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## YEARS



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*Commemorative Issue*



Dear Friends,

There is something about place. In the early days of the pandemic, I tried working from home. But I did not like it. And it wasn't just the distractions of three kids and a dog. I didn't feel like the president of Otterbein at home at our kitchen table. I felt disconnected. So I quickly came back to the office well before campus had generally reopened. I had all of Roush Hall safely to myself, but I had a sense of place again. I could see Towers Hall,

walk the campus, thank the facilities and police staff still doing their work, and connect to our purpose.

Part of that for me is knowing the same spaces were occupied by legends of our past. I will never know Lewis Davis, William Hanby, Mary Katherine Winter Hanby, Sarah Miller, William Fouse, or Kiyoshi Yabe. Yet, I know they are here. Each of them and thousands of others left their legacies here. Legacies that live on. We are caretakers of those legacies and we are charged to advance their work.

The legacies that made Otterbein what it is today have a common theme – boldness. Imagine

starting a college in a tiny frontier settlement not yet even a town. That's bold. Opening it to men and women and putting them in the same classes. Bold. Recruiting Black students, even as most Black Americans were still enslaved. Bold. Rebuilding when most of the campus was lost to fire. Bold. Offering an education to Japanese Americans who were being vilified and interred during World War II. Bold. Inventing the first truly integrated curriculum in the country, giving students equal voice in governance, launching into new fields from nursing to engineering. Bold, bold, bold.

We take these moments in our history for granted now. We know the outcome — Otterbein being on the right side of justice and growing over time. But, those outcomes were not certain when the bold decisions were made. There have been countless moments in our history when we came to a fork in the road and faced a choice. One direction was cautious, stayed, expected, and followed the crowd. The other was risky, innovative, and put us into a position of leadership. You know which path we took — over and over again. Bold. And, as Robert Frost would say, it has made all the difference.

It is now our turn to stand at the fork. We face the aftermath of a pandemic, economic uncertainty, inflation, a demographic decline in the number of high school graduates, and shifting workforce demands. I can tell you the path most colleges

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are taking. It is as if they are following a sign, “hope things get back to normal,” that draws them ahead. Normal is recruiting high school students with merit aid and campus amenities that have little to do with learning. Normal is the good ol’ days when families paid full price without asking about outcomes, where meeting the budget just meant raising tuition on students with few choices but to pay.

Let those other colleges take that path. I am absolutely convinced it is a dead end. Otterbein will be bold.

Our path is serving new student populations left behind by high tuition and purely merit-based aid. It is serving first-generation students, caring more about changing lives than prestige or hollow accolades. Our path takes us to adult learners in more graduate and degree-completion programs. It does so in partnership with other colleges — community colleges and four year colleges — in recognition that most students do not follow a straight-line to a bachelor’s degree. Our path is wide and allows plenty of room for those who thought a private college education was out of their reach. The bold path challenges us to link our academic programs directly to career preparation for every student. And that we do so with corporations and employers at our side.

There are risks. We will travel alone as other colleges crowd around an ancient and failed business

and educational model. We will make big bets and investments in the future and not every idea will work. We will ask for your trust and your support.

But, we will not go backwards looking for “normal.” As we move forward, mindful of the choices that shaped this special place, I hear our forebearers whispering in our ears...it’s time to be bold.

Sincerely,



John L. Comerford, Ph.D.

A SMARTER  
WAY TO  
LEARN  
SINCE 1847

OTTERBEIN  
175  
YEARS  
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### 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.

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# 175 YEARS OF...

## REWRITING THE RULES

*A time to celebrate bold innovations.*

Being a pace-setter means thinking differently and being willing to take risks in the name of what's right.

## FOUNDERS, LEADERS, AND GIVERS

*A time to celebrate an exceptional community.*

The legacies of Otterbein's past build the leaders, scholars, and citizens who carry forward this University's future.

## STUDENT TRADITIONS

*A time to celebrate the bonds of kinship, sportsmanship, and friendship.*

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# BEGINNING

## WE WILL NOT BE STILL

**Beneath Otterbein's humble exterior is a bold institution forged by moral intelligence. Lewis Davis didn't learn to read until he was 18, taught only by a blacksmith who believed in his potential. William Hanby spent the first 19 years of his life as an indentured servant until he escaped his abusive master. The experiences of Otterbein's founders sparked their lifelong commitment to education, opportunity, and social justice — values that remain at the heart of this University 175 years later.**

First two buildings on campus



“All institutions have critical moments at which lie possibilities for the future. For Otterbein, such a moment came early when Lewis Davis was asked to raise money for a university and to win endorsements for it from the Sandusky and Muskingum Conferences of the United Brethren Church.

