

## Message from the Chair

Hello everyone,  
I sincerely hope that you all are well, and that you had a fantastic, successful and healthy past year. The 2018-19 academic year was once again full of accomplishments by our students, faculty and staff. Nothing makes all of us smile more than to see our students reach their goals and be so well prepared for the next steps into their professional careers. We also experienced a sea of change last year as we welcomed a new president, Dr. John Comerford and a new provost, Dr. Wendy Sherman Heckler. Personally I am excited to see this duo be the face and key leaders of our beloved University. I have total faith that together they will position Otterbein and all its programs in a place that will be considered the “Destination University”. Our Marketing and Communications Department has also changed leadership and with that there is a new marketing campaign that will broaden and transmit the “Only Otterbein” message across the country! Please check out the new website to see the new messaging.



We are in continued conversations with Institutional Advancement to complete Phase 2 of our building – a biomechanical teaching lab. If you would like to be a part of this by giving your financial support please visit our website at [www.otterbein.edu/give](http://www.otterbein.edu/give) and specify a donation to the Department of Health & Sport Sciences. With the help of Institutional Advancement I am excited to announce that we were able to secure three new endowed scholarships for our students this past year. The Taylor Horn Endowed Scholarship is dedicated to Master of Science in Allied Health students and was distributed this past summer. The Jean A. Rocks Mizia Endowed Scholarship was developed and fully funded this past year and will be distributed next spring. The funding portion for this scholarship came from a Sport Management class project where students developed and ran a very successful 5k race. This scholarship also goes to Master of Science in Healthcare Administration students in need. Dr. Cynthia Jackson (former HSS Department Chair and Alumni) and her husband Ken have established an Endowed Scholarship for Allied Health and/or Sport Management transfer students in need. And we have two more endowed scholarships in the works! We are very fortunate to have many friends of the department who will ensure our students have the means to obtain all their goals!  
Best, Joan

## Join One of Our Clubs

### 19-20 Club Executive Boards

#### Health Professions Club

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Marriella Briones  
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#### Sport Management Club

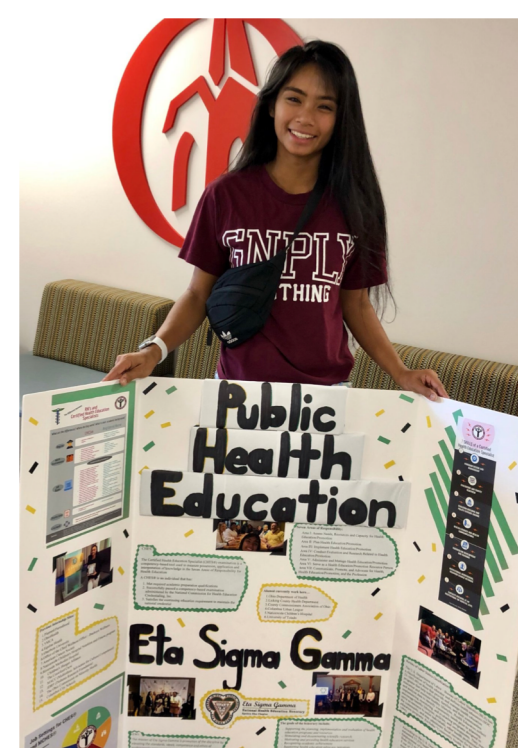
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Bryn Mangold

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Jesse Chirdon



## Exercise for Special Populations

EXSC 3050 Exercise for Special Populations students learned about safe and effective physical activity for pregnant and postpartum women during a simulation activity in their class this week.



## Homecoming and Family Weekend

We didn't let little bit of rain dampen our Otterbein Homecoming spirit. Thanks to our current students, alumni, faculty, staff and Best of Both Worlds Community partners who came out for the parade and helped us represent the Department of Health & Sport Sciences! Our former department chair Dr. Cynthia Jackson and her husband Ken, both alumni, were on hand for the class of 1969 reunion.



## Social Media

We would like to invite you to join us on HSS social media and become a part of our media team by liking and retweeting our posts. This helps us to recruit prospective students because we can reach a wider audience. It also helps educate potential employers about what students who graduate from our department have to offer them in regard to professional preparedness. **@HSSOtterbein on Twitter, and OtterbeinHSS on Facebook and Instagram.**



## Master of Science in Allied Health (MSAH)

**ICYMI –Otterbein offers a masters degree in Allied Health and Otterbein undergraduate alumni are eligible for a discount on some tuition costs.** Academic year 2018-19 was an amazing year for the MSAH program. We completed our seventh year and had the highest enrollment number ever. We had 43 students taking classes during Fall semester and graduated 26 students in May. 2019-20 is on track to look just as good. All our recruitment efforts and alumni, student and community support are paying off.

