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*Exploring
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Shared Legacies Connect Our DNA



**Presidents Tom Kerr, Kathy Krendl
and C. Brent DeVore**

In recent years, our inherent curiosity coupled with sophisticated technology have opened countless doors to all that DNA can tell us. It has been used as a powerful predictive tool in medicine even influencing major decisions about our health, including preventative treatment to stave off serious illnesses for those who carry a traceable gene.

Now, its decoding power has become even more accessible. Home DNA-kits offered by companies like MyHeritage DNA and 23andMe became a popular gift this holiday season. For a price point hovering near \$100, families started exploring their roots beyond the stories that have been passed down through generations.

In this issue of *Towers*, we consider the concept of Otterbein DNA. You'll read about the traits we share, and you'll learn about the commitments graduates have made as individuals, as professionals, and as family members.

These stories of shared legacies remind us that as Cardinals we are deeply and intricately connected.

No matter the year an individual graduated, the academic program one majored in, or the geographic homes we claimed before and after Otterbein — we are connected as a community of caring, compassionate and curious individuals who are seeking to leave an Otterbein footprint, to make a difference for good out in the world.

You'll find this sentiment expressed repeatedly throughout this issue. Former chairman of the Otterbein board of trustees, **Tom Morrison '63**, talks about his unique perspective of Otterbein's DNA (p.24) and how it distinguishes individuals. It is a desire, as **Mindy Phinney '85** describes (p.14) to be "a part of something larger than myself."

What we lack in scientific evidence about the Otterbein gene is surely traceable through the values we have held sacred since our beginning. I hope you take pride in and celebrate your Otterbein DNA. Please share the story of your DNA footprint, what you have done, and how you have achieved it, as part of this remarkable legacy we share with alumniinfo@otterbein.edu.

Sincerely,

Kathy A. Krendl
President

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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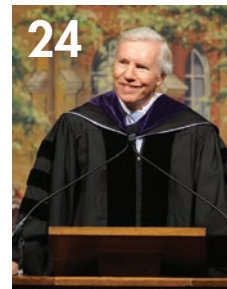
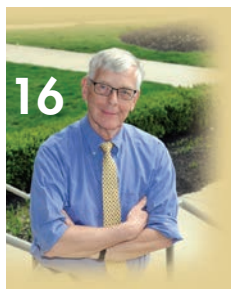
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To help illustrate our Cardinal DNA for the cover story on Otterbein's Ancestry, Professor Mike Hudoba created this double helix at The Point using a Makerbot Replicator Z18 3D printer. It took 30 hours to produce. He is an expert in DNA — his doctorate research used DNA to create nanomachines for different applications, including force spectroscopy and cancer detection. He is currently developing a lab at The Point to continue this work with student researchers. Photo by Ed Syguda.

I **STAND** FOR TOMORROW'S TEACHERS



Scholarship Fund Helping Student Reach Her Potential

by Courtney Kilmer '17

In 1950, Ne Ne Beachler came to Otterbein University as a freshman. She was active on campus, joining Tau Epsilon Mu sorority and attending most of the basketball games. She had high hopes for her future. Unfortunately, she was only able to afford to stay for that one year.

After she left Otterbein, she settled in the Westerville area and started a family. Two decades later she sold her house

to Otterbein and the University set up a scholarship fund in her name. This fund has assisted many students over the years, including this year's recipient, **Allie Berger '18**.

Berger is a junior middle childhood education major from Sunbury, Ohio. She transferred to Otterbein for her sophomore year and is "paying for my own education by myself, and I wouldn't be able to come here at all without my

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scholarships," said Berger. "I'm grateful because I'm trying not to take out private loans, so this has helped me so much."

Beachler was excited to know that the scholarship in her name is being used by a student who is in a similar situation to her own so many years ago.

"I'm delighted. I think it's wonderful," she said. "I couldn't afford to continue at Otterbein after a year, and now I realize there were ways that I could have kept going, but I didn't know about them at the time."

The help that Berger received has been instrumental to the progress of her education. She is thankful for the

scholarship, and hopes that someday she will be able to donate money for a scholarship of her own to make a difference in another student's life.

Ninety-nine percent of Otterbein freshmen receive some form of merit and/or need-based financial aid. To learn how to set up your own named endowed scholarship fund or to contribute to an existing fund to help an Otterbein student, please contact Candace Brady at cbrady@otterbein.edu or at 614-823-1953.

compiled by Jenny Hill '05

BRYONN BAIN

TRUTH & POWER



Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Scholar in Residence

Scholar, spoken-word artist and activist Bryonn Bain brought his unique blend of talents to the Fritsche Theatre stage on April 12 for a thought-provoking performance called *Life After Lockdown: The Abolition of the Punishment Paradigm*. Bain was the 2017 Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at Otterbein. He spent two separate weeks on campus, visiting classes and community groups, hosting poetry events, and engaging with Otterbein students.

Bain's performance — a unique blend of music, dance, visual art, poetry and monologue — recounted aspects of his life as he told the story of three days he spent in jail after a wrongful arrest in New York, as well as his observations and personal accounts of the criminal justice system.

Bain is an assistant professor-in-residence in the Department of African American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. A native of Brooklyn, he is a prison reform activist, actor, author, hip hop theater innovator and spoken word poetry champion.

Described by Cornel West as an artist who "...speaks his truth with a power we desperately need to hear," Bain has reached over 20 million viewers through his interview with Mike Wallace on *60 Minutes* and his award-winning work as a BET host for the critically acclaimed weekly talk show *My Two Cents*.

Bringing the arts and education into prisons for over 25 years, Bain's poetry and music are available on the *Life After Lockdown Mixtape*, executive produced by the legendary founder of hip-hop, DJ Kool Herc. His one-man show, *Lyrics From Lockdown*, has sold out on three continents worldwide.

Bain is the author of three books. His essays in *The Ugly Side of Beautiful: Rethinking Race and Prisons* are published by Third World Press with foreword by Mumia Abu Jamal and introduction by Lani Guinier. His poetry is available in *The Prophet Returns*, a hip-hop generation remix of Kahlil Gibran's classic *The Prophet*, and *Fish & Bread/Pescado Y Pan*, a bilingual children's book illustrated by his son and godson (Brown Girl Books).

After teaching in the Dramatic Arts at Harvard University, Bain founded the prison education program at New York University (NYU). He then brought the courses he developed on hip-hop, spoken word and the prison crisis at Boys Town Detention Center, Rikers Island, NYU, Long Island University, Columbia University and The New School to UCLA. At UCLA, he is developing a Prison Education Program and Center for Justice offering higher education at the California Institute for Women (CIW) correctional facility, the oldest women's prison in California. He is also working with inmates at the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall.



The Point Residents Move In

Students, educators, business, industry and community partners all exist in one location on campus — The Point at Otterbein University. That model provides rare opportunities for a variety of businesses, as well as students. At The Point, students can bounce ideas off fellow students, faculty and working professionals. They can collaborate with successful entrepreneurs and businesses through on-site internship and experiential learning opportunities that could lead to employment in the community.

To provide these opportunities, The Point initially set out to become home to two resident companies in its first year, but demand for partnerships was far greater than expected. As a result, The Point currently has five companies in residence.

PolymerOhio is a member organization working to accelerate growth, competitiveness and innovation in Ohio's polymer industry. They work with professionals from government agencies, economic development organizations, manufacturing, supply chain, and higher education and technical institutions to support and grow Ohio's polymer and manufacturing industries.

Ikove Capital Partners is a venture development company founded to pursue early stages investments with emphasis on technology. One of their start-ups companies, Nikola Labs, is currently in residence at The Point. Nikola Labs is working on technology to power and charge wireless devices, and recently was named the best pitch winner at the conclusion of a three-month Plug and Play accelerator program in Silicon Valley.

Resident company edgeThingz is the first to create a product alongside Otterbein students and professors. HESS — the Healthcare Education Simulation Station — was developed in collaboration with the Department of Nursing as a new way to educate

nursing students through simulation training. The device creates effective and highly realistic simulation scenarios and greatly increases Otterbein's ability to provide improved simulation training to more students in a cost-effective way.

The device is now being marketed to and used by other nursing programs across the country.

Otterbein's systems engineering program started in fall 2015. By summer 2016, all of Otterbein's systems engineering students who wanted internships received them. Many worked at high profile companies, including Nestlé's Product Technology Center in Marysville, Ohio. Nestlé's professionals were so impressed with the work of their Otterbein intern, **Elizabeth Ries '19**, that they decided to bring a piece of proprietary equipment to be housed in a lab at The Point for Ries and two additional students to continue the work.

Educational Robotics of Central Ohio, The Point's fifth resident, promotes an interest in STEAM among young students by supporting programs including FIRST Robotics competitions.

With such unique opportunities for collaboration, Otterbein's students will be far more prepared than others in their field once they graduate.

For more information about The Point, visit otterbeinpoint.com.



THE POINT

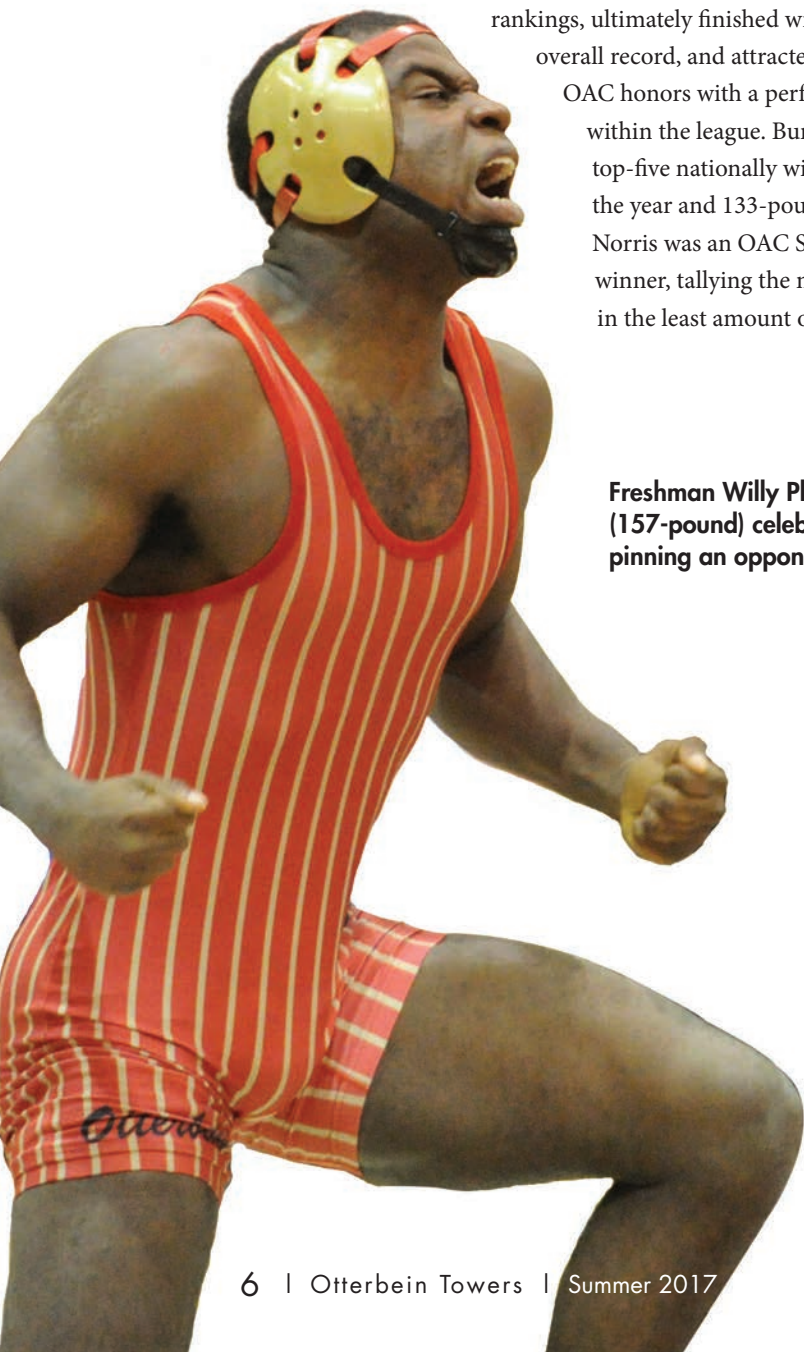
Wrestling Wraps Up First Season Since '74

The Otterbein University wrestling program returned to the mat this past winter for the first time since 1974, when the program was cut. Under the direction of first-year head coach Brent Rastetter, the new-look Cardinals battled their way to an impressive 13-7 dual record that included a notable upset over No. 9-ranked Lycoming College.

The starting lineup, which consisted of eight freshmen and two sophomores, also delivered a memorable season from an individual standpoint. Jake Vaughan (149 lbs.), Corbin Bunsold (184 lbs.) and standout Drew Kasper (197 lbs.) all took fifth place in their respective weight classes to earn NCAA Midwest All-Region honors in early March.

Kasper reached as high as No. 10 in the 197-pound national rankings, ultimately finished with a 27-6 overall record, and attracted first team All-OAC honors with a perfect 5-0 mark within the league. Bunsold finished top-five nationally with 23 pins on the year and 133-pounder Tyler Norris was an OAC Special Award winner, tallying the most falls (pins) in the least amount of time.

Freshman Willy Plaisir (157-pound) celebrates after pinning an opponent.



Otterbein Hires New Men's Soccer Coach



Jason Griffiths

Otterbein hired Jason Griffiths as head men's soccer coach in January. Griffiths takes over following the departure of Gerry D'Arcy, who compiled a 274-211-37 mark spanning the past 28 seasons at the helm before recently announcing his retirement.

"Jason's ability to connect with student-athletes and use soccer as a tool to develop each individual demonstrates his commitment to the Division III athletics model" said **Dawn Mamula Stewart '98**, athletics director.

Griffiths, 29, arrives after three-plus years as a senior director of coaching at Classics Eagles Soccer Club in Columbus, where he managed 30 coaches and teams, implemented year-round training sessions for all age groups, coached "elite teams" at regional/national events and spearheaded travel, presentation and summer camp responsibilities. He also served as an assistant coach for Otterbein from 2013-15, specializing in training and recruiting.

"I believe my vision fits perfectly with the university," he said. "We both want to develop the complete person in the classroom and on the playing field. Every player on the team is important to me and everyone will have a big part to play."

A native of Bracknell, England, Griffiths was a two-time all-conference and all-region midfielder at the University of Kentucky before being chosen by the New England Revolution with the 48th pick in the 2010 Major League Soccer SuperDraft. He played one professional season before suffering a tough injury and retiring.

"I think I coach how I used to play... and that's to lead by example," Griffiths said.

Otterbein has posted an 8-7-3 overall record each of the past two years and last made the postseason in 2003, when the Cardinals earned a share of the OAC regular-season championship. The program claimed five OAC Tournament titles during a six-year span prior to that, culminating with a national-runner up finish in 2002.

Corporate and Healthcare Leaders Headline Commencement

In April, 498 undergraduate, 129 graduate and eight doctor of nursing practice students joined the ranks of Otterbein alumni as the Class of 2017.

David Blom, president and CEO of OhioHealth Corp., spoke to graduate students on April 30.

He shared two keys to success from his experience to the master's and doctorate candidates. "First, your future success — no

Jane Grote Abell, founding family member and chairwoman of the board of Donatos Pizza, spoke to the Class of 2017 at the undergraduate commencement ceremony on April 30.

"I can remember as a little girl, standing under the sign and listening to my dad talk about how he was going to grow Donatos, that Donatos would be all over the world and that we would be able to make

passion, holding strongly to your beliefs and living a life of purpose while you are purposefully living. The fourth C is compassion. Compassion is about having a deep awareness of oneself and an emotional maturity that is centered on love."

"If I were to write another book, the fifth C would be curiosity. Your generation exemplifies this character trait and I am confident that we will be a better country because of you," Abell said.

"You are changing the way we work. You are changing the way we hire and the way we think about our communities. You are causing companies to be authentic, environmentally friendly and more philanthropic than ever before in our history. You are the change we wish to see in the world," she said.

She ended her speech by encouraging the Class of 2017 to always be curious. "Being curious in all things — mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually — allows us the opportunity to better understand our obstacles, our strengths, our passions and our desires."



Mark Thresher, chair of the board of trustees, Kathy Krendl, president, and David Blom, graduate commencement speaker and CEO of OhioHealth.

matter how you define it — is dependent on your ability to do more than communicate; you need to be able to connect with people. True connection is about people not just hearing your words but also feeling something. Through your interactions they find something of value," Blom said.

"Your future success isn't as much about what you've learned as it is about how you apply it and your ability to connect to people," he added.

"Second, a mentor is key to success in life and it's never too late to find one."

Blom shared the story of his mentor. "It was that investment of him in me and me in him that lead to a both a meaningful and valued relationship for both of us," he said.

He ended his address by encouraging the graduates to make connections in life.

a difference on every block," Abell shared with the audience.