The idea of a college thrilled Davis, but it set off a furious debate.

Presiding over the Sandusky Conference at its meeting to discuss the matter, Bishop Russel opposed the establishment of Otterbein University. The bishop ordered Davis, “*You be still.*” Davis replied that he *could not* be still. A parliamentary battle followed in which Bishop Russel attempted to rule Davis out of order whenever he rose to speak. But in the end the convention voted for Otterbein.

Davis traveled to Muskingum where he met his nemesis again and was told, as before, to “*be still.*” But Davis was not still, and the Muskingum Conference endorsed Otterbein the following year. Because he *refused to be still*, Davis secured the backing of the church and Otterbein would exist. Davis

## 1800

First Christian denomination founded in America becomes Church of the United Brethren in Christ, led by Philip William Otterbein.

## 1803

OHIO BECOMES THE 17TH STATE.



## 1847

Otterbein is founded as co-educational and open to students of all races and creeds. Women served on the faculty from the founding.

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In 1847, Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell are born.



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Sarah Jennie Miller

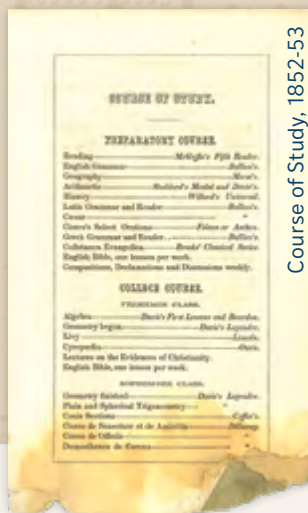


Mary Katherine Winter Hanby

Hanby and Davis were active members of the Underground Railroad.

became the first president of the Board of Trustees, served for 18 years as Otterbein's president, and was honored as the father of higher education in the United Brethren Church.”  
—Kathy Krendl H’18, president emerita, excerpted from her inauguration address, 2009

“At the General Conference of the United Brethren in Christ Church in 1845, William Hanby was elected 15th bishop of the church. Church and Otterbein leaders faced opposition to the plan of making education available to all genders and races. Bishop Hanby persevered in advancing his ideas. The fall 1847 student body was composed of four males and four



Course of Study, 1852-53

females. The first graduating class in 1857 was two women.

Hanby survived the bondage of indentured servitude – an experience that fired his hatred of bondage and slavery. This same boy was denied an education, and later taught himself to read and write to such a skill level as to enable him to write sermons and to write and edit articles for the church newspaper.

Otterbein continues to resist injustices, promote learning for all, and to reach out and welcome diverse students to the benefit of all. Bishop Hanby had three main focuses in his life: his faith, his love of education, and his hatred of the injustice of slavery.”

—Pam Allen ’96, former manager of the historic Hanby House



1855

Saum Hall, the first building constructed by the University, is completed. It remained in use until 1969.

1857

Dred Scott case rules that descendants of slaves are not U.S. citizens.

In 1857, Otterbein's first class graduates, consisting of Sarah Jennie Miller and Mary Katherine Winter (later Hanby).



In 1858, Benjamin Russell Hanby, composer of *Darling Nelly Gray* and *Up on the Housetop*, graduates.



# Rewriting the ~~RULES~~ ~~RULES~~ RULES

## HONORING A TRADITION OF BUCKING TRADITION

Since its founding in 1847, Otterbein has quietly been setting the pace in higher education. Those at the helm of each innovation likely didn't see themselves as rule-breakers. But Otterbein leaders have a history of rewriting the rules with the intention of doing things better, smarter, and ensuring more opportunity. Read reflections from those with a front-row seat to some of Otterbein's most inspired practices.

**SHARED GOVERNANCE:** Otterbein was one of the first in the nation to give students a voice and a vote in institutional decision-making. "I was asked to form and chair the student committee on college governance. We asked for equal representation in the college senate, some representation on committees, and seats on the Board of Trustees. There were meetings with other committees and presentations to the student body. A joint plan emerged. This would not have happened without the openness of this university — its trustees, administration, and faculty — to new ideas, new balance, and new equity." —*Terry Goodman '70, trustee emerita*

**INTEGRATIVE STUDIES:** Otterbein's Integrative Studies program is a nationally recognized general education curriculum celebrated as a groundbreaking model when it originated in 1969. "Integrative Studies, from its beginning as the Common Courses, was and still is,

1859

In 1859, William Hannibal Thomas, Otterbein's first Black student, enrolls—though he leaves after one term.

In 1861, the Civil War begins.



In 1861, students and faculty, including science professor Dr. Thomas McFadden (at left), leave Otterbein to serve in the Union Army during the Civil War.