We continue to have students completing practicum experience in diverse settings and involving our students in community activities. A high point for the year was being asked to present to the University's Board of Trustees on the success of the MSAH program. Also, we had three MSAH alumni teaching courses in the program in addition to numerous MSAH alumni working with students in the classroom and the community.

There are two new names and faces in MSAH for the upcoming year. This includes Cassie Oberle, GA Recruiter and John Groeber, our new ACHE student representative.

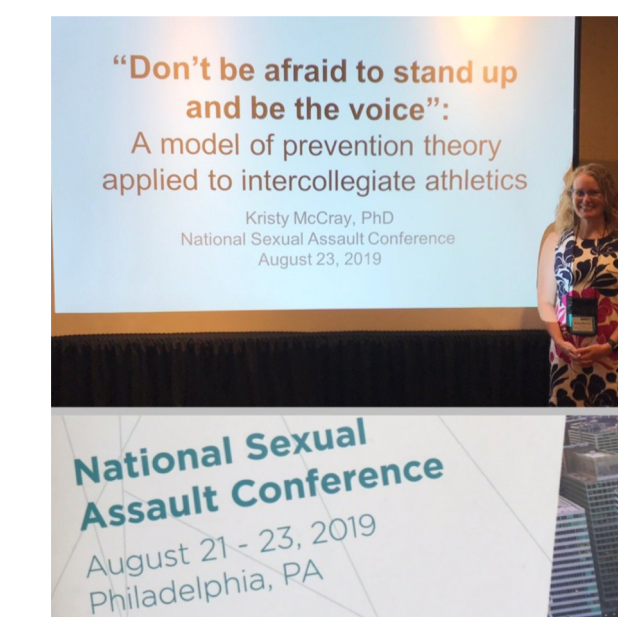
### For More Information on the Master of Science in Allied Health program:

Exercise and Health Science Track  
Healthcare Administration Track  
Visit us on the web at:  
<https://www.otterbein.edu/gradschool/allied-health/>



## National Sexual Assault Conference

Our faculty are experts in their field & often times attend conferences to share their knowledge and skills. Dr. Kristy McCray recently presented her research on sexual violence prevention in athletics at the National Sexual Assault Conference in Philly. #NSAC2019



## Hands On

Students in Dr. Payne's Movement Science class are getting total immersion into learning how to use Hudl technology to analyze motion in patients/athletes. And students in Athletic Training 1000 lab got hands on experience and learned the correct procedures for taping as a prevention and treatment for athletic injuries.



## Team HSS

Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life.



## Sport Management and Zero Waste



Thanks to Graham and Cassidy at Ohio State Sustain for helping HSS Sport Management students learn about zero waste gameday at the Shoe! We're excited to think through this Otterbein #GreenSports

## Our World

Dr. Rob Braun & alumna Mariah Nevels took the **Our World** board game ( developed by Rob & alumni) to teach about the social determinants of Health Disparities, & other health issues faced on a daily basis, to the Health Systems & Planning Dept at Franklin County Public Health



## Color Pop

Thanks Otterbein Campus facilities for the addition of the bright coloring on our entrance that will help visitors more easily locate us!



## Class of 2023

The Department of Health and Sport Sciences version of First Flight!

We loved meeting our new students and showing them around our facilities.



## Eta Sigma Gamma

The Otterbein Epsilon Rho chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma (our National Health Ed Honorary) initiated 4 new members- Karissa McGinnis, Priscilla Williams, Nydia Velazquez, & Shirley McCullough. Please welcome them - we are so excited to have them as active members!



## Writing Intensive

Journal reflections in Sport sociology – as a writing intensive class, they engage in smaller, informal writing exercises, like in-class journal reflections, as well as out-of-class papers. Gotta flex those writing muscles in a variety of ways! Loving the new décor in our Rike classrooms too.



## New Faces

Say hello to Dr. Ashley Simons who joins the Otterbein HSS department this year. She is a Physical Therapist and will be teaching primarily in the Allied Health and Exercise Science and Health Promotion majors and in A & P lab (right)



Welcome Cassie Oberle, Graduate Assistant for the Master of Science in Allied Health (left)