"It was never about being the biggest or making the most money. It was about building a business based on principles."

Abell said that what she learned as the family business grew and changed, was that there are four keys success: character, courage, conviction and compassion. She wrote about them in her book, *The Missing Piece*.

She explained, "The first C is character — the fiber of your moral code. It is who you are, it is not what you do. The second C is courage — having the ability to have a voice and stay true to who you are even when it is difficult. The third C is conviction. Conviction is about having

Jane Grote Abell, commencement speaker and founding family member and chair of the board of Donatos Pizza.





Bread and Roses Award winners are **Erica Zimmer '20**, **Annette Harting Boose '94**, **Grace McDaniel** and **Patricia Keane**.

Bread and Roses, Master Teacher Award Winners Named

Six women were recently honored for their contributions in support of women on Otterbein's campus at the 25th annual Bread and Roses Award ceremony. The award was established by the Otterbein University Women's Forum in 1992 to honor women or men who have made significant contributions in support of women. This award honors accomplishments and efforts in the area of women's issues.

This year's recipients were: **Annette Harting Boose '94**, Department of Health and Sport Sciences; Patricia Keane, Department of Nursing; Grace McDaniel, Department of Education; and **Erica Zimmer '20**, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

This year, honorary awards were given to Kathy Krendl, president

of Otterbein, and Beth Daugherty, Department of English.

The Bread and Roses Award goes to a man, woman or group who has made an impact in women's issues that deserves to be recognized. One award each year goes to a student.

Faculty Award Winners

David Robertson, professor of physics, was presented with the 2017 Master Teacher Award, and Kristy McCray, assistant professor of Health and Sport Science, won the 2017 New Teacher Award at the Academic Honors Convocation on April 19. Patricia Wilson, senior instructor of Health and Sport Science was also honored as the recipient of the 2017 Exemplary Teaching Award of the United Methodist Church.

The Master Teacher Award is given to a teacher exhibits a "mastery of the subject matter in his or her discipline or in interdisciplinary teaching, highly effective organization and communication of material, a spirit of enthusiasm which enriches the instructor's own teaching and learning, the ability to arouse curiosity of beginning students and to stimulate advanced students to creative work, and the ability to interact with students beyond the classroom through activities that integrate and expand the learning environment.

The New Teacher of the Year Award is "intended for a full-time faculty member at the assistant professor rank who is in the first three years of service at Otterbein" and who demonstrate qualities ascribed to a Master Teacher recipient.

Administrator, Otterbein Receive Ohio Latin Awards

Miguel Martinez-Saenz, vice president for academic affairs, and Jefferson Blackburn-Smith, vice president for enrollment management, represented Otterbein at the Ohio Latin Award (OLA) ceremony in November. Martinez-Saenz received an award and Blackburn-Smith accepted an award on behalf of Otterbein, both in the "Educational Leader" category. The Ohio Latino Awards (OLA) are given to individuals and organizations that have contributed to the development of the Hispanic community in Ohio.



Miguel Martinez-Saenz, above, and Jefferson Blackburn-Smith, right, accept OLA Awards.





Natasha Pongonis



Elaine Roberts



Brooke Yoakum



Tara Abraham


WELD and Otterbein Host Women's Conference

The 2017 Women, Leadership, and Innovation Conference, presented by WELD and Otterbein, was held on campus on Wednesday, June 7, and featured an amazing agenda for career-minded individuals of all ages and backgrounds at this one-day national event. Leadership through Innovation, the theme for this year's conference, tied two key elements necessary for career growth. The conference included a Girls' Track for tomorrow's women innovators and leaders.

The morning featured a keynote panel of speakers moderated by President Kathy Krendl and featured: Tara Abraham, chairman and co-CEO of Accel Inc.; **Donna James H '16**, managing director of Lardon & Associates; Natasha Pongonis, co-owner of Nativa; Elaine Roberts, president and CEO of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority; and Brooke Yoakum, founder of GiftPocket and winner of the Young Entrepreneur Academy.

A variety of breakout sessions were offered throughout the day with topics ranging from presentation skills to career acceleration; emotional intelligence to generational disparities in the workplace; and social enterprise to personal stories shared by those who followed an unexpected path to achieve career success.

For the first time, the conference featured "Full STEAM Ahead," a girls' track for grades 6-12 with a focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM). The young attendees joined the women in the morning for the keynote panel before breaking off to The Point and engaging in an interactive STEAM-based leadership program. During the day, the girls collaborated in teams on social innovation projects through hands-on, creative experiences in Otterbein's robotics, engineering, 3D printing, art, and computer studios. At the end of a day's work, they presented their projects to conference participants at the inaugural Full Steam Ahead Showcase. Learn more at weldusa.org.

weldusa.org. 



Donna James H '16, giving the Otterbein Commencement address in 2016.

President Krendl CEO of the Year Finalist

Otterbein President Kathy Krendl was named a finalist in the large nonprofit category in *Columbus CEO Magazine's* sixth annual CEO of the Year Awards. They considered 40 nominees — 10 each in the four CEO categories of large for-profit, small for-profit, large nonprofit and small nonprofit. The nominees were suggested by area chambers of commerce and organizations that work with the nonprofit community.



The Makeup of Otterbein's ANCESTRY

***E**xplore the mysteries of DNA and it's easy to be humbled by its brilliant complexities and simple truths. The sequencing of four nucleotides is what makes us, well, us. What's more remarkable is that we share 99 percent of our DNA with each other. We have more in common than we realize.*

What is it about the makeup of Otterbein people that binds us? Is there a "common good" gene sequenced in just the right order? We may not share a genetic code with fellow Cardinals, but we do share a code of ethics — to take care of the generations that follow; to leave Otterbein better than we found it; to care sincerely about the success of others as much as one's own; to keep the genuine care and investment in students and their learning our mission.

Enjoy the legacies of leaders, educators and families that follow. The code is undeniable.



Sylvester Broderick



Marion Bremer Hartley



Carrie Harris Bremer



Louis Bremer



Elsley Witt



Dale Witt



George Phinney

Otterbein's DNA

(Timeline selections were taken from the Pictorial History of Otterbein.

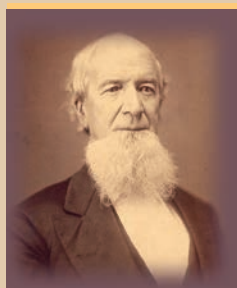
To view the full history panels, visit the third floor of Roush Hall, outside the president's office.)

1847



Lewis Davis

Cofounder and two-time president of Otterbein University.



William Hanby

Cofounder of Otterbein University and conductor on the Underground Railroad.



Thomas McFadden

First science professor and Civil War battlefield surgeon.

1857



Kate Winter Hanby

One of the first two graduates from Otterbein (the other was Sarah Jennie Miller).

Legacy of Global Engagement (est. 1920)

THE BRODERICKS

Family members:

Dr. Sylvester M. Broderick '24

Dr. S. Modupe Broderick '63 (son)

Emma Broderick Awoonor-Renner '67 (daughter)

Julian Awoonor-Renner '99 (Emma's son)

Lauris Awoonor-Renner '00 (Emma's son)



The United Methodist Church in Sierra Leone traces its history to 1855, when the Church of the United Brethren in Christ began mission work there. Otterbein sent its first missionaries to Sierra Leone a year later, in 1856 and planted new roots.

The Broderick family traces its history with Otterbein to 1920, when **Dr. Sylvester M. Broderick '24** traveled from Sierra Leone to attend the University. He was the first of three generations to graduate from Otterbein, including his son, daughter and two grandsons.

Sylvester returned to Sierra Leone after graduating and worked as the director of education when the country was under British colonial rule. In 1961, Sierra Leone became an independent nation and was named the 100th member of the United Nations.

During that historic time his son, **Dr. S. Modupe Broderick '63**, was attending Otterbein.

"I recall traveling to Washington, D.C., to attend the independence ceremonies at the embassy with a few students from Sierra Leone," Modupe said. "We were honored to be present at such a once-in-a-lifetime event. We met dignitaries from the State Department and received a copy of the Sierra Leone national anthem, which we gave to Dr. Lee Shackson at Otterbein for the Glee Club to sing." The anthem was composed by Otterbein graduate **John J. Akar '51**.

Modupe and his friend, **Imodale Caulker-Burnett '63**, were the first two students from an independent Sierra Leone to graduate from Otterbein.

The Broderick family:
Emma Broderick
Awoonor-Reener '67,
Sylvester Broderick '24,
Amelia Broderick,
Modupe Broderick '63.



While at Otterbein, Modupe was focused on his studies but also found time to be involved in campus life. "I came from a small village and Westerville also was small, so it kept me focused on my work. We also played sports — my father had been a long distance runner at Otterbein and I played tennis," he said. Modupe also was a member of the Glee Club, French Club and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, and spoke in churches about Sierra Leone and his life growing up in Africa.

Modupe found Otterbein to be a welcoming place. "There were not many foreign students except for those from Sierra Leone. I made friends with classmates, and we were invited home by their families during long breaks like Christmas to meet their families and friends."

Modupe completed his doctorate degree in anthropology, specializing in African oral and written communication systems, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He then taught these subjects in Nigeria for five years.

Eventually he married Amelia Fitzjohn, a U.S. Foreign Service officer, and became a naturalized U.S. citizen. He continued to teach in the countries where his wife was assigned overseas.

Modupe retired in September 2011 and now resides in Maryland.

"Otterbein has been good to my family and in many ways I look on the education as being very pivotal for my work. Those who came ahead of me were examples to follow," Modupe said. "I'm proud of my nephews being the third generation of Broderick descendants who have attended Otterbein."



Lizzie Miller

One of the first Otterbein graduates to return to her alma mater as a faculty member.

1871



Towers Hall

Towers Hall opened and was dedicated in 1871, but would not be called that for nearly a century.



Philomathean Room
Each of the literary societies was granted a room on the third floor of Towers Hall.

1873

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC.		
NAME.	POSITION.	REMARKS.
JOHN J. AKAR	President	President
W. B. BROWN	Vice President	Vice President
W. B. BROWN	Secretary	Secretary
W. B. BROWN	Treasurer	Treasurer
W. B. BROWN	Librarian	Librarian
W. B. BROWN	Organist	Organist
W. B. BROWN	Singer	Singer
W. B. BROWN	Dancer	Dancer
W. B. BROWN	Composer	Composer
W. B. BROWN	Conductor	Conductor
W. B. BROWN	Manager	Manager
W. B. BROWN	Steward	Steward
W. B. BROWN	Usher	Usher
W. B. BROWN	Doorkeeper	Doorkeeper
W. B. BROWN	Janitor	Janitor
W. B. BROWN	Watchman	Watchman
W. B. BROWN	Fireman	Fireman
W. B. BROWN	Blacksmith	Blacksmith
W. B. BROWN	Farmer	Farmer
W. B. BROWN	Merchant	Merchant
W. B. BROWN	Physician	Physician
W. B. BROWN	Lawyer	Lawyer
W. B. BROWN	Teacher	Teacher
W. B. BROWN	Minister	Minister
W. B. BROWN	Preacher	Preacher
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W. B. BROWN	Universal Worker	Universal Worker

Department of Music

Music was part of Otterbein from the start but not part of the curriculum until 1873.

THE BREMERS

Family members:

Dr. Louis Bremer '39, **Marion Bremer Hartley '34** (sister), **Carrie Harris Bremer '39** (wife), **Dr. Dan Bremer '70** (son), **Regina (Reg) Parcels Bremer '70** (Dan's wife), **Dr. Don Bremer '71** (son), **Dav Bremer '74** (son), **Dal Bremer '81** (son), **Janet (Jan) Gillman Bremer '80** (Dal's wife), **Benjamin Bremer '98** (Dan's son), **Matthew Bremer '01** (Dav's son), **Jennifer Stebleton Bremer '01** (Matthew's wife), **Jennie Mae Bremer '17** (Dal's daughter)



"Out of the 13 who went to Otterbein, four became teachers, four were in medical careers and one was an engineer." That's how **Dr. Dan Bremer '70** started the discussion about his family.

"We have all enjoyed our careers; we have all worked hard at it and overachieved," he added.

Dan and his wife, **Regina (Reg) Parcels Bremer '70**, serve on the Alumni Council and are proud of their family's legacy at Otterbein. Their son, **Benjamin Bremer '98**, followed in their footsteps, the first of a new generation to attend Otterbein.

"He played football, had an internship and took classes at the same time," said Dan. "He was hired by the company where he interned. He had a job the minute he graduated."

The Bremers are not only hard-working and accomplished, they are also devoted to making the lives of those around them better. Whether educating, healing, or providing funds for Otterbein students to achieve their potentials, the Bremers have touched many lives.

Their Otterbein legacy started with their aunt, **Marion Bremer Hartley '34**; father, **Dr. Louis Bremer '39**; and mother, **Carrie Harris Bremer '39**.

"My parents both went to Otterbein. All of us boys were high achievers in school and had opportunities to go to any school, but the only school we ever applied to — all four of us — was Otterbein. We all were accepted, graduated, achieved," Dan said.



Front Row: Regina Parcels Bremer '70, Harlie Jackson '19 (recipient of the 2017 Bremer Family Endowed Scholarship), **Jennie Mae Bremer '17, Janet Gillman Bremer '80. Back Row: Dan Bremer '70, Dav Bremer '74, Dal Bremer '81. Not pictured: Don Bremer '71.**

"We all enjoyed the academic part of college, but we were also very involved in sorority and fraternity life and had a lot of friends," said Dan.

"I always say at Otterbein, when you walk up the steps toward the entrance to Towers, you cannot walk on any one of those sidewalks without meeting someone you know. That's the way the whole college is — friendly," said Reg.

"It feels good to have a new generation at Otterbein. You know teenagers — they don't want the same things their parents did. To have them choose our alma mater means a lot. There was a commonality we could share, which was great," said Reg.

Dan and Reg also had something in common with the previous generation — heading to Uptown Westerville for dates. "Back in the 1930s, my parents had no money. When they did, they would go to Route 3 and get a cold fudge sundae at William's Grill. It was still open in the 1960s, and we went there," said Dan.

Because Otterbein was such a special place to the Bremers, the family established the Bremer Family Endowed Scholarship.

"Our educations have been so beneficial to us and provided us with such a wonderful life. Being able to give something back to other people is something we don't think twice about. [Recipients] we've talked with seem so grateful that we support them," said Dan.

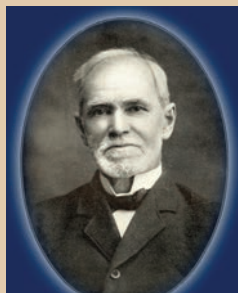
"We are fortunate we are in the position to give back," added Reg. "Otterbein is part of the Bremer family life. It's tradition."

1893



William Henry Fouse

First African American Otterbein graduate, he went on to a successful career in education.



Henry Garst

Longtime professor and president (1886-89), he wrote the first Otterbein history.



Women's Basketball
In 1900, basketball became the first women's sport at Otterbein.

1900



Joseph Hannibal Caulker

Otterbein's first international student (Sierra Leone), he was an exemplary student who died tragically in a fire.

Legacy of School Pride (est. 1946)

THE WITTS

Family members (known):

Elsley Witt '49, **Dale Witt '51** (Elsley's brother), **Ralph Witt '70** (Elsley's nephew), **Mark Witt '72** (Elsley's nephew), **Keith Witt Jr. '72** (Elsley's son), **Diane Savage Witt '72** (Keith Jr.'s wife), **Kevin Witt '73** (Elsley's son), **Linda Witt Livengood '74** (Elsley's niece), **Margaret Macrum Witt '74** (Elsley's wife), **Kent Witt '75** (Elsley's son), **Jane Melhorn Witt '75** (Kent's wife), **Kerry Witt '77** (Elsley's son), **Gregory Witt '78** (Dale's son), **David Witt '79** (Dale's son), **Todd Reagan '84** (Elsley's nephew), **Christy Witt Hoffman '00** (Keith Jr.'s daughter), **Kent Witt Jr. '02** (Kent's son), **Kyle Witt '02** (Kent's son), **Laura Witt Harvey '03** (Keith Jr.'s daughter), **Mark Harvey '03** (Laura's husband), **Katy Witt '05** (Kent's daughter), **Kelly Witt '05** (Kent's daughter), **Megan Witt '08** (Kevin's daughter), **Amy Witt '09** (Kevin's daughter), **Elizabeth Witt Monticue '10** (Kerry's daughter), **Kevin Witt Jr. '11**, **MBA '16** (Kevin's son), **Addie Witt '13** (Kerry's daughter), **Zachary Witt '13** (Kerry's son), Coming in the fall: **Camron Layman '21** (Kent Witt Jr.'s stepson) **Note:** Kevin's wife, Donna Porter Witt, is not an alumna but her own family's legacy with Otterbein goes back to Alexander Owen, the fourth president of Otterbein, who served from 1858-1860.