1870

In 1870, the 15th Amendment provides voting rights for men of color.



In 1872, the new Main Building is dedicated. It was officially renamed Towers Hall in 1956, although students had unofficially called it "Towers" for decades.

**“Since its founding, Otterbein has been a model for all colleges and universities. Unpretentious. Open to all. Supportive of all. Faculty and staff with diverse talents yet with a shared goal of student success. Students first. Always.” —Brent DeVore H’86, Otterbein president emeritus**

in my view, Otterbein’s most important contribution as a leader in higher education. Today’s INST curriculum continues that contribution, guiding students through its current theme, Knowledge, Action, and the Public Good.” —Alison Prindle H’10, professor emerita, *English and Integrative Studies*

**ADVANCING THE GREATER GOOD:** Service leadership is an Otterbein tradition. Formalized efforts in the 1990s ensured Otterbein’s recognition among the nation’s best for its commitment to community service and



engagement. “The creation of the Center for Community Engagement (CCE) set Otterbein apart . . . With key campus leaders’ work,

Otterbein received a federal grant to help create the CCE, hire our first (and current) director, and work closely with our core community partners and faculty to develop service-learning courses. CCE student leaders also established the Promise House, our student-led community resource center and food pantry. We were among the earlier small colleges to address food insecurities for students.” —Bob Gatti H’03, vice president and dean of students emeritus

**ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY:** Known as a school of opportunity, Otterbein has a historic commitment to access. Whether co-education, students of color, first-generation, or those traditionally under-represented, Otterbein is committed to education as the great equalizer. “I appreciate Otterbein’s focus on making education affordable and accessible for people who want to go to college. I am deeply passionate about providing opportunities — Otterbein’s mission really resonates with me.” —Cheryl Herbert, chair, Otterbein Board of Trustees

**THE POINT:** A convergence of education, community, industry, and government, The Point offers an evolving home to small, entrepreneurial start-ups and large industry innovations — all supported by hands-on faculty expertise and student talent. “Creating The Point led to new programs and much more interaction with the Columbus business community.” —Mark Thresher ’78, chair emeritus, Otterbein Board of Trustees



**1870**  
EDISON  
INVENTS  
THE LIGHT  
BULB, 1879.

In 1882, Otterbein baseball team defeats The Ohio State University, 10-8. The team was disbanded due to faculty concerns.



**The Wall Street Journal**  
is founded in 1889.



First Founders Day celebration.  
**1890**

In 1890, Otterbein football team defeats The Ohio State University, 42-6.



# A History of Str

*From the early admittance of women and persons of color to recent policies toward diversity and inclusion, Otterbein has been far ahead of other institutions.*

—Mindy Phinney '85,  
Otterbein Board of Trustees

**“Otterbein does not run from diversity; it has remained true to its humble beginnings. As the University celebrates 175 years, I challenge everyone in the Otterbein family to remain committed to the principles that were part of its founding in 1847 — to provide opportunity for all and produce well-rounded leaders who make an impact in their communities.”** —Eddie Harrell '94, vice chair, Otterbein Board of Trustees

In 1847, Otterbein was founded by abolitionists who believed in the equality of all humans, regardless of gender, race, religion, or nationality. That spirit of striving to do what's right is alive and continuing on campus today.

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Otterbein's founders, Bishop William Hanby and Rev. Lewis Davis, were

active members of the Underground Railroad along with Hanby's son, Benjamin, who wrote the anti-slavery ballad *Darling Nelly Gray*.

Despite these roots, Otterbein's first Black student felt far from welcome. William Hannibal Thomas enrolled in 1859 but left in 1860 after suffering discrimination and abuse.

In 1893, William Henry Fouse became the first Black student to graduate from Otterbein. He was popular and active on campus. His commencement speech, *A Plea for the Afro-American*, highlighted his vision of equality and freedom for all. He had a distinguished career in education.

In 1896, the first international student enrolled. Born in Sierra Leone, Joseph Hannibal Caulker was introduced to Otterbein by United Brethren missionaries. A beloved member of the community,

1891



In 1891, tan and cardinal are chosen as Otterbein's colors.

In 1893, William Henry Fouse becomes the first Black student to graduate from Otterbein.



Otterbein's 50th anniversary.  
1897

1900

The Board of Trustees considers moving Otterbein to Dayton. Concerned citizens of Westerville raised money to make the major improvements necessary to persuade the board to stay. By 1906, these improvements included two new telephone exchanges, a natural gas line, waterworks, sanitary sewers, and paved streets.



# iving to Do Things Right



Joseph Hannibal Caulker

Caulker died in a tragic oil stove explosion in 1900. He is buried in the Otterbein Cemetery.

