of graduating.

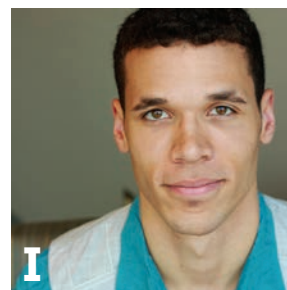
**8** Young Adult author who received the Edgar Allen Poe Award for one novel with another novel optioned for film.

**9** Received the Director's Award for Excellence in Criminal Investigations, one of the FBI's highest honors.

**10** Part of the first-ever infusion of experimental antibody into a human for the treatment of Ebola.

**11** Worked on film and media projects including *Captain America: Winter Soldier*, *Carol*, *Miles Ahead*, *I Am Wrath* and *478*, as well as Super Bowl commercials.

**12** Serves as the business manager for Jack Hanna, beloved director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, the nation's number one zoo!



**ANSWER KEY** 1J: Nathan Speiser '05 2G: Danushka Nanayakkara-Skillington '07 3E: Sadie Bartholomew Ingle '07 4L: Margenett Moore-Roberts '94 5H: Hollee Burba '05 6A: Micaela Coleman '10 7I: Jordan Donica '16 8C: Mindy McGinnis '01 9D: Michael McKinney '86 10F: Tim Mosher MSN '14 11B: Alberto Viglietta '94 12K: Erin Sites Ensign '08



# Homecoming Reunions, Legacy Photo



**Class of '71** Front row: Wilma Patterson Moore, Linda Eddy Randazzo, Barb MacKenzie Campbell, Wendy Roush, Dottie Stover-Kendrick, Ray Farris, Jae Benson Van Wey, Rich Thomas, Jennie Robinson Thomas, Joyce Bristow Winget, Rita Schumacher Billikam. Second Row: Bill Marshall, (hidden) Kay Cottrell Hirsch, Linda Ancik Augspurger, Adele Knipp Klenk,

John Peters, Barbara Bibbee, Pam Dunn Peters, (hidden) Betsy Gibson Pringle, Pat Spessard Schramm, Wanda Boykin Rieger, Jurgen Rieger, Rosemarie Willhide, Betty Johnston Rigdon, Rick Mayhew, Dennis Lohr, Jim Augspurger, Dan Armbruster, Laura Tuck Wood, Jim Wood, Jane Holford, Sue Borg Pohl, Marsha Brobst Adkins.



**Class of '76 and Friends:** Seated: Jan Conley Mayville '76, Sue Cline Steiner '76, Frankie Donisi Geese '76, Leslie Roraback Ray '76, Marsha Harting Niederer '76, Karl Niederer '75. Second row: Carol Ventresca '76, Deb Kasow Johnson '76, Sandy Loos Sampson '76, Dawn Kasow '76, Lee Anne Christopher Bosley '76, Becky Askins Potts '76,

Judy Sebright Flippo '76, Amy Hawkins Maerhofer '76, Alan Goff '75, Linda Robey Buckle '78, Coral Harris, Tom Flippo '75. Back row: Deb Bowsher '75, Dan Underwood '76, Steve Johnson '76, Scott Campbell '76, Steve Calhoun '76, Chuck Erickson '76, Joe Antram '77, Matt Arnold '76, David Buckle '76.



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## NEW EXPERIENCE

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## RENEWED COMMITMENT

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The 2016 Homecoming and Family Weekend was memorable to senior football player **Nick Toledo '17** and his family. Nick had not seen his older brother, Christopher, in more than three years because Christopher had been stationed in Alaska serving the United States Air Force. What's more, Christopher had not seen Nick play football in almost six years. That streak ended on Saturday, Oct. 1, inside Memorial Stadium when, during pregame, Christopher emerged from the tunnel as Otterbein paid tribute over the loudspeaker to the Toledo family for their sacrifices. Surrounded by teammates and coaches, Nick immediately ran towards his brother for an embrace that will not soon be forgotten by those in attendance.

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