When the first Witt came to Otterbein in 1946, he could not have predicted that nearly 30 future family members (through birth or marriage) spanning generations would follow in his footsteps.

Elsley Witt '49 started the tradition, attending Otterbein on the G.I. Bill after serving in World War II. In 1960, he returned to Otterbein as director of financial aid. His brother, Dale, graduated from Otterbein in 1951. In the 1970s, Elsley's four sons, Keith, Kevin, Kent, and Kerry, also graduated from Otterbein. The tradition continues with neices and nephews and grandchildren.

"Elsley was a big advocate of education. I think he really believed in what Otterbein stood for with its academics, religious



Witt Family Reunion 2016

affiliations and investing in people. Having so many family members attend, it is an important part of so many lives," said **Amy Witt '09**, a granddaughter of Elsley.

So what keeps Witt after Witt returning to campus? At a Witt family reunion in 2008, Amy's sister, **Megan Witt '08**, posed that question to her family. While many cited high academic standards and the affiliation with the Evangelical United Brethren/United Methodist Church, the legacy was the biggest attraction.

The Witts are proud of their family's long legacy, and credit Otterbein with giving generations of Witts a quality education and lifelong friendships.

Many of the Witts make it back for Homecoming each year or serve in other ways. **Christy Witt Hoffman '00** has worked with the Otterbein Showcase in New York City; **Kent '75** and **Jane Witt '75** have served on the Alumni Council; and currently, two members of the family work at Otterbein. Amy is a financial aid officer and her brother, **Kevin Witt Jr. '11, MBA '16**, is the copy center coordinator.

"We share many memories when our families gather. Having my granddad work at Otterbein before his children went there gives us more stories about Otterbein, the Westerville area, and the people they met," Amy said.

"The face of the campus changes with time, but the soul of Otterbein is always the same," Jane said in a 2008 interview.

"I think it is wonderful that grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins have all walked in the same footsteps," said Megan.



As You Like It
The first Otterbein theatrical production in 1907.

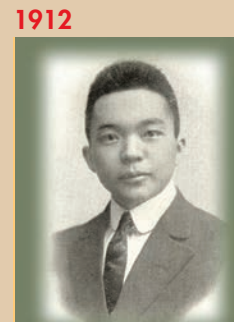


Sigma Alpha Tau
In 1910, the first sorority at Otterbein.



Walter Clippinger

Otterbein's longest tenured president, he served for 30 years, 1909-39.



Kiyoshi Yabe

First student from Japan, he was known as "The Sunny Man."

Legacy of Education (est. 1962)

THE PHINNEYS

Family members:

Professor George Phinney

Donnalea Cain Phinney '75 (wife)

Dr. Melinda (Mindy) Phinney '85 (daughter)



Dr. Melinda (Mindy) Phinney '85 grew up with Otterbein in her blood. Her father, George Phinney, was a professor of life science from 1962-1992, retiring with emeritus status. Her mother, **Donnalea Cain Phinney '75**, graduated from Otterbein a decade before Mindy.

"We spent a lot of time at Otterbein," said Mindy. "My father was very involved with the College — academically, as a trustee, and with the Athletic Department and the 'O' Club."

The Phinney family legacy is one of education. "He felt strongly in the value of education and welcomed the opportunity to teach at Otterbein," Mindy said of her father. "He was not only a professor to his students, he has built long-lasting friendships with many of them."

"He held very high expectations of his students and to this day, enjoys hearing about their success. He has a profound sense of pride and admiration for what they have accomplished," she said.

Her fondness of Otterbein since her childhood was only one factor in Mindy's decision to become a Cardinal. "I knew I wanted to pursue a career in medicine, and I felt the pre-med program at Otterbein was stellar," said Mindy, who completed her medical degree in 1989.

As a student, she saw another side of her father—as her own professor. As a member of the faculty, George hooded both his wife and daughter at their respective graduation ceremonies.

"I was never shown any favoritism, nor pushed any harder than he pushed all of his students," Mindy said. "He gave pop

**George Phinney,
Donnalea Cain
Phinney '75, Mindy
Phinney '85**



quizzes during his classes to be sure we were all studying daily. The first one he gave that fall, I received a D."

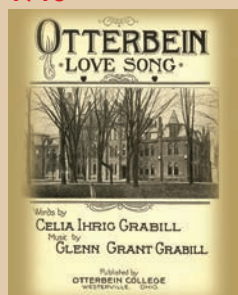
Now a nephrologist with Northeast Ohio Nephrology Associates, Inc., in Akron, with teaching responsibilities, Mindy still recalls a basketball, signed from the entire team, she received for her birthday as a child and dancing in the May Pole Dance.

"My experience is unique because I spent much more than the typical four years every other student enjoyed on campus. Otterbein, to me, is much more than an institution of higher learning. I rarely encounter people who have the same affection for their alma mater that my friends and family have toward Otterbein," she said.

"I have remained connected to Otterbein due to the profound influence attending there has made on my life. In a sense, my genetic family, and Otterbein family, are inextricably interwoven," she said. "The relationships that form there, whether among classmates, between students and teachers, or with other alumni are like family."

"Otterbein, like my genetic family, encouraged me to consider the blessings and gifts of being a part of something larger than myself," she added. "In this sense, I've wanted to 'pay-forward' so that other current and future students could enjoy a similar experience — not only in lifelong learning, but being a thoughtful and considerate citizen of our communities." ●

1918



Otterbein Love Song

Celia Grabill, hearing the bells of Towers Hall, wrote the words and her husband, Glenn Grabill, later added the music.



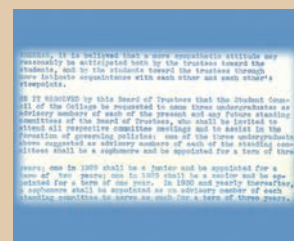
Campus Council
Campus Council was formed in 1926 for better understanding between faculty and students.

1926



Viola Burke

**Otterbein's
first female
African
American
graduate.**



Students on Board of Trustees
The resolution shown above gave students positions of responsibility on the Otterbein Board in 1929.

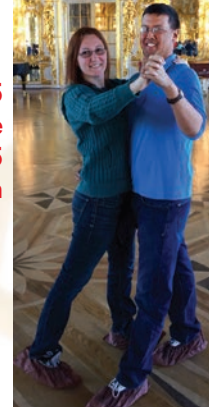
Established in Westerville (43081)

Some students discover more than a love of Otterbein during their college years; some find the loves of their lives. The Office of Alumni Relations currently knows of 1,434 Cardinal Couples who met at Otterbein and married. Here are some Cardinal Couples who started their romance while students at Otterbein.



Gerald '49 and Miriam Wetzel '51 Ridinger

Tommy '05 and Alice Sosedenko '05 Timam



Bob '67 and Pamela Hudson '68 Dominici



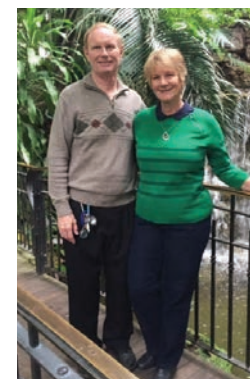
Brant '95 and Heather Harris '97 Smith



Matthew '02 and Markita May '03 Suttle



John '56 and Carole Krieder '56 Bullis



John '69 and Karla Courtright '70 Banning



Dick '63 and Jean Davidson '63 Berry



Carl '98 and Sonya Lowmiller '98 Higginbotham



Hugh '62 and Liz Glor '64 Allen



Richard '54 and Carolyn Brown '53 Sherrick

For more Cardinal Couples, go to www.otterbein.edu/cardinalcouples

When **Paul '66** and **Laurie Elwell '67** **Paulus** first struck up a conversation waiting outside the door of their psychology class in 1965, they could not have imagined they would be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017. In those 50 years, they were blessed with two children, six grandchildren, and rewarding careers. In honor of their 50th anniversary, Paul and Laurie committed \$50,000 for an endowed scholarship for psychology students. "We are both thankful for the great education we received at Otterbein and the professors who challenged and encouraged us," Paul said.



1934



Student Aid

Federally funded workstudy money started, and students worked for the Westerville Fire Dept.



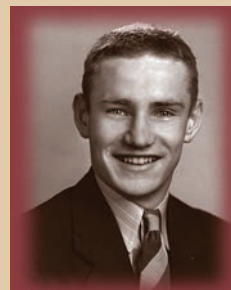
Inclusivity in World War II
After Pearl Harbor, Otterbein admitted many students from Japanese internment camps.



Harold Hancock

Started as a professor in 1944, earning the nickname, "Mr. Otterbein," and went on to write a definitive history of the University.

1947



Edwin "Dubbs" Roush

Class of 1947, he became successful in business, and a great benefactor to Otterbein. Roush Hall is named after him and his wife, **Marilou Harold Roush '45**.

Legacy of Teaching

MARIA CALDERONE, LEGACY OF EQUINE SCIENCE (est. 1984)



A yearning to teach led Maria Calderone, DVM, from the horse barn to the Otterbein campus in the fall of 1984.

Calderone had been working at an equine-only veterinary clinic since graduating from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1983.

She taught all the veterinarian-related courses within the Equine Science Program, which, at the time, was part of the Life Science Department at Otterbein. Calderone, appointed

director of the program in 1985, introduced systems courses, where students studied each system of the horse. Students also dissected a pony cadaver as part of their coursework.

Under her leadership, the Equine Science Program flourished, eventually becoming its own department, initially offering majors in equine pre-veterinary medicine and equine

business management. Calderone served as department chair until 2006, and retired from teaching in 2015. The department has since added a major in equine veterinary technology.

"I think the fact that I was a veterinarian helped equine science to be recognized as a more serious program," said Calderone about her legacy at Otterbein. "Certainly, I was able to enlarge the curriculum quite a bit. What is interesting also is that one of my students (**Sheri West Birmingham '01**, DVM) is currently chair of the Department of Equine Science. She is also a veterinarian. So it's sort of come full circle, which is really nice."

Birmingham credits Calderone for much of her success in practice and teaching. "Dr. Calderone provided me with a hands-on equine education that created a strong foundation for future learning," Birmingham said. "To this day, I still recall things she taught me while practicing veterinary medicine and teaching my students. You know you have learned from one of the best when you still hear her voice 15 years later."

JERRY JENKINS, LEGACY OF CHEMISTRY (est. 1972)



The Science Lecture Series, the plus-minus grading system and the cum laude system can all be traced back to Jerry Jenkins, who taught Otterbein students organic chemistry for 43 years. Jenkins, however, considers growing the Department of Chemistry from three professors with doctorates to four — which allowed the department to apply for accreditation by the American Chemical Society — and then to six with terminal degrees, as one of

his greater achievements during his 25-year tenure as chair of the department. He retired in 2015.

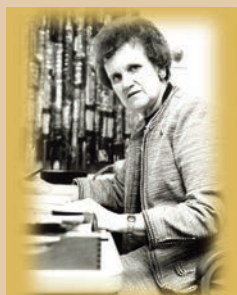
"I think that was an important contribution to the credibility of our program in chemistry," Jenkins said. "Like most

fields, there is a lot of diversification in chemistry. There are five major subfields. You really need five or six professors to have representation in each of those specialty areas."

"Teaching and challenging students how to problem solve are the long-term benefits of what I have been able to do in teaching organic chemistry," Jenkins said. "Students who do well in organic chemistry learn skills that assist them getting through advanced degree programs."

"Dr. Jenkins was smart and challenging," said **Melanie Butera '81**, DVM, one of four siblings who attended Otterbein, had Jenkins for organic chemistry and went on to medical careers (see Spring 2016 *Otterbein Towers*). "He made you dig deep and study hard." Her sister, Dr. Sally Dillehay, said Dr. Jenkins was the best professor she ever had. "He spurred my love of science. The problem-solving skills he taught me have stuck with me."

1948



"Dean Van"

Joanne Van Sant arrived on campus in 1948, and went on to become one of Otterbein's most remembered and beloved administrators.



Marilyn Day '53

Stayed after graduation and coached many women's sports, served as women's athletic director and spent her entire career at Otterbein.



Vida S. Clements

A longtime benefactress to Otterbein, she served on the board of trustees for over 40 years and created the Clements Foundation.



James Grissinger, Fred Thayer, Charles Dodrill
Under their direction, the Dept. of Theatre gained national recognition.

ALLEN PRINDLE, LEGACY OF ECONOMICS (est. 1987)

In his tenure at Otterbein University, Allen Prindle has been a relentless advocate for his students and advisees. He has connected many of them with the strong alumni network of the University, often helping them receive relevant internships.

Prindle, who retired from Otterbein this spring, received the 2017 Mentor Impact Award, presented by the Office of Alumni Relations. He taught students economics for 30 years.

"This is very meaningful to me," Prindle said about receiving the Mentor Impact Award. "This means alumni said it mattered that I helped them."

Based in part upon a six-month stay in Japan as part of a cultural exchange program while in college, Prindle set up an exchange program between Otterbein and Maastricht University of the Netherlands in 2001. More than 40 Otterbein students have participated in the exchange since, studying business or economics for one semester. An equal number of Maastricht students attended

Otterbein and were free to take any course, even participate in the band or a varsity sport like tennis.

"Each of those students will say it was their most exciting and meaningful experience in the four years that they were at Otterbein," Prindle said about the Maastricht exchange program.

Prindle has been active with environmental issues on campus, in the local community and at the state level. He wrote two widely distributed papers (*Causes and Consequences of Ohio Farmland Conversion* and *Ohio Land Use Trends*) for the Ohio Farmland Preservation Task Force, which was set up in 1996. He also served on a Westerville Citizens Advisory Committee and helped prepare a comprehensive plan for the city.



PETE SANDERSON, LEGACY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (est. 2001)

While reflecting on life on his 30th birthday, Professor Pete Sanderson decided to leave behind a lucrative career in software development at General Tire.

"I thought at the time, even though I was doing well, I just felt kind of empty," Sanderson recalled. "I asked myself, 'who had the greatest impact on my own life?' Outside of my family and closest friends, it was my computer science professors. They had nurtured and mentored me, tolerated my mistakes, and celebrated my successes. If I could do the same for others, I concluded, then that would be my contribution."

Sanderson decided to follow in the footsteps of his professors at Bowling Green State University, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in computer science. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1991, Sanderson taught ten years at Missouri State University before he and his wife, Nancy, moved back to Ohio in 2001 to be closer to their aging parents. Fortunately, for Otterbein, there was an opening for a

computer science professor that year and Sanderson joined the Otterbein faculty.

Sanderson taught computer science for 16 years at Otterbein, and served as chair of the Department of Mathematical Sciences from 2010 to 2016. Sanderson retired from the University this past spring, but his legacy will live on. He established the Pete Sanderson Computer Science Endowed Scholarship.

"One word summarizes the core of my teaching philosophy — respect," Sanderson said. "I respect the values of a liberal arts education. I respect my discipline and, above all, I respect my students as learners and as human beings. I believe that by following this philosophy I have been able to impact students' lives for the better. Through this endowed scholarship, I can continue to impact students' lives long into the future." •

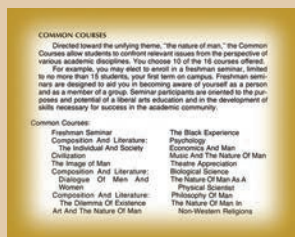


1970



Lynn Turner

Under the direction of Pres. Lynn Turner, Otterbein started a cooperative senate that included both students and faculty.



Integrative Studies
Started in 1976, the program fostered a lifelong habit of integrating ideas from many areas.



Adult Education
In the mid '70s Otterbein started the highly successful Adult Degree Program.



Equine Program
In 1976, Otterbein started its now nationally recognized Equine Program.

1976

Legacy of Relationships

SEVENTY-PLUS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, THOUSANDS TOUCHED

by Roger Routson

When talking about Otterbein legacies, two very familiar faces come to mind: Bob Gatti, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, and **Becky Fickel Smith '81**, executive director of alumni relations. Bob has been at Otterbein since 1978, and Becky never left, becoming an employee after graduation in 1981. Together, they talked about the changing, yet steady, culture through the years at the 'Bein.

What has changed, and what has stayed the same in your tenures?

Becky: The caring and supportive staff and faculty have always been genuine and welcoming. The values of inclusion and diversity have not changed.

Bob: In all my time here, if I've asked a faculty member to help out a student, I've never been turned down. That's not the norm at other places. And the students haven't changed that much. They may look different, they may listen to different music, but they still have that same ethos of care. They care for one another, they look after one another. Community service wasn't as organized as it was today, but they were still doing community service. They were still helping, working and volunteering.

Becky: The other thing that I constantly hear from alumni is the beauty of the campus. We kept the integrity of the grounds looking so welcoming and beautiful.



Bob: Facilities have changed a great deal. We didn't have the Clements Center, we didn't have the stadium. We've renovated every residence hall on campus. We built DeVore Hall, we purchased and renovated 25 West Home, we built the Commons. We built Roush Hall and we completely renovated Towers Hall and the Science Building, and now launched The Point.

