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## Graduate School News Highlights



From **Bridget M. Newell, Ph.D. Interim Associate Provost for Graduate Studies**

### Transitions

The start of the fall semester is typically associated with change and transition. This year is no different. This fall, 59 new graduate students transitioned into the first semester of their first year of graduate school. Some of our graduate students transitioned into their last year or last semester of graduate work. Others, like the nursing graduate students who joined us in the summer, transitioned to the next stage in their graduate education. All these transitions bring with them the excitement of a fresh start, the challenges of a next step, and positive associations that accompany forward momentum. In addition to prompting us to look forward, times of transition provide the opportunity to look backward, assess where we are, acknowledge how far we've come, and anticipate what is to come. [Continue reading >>](#)

### The Graduate School Lecture Series

*Distinguished Speaker*

**Hilary Stone** MBA '20

**If It's Broke, Fix It: Applying  
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Did you know that Otterbein's Nursing Department has made four changes in leadership positions this year? Each of the new leaders is a faculty member who contributes in various ways to the success of students and our programs. Below, you can read their brief introductions, highlighting some of what they value about the Nursing Department and its students.

But first we'd like to highlight our students' recent successes. Our 2021 Family Nurse Practitioner students graduated in May and are beginning to work as advanced practice nurses in central Ohio. The 2021 cohort passed the national certification examination with a first-time pass rate of 97%. Congratulations and best wishes to them as they move forward in their careers. Now, let's learn about our new leaders! [Continue reading >>](#)

**Regina Prusinski**  
Nursing Graduate Director

### **MBA** Post-Pandemic Leadership

When we enter the world of the Post-Pandemic Era, organizations will need to make many decisions to navigate brand new roads. Should we work in person? Should we work remotely? Should there be a mix? What will be crucial in these decisions is leadership. This article from *Forbes Magazine* provides some insights into how leadership within organizations will be crucial to face the new challenges. [Post-Pandemic Leadership: How Managing A Business Is Changing In Times Of Covid-19.](#)  
[Read on the Web >>](#)

**Don Eskew**  
MBA Graduate Director

### **Allied Health** Eat Your Way to Lower Stress

The adage, "an apple a day keeps the doctor at bay," may extend to wellbeing and not just chronic health conditions.

In a recent study on the impact of fruit and vegetable consumption on overall perceived stress levels, [Radavelli-Bagatini et al. \(2021\)](#) observed that increased fruit and vegetable consumption, measured subjectively with questionnaires and objectively through serum carotenoids, were associated with lower stress levels. Higher fruit and vegetable consumption were significantly associated with lower perceived stress in men ( $p = 0.009$ ) and women ( $p = 0.012$ ), separately. Perceived stress and serum carotenoid levels were inversely associated without any adjustment; but after adjusting for age and other confounding factors the relationship was not significant (Radavelli-Bagatini et al., 2021). [Continue reading >>](#)

**Erica Van Dop**  
MSAH Graduate Director

### **Education** Literacy Instruction and New Website

Each summer, Otterbein's education faculty, along with their graduate students who are pursuing reading endorsements, lead a unique, hands-on reading clinic. Teachers add to their teaching expertise with new reading techniques, expert coaching and mentorship, and opportunities to engage with the community.

The strong focus on the science of reading in Ohio's recently updated reading plan ( [Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement](#)) has long been a part of Otterbein's literacy instruction. Otterbein's literacy experts embrace the imperative for direct, explicit reading instruction — while also highlighting the necessity of engaging readers with meaningful texts.  
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**Dee Knoblauch**  
Education Graduate Director

### **Educational Mathematics** Words Get in the Way

All mathematics rely on representation, whether in symbols, pictures, or models. Unfortunately, as is the case for many areas of study, our language can be a hindrance to communicating mathematics with clarity. In fact, academic language is so problematic that teaching licensure programs must directly address the ways in which preservice candidates are prepared to navigate

the gaps between colloquial and disciplinary meanings. [Continue reading >>](#)

**Jeff Smith**  
MAEM Graduate Director

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