More than a dozen Caulker family descendants were among the 30+ students from Sierra Leone who have attended Otterbein. Imodale Caulker-Burnett '63 was one of few Black students on campus and

encountered racism, but she also found acceptance and made lifelong friends. "Otterbein gave me my first lessons on life in America and how to deal with the issues of the day. It provided a secure environment in which to grow."

The first Japanese student, Kiyoshi Yabe, graduated in 1912. Later, Otterbein enrolled Japanese-American students from internment camps during World War II. Mary Ariki Shiba '44 was so welcomed on campus that her brother, Joe Ariki '46, also enrolled.

Today, 23% of students are people of color.



Election night, circa 1916

## SUFFRAGETTE CITY

Suffragette, industrialist, and philanthropist Sarah B. Cochran funded the construction of a women's dormitory in 1907. The residents of Cochran Hall led suffrage marches: "The eve of the election . . . witnessed a remarkable parade intended to encourage the devotees of women's suffrage and to convert those opposed to this national need."

(*Otterbein Review*, Nov. 9, 1914)

1900

**BASKETBALL BECOMES THE FIRST WOMEN'S ATHLETIC TEAM AT OTTERBEIN.**

Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran donates \$25,000 for the construction of Cochran Hall, on the condition that Otterbein pays off all of its existing debt in the amount of \$65,000.



1901



Wright brothers' first airplane flight.

1903



## STUDENTS FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS



Desmond Fernandez '21 (*pictured left and below*) organized peaceful Black Lives Matter marches in Westerville in 2020 when he

was a senior theatre major. “What I thought was going to be maybe 50 people was almost 1,000 people,” he said. “It was inspiring. Not only was I protesting with my classmates, I was protesting with my teachers.”



## “We all have a responsibility and

### GENDER REPRESENTATION

Otterbein included women as faculty members and students from its founding – and was among the first colleges in the nation to do so. Otterbein’s first graduates were two women, Sarah Miller and Mary Katherine Winter.

The Otterbein community championed suffrage long before women won the right to vote in 1920. Professor Miriam Cole wrote in 1873: “It is said, ‘Interest in women’s suffrage is dying out.’ This is not true. Our students . . . are asking questions with a desire for intelligent answers. The distance between men and women is lessening every year.”

Despite Otterbein’s founding principles, the first woman president, Kathy Krendl, was not hired until 2009, and the first woman chair of the Board of Trustees, Cheryl Herbert, was appointed in 2021.

President Emerita Krendl championed women’s issues. She developed and taught a women’s leadership course to a select group of first-year students, called Miller Winter Scholars. Provost Wendy Sherman Heckler now teaches the course.

“Being exposed to prominent women so early on encouraged me to reshape my perspective, be a leader, and connect with other professionals,” said Regan Donoughe ’17.

In recent years, Otterbein has focused on supporting all gender identities. The Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program has been

1907

Otterbein stages its first theatrical production, Shakespeare’s *As You Like It*.

In 1907, the first varsity letters are awarded in football, basketball, baseball, and track.



ESTHER KIRKSEY, OTTERBEIN’S FIRST FEMALE BLACK STUDENT, ENROLLS.



1907

1909

The Anti-Saloon League moves to Westerville.

In 1909, Otterbein Band performs its first marching show.





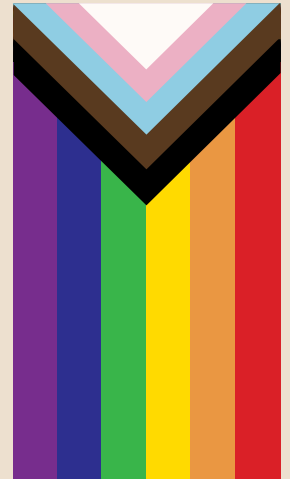
# a role in social justice work.” —James Prysock '09, MBA '19

Women's 1913 basketball team



Today, students are more active than ever. The African American Student Union is celebrating 35 years. FreeZone brings awareness to LGBTQIA+ issues. Students sit not only on the University Senate, but also the Board of Trustees.

These students are supported by the work of James Prysock '09, MBA '19 and the Office of Social Justice and Activism. “We all have a responsibility and a role in social justice work,” he said. “We encourage people to get involved on campus and in your home community.”



an advocate and spearheaded the addition of gender-neutral restrooms on campus years before other schools.

In 2015, Tau Delta became Otterbein's first gender-neutral Greek chapter. “I am proud to be a part of a sorority where we welcome all identities — everyone deserves to find a home here at Otterbein,” said former president Reyana Bates '21