Becky: And now Battelle, too. Everything's had a facelift.

Bob: Except the Campus Center. That's still the same. But it has become a campaign priority.

Becky: We have a lot more support today for mental health issues. We now have three staff counselors in their own building.

Bob: Years ago, we had one counselor in Worthington that we drove students to see, for a couple of hours a week. I was struck with something when I first came here, and I'm still struck by it now, after all these years, and that's the love the alumni have for their university, for their college. Although the generations have changed, that same love for the alma mater has not wavered.

What's been the biggest change? What's been the biggest challenge for students?

Bob: Things like financial aid, requisition forms, and so forth have gotten much more complicated. And then there is the change in our menu. When we started, we had one entrée, one salad, and cereal. Now we have



Thomas Jefferson Kerr IV

18th president of Otterbein, 1972-1984, President Kerr oversaw substantial growth in enrollment.



Strong Faculty Student Ratio

Otterbein's strengths have always been small classes, excellent teachers, and interaction between faculty and students.



C. Brent DeVore

19th president of Otterbein, 1984-2009, second longest tenured president.



Community Service

In the last two decades, service learning has grown tremendously, resulting in multiple prestigious presidential awards.

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- BOB GATTI, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

an executive chef hired from retail, we have a slew of sous chefs, we have a bakery chef. We prepare at least ten options. There's a gluten free option, a vegan option... I don't think we've served liver and onions for 20 years!

Becky: The other change that's big for our students is access and affordability.

Bob: That's one of the biggest challenges.

Becky: The students are often working two jobs, maybe they are an athlete as well, and balancing all that on top of academic studies is very challenging.

Bob: Just in the last 10 years, we've seen such a greater liability with student loans. We're seeing more and more students with food insecurities. We opened the Promise House a little over a year ago, and now we have over 250 shoppers at the Promise House. And that's just something we didn't experience 30 years ago. We need to meet those basic needs of our students or they're not going to be successful.

If you could magically retrieve something from the past, what would it be?

Bob: For me, it's relationships. We were smaller so we knew everybody. We didn't have social media and email. If you needed to communicate with someone you talked

to them and had more time for personal interactions with our students and colleagues.

Becky: I loved campus life during the month of May ... Spring Music Fest, May Day celebrations, students studying on the lawn of Towers Hall. With graduation in late April, I miss the buzz on the campus.

What are the elements of change that stick out in your mind?

Bob: Certainly the curriculum has grown and professional studies have really grown. Nursing, MBA, all the graduate programs, engineering, equine, and so forth. One of the positive changes is how the endowment has grown. I think it was about five million when we started and it's grown to more than 100 million dollars. The budget was small, half of the residence halls were empty. That's changed dramatically. And diversity has grown. It's gone from maybe two percent to around 19 percent today.

When you think back, who are the people who have stood out?

Becky and Bob: (simultaneously) Dean Van.

Becky: I'm in a great position to keep in contact with four decades of alumni. Watching how they have impacted their

corner of the world through their Otterbein education makes me proud to share their achievements. They are my Cardinal family.

Bob: I have four, Dean Van, President DeVore, President Krendl, and this lady right here beside me. It didn't take me long to figure out Becky was very special. So I'm glad she's stayed here and been a part of my life for the last 38 years.

Becky: It's mutual.

Bob: The four people I named all had one thing in common: they were all very student-centered. They would always ask, "How can we make the students' experience better?" In my position, that's a gift. A lot of my peers at other institutions don't have that. We talk about what's stayed the same, and it's the student is at the center of what we do. It's not about teaching, it's about learning in the classroom. I think that's core to everybody, it's student success. It's not good enough just to get the students here, we need to see them walk across that stage.

Becky: And to keep them engaged as alumni as part of the Otterbein community in a way that fits into their lives.

Bob: I've gained more from students than I've ever been able to give. I'm the lucky one. •

2002



The Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecture Series was created, and the first speaker was Doris Kearns Goodwin, Pulitzer prize-winning historian and author.

Pack Lecture Series



Kathy Krendl
20th president and first woman president at Otterbein (shown here in the 2011 Community Plunge).

2011



Doctorate of Nursing

The first ten students in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice program enrolled in 2011.

2016



The Point

Brings business, community and University relationships together, a catalyst for learning, opportunity and prosperity.

STANDING TOGETHER

A STANDING Ovation: \$38 Million Reasons to Celebrate

On Feb. 10, the Otterbein board of trustees, along with the campus community, celebrated reaching \$38 million in total commitments toward the Where We STAND Matters campaign. More than 200 attendees heard updates from President Kathy Krendl, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Michael McGreevey, Dean of Student Success Kate Lehman and graduating senior **Will King '17**, who talked about the impact of donor generosity throughout his time

as a student at Otterbein. With just \$12 million dollars left to raise to reach our \$50 million dollar goal, the Otterbein community is building momentum as the transformational impact this campaign has, and will have, in the years ahead becomes clearer. Since the campaign was launched in 2011, the University has grown its culture of philanthropy considerably, with nearly 10,000 alumni and friends supporting initiatives that directly impact student success. We thank you!



CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES



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ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY



Student
SCHOLARSHIPS

BUILDING A MODEL COMMUNITY



The Five Cards
AND EXPERIENTIAL
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THE
OTTERBEIN
FUND EVERY GIFT MATTERS.
EVERY YEAR MATTERS.

CAMPUS RENEWAL



A Re-envisioned
CAMPUS CENTER
AND THE GROVE



Creating 21st Century
LEARNING SPACES



The Point
STEAM INITIATIVE

These six initiatives, along with other support, will drive Otterbein's historic \$50 million campaign goal to its successful conclusion.

STANDING TOGETHER

Corporate, Foundation and Organization Support

For years, Otterbein has been fortunate to have strong partnerships with organizations who share a commitment to students, education and community. Since the launch of the Where We STAND Matters campaign, a number of businesses, corporations and foundations have been instrumental in providing transformational support to the University and the student educational experience. As new and innovative opportunities, such as our STEAM innovation center, The Point, have emerged, partnerships with corporations, foundations and organizations have continued to strengthen and grow.

The Point at Otterbein is a great example of how corporate, foundation and organization partnerships can be mutually beneficial. In addition to offering students everything they need to learn, experiment, build, test, and compete in tomorrow's economy, The Point brings together students, educators, business, industry and regional economic planning and development partners all in one location.

Critical to this new initiative is our National Advisory Council whose members review plans and provide needed insight into today's opportunities. Corporate volunteers, like those on the council, are especially helpful in offering to speak in the classroom or lab, engage with faculty on new industry trends, and establish internships or other learning experiences for students.

To date, our partners, collaborators, academic affiliates and initial donors at The Point include:

Partners, Academic Affiliates, Collaborators, Tenants

- Amazon alexa
- Big Kitty Labs
- Big Walnut Schools
- Buckeye Educational Systems
- City of Westerville
- Columbus Museum of Art
- Columbus State Community College
- EdgeThingZ
- Educational Robotics of Central Ohio
- IC3D
- IKOVE Capital Partners
- LaserBits
- Nestle PTC, Marysville
- Nikola Labs
- State of Ohio

- PolymerOhio
- Reinberger Foundation
- The PAST Foundation
- Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Westerville City Schools
- Westerville Public Library
- Woodwerks Supply Inc.
- Women's Small Business Accelerator
- Worthington Industries

Initial Donors and Funders

- AEP Foundation
- Anonymous
- Erin K. Bender
- Del Boyette
- Vida S. Clements Foundation
- Corna Kokosing Construction
- Crimson Cup Coffee and Tea
- **William L. '56** and **Sonya Stauffer '56 Evans**
- IKOVE Capital Partners
- **Debra Kasow Johnson '76**
- **Chris K. '77** and Karen Kaiser
- **Richard W. '59** and **Maxine Swingle '61 Morain**
- OhioHealth
- Nestle R&D Center Inc. Ohio
- **Vernon L. Pack '50**
- Reinberger Foundation
- Robotics Team of Central Ohio
- Standley Law Group, LLP
- The Tony R. Wells Foundation
- Woodwerks Supply Inc.
- Worthington Industries Foundation
- **Elmer "Bud" Yoeast '53**

The Point National Advisory Board Members

- Bruce Fawcett, executive director, PolymerOhio
- **Richard Fetter '73**, professor, Andre Lacy School of Business, Butler University; partner and co-founder, Tillery Capital
- Michael Heyeck, council member, City of Westerville
- Michael Hoggarth, professor, biology and earth science, Otterbein University

CAMPAIGN HAPPENINGS

- **Rebecca Princehorn '78**, partner, Bricker & Eckler LLP
- Barbara Schaffner, dean, School of Professional Studies and The Graduate School, Otterbein University
- Michael Swartz, president and CEO, Lake Shore Cryotronics


Department of Engineering Board Members

- Roger Campbell, development coach, Personnel Profiles, Inc.
- Dave Celek, engineering manager and ISO management representative, Rimrock Corporation
- Jerry Lepley, project manager, Xigent Automation Systems
- Robert Mazurek, expert engineer, Nestle PTC Marysville Engineering
- Carl McLaughlin, director, engineering North America, Worthington Industries
- Scot McLemore, technical workforce development, HR and Administrative Division Honda North America, Inc.
- Tyler Tatman, PHR, SHRM-CP, human resources manager, MPW Industrial Services
- Steve Sikora, owner, Allstrap Steel and Poly Strapping Systems LLC
- Scott Yano, vice president, product development, Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc.

Opportunities for Future Corporate, Foundation or Organization Support

Do you know of a business, foundation or organization that might be interested in supporting Otterbein's mission? Otterbein has numerous partnering opportunities in research, sponsorships, student recruitment and engagement, executive education, professional development, in-kind gifts and equipment donations, naming opportunities and event venues. Consider collaborating with Otterbein to make a direct impact on student success. **Please reach Otterbein's central contact Kathleen Bonte, executive director for organizational and special giving, at 614-823-2707 or kbonte@otterbein.edu for more information.**

Make Your Gift Before June 30

Making a gift to the Otterbein FUND can truly make a difference in the life of an Otterbein student. All gifts to The Otterbein FUND count toward the Where We STAND Matters campaign, too! Your gift provides resources for Otterbein's greatest needs and emerging opportunities. This is the most helpful way to support YOUR University. Make a donation online at www.otterbein.edu/annualfund. 

CAMPAIGN QUICK FACTS

(as of May 2017)

CURRENT TOTAL

\$38,871,840



nearly 10,000 donors

More than **3,300** donors made their **FIRST GIFT** ever to Otterbein



All **50 states** have donors in them, with **Ohio** leading the way with more than **6,000 donors**

46 named funds added to *Access and Affordability* priorities

26 named funds added to *Model Community* priorities

70 NEW FUNDS



providing critical resources to support:

48	Scholarships	\$8,075,000
3	Student Travel Funds	\$126,000
7	Experiential Learning Funds	\$1,317,000
1	Facility Endowment	\$1,500,000
11	Departmental Funds	\$746,000

PLANNED GIVING

62

 expectancies recorded with a total value of

\$15,848,000

to create a permanent legacy through trusts, bequests, and other long-term gift arrangements.

I **STAND** WITH OTTERBEIN...

"IT IS OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY
THAT IS THE HEART OF THE OTTERBEIN
EXPERIENCE; THIS SENSE OF
COMMUNITY IS, IN FACT, OUR DNA."

TOM MORRISON '63

As chairman of the Otterbein board of trustees, Tom Morrison addresses the audience at the 2013 Commencement ceremonies.

AND ITS PROUD DNA

by Tom Morrison '63, former chair of the Otterbein board of trustees (2005-2013)

Except for my years in the Air Force, I have spent the entirety of my post-Otterbein years on the East Coast. I could probably count on one hand the number of people I've met who have even heard of Otterbein. As a result, I am forever telling friends and acquaintances about our wonderful school.

There is much to tell them. I often start with our history. Founded in 1847 by representatives of the United Brethren Church as a liberal arts school which, from day one, admitted women on an equal footing with men. The building of our beloved Towers Hall with its majestic Gothic spires in 1871 and its loving restoration in 1999 through the generosity of the Otterbein community. More recently, there was our transformation from a "college" to a "university" as we expanded and grew our graduate programs.

On the "what are we known for?" side, I always start with our nationally renowned Department of Theatre and Dance, with its dozens of grads who have made a name on Broadway. Then there is our highly regarded nursing program, which offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees and was one of the first in Ohio to offer the nurse practitioner degree. And there is our fabulous equine science program with its new state-of-the-art equine facility. And of course we have a terrific athletic program, which boasts a Division III National Championship in men's basketball, Division III National Runners-up in baseball and women's soccer, and a Division III "Final Four" appearance in men's soccer. Not to mention a 42-6 football win over Ohio State in 1890! And now we have just opened our incredible innovation center, The Point, where Otterbein students will have the opportunity to work side by side with state and local businesses on a wide range of research and innovation projects.

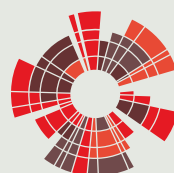
What is harder to communicate to people who don't know of us are the intangible values that mark Otterbein. Based on my 25 years on the board of trustees, particularly my eight years as board chair, I have come to believe that it is our sense of community that is at the heart of the Otterbein experience; this sense of community is, in fact, in our DNA. It is the sense that everyone in the Otterbein family — trustees, administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni — are part of a community of people dedicated to learning, excellence, service to country and community, honesty, integrity and humane values. Most importantly, unlike many schools where these various constituencies are frequently at war with one another, ours are all pulling in the same direction.

A good example of this was my opportunity to head the search committee that led to our selection of President Krendl as our first woman president. Finding a replacement for President DeVore, who served with such distinction for 25 years, was a momentous task. I received lots of dubious advice as to how we should go about this, such as "make it a trustee-only committee" or "keep yourself off of it so that, if you don't like the result, you can reject it."

In fact, we simply approached this task in the Otterbein way. We formed a committee composed of trustees, faculty, administrators, staff, students and alumni. Everyone on the committee participated in all the interviews. Everyone participated in all the discussions. And everyone had an equal vote. The result was a choice that all of our constituencies were happy with and proud of. As we watch the enormous energy, intelligence and commitment President Krendl has brought to her job, we readily see that we made a great choice — and that it was right to involve the entire Otterbein community in the process.

Otterbein's DNA is also vividly present at commencement, my favorite Otterbein event. It is wonderful to see the excitement of the students as they celebrate the culmination of their Otterbein days. But what I find most rewarding are the student presentations at commencement — and at the baccalaureate service that kicks off the day. Unlike students at our "elite" universities who always seem to be demonstrating against or protesting about one thing or another, our students invariably take the occasion to tell the audience what Otterbein has meant to them and how an Otterbein professor or experience transformed their life. These stories are wonderful testimonials to the effect Otterbein's DNA has on our students' lives.

Like all colleges and universities, Otterbein will face many challenges over the coming years and decades. But if I am certain of any one thing in my life, it is that the entire Otterbein community will work together in a spirit of cooperation, civility and respect to deal with those challenges. It's in our DNA.



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compiled by Becky Hill May '78, Deb Madden '03 and Tylina Burdell '18

Robert (Bing) Crosby '50 received the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Organization Development Network at its annual conference in October in Atlanta. The award is in recognition of his significant and lasting impact on the field and practice through professional accomplishments, having served the profession over an extended period of time and having earned the respect and admiration of colleagues. He is still singing, with his most recent concert with the Seattle Pike Place Market Singers.

Stanton Ickes '53 commissioned a musical piece, *When Came*

in Flesh the Incarnate Word, (Howard Helvey, composer) in memory of his wife, **Ann Yost Ickes '53**, to reflect the warm and lyrical characteristics of her voice. The piece made its debut at Worthington Presbyterian Church last fall, sung by the Chancel Choir.

Mary Meek Delk '64 has retired from the Unified Schools, Azusa, CA, where she was a teacher and district administrator.

John Muster '64 is the founder and director of Mentoring Academy College Prep High School in Oakland, CA, where the student to teacher ratio is 4:1.

1967 reunion year Homecoming 2017

Paul Reiner '68, president of Oakland Nursery and Acorn Farms, Columbus, along with his wife, Sheila, received the Borromeo Medal for Distinguished Service last fall from St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus.

Dennis Weaver '68 has retired from Defiance Metal Products where he was CEO and president.

Marcy Farkas Stevens '69 is a retired technical writer.

Paula Cullman Peters '70 retired from Rogers Ltd. Inc., Middletown, OH, where she was administrative trainer.

Shirley Scott '70 writes a weekly column, *Boomer Blog*, in the *Urbana Daily Citizen*,

Urbana, OH. Reminiscences about her days at Otterbein, her family, her teaching years, exchange trips to Germany and occasional political commentary, all written from a baby boomer's perspective. She retired in 2010 after teaching high school German and English for 40 years as well as coordinating a German student exchange program 1974-2001.

Keith Wakefield '71, head varsity football coach at Massillon Perry High School, Massillon, OH, led the team to its second consecutive trip to the Ohio Division II state finals in December.

1972 reunion year Homecoming 2017

Bill Spooner '74 retired after more than 37 years in the insurance claims business working with both Progressive

Giving Note

Otterbein recently received a gift from the from a trust established by **Dick Sanders '28**. The gift, in excess of \$100,000, was added to the **Thomas J. Sanders Endowed Scholarship**. Thomas Sanders, Dick's grandfather, was president of the University from 1891-1901.

Bob Arledge '55 won the U.S. Track and Field National pole vault championship last summer at Grand Rapids, MI, in his 80-84 age group, clearing 6'10." He also won gold at senior games held in Ohio at Otterbein and in Kentucky. He and his wife, **Gail Bunch Arledge '56**, reside in Lebanon, Ohio. He is pictured with **Becky Fickel Smith '81** after his win at Otterbein.



Janet James Sauter '77, adjunct instructor in media, journalism and film at Miami University, Middletown, OH, and three other sisters of Sigma Alpha Tau were together at a baby shower last summer in Middletown. Pictured left to right: back row, **Beth Kreider Marchant '77** and Janet; bottom, **Melanie Costine Moon '77** and **Cheryl Sterle Malone '76**.

and Grange Insurance. He is enjoying children, grandchildren and traveling, ultimately planning to reside in the Caribbean area.

Stephen R. Hayden '75 has retired from the National Air and Space Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH, where he was technical director for 33 years.

1977 reunion year Homecoming 2017

Chris Kaiser '77 recently retired as chief operating officer of OSU Surgery, LLC at the College of Medicine at the Ohio State University where he served for 25 years. He and his wife, Karen, have been married for 31 years and reside in Dublin, OH.

Marikay Cox Kuntzman '80 is a family and consumer science teacher, as well as head swim coach, at Alliance High School, Youngstown, OH.

Susan Abraham Nguyen '80 is a substitute teacher in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Public Schools.

Martha Paul '80 is human resource business partner at Computershare, Louisville, KY.

Elaine Clinger Sturtz '81 is a licensed professional clinical counselor in Sandusky, OH.

1982 reunion year Homecoming 2017

John Wentzell '82 was recently named president of the venue management and food services and hospitality division at Spectra, returning to Comcast Spectacor after 20 years with Delaware North Companies.

Kay Atkinson Ball '83 received the Nurse of the Year in Education Award at the March of Dimes fourth annual Nurse of the Year Awards in Columbus in December. She is part of the nursing faculty at Otterbein and was recognized for her expertise and impact in the field of nursing.

Mark Seymour '85 is chief lending officer and vice president of lending and risk at KEMBA Financial Credit Union, Columbus.

Susan Wright Whittaker '86 is a licensed real estate agent with Keller Williams Capital Partners, Worthington, OH.

1987 reunion year Homecoming 2017

Judy Ketner Dollison '88 is vice president, marketing and communications, Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio in Columbus.

Lavonne Murph King '88 is a school counselor at Circleville City Schools, Circleville, OH.

Tim Carlson '89 is a band director for Grand Valley Local Schools, Orwell, OH.

Jill McKeever McCullough '89 is director of Wellness Education and Summer Conferences at Otterbein.

Elizabeth Frederick Powell '89 is marketing director for Sales Development Services Inc., Columbus.

Craig Sutherland '89 was named President of the Year 2016 by Money Concepts Wealth Management and Financial Planning in January. He was also recognized as one of the 2016 Top 100 National Sales Leaders in the nation.

Richard '63 and Jean Davidson Berry '63 recently established an annuity of \$100,000 with the University. Through their annuity, the couple will receive income during their lifetime — AND provide a generous gift for Otterbein after their passing.

Giving Note

Otterbein recently received a gift from the estate of **Jean Brady**, long-time friend of the University and wife of the late **Tom Brady '36**. The gift, in excess of \$800,000, was added to the Tom Brady Endowed Scholarship.

Giving Note

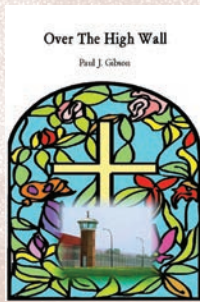


Jeff Boehm '82 has been teaching in Bath Spa University, Bath, United Kingdom, conducting the Wind Band and Chamber Winds, teaching music composition, and serving as a learning technologist. He has published several articles and his music has been played and recorded worldwide.

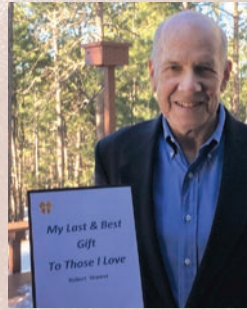
Scott A. Duncan '83 finished in first place in the Men's Open South Region, third place in the Men's Open U.S. division and fourth place in the Men's Open World division of the Reebok Spartan Racing Series. A Spartan race is a series of obstacle races of varying distance and difficulty. He also placed first in his age group in all three divisions at the age of 56. He is retired from the federal government and has a private practice in forensic psychology in the Atlanta area.



Otterbein Book Corner



Paul Gibson '50 published his first novel, *Over the High Wall*, about a young pastor accused and imprisoned for a murder he did not commit.



Robert (Bud) Warner '56 published a guide, *My Last & Best Gift to Those I Love*, intended as a reference for end-of-life personal and financial issues. He is offering it for download and at seminars.

Have you written and published a book? Let us know at 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.



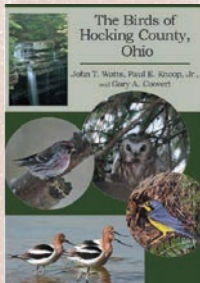
Tom Barlow '72 has published two books, *Welcome to the Goat Rodeo*, a collection of short stories and *I'll Meet You Yesterday*, a love story and a mystery set in broke, near-future America.



Terry Ackerman Williams '84 was editor-in-chief for *The Equine Professionals Manual*, *The Art of Teaching Riding*, a manual compiled by professionals in the equine industry as a comprehensive guide for riding instructors. She currently serves as the treasurer for the Certified Horsemanship Association's board of directors and works as a registered nurse in the Prenatal Care Unit at Bethesda North Hospital, Cincinnati.



John Watts '86, along with Paul Knoop and Gary Coover, published *The Birds of Hocking County, Ohio*, containing a complete and current annotated list of the 266 bird species recorded in the county along with photos and a checklist. He is the resource manager for the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks.



Phyllis Magold '88 has published her first novel, *A Beast No More*:

Emerging from the Middle State. The story, set in the Cleveland area, follows three girls born at the same time in the same hospital through their lives in vastly different homes.

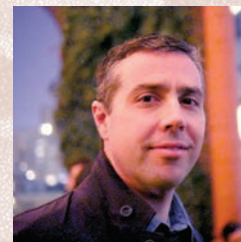
Tina Marrelli Glass MSN '97 published the fifth edition of the *Handbook of Home Health Standards: Quality, Documentation and Reimbursement*. She is president of Marrelli and Associates, Inc., a publishing and consulting firm working in healthcare for more than 20 years.

Amy Matthews Stross '97

published *The Suburban Micro Farm: Modern Solutions for Busy People* about growing food for your family with the time you have and using the experience to feel more connected to home and family.



Dave Ford '06 published *Fort Hood in World War II*, part of Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* Series. The book details the buildup of Camp Hood and the development of modern mechanized warfare by the U.S. Army during WWII. Photographs are taken from the personal collection of the first Camp Hood post commander.



Andrew Miller '14 published a collection of essays, *If Only the Names Were Changed*. The book tackles issues of childhood abuse, bipolar disorder, alcoholism and recovery. All of this is intermixed with issues surrounding current events and broader societal issues.

Michael Bowers '78

A Man of Many Facets and a Lifelong Learner Extraordinaire

By Tuesday Beerman Trippier '89

A rewarding career as a clinical psychologist is only the tip of the iceberg for **Dr. Michael Bowers '78**. Add teacher, artist, photographer, poet, author, inventor, collector, outdoor enthusiast and wilderness guide to his list of accomplishments. Bowers, who resides in Denver, Colorado, traces his zeal for life and continuing curiosity back to two concepts he learned while a psychology major at Otterbein: the balance between vocation and avocation, and the concept of "lieben und arbeiten"—a German phrase attributed to Sigmund Freud which means "love and work."

A first generation college student from Greenville, Ohio, Bowers followed a friend to Otterbein and discovered it was a perfect fit.

"I had an incredible experience at Otterbein," remembers Bowers. "The community life eased me into adulthood, the liberal arts developed my mind and spirit for a life well-lived, and the education prepared me for a gratifying career."

Bowers went on to the University of Denver where he received his doctorate degree in psychology before pursuing his career in clinical psychology and family life. Bowers describes



his career as having three phases: 20 years specializing in behavioral medicine; 10 years teaching undergraduate psychology and critical thinking and serving as a college counselor; and working for the past seven years as a counselor in the Military and Family Life Counselor program for the U.S. Department of Defense. Bowers is currently on assignment in west central Germany. "

Keeping his childhood love of art alive, Bowers has devoted much of his free time to creative pursuits including writing poetry, sketching and drawing.

Combining his passion for nature and world travel, Bowers has focused in recent years on photography.

Collecting has also been a lifelong hobby for Bowers. In his home, he maintains an extensive collection of "stuff" he refers to as "Dr. Mike's Museum of Found Art."

Through his work in health psychology and teaching people about emotions, Bowers has invented the "E-motion Ball," a teaching toy that helps children process emotions through physical activity. He has also developed a card deck to teach emotional intelligence to people of all age groups.

Read the full story, including photos, poetry and more by going to www.otterbein.edu/towers.

Profile

Kathryn Cale Eichlin '91 was recognized in November 2016 by Continental Who's Who as a Pinnacle Professional in agriculture. She is currently with Syngenta North America as the head of internal communications.

Brenda Frey Kraner '91 is program director at Wright State University, Dayton.

1992 reunion year
Homecoming 2017

Kelly McAdams Reichert '92 will be exhibiting a collection of

acrylic and mixed media work at Highline Coffee Art Space, Worthington, OH, during the month of June.

Scott Lacy '93 is teaching anthropology and conducting research in Cameroon for 2016-

17 as a Fulbright Scholar. This is his second Fulbright, the first in Mali in 2001-02.

Brenda Ryan '93 is leave of absence coordinator at Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Dublin, OH.

Dan Gifford '88 (far left), chief financial officer at Dasco Home Medical Equipment, pictured with employees Ann Cornelius, **Jason Seeley MBA '06**, Kim Crum, **Kevin Banion '87** and **Rachel Mazur MBA '10**. Dasco was winner of the 2016 HM Excellence Award



for Best Home Medical Equipment (HME) Provider at the HME News Business Summit in September.



Doug Norton '89 and his wife, Lynn, opened Little Bird Travel Deals, a franchise of the Cruise Planners travel agency, in Lima, OH, in November.

Michelle Eiland '01

She Builds Houses All Over the World

By Shirley Scott '70

Michelle Eiland '01 has responsibilities as an FDIC risk examiner that seem unrelated to her skills in laying bricks and building walls. That she does the unexpected is a point of pride from which many have benefitted.

Now living near Boston, Eiland grew up in Columbus and attended public school there. She turned down a full scholarship from The Ohio State University to accept a financial aid package from Otterbein and join friends on campus for a small college experience.

Eiland was involved in numerous activities, concentrating on residence life and orientation. She also spent the first quarter of her senior year in Cordoba, Argentina, on an Otterbein program that whetted her appetite for international experience. Four years later, she earned a graduate degree from the University of Westminster in London.

In 2010 when lack of experience prevented her from volunteering in Haiti after the earthquake, she and a friend joined a Habitat for Humanity team in Egypt, where they moved blocks and sifted sand from the Nile to use in mortar



for plastering walls. She worked on subsequent builds in Honduras and Plano, Texas.

Switching to the Fuller Center for Housing, Eiland continued to share her construction skills in Peru, India, Haiti and Thailand. This February she volunteered at a school on a New Mexico reservation.

Eiland credits her involvement in orientation and residence life at Otterbein for invaluable experience in working as part of a team. She cites **Becky Smith '81**, **Danielle Carter '98** and **Joyce Jadwin '89** as role models for her positions of assistant hall director and summer orientation leader, experiences that prepared her for FDIC work and international home building.

Eiland advises young people "not to limit themselves." She points out that the size of Otterbein allowed her to "try out everything."

She can feel her inner radar moving toward full-time community service. But don't pigeonhole Eiland. With her sense of limitless possibilities and her skill in teamwork, any future program or project will be blessed by her presence.

Profile

Giving Note

Michael '61 and Judy Pohner Christian '61 have documented a **\$500,000 estate gift** to Otterbein. Their gift will fund an award for biology.

Martin Smith '93 is the assistant provost for admissions at the University of New Orleans.

Teresa Hoover Tucker '93 is the northern group marketing manager at CentiMark Corporation, Reynoldsburg, OH.

Margenett Moore-Roberts '94 was promoted to vice president, global head, inclusive diversity at Yahoo.

Tacci Presnell-Smith '94 is the director for student activities

at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC.

Scott Wilson '94 was inducted into the Educational Theatre Association: Ohio Chapter Hall of Fame in March in Dublin, OH. He taught in Columbus, Westerville and Olentangy schools for 19 years and recently transitioned into a counseling role within the Columbus Public Schools.

Tamarine Thompson Foreman '95 is an assistant professor of counseling and higher education at Ohio University, Athens.

Susan Ashley Crawford '96 is a Get Pink agent for Owens Corning, Toledo, OH.

Amanda Gischler '96 is senior financial analyst at Alliance Data Systems, Columbus.

Matt Hicks '96 was inducted into the Bloom-Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame in February. He currently serves as the chief operating officer and counsel at Federal Equipment Co., Cleveland.

1997 reunion year
Homecoming 2017

Corey Alexander '97 is a case manager/investigator at Belmont County Department

of Job and Family Services, St. Clairsville, OH.

Bryan Worra '97 was elected president of the Science Fiction Poetry Association last summer.

Thanda Zipf Meehan '98 is a clinical research nurse at Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

Christine Collins '99 is senior director of strategic communication at the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, Annapolis, MD.

Jillian Pitcher Williams '99 is a holistic psychotherapist at the Cleveland Clinic Center

for Integrative and Lifestyle Medicine, Lyndhurst, OH.

Andrew Rinehart '00 is general sales manager at iHeartMedia, Columbus.

Jake Bruner '01 is a high school principal in the Colonel Crawford Local Schools, Crestline, OH.

Timothy Krichbaum '01 is area sales manager for GSF Mortgage Company, Akron, OH. He will help expand retail branches in the U.S.

April Bowyer Largent '01 was promoted to nurse manager of the Trauma Unit at MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, OH.

Amber McCarty Lovett '01 is a career advisor at Coshocton City Schools, Coshocton, OH.

2002 reunion year
Homecoming 2017

Eric Lloyd MBA '02 was appointed vice president of the Westerville Scholarship Foundation Board in January.

Jason Thompson '02 is a director at Quest Software, Columbus.

Kelley Sims Newsad '03 is a physical therapist at S.O.A.R. Physical Therapy, Tamuning, Guam. She relocated from San Diego to join her husband in the Navy, attached to the USS Emory S. Land. She is enjoying their 3-year-old daughter and being actively involved in the Navy community.

Ryan Parrish '03 is director of member engagement for the Reno-Sparks Nevada Chamber of Commerce.

Deana Batross MSN '04 DNP '16 is a nurse practitioner at Genesis Healthcare System, Zanesville, OH.

Ellie Hempleman Akey '05 was promoted to assistant vice president at Park National Bank, Newark, OH.

Zac Balas '05 is a pilot with the U.S. Air Force.

Megan Cotanch '05 is an account director for PR Newswire, Hollywood, CA.

Carrie Eckert Egan '05 is employed by Cardinal Health in the marketing department.

Rob O'Donnell '05 is a high school English teacher at Myers Park High School, Charlotte, NC.

Brian Beam '06 was promoted to bank officer at Greenville Federal, Greenville, OH. He will continue his duties as marketing/IT manager as well.

Tiffany Estes '06 MSAH '14 is the head athletic trainer for Hilliard Bradley High School employed by OhioHealth Sports Medicine.

Rachel Ferrara '06 accepted a position as a Staff Counsel Attorney for Allstate Insurance Company in January 2016. She recently defended Allstate

clients in two separate jury cases and received successful verdicts in each.

Eric Heminger '06 is a teacher in Westerville City Schools.

David Kimberly '06 is an assistant professor of biology at Westminster College, Salt Lake City.

Ladan Osman '06 participated in St. Bonaventure University's Visiting Poets Series in February in Allegany, NY. She is also a contributing culture editor for *The Blueshift Journal*, a national literary magazine.

2007 reunion year
Homecoming 2017

Amanda Cattey Argo '07 is an intervention specialist in Madison Local Schools, Mansfield, OH.

Miriam Fetzer Angerer '84 has notified the University of her intention to provide \$100,000 through her estate to enhance the Rachel Walter Fetzer '48 and Miriam Fetzer Angerer '84 Scholarship Fund.

Giving
Note

Jeff Glancy '04 is the owner/operator of two businesses in Ohio: Veracious Products/Honest Speed Shop, an automotive high performance parts store in Hilliard, OH, and Honest Holdings LLC, a real estate investment/rental business with properties in Grandview, Hilliard and Upper Arlington. He resides in Upper Arlington with his wife, Lauren, and daughter, Amelia.



Jaime Umerley Kolligian '04 was elected shareholder at Kastner Westman & Wilkins, LLC, a boutique labor and employment law firm representing management exclusively. She was recipient of the Women's Network of Northeast Ohio's 2016 Women of Professional Excellence Award last June.



Benjamin D. Boring '08 received the 2016 OhioHealth Phlebotomy Education team award for his work at the Delaware Career Center, Delaware, OH.

Patrick Connor '08 is a certified financial planner at the Columbus-based investment management and financial advisory firm, Hamilton Capital Management, Inc.

Pat Shick '08 MSAH '14 is head varsity boys soccer coach at Olentangy High School, Lewis Center, OH.

Ashley Grey Tufts '08 is director, corporate affairs and communications for American Express, New York City.

Grace Culver '09 is studying at Capital University in a post-degree education licensure program, pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher.

Jeana Harrington Berryman '10 is a content marketing specialist at Northwoods Consulting Partners, Dublin, OH.

Ashley Butler Ferrall '10 is an instructional developer at the Purdue University Libraries, West Lafayette, IN.

Kirsten Johanson MSN '10 DNP '16 received honorable mention for the Excellence in Advancing Nursing Practice Award for 2016-17 from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Kaitlin Smith McGuffie '10 is the director of events and foundation programs at the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians, Columbus.

Leslie Talbott Sobnosky '10 is a travel agent with AAA in Worthington, OH.

Katie Weale '10 was named Athletic Trainer of the Year 2017 by the Ohio Athletic Trainers Association at their annual state meeting and clinical symposium in May.

Justin Young '10 is a big data engineer at Viviota, headquartered in Cedar Park, TX.

Jennifer Blackburn '11 is a coordinator for residential living at Washburn University, Topeka, KS.

Mark Cramer '11 is senior strategic planning analyst at Turner Sports, New York City.

Kyle Holter '11 is a F-15E weapon systems officer in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, NC.

Allison Horton Clarke '11 is marketing director for Perfect Products, LLC, a nutraceutical company for equine athletes.

John LaCorte '11 MSAH '14 is a pitching/strength coach for the baseball team at Otterbein University.

Eboni Porter '11 is lead provider data specialist at Buckeye Health Plan, Columbus.

Leah Shamblin Schuh '11 is an academic advisor at The Ohio State University, College of Education and Human Ecology.

Heather Weekley '11 is senior content specialist at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

2012 reunion year
Homecoming 2017

Greg Benson '12 is the new band director at Mason High School, Mason, OH. He previously served as a conductor with the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps and performed in the Navy Band's International Saxophone Symposium.

Giving Note

Michael Leadbetter '69 documented his commitment to the University through a \$50,000 gift of life insurance.



Andy Berger '06, a certified personal trainer and **Laura Greene Berger '10**, a registered dietitian nutritionist offer customized, holistic fitness and nutrition programming at NuFit Wellness, Westerville.



Benjamin Garnett '06 (right) is a Public Affairs NCOIC for the U.S. Army Reserve. In January, he graduated the Senior Leaders Course at the NCO Academy, U.S. Army School of Music, Virginia Beach, VA, where he received the Distinguished Leadership Award and was the Distinguished Honor Graduate.



Jason Graham '07, director, (fourth from left) and **Greg Benson '12**, assistant director, (third from left) led the Grove City High School Marching Band, the only Ohio marching band in the 2017 Pasadena Rose Parade in January.

Entertainment Center



Dee Hoty '74

Dee Hoty '74 starred as Eleanor of Aquitaine in *A Lion in Winter* at the Two River's Rechnitz Theater, Red Bank, NJ, this winter.

Randy Adams '76, founding partner of Junkyard Dog Productions, is lead producer of the current Broadway musical sensation *Come From Away*.

Terry Espenschied '76 has retired after 20 years at The Arena Stage, Washington, D.C., and 17 years at George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium.



Jami Flora '82, Heather Gray Mader '04, Karen McCurdy '92, Jessi Welch '03, Maggie Ellison '10, Johnny Steiner '96 and Kent Stuckey '79 performed in *Vaud Villities*, now in its 75th season. The next summer show runs July

13-15 at the Northland Performing Arts Center, Columbus, under the artistic direction of Steiner.

Catherine Randazzo '87

cowrote *Piano Men*, performed at the Florida Studio Theatre in Sarasota, FL, through April, featuring the music of Billy Joel, Elton John and Barry Manilow.



Metropolitan Opera's *Rusalka*

T.J. Gerckens '88 recently completed the lighting design for The Metropolitan Opera's production of Dvorak's *Rusalka* which was shown in theaters nationwide in February.

Daniel Knechtges '94 has been named director of The St. Louis Municipal Opera Theater's (The Muny) July production of *All Shook Up*, inspired by and featuring the songs the of Elvis Presley.

Jeremy Bobb '03 has been cast as Stan Cole in the Discovery Channel's *Manifesto*, a new FBI crime series about Ted Kaczynski, the Unabomber.

James Dailey '05 launched *It's All Been Done Radio Hour* in July 2015. The monthly

live theatre program of geeky modern comedy is done in the style of old time radio serials. Done at the MadLab Theatre, Columbus, the shows are recorded and released as a weekly podcast.



Erika Hughes '05 (left)

Erika Hughes '05 performs original music with traditional bluegrass, classic country and rock influences throughout Ohio with her band, Erika Hughes and the Well Mannered.

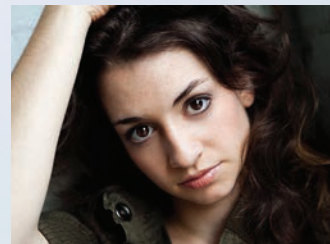
Josephine Rose Roberts '05 presented a dance workshop last fall at The Connection, Summit, NJ, featuring original choreography from the Broadway musical *Cats*. She recently moved to South Orange, NJ, after finishing a five-year run as Regina in Broadway's *Rock of Ages*.



David Kaverman '07

David Kaverman '07 is performing as Smokey Robinson in the National

Tour of *Motown the Musical* and **Jared Howelton '15** is a featured ensemble member. The tour, which opened in January recently made a stop at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre.



Beth Triffon '07

Beth Triffon '07 was the winner of the 2016 ABC Discovers: Digital Talent Competition. She was subsequently cast in ABC's *Ten Days in the Valley* as Mackenzie, script coordinator to Jane Sadler, played by Kyra Sedgwick, set to premiere in 2017.

Lucas Dixon '08 was cast as John Hinckley in the Yale Repertory Theatre's production of the musical *Assassins*, performed at the University Theatre in Connecticut this spring.



Troy Burton '11

Troy Burton '11 performed at the Delacorte Theatre in Central Park, New York City, in the role of Sebastian, in a musical production of *Twelfth Night*, last summer.

Brianna Burke '12 MSAH '14 is an exercise physiologist at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Austin Curbow '12 is a part-time assistant track coach at Otterbein University.

Allison De Orio '12 is the lead preschool teacher at Wayne State University College of Education Early Childhood Center, Detroit, MI.

Tony DeGenaro '12 is a lecturer and professor for first-year writing courses at University of Michigan, Dearborn. He earned his master's degree in fine arts at the University of San Francisco in 2014.

Mallory Mellott '12 is a teacher in the Johnstown Monroe Local School District, Johnstown, OH.

Molly Miller Schulz '12 is public relations and marketing coordinator for Canine Companions for Independence, Delaware, OH.

Jamie Beery '13 is a patient care assistant/mental health

technician at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

Abigail Emeigh '13 is a technical recruiter at Fahrenheit IT, Columbus.

James Williamson '13 is a manager for Nationwide Insurance, Columbus.

Andrea Howard MSN '13 is a certified nurse practitioner in family medicine with Adena Health Center, Hillsboro, OH.

Anthony Korpieski '13 MSAH '15 is an operations team leader for Discover Financial Services, Columbus.

Jean-Claude Ndongo MBA '13 was elected to serve a three-year term on the Westerville Scholarship Foundation Board.

Megan Presson MSAH '13 is the member services assistant department head for Lifetime Fitness, Columbus.

Alicia Anderson MSAH '14 is a physical therapy assistant at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

Elisha Boose '14 is a carpenter at Re:Work Furnishings, a company in Columbus that specializes in handmade sustainable products of reclaimed wood and locally sourced materials.

Tina Bourdette MSAH '14 is a business project manager for oncology at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center, Columbus.

Holly Bruner '14 is interim residence life coordinator at the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Romie Graham MSAH '14 is the assistant football coach for wide receivers at Allegheny College, Meadville, PA.

Chris Japikse '14 earned the Outstanding Young String Teacher Award from the Ohio String Teachers Association in February at the Ohio Music Educators Association convention in Cleveland. He teaches fourth, fifth and sixth graders at Malabar Intermediate School, Mansfield, OH.

Amanda Sampsel MSAH '14 is an athletic trainer/clinic aide

for Hilliard Memorial Middle School and Hilliard Bradley High School employed by OhioHealth Sports Medicine, Columbus.

Joseph Anthony MSN '15 is a certified nurse anesthetist in the Chicago area.

Taylor Bailey '15 is studying for his master's degree in history at Portland State University, Portland, OR. He is working with the *Pacific Historical Review* as the Caroline P. Stoel Editorial Fellow, managing submissions, overseeing the peer review process and preparing manuscripts for publication.

Joe Clark '15 is an accountant at the Day Companies, specializing in urban revitalization in Columbus.

Michelle Haun MSAH '15 is a registered dietician at Genesis Hospital, Zanesville, OH, where she covers the renal, wound and cardiac patients.

Madison Miller '15 is a teacher in the Olentangy Local Schools, Lewis Center, OH.



Jessica Ellicott '16 is sales and event assistant at The Columbus Athenaeum.



Reese Johnson '16 is office manager at Renee Starr State Farm Insurance, Columbus.

Classnotes ONLINE!

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.

Kevin Reuscher MSN '15

Anesthetist Training Taught Skills, Leadership, Patient Advocacy

By Courtney Kilmer '17

Even though **Kevin Reuscher MSN '15** didn't attend Otterbein as an undergraduate, his time here during graduate school was very impactful on his current career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). He joined the Otterbein community in 2012 when he was accepted into the Master of Science in Nursing program. The 28-month program provided early clinical experience.

Naturally, taking classes, participating in clinicals and preparing for board certification consumes a lot of time. Reuscher was regularly spending 60-70 hours per week juggling all of his education requirements. Even though the workload was heavy, it was all worth it, and Reuscher graduated with his master's degree and became a CRNA.

Currently, Reuscher works at Adena Regional Medical Center in Chillicothe, OH. He says he enjoys it because it has widened his scope of practice.



Being the nurse anesthetist during a surgery is a lot of pressure, said Reuscher, but Otterbein's program helped him to be prepared. "Surgery is a very stressful period for everyone involved, but because of our training, we are well prepared to handle that sort of stuff, and if something does go wrong, we're there at the head of the bed to manage the situation."

Reuscher said that Otterbein's nurse anesthetist program, and the Master of Science in Nursing program in general, helped him become a better person overall. The faculty he worked with made sure students were prepared for life after graduation.

"Not only did I learn to become a licensed, nurse anesthetist, I became a better person," said Reuscher. "They taught us about becoming leaders in the operating room and in health care, and how to be advocates for our patients and our profession."

About his time at Otterbein, he said that the best memories aren't necessarily the places, but rather being with the people. The community environment really drew him in and made his experiences especially memorable.

Profile

Micah Mills MSAH '15 is the assistant men's basketball coach at Wilmington College, Wilmington, OH.

Ashley Minnick MSAH '15 is a clinical athletic trainer for sports medicine at the Nationwide Children's Hospital. She also is a performing arts medicine athletic trainer, specializing in the care of dancers.

Adam Prescott MSAH '15 is the sports information director at Otterbein University. He oversees all marketing, media relations and publications for 21 varsity sports programs.

Kevin Stutz MSAH '14 is a clinical exercise physiologist

for the OhioHealth Outpatient Cardiac Rehab at Grant Medical Center, Columbus.

Ethan Wetzel MSAH '15 is the assistant football coach for linebackers at Muskingum University, New Concord, OH. He is also an adjunct professor in the Health Sciences Department and a certified strength and conditioning specialist.

Kyle Belback '16 is a sales representative for the Peoria Chiefs Class A minor league baseball team affiliated with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Addalie Bolyard '16 is an assistant in the copy center at Otterbein.

Lois Szudy '99, Emeritus Library Director and Associate Professor, has documented a **\$450,000 estate commitment** with the University. Her estate gift will provide funding for the Library and the Equine Department.

Breanna Brown '16 is enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS.

Alexandra Conrad '16 is ticketing and on-campus promotion manager for Otterbein Department of Theatre & Dance. She is enrolled at Kent State University pursuing her master's degree in library and information science.

Taylor Horn MSAH '15 is studying for his doctorate in physical therapy at the

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

Brooke Jones '16 is a master personal trainer in the Wellness Center at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Mary Arnold Long DNP '16 presented a session on managing moisture-associated skin damage at the WOCN (Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing) Society's 49th Annual Conference in Salt Lake City in May.

Giving Note

Sara Mason '16 is an IT security analyst for TJX Companies, Marlborough, MA. TJX Companies are the owner/operators of TJMaxx, Marshalls and Home Goods.

Caroline Matthews MSAH '16 is an office specialist in a neurological physician office for OhioHealth, Columbus.

Jessica McClelland MSAH '16 is the assistant cross country/track and field coach at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN.

Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Columbus.

Chase Thompson '16 is director of community relations at the Jarvis Law Firm, Columbus.

Clint Norris MSN'16 is a nurse anesthetist at Licking Memorial Hospital, Newark, OH.

Angel Romina '16 is event coordinator for the Franklin

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

Giving
Note

An anonymous donor documented a \$1 million estate gift to provide discretionary funding for The Point innovation center and Otterbein Athletics to encourage innovation and athletic achievement.

Meet Anna Medert Haidet '36



Anna Medert Haidet '36

is 103 years young, and our oldest living 1847 and Joanne Van Sant Society member. Anna currently lives in Crown Point, IN. She is a baseball aficionado and a loyal Joanne Van Sant Society member since its inception. To read more about Mrs. Haidet or to become a member of the 1847 Society please visit: www.otterbein.edu/plannedgiving or contact us at plannedgiving@otterbein.edu or 614-823-1960.



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MILESTONES

compiled by Becky Hill May '78, Deb Madden '03 and Tyline Burdell '18

Marriages

Judy Stinolis '06 to John Converse, Oct. 16, 2016. Matron of honor was **Megan Grote Lemmon '07**; maid of honor was **Allyson Kuentz '09**.

Amanda Cattey '07 to Matt Argo, Oct. 8, 2016.

Sara Fee '08 to Kyle Wolfe '07, June 5, 2014.

Karli Young '09 to Chris Collins, Oct. 14, 2016.

Jack Hadlich '10 to Abbey Hirt, Oct. 15, 2016. The wedding party included **Kayla Rounsevell '10**, maid of honor; bridesmaids, **Pamela Miller Maynard '10**, **Karyn Hirt Alzayer '04** and **Kayleigh Hanlin '11**. **Daud Alzayer '07** and **Shanna Rute '11** also attended.

Kaitlin Smith '10 to Rick McGuffie II, Sept. 10, 2016.

Kendy Beers '10 to Chris Stembbridge, Oct. 22, 2016. The wedding party included **Kelsey Beers Brown '09**, **Brooke Stull Wilson '10** and **Elizabeth Herchek '10**.

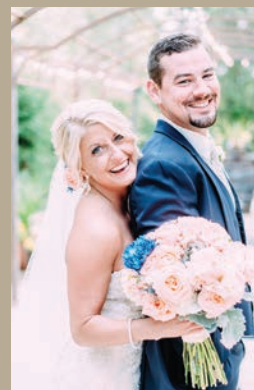
Caroline Faust '12 to **John Finnegan '13**, Sept. 4, 2016. The wedding party included **Whitney Reed '13**, **Dustin Evans '16** and **Evan Heintz '16**.



Judy Stinolis '06 with husband, John Converse.



Amanda Cattey '06 with husband, Matt Argo.



Karli Young '09 with husband, Chris Collins.



Jack Hadlich '10 with wife, Abbey Hirt.



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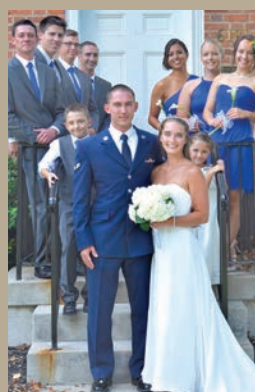
Caroline Faust '12 with husband, John Finnegan '13.



Amber Drabik '12 with husband, Joshua Martin.



Jason MacLean '13 with wife, **Lauren Cool '13**. The maid of honor was **Lillian Cool '20**; bridesmaids included **Laura Chenos '12**; groomsmen included **Grant Smith '13**. Also pictured **Elizabeth Carr '13**, **Mackenzie O'Brien '13** and **Matt Hochberg '10**.



Danielle O'Callaghan '14 with husband, James Capelli.



David March '14 with wife, **Kendra Bonnette '16**.

Send your wedding and baby photos with accompanying information by email to:

classnotes@otterbein.edu

or go to: www.otterbein.edu/classnotes

Photos should be medium to high resolution (at least 800 pixels on the shortest side) and clearly in focus. We reserve the right to refuse any photo which does not meet minimum quality requirements.

Amber Drabik '12 to Joshua Martin, Sept. 24, 2016. The wedding party included **Eryn Kane '10**, **Shelly Oberst Untied '12** and **Stephanie Sherburn '12**.

Lauren Cool '13 to **Jason MacLean '13**, Sept. 24, 2016.

Danielle O'Callaghan '14 to James Capelli, July 16, 2016. **Dayna Love '14** and **Alissa Witkowski '14** were in the wedding party.

Kendra Bonnette '16 to **David March '14**, Oct. 14, 2016. The wedding party included **Rachel Felicetty '16**, **Devin Ortiz '16**, **Andrew Lingrel '15** and **Jeysan Paranthaman '15**.

The bride and bridesmaid are Theta Nu alumni, the groom, best man and groomsmen are Pi Kappa Phi alumni.

Births

Corey Brill '97 and wife, Susan, a daughter, Wallace Kay.

Nicole Buran-Padovano '98 and husband, Corey, a daughter, Grace Kathleen.

David Brown '99 and wife, Amy, a daughter, Hannah Lee. She joins siblings, David and Kayla.

Shannon Lord Krakovich '00 and husband, Jason, a son, Maximus.

Leah Mason Shapiro '00 and husband, Julius, a daughter, Emily Rose. She joins big sister, Lily.



'98

Grace Kathleen Padovano



'99

Hannah Lee Brown



'00

Maximus Krakovich



'00

Emily Rose Shapiro



'01

Luke Daniel Largent



'06

Jolie Reese and Everly Ann Anderson



'06

Jacob Matthew Bielozer



'08

Nora Lin Sribanditmongkol



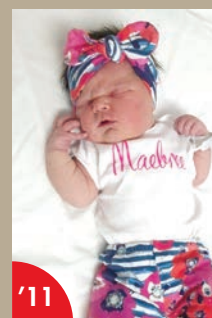
'09

Lillian Ruth Haley



'10

Evelyn Elizabeth Berger



'11

Mabree Ann Schuh



'13

Rylee Faye Marie Saunders

April Bowyer Largent '01 and husband, **Daniel '00**, a son, Luke Daniel. He joins older sisters, Brooke and Grace.

Lindsey Powell '06 and husband, Joseph Anderson, twin daughters, Jolie Reese and Everly Ann.

Kacy Walton Bielozer '06 and husband, Matt, a son, Jacob Matthew.

Jessica Medors Laughlin '06 and husband, **Drew '06**, a daughter, Atkinson Charlotte.

Mallory Alexin Sribanditmongkol '08 and her husband, **Thai '08**, a daughter, Nora Lin.

Lindsay Draper Haley '09 and husband, Rob, a daughter, Lillian Ruth.

Laura Greene Berger '10 and husband, **Andy '06**, a daughter, Evelyn Elizabeth.

Leah Shamblin Schuh '11 and husband, Zach, a daughter, Mabree Ann.

Ashlee Smith Saunders '13 and husband, Chris, a daughter, Rylee Faye Marie.

IN MEMORIAM

'34 Sarah Truxal Wisleder	05/06/12	'51 Leon F. Horn	10/14/16	'67 William O. Kline	06/27/16
'40 Joseph C. Hendrix	03/28/17	'51 William M. Winston	11/19/16	'67 Robert J. Moreland	09/20/16
'41 Clarence R. Cole	04/11/17	'52 Faye Murphy Jacob	02/07/14	'67 Linda Phillips Sesser	07/16/14
'41 Theodore Neff	02/01/17	'52 Dart F. Keech	07/10/15	'67 I. Bruce Turner	08/09/16
'42 Paul Shartle	12/01/16	'52 Marvin R. Knotts	08/16/15	'67 Henry K. Yaggi III	08/31/14
'42 Mary Smith Strohbeck	03/17/17	'53 Betty Wolfe Bailey	12/04/16	'68 Roxy Dunton Bargar	01/29/16
'43 Weyland F. Bale	02/22/17	'53 Dorothy Purkey Fisher	12/09/16	'69 Allan E. Strouss	03/27/16
'43 Patricia Orndorff Ernsberger	02/25/17	'53 Mary Poorman Flanagan	02/25/17	'72 Jon B. Turner	04/06/17
'44 Herman W. Brown	09/05/16	'53 W. Robert Myers	03/23/17	'73 Steven A. Bender	09/29/16
'44 Gwendolyn Murphy Elliott	08/28/16	'54 Robert F. Haskins	10/05/16	'73 Joseph P. Campigotto	04/26/16
'44 Virginia Storer Varner	11/07/15	'55 Barbara Bowman Francis	09/03/16	'73 John W. Harvey	10/17/16
'45 Kathryn Behm Larsen	02/17/17	'55 Joyce Naftzger Grabill	12/19/16	'74 Larry W. Heller	08/03/16
'45 Marilou Harold Roush	12/05/16	'56 Ralph Bragg	02/13/17	'74 Irene Sommer Jones	11/22/16
'47 Cameron H. Allen	01/23/17	'56 Norton Haberman	08/15/14	'74 Sharon Kauffman Sunday	12/05/16
'47 Emily Clark Brown	07/03/16	'56 Cora Lehner Harsh	12/09/16	'76 Daniel L. Underwood	03/21/17
'47 William A. Jefferis	02/16/17	'56 Lillian Gullett Shah	03/18/17	'77 Michael E. Darling	03/08/17
'47 Jean E. McClay	06/04/16	'56 Curtis W. Tong	01/16/17	'78 Ben A. Rainsberger	12/21/16
'47 Lila Meany Severin	05/17/16	'57 Dale F. Kuhn	04/10/17	'79 Gregory A. Hirtzinger	11/29/11
'47 J. Gilmer Sorrell	09/16/16	'57 Janice Phalor Mosher	12/31/12	'79 Michael D. Sewell	04/15/17
'48 Robert E. Arn	08/28/16	'57 Lesley MacCormack Parks	01/08/17	'80 Julia L. Johnson	02/03/17
'48 John E. Hammond	10/30/16	'57 Sheila Mason School	03/14/15	'80 Gregory G. Kimbro	03/30/17
'48 William E. LeMay	11/30/16	'58 Patricia Weigand Bale	02/09/17	'80 Kathleen Lafferty Strine	09/20/16
'48 Nevin J. Rodes	04/21/14	'58 John A. Hill	09/10/16	'82 Kyle Reese Hartley	04/22/13
'48 Phyllis Watkins Tudor	08/14/15	'58 Thomas J. Miller	12/25/16	'82 Joseph H. Ray III	06/09/15
'48 Helen L. Wallace	06/15/12	'58 Thomas H. Shields	04/18/16	'83 Frank A. Frantz	06/07/16
'49 William D. Case	10/15/16	'59 Frederick L. Crawford	01/08/17	'83 Laurie A. O'Connor	08/18/15
'49 Lawrence I. DeClark	09/27/16	'59 Carl L. Gerber, Sr.	02/02/17	'84 Kurt E. Hoffman	06/24/16
'49 Warren H. Hayes	12/05/16	'60 Jerry L. Helser	03/02/17	'85 Wendy Sue Jacoby	10/01/16
'49 Carl W. Hollman	11/11/16	'60 Paulette R. Loop	09/05/16	'86 Carl A. Miller	11/18/16
'49 Carl Schafer	11/14/16	'60 Robert W. Shultz	04/09/17	'89 Robert Finbarr Bennett	04/07/16
'49 Pam Pollock Schutz	12/21/16	'61 Walter E. Schatz	01/10/17	'89 Ron Reall	12/16/16
'49 Phyllis Davis Titus	10/03/14	'62 Larry D. Edelman	02/16/17	'91 Gabriella Orszag Bogardy	10/21/16
'50 Barbara Brown Castrodale	01/31/15	'62 George W. Hogg	10/18/16	'93 Jean Eyerman Elias	03/02/17
'50 Lawrence J. Gillum	03/26/17	'62 Donald E. Ricard	04/17/17	'96 Kirsten Parish Keusal	04/21/17
'50 Margaret Lehman Lakeman	01/25/17	'64 Richard L. Allen	03/28/14		
'50 Mildred Ware Long	11/26/16	'64 Sandra Williams Bennett	03/26/17		
'50 Bill J. Merrell	01/07/15	'64 David R. Jones	09/16/16		
'50 Gordon I. Shaw	11/23/16	'64 E. Greer Wurster	03/13/17		
'50 Fred J. Shoemaker	01/31/17	'65 Barbara Cheney Buttermore	12/23/16		
'50 David J. Sprout	09/19/16	'65 Mary Hull Earles	02/06/16		
'50 Jeanne Hosler Steele	09/03/16	'65 Joseph N. Ignat	10/21/16		
'50 Judith Edworthy Wray	11/26/16	'66 Robert L. Lafollette	01/10/17		
'51 Orla Bradford	11/12/12	'66 Kathleen Hobbs Layman	11/04/16		
'51 Ann Shauck Collins	07/22/12	'66 Helen F. Mason	07/27/09		

Friends

James Carr	12/22/16
Albert Germanson	2/23/16
A. Wallace Hood	4/28/17
Joyce Karsko	9/23/16
Gary Tirey	4/1/17

Correction (from last issue)

'09 Crystal Koon-Lester	7/22/16
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IN MEMORIAM

Bill LeMay '48

Otterbein University mourned the passing of **William E. "Bill" LeMay '48** on Nov. 30, 2016. He was 92. He was an alumnus, emeritus trustee and beloved friend of Otterbein and many of its alumni. He exemplified service, commitment and transformative philanthropic leadership.

"Bill LeMay has been a treasured member of the Otterbein community for many years," said President Kathy Krendl. "We are grateful for his thoughtful leadership and generous philanthropy that has guided and shaped Otterbein over decades. His impact on Otterbein will never be forgotten."

Born on June 5, 1924, Bill received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Otterbein College in 1948, a master's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1949, and an honorary doctor of science degree from Otterbein in 1973.

Bill served in the Army Air Corps from 1943-1946 and achieved the rank of lieutenant. He was a B-17 bomber navigator stationed in England, where he flew missions over Germany. After the war, he enrolled at Otterbein at the urging of his wife, **Helen Hilt LeMay '47**, who graduated from the University with a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry.

During his career, Bill received more than two dozen patents in application, equipment and formulation of vinyl technology. He established six companies, including co-founding Waytek Corporation, where he was chairman of the board until his retirement. His work was integral to the development of commonly

used medical products, including blood storage and disposable latex gloves.

Bill was an avid supporter of his alma mater and a member of the Otterbein



Board of Trustees from 1971 to 2007, serving on many committees and as chairman of the board. In May 2007, the Board granted him emeritus status.

The LeMays' generosity spans nearly 60 years and can be traced to every Otterbein campaign that has taken place during their lifetime. That philanthropic leadership culminated with Bill's

service as chair for the Campaign for Otterbein, the first major comprehensive campaign in Otterbein's history that raised more than \$30 million dollars.

Bill once said, "I feel the guidance and inspiration received from my professors at Otterbein laid the foundation for whatever success I have had. They taught me a very basic philosophy that has been mine these years. Be honest. Search for the truth. And be a self-starter. Do not look for the easy way out. The easiest course may be the least desirable."

A consummate alumnus, Bill recently expressed to **Becky Fickel Smith '81**, executive director for alumni relations, his excitement for the future of Otterbein and specifically the launch of the new STEAM innovation center initiative, The Point at Otterbein University.

Both Bill and Helen served on the committees for their 50th reunion and the Junebug Jamboree, an annual event at their home, and attended several Cardinal Migrations, donor recognition events and alumni weekends.

For his services and professional success, Bill received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997 and Distinguished Service to Otterbein Award in 1983.

Bill and Helen received The Mary B. Thomas Award from Otterbein University's Alumni Association in 2014. The Mary B. Thomas Award for Commitment to Otterbein was established by President Kathy A. Krendl and the University's Board of Trustees to help recognize the remarkable commitment of Otterbein investors to and for the University. Recipients of the Mary B. Thomas Award are recognized for their philanthropic leadership, service and commitment to advance Otterbein's mission.

The LeMays also have made a difference in their hometown of Waynesville, Ohio. They spearheaded the effort to build Waynesville's new Bicentennial Park, helped to establish an endowment for the Miami Cemetery and a countywide community fund, and were instrumental in raising funds to establish the Stubbs Memorial Health Center.

Through Bill's leadership, the Greater Wayne Township Improvement Corporation was established to help address the medical needs of the community. He was an active member of the Waynesville Rotary Club, served as president of the trustees for the Oakwood United Methodist Church and served as a trustee of the City Mission of Dayton. He was named Citizen of the Year by the city of Waynesville in 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, and children, **Connie '74** and **Bonnie '73**. Memorial contributions can be made to the Michael-LeMay Scholarship at Otterbein University.

You can view a video interview with Bill and Helen at www.otterbein.edu/stand/who-is-giving/mary-b-thomas-award/lemay.aspx.



Marilou Harold Roush '45

Beloved alumna, friend and supporter **Marilou Harold Roush '45** died on Dec. 5, 2016. She was 92 years old.

A native of Lewiston, New York, Marilou met her husband, **Edwin L. "Dubbs" Roush '47**, while both were students at Otterbein. Dubbs left Otterbein in 1942 to join the Navy where he served "three years, three months and three days." After being honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy, the World War II veteran returned to Otterbein to complete his studies and the couple married in March of 1946. Together they built a life that profoundly contributed to the "O" Club, Otterbein, Westerville and central Ohio.

In 1951, Dubbs founded Roush Hardware. He later added Roush Sporting Goods and Roush Honda to the Roush family of businesses. Dubbs and Marilou made the lead \$2 million gift to build Roush Hall, which was dedicated on June 12, 1993. They also were the leading private donors of the new Memorial Stadium, which was dedicated on Sept. 17, 2005.

The Roushes had five children, two of whom graduated from Otterbein. Marilou participated in many Otterbein functions and was a member of the 1945 Golden Reunion committee.

Marilou was preceded in death by her husband, Dubbs. She is survived by her



Marilou with husband, Edwin "Dubbs" Roush in 1992 with the sign announcing Roush Hall construction.

children, **Wendy Roush '71**, Susan Roush Fagan, **Larry Roush '76**, Daniel Roush and **Cynthia Roush '80**; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Gary Tirey, Professor Emeritus

Gary R. Tirey, age 76, died Saturday, April 1, 2017, at home with family by his side. He leaves a lasting legacy of music and memories at Otterbein.

"It is the passing of another legendary Otterbein giant," said President Emeritus Thomas Kerr.

A native of Anna, Ohio, Tirey received his bachelor's degree in voice and tuba from Capital University and his master's degree from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago.

He joined the faculty at Otterbein in 1968, teaching music-education classes, directing the marching and concert bands, and giving tuba lessons. When Tirey was hired, the Westerville college had fewer than 50 music majors and only a marching and concert band. By 2006, Otterbein had more than 150 music majors and five bands or ensembles, three of which Tirey founded: the pep band, jazz band and wind ensemble.



He rebuilt the band program by setting high standards and pushing the students to achieve them. He expanded

the Marching Band by adding the drill team and the dance squad. He took the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble on tour all over the country to recruit new students for the program.

In the 1970s, Tirey started the first Jazz Band, and in the 1980s (with the help of President DeVore)

he brought back the traditional Christmas Tree Lighting celebration. He began the tradition of band tours to Europe, taking several trips to Great Britain, and others to France and Italy. Otterbein's Marching Band played halftime shows for professional football teams including the Buffalo Bills and the Cincinnati Bengals.

On April 2, 2006, 135 former band members performed a tribute concert for Tirey, filling Cowan Hall to capacity.

He retired on July 20, 2006, after 38 years of service to Otterbein and was named Professor Emeritus of Tuba and Director of Instrumental Music. He was also named an honorary alumnus of Otterbein University.

The college has created the Gary R. Tirey Endowed Award in Music to support an outstanding student each year.

Outside of Otterbein, Tirey was a founding member of the Brass Band of Columbus, he was the choir director at Church of the Master for 44 years, and he was the founder and conductor of Merry Tuba Christmas Columbus. In 1982, he was named by Governor James Rhodes as chairman of Merry Tuba Christmas Columbus. He was constantly in demand as a tuba player because of his expert sight-reading skills.

He will be dearly missed by his wife of 53 years, Gretchen (Kessler) Tirey; his daughter and son-in-law, **Paige Tirey '93 Zilincik** and Tony Zilincik; his son and daughter-in-law, Josh and Danielle Tirey; beloved grandchildren, Rachael, Sophia and Declan. Also survived by a brother, James Tirey; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends and students.

If you have memories to share, please email sgrinch@otterbein.edu. •



Cardinal Tales, Literary Societies and...Dr. Hancock

by Stephen Grinch, Otterbein archivist

Cardinal Tales

One of the ways in which Otterbein works to preserve its legacy of stories and tradition is through the CARDINAL TALES program. Thanks to the generosity of the Class of 1953, the University Archive has an endowment in place to fund the recording of oral histories taken from alumni, staff, faculty and anyone with a connection to Otterbein.

For example, at Alumni Weekend 2014, **Glynn Turquand '54** and **Frank Mione '54** talked about their first trip as freshmen to the Quiet, Peaceful Village. The two freshmen traveled to Columbus, by Greyhound bus, from New York. In Columbus, they switched to a bus to take them to Westerville.

"And guess who we met on the bus?" Turquand asked. Mione answered. "You probably don't know of that person — it's Dr. Harold Hancock." The two had no idea he was an Otterbein

professor until he revealed it to them later in the conversation.

"But anyway, he took us on — both Frank and myself — he took us under his wing," Turquand said.

"He couldn't have been any

nicer to us. It's really amazing to have that kind of a relationship with a professor. We would go to his house on a Saturday night for dinner, and then we'd go over to the state theatre for a movie afterwards. And he just followed us all the way through..."

Literary Society Legacy

Sometimes a group can leave a lasting impression on the university, too. Architecturally, Otterbein's literary societies have left a legacy of beauty on the third floor of Towers Hall. All of the stained glass, ornate woodwork and carved chairs were commissioned and paid for by the men and women of these organizations. Faculty, staff and students alike often wonder about the meaning of the words painted on the wall of the Philomathean Room: "Quaerere Nostrum Studium Est." This was the Latin motto of the Philomatheans, and according to a paper written shortly after the renovation of the Hall in the mid-1980s, it translates as, "To question [inquire] is our job." By leaving this mark upon the school walls, the students of the past

have literally challenged the students of today to fulfill this objective. Interestingly, these words remain intact on the wall, and we know their translation, due to the work of a committee formed in the early 1980s by Dr. Jeanne Willis and... Dr. Harold Hancock.

Harold Hancock's Final Resting Place

Alumni can always recall their favorite teachers, many of whom became lifelong friends and mentors. I was reminded of this recently when a request came in from **Bill Ulmer '84** as to the location of a beloved professor's grave. A few days later, we received this e-mail with the attached photos:

"I found the Lakeside cemetery [in Dover, Delaware] and gravesite without too much trouble. It is a beautiful cemetery and overlooks a pretty lake in a nice part of Dover. His sister's grave is right next to his and she died in 2012. He spoke of visiting her often and it's nice that they're next to each other forever.

"The memories came back from my first semester freshman year and how he made fun of both Mike Patrick and me for having broken left arms (writing side of course). Mike and I became good friends and I was lucky enough to be the best man in his wedding years later.

"As Hancock House tenants for almost two years, **Dave Ulmer '84**, **Yoshitake Kishi '87** and I had a good relationship with Dr. Hancock. We didn't raise too much trouble as we knew he'd somehow wait until a perfect time in class to embarrass us! On a personal note Dr. Hancock helped me get perspective when I needed some scholastic guidance. I'll always be grateful for his insight.

"Thousands of lucky Otterbein students got to take his classes and got to know a unique man from Dover, Delaware. Otterbein was lucky to have such a dedicated professor for decades..."



Glynn Turquand '54 and Frank Mione '54



Bill Ulmer '84 at the gravesite of Dr. Hancock.

Cardinal Tales



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

The Office of Alumni Relations welcomes new Cardinal staff members working on various projects, events and programs to serve the alumni community. I want to introduce them to you and encourage you to welcome them to your alma mater. With Cardinal Pride,

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Get involved: www.otterbein.edu/alumni/getinvolved

Sarah Burnell
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Sarah Burnell graduated from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, in anthropology and spent a semester studying in Turkey. She will be working with Otterbein's young alumni program, alumni social media communication and promotions and event planning. Most recently, Burnell was the assistant director of admission at Grinnell managing the Iowa territory, online communications, print, website promotions and the tour guide program. She just completed her second Boston Marathon in April.

"I knew Otterbein was a very special place when I assisted with homecoming court interviews this spring for the 2017 Homecoming. Hearing stories from the students about how their experience at Otterbein has transformed them, and the support they've received from administrators and faculty across campus has impacted them in ways so far-reaching, they almost couldn't explain the enormity of it."



Cathy Carson and Sarah Burnell

Cathy Carson
Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship
carson@otterbein.edu

Cathy Carson is joining us with more than 25 years of experience with The Ohio State University as a donor-centered stewardship professional in communications, customer service, reporting, events, personalized stewardship and project management. Her time at OSU spanned three major capital campaigns. Carson has a B.A. and M.A. in English from OSU. Carson's role at Otterbein will be to build strong relationships with our donors.

"Almost everyone I've met here has described Otterbein as a family. I've joined a family where everyone counts, and everyone has a chance to contribute. That makes Otterbein not just a great university, but a great way of life."

2017 Alumni Awards Ceremony *Gala*

A showcase celebration of Otterbein talent recognizing the 2017 Alumni Awardees, 1847 and Joanne Van Sant Giving Societies and Otterbein Alumni Leadership Volunteers highlighted the Alumni Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 22. Stunning performances by The Otterbein Singers, Opus One, the cast of Damn Yankees and Black Baer Jazz Ensemble highlighted the accomplishment and excellence of our alumni awardees.



Emcee Phil (Kelly) Wolfe '93, Nancy Loudenslager Cassell '65, Nita Seibel '75, Rob Gagnon '87, President Kathy Krendl, Tammy Roberts Myers '88, James Shilling '77, Allen Prindle.

The Awardees

- **Mary B. Thomas Commitment to Otterbein:** Dr. Thomas R. '51 and Jean Hostetter '54 Bromeley, former Otterbein Board of Trustee Chair and 31 year member (not pictured)
- **Distinguished Alumnus:** Dr. James Shilling '77, professor and chair in real estate studies at DePaul University, Chicago
- **Special Achievement:** Dr. Nita Seibel '75, pediatric hematologist-oncologist at the National Cancer Institute, Washington, D.C.
- **Community Service:** Dr. Nancy Loudenslager Cassell '65, retired French teacher; mission work with World Relief, Servant Group International and Kurdish refugees, Nashville, TN
- **Pacesetter:** Rob Gagnon '87, vice president of merchandising at Gap, Inc. New York City
- **Pacesetter:** Tammy Roberts Myers '88, vice president, external relations for L Brands, Inc., Columbus
- **Faculty Mentor Impact:** Dr. Allen Prindle, professor, Business, Marketing and Economics, 30 years at Otterbein

See bios of all the awardees at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/awards along with

2018 nomination forms. Calendar the 2108 Gala for Saturday evening, April 21.



Bromeleys, Foote Receive Mary B. Thomas Awards



The Mary B. Thomas Award for Commitment to Otterbein was established by President Kathy Krendl and the University's Board of Trustees to recognize extraordinary philanthropic leadership, service and advancement to Otterbein's mission. It is the highest honor Otterbein bestows upon its community. Those who are chosen to receive this prestigious award have elevated Otterbein with their transformational leadership and commitment. Their contributions of time, treasure or talent provide significant and lasting change that positively impacts the University and its students, faculty and staff.



Thomas '51 and Jean Hostetler Bromely '54

THE BROMELEYS

Dr. Thomas R. Bromeley '51 is a business and civic leader who came to Otterbein in 1947. He joined Pi Kappa Phi and soon met **Jean Hostetler Bromeley '54**, a member of Sigma Alpha Tau. Married in 1951, they are dedicated supporters of Otterbein, funding scholarships, the Otterbein Fund, and capital and academic projects.

After earning his bachelor's degree in physics with honors, Bromeley earned a master's degree at Carnegie Mellon University. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, then began a career in business, manufacturing and publishing. He was chairman of Allegheny Bradford Corporation (founded by his father), and a director of Integra Bank (later National City Bank).

Bromeley served on Otterbein's Board of Trustees for 31 years. During his term as board chair (1996-2006), he oversaw the campaign to renovate the landmark Towers Hall. He and his wife funded one of the largest classroom spaces on campus as part of the project. Otterbein awarded him an honorary doctorate in business administration (1988) and a Distinguished Alumnus Award (2002).

The Bromeleys are advocates for their community of Bradford, Pennsylvania, as well as health care and education. Their foundation, The Pembroke Foundation (founded by Jean's parents) has had a tremendous impact in higher education. The example the Bromeleys have set for service and philanthropy makes Otterbein proud to honor Dr. Thomas and Jean Hostetler Bromeley with our highest award for service and philanthropy.

WENDELL FOOTE

A 47-year resident of Oregon, **Wendell L. Foote '60** remains close to Otterbein. He and late wife, **Judith Lovejoy Foote '58**, were dedicated to their alma mater since graduation.

After serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, Foote studied chemistry and biology at Otterbein. A member of the Otterbein football team, he met Judith at a mixer for Zeta Phi and Sigma Alpha Tau in 1958.

While a student, Foote did full-time research at Battelle Memorial Institute. After graduation, he worked in the pharmaceutical and chemical industries with Wyeth Laboratories, Xerox and H.B.

Fuller before co-founding Specialty Polymers, Inc. He has advised professional societies and environmental and regulatory agencies.

Dedicated to promoting science among youth, Foote endowed a science fund at Oregon's Linfield College. At Otterbein, he served on the campaign committee for the Science Center. The Footes created the Foote Atrium there — a beautiful open space that inspires faculty, students and visitors. The All Star Corridor funded by the Footes in Clements Recreation Center celebrates the excellence and achievement of Otterbein athletes.

In 2009, the Footes received the Service to Otterbein Alumni Award for their dedication to the University. Wendell Foote remains an advocate for the Otterbein Fund and is its largest consistent annual donor. Otterbein is proud to honor Wendell Foote for his longstanding dedication and philanthropy to Otterbein.



Wendell Foote '60

Registration Open for Lifelong Learning

The inaugural year of the Lifelong Learning Community of Otterbein (LLC) provided 90 alumni, friends and retired faculty/staff programs to deepen their commitment to education. Twenty current and retired faculty volunteered their time, offering 23 lectures, discussions, workshops and five May mini-courses. The LLC is a group of like-minded mature learners, age 55 and older who are:

- Open to learning.
- Curious about the world.

- Committed to maintaining an active mind for a healthy body.
- Interested in coming to the Otterbein campus for a year-long menu of workshops, lectures and mini-courses designed for Lifelong Learning Community members.
- Eager to meet artists, lecturers, writers and faculty in formal and informal settings.

Registration is now open for the membership year of Sept. 1, 2017-Aug.



31, 2018. Cost: \$50 member fee; add a spouse or friend for just \$2. Registration and this past year's presentations and offerings at www.otterbein.edu/lifelonglearningcommunity.

Contact lifelonglearning@otterbein.edu or 614-823-1650.

Welcome Deb Madden '03 to the Lifelong Learning Community

Deb Madden will be serving as the LLC project assistant promoting communicating, implementing and evaluating the LLC program and events. She was formerly the regional compliance adviser for The Huntington Investment

Company. She served as a volunteer in the alumni office and was a member of the LCC program committee. Madden is the proud mother of **Dana Madden Viglietta '96**, director of campaign logistics at Otterbein University.

"The Lifelong Learning Community brings together individuals who have that continual thirst for knowledge and who enjoy the fellowship of others while they learn. I like Otterbein's spirit of community, its leadership, and its commitment to enrich and to empower the lives of all who pass through its doors."



UPCOMING YOUNG ALUMNI EVENTS

Sponsored by the Otterbein Young Alumni Board.
Contact Sarah Burnell at burnell@otterbein.edu.

The nomination period for the 2018 Young Alumni Awards is now open. Submit a nomination for an outstanding young alumnus or alumna (age 40 or younger) by Aug. 1, 2017, to Alumni Relations alumniinfo@otterbein.edu. Nomination criteria and form located at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/awards. The Young Alumni Awards recognizes outstanding young alumni whose contributions are categorized by one of Otterbein's Five Cardinal Experiences or the University mission.

CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR'S AWARD CEREMONIES:

The ceremony will be combined with the annual Spring Alumni Awards Gala to be moved from homecoming weekend to Saturday, April 21, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in Cowan Hall. A new format, with the same Cardinal excellence and pride!

Young Alumni Mixer

Wednesday, June 21, 6:30-8 p.m.
Old Bag of Nails, Westerville

Columbus Crew SC Tailgate and Game

Saturday, Aug. 26, Tailgate time-TBD, Game-7:30 p.m.
Mapfre Stadium, Columbus

Cardinals Connect Networking Event

Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Event Marketing Strategies, Columbus

To register for any of these events, go to www.otterbein.edu/youngalumni



HOMECOMING 2017

100 words about Otterbein University's 100th Homecoming and Family Weekend Celebration

by Marisa Glusich '19

Over the past 100 years, traditions have formed, memories are made and Cardinal pride instilled. Every year, alumni connect, families gather and new students arrive to take in the festivities. Come and celebrate Otterbein's 100th Homecoming and Family Weekend on Sept. 15-16, 2017. Get ready for "100 Things to See, Do & Celebrate." Otterbein's Homecoming is setting the stage for a huge, centennial celebration of history and pride. We want to honor the past 100 years with you. Join us for this historic and extraordinary milestone!

Here is a sneak peek of the Top 10 Things to See, Do and Celebrate

- 1 You pick your favorite thing to See, Do and Celebrate
- 2 The 50th reunion for the Class of 1967
- 3 The 45th reunion for the Class of 1972
- 4 The 40th reunion for the Class of 1977
- 5 Six Food Trucks: Tortilla, Angry Weiner, Cheesy Truck, Schmidts, Paddy Wagon and Graeter's Ice Cream
- 6 A Celebration of Music highlighting the alumni choir reunion with special guests Morton and Barbara Chapman Achter, Craig Johnson and **Virginia Phillippi Longmire '55**
- 7 100th reunion for EKT and Theta Nu, Van Sant and 1847 Giving Societies breakfast and parade viewing
- 8 African-American Alumni Network Gathering and Picnic
- 9 Catch a flying pancake at Pancakes on the Plaza sponsored by the Greek Alumni Council
- 10 The History of 100 Homecomings



Design by Andrea Burton '19



ALUMNI TRAVEL

More details at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/travel

Questions? Call **Becky May '78** at 614-823-1650 or 1-888-614-2600.

Pack your bags and leave the driving to us! These are just a few of the Cardinal rewards received when you travel with Otterbein.

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- Roundtrip coach from Otterbein
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- Five meals
- Chautauqua Belle narrated cruise
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Visit Germany with the Otterbein Concert Choir

Join the Otterbein Concert Choir as they sing their way through Germany from Dec. 11-20 at the 2017 American Celebration of Music in Germany, a prestigious international concert series festival. Travel with Gayle Walker, choral director, and Dennis Davenport, chair of the Department of Music, along with 34 brilliant Otterbein singers as we experience the history of Germany's music culture in different cities, palaces, numerous museums and prestigious concerts.

Included in the tour:

- Roundtrip transportation from Columbus.
- Lodging in superior tourist class hotels in Schwelm, Leipzig and Berlin.
- Two meals per day, including breakfast and dinner.
- Entrance fees to Beethoven House, Wallraf-Richartz Museum, Bach Museum, Handel House and Museum and more.
- Admission to all concert venues.
- Gratuities and tips.

Price ranges from \$3,469-\$3,608 (depending on number of travelers).

See the full itinerary at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/travel

or call Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650.



Choir alumni regularly report their overseas tour was a pinnacle experience of their Otterbein years. If you are unable to attend yet want to support a student with a gift, please contact Christine at 614-823-1428.

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SHOT

Jordan Hawkins '17 offered greetings on behalf of the Class of 2017 and received a standing ovation. He earned a bachelor of arts in political science and is in Washington, D.C., this summer to work with the Congressional Black Caucus. He plans to return to his role as a legislative assistant in the Ohio House of Representatives this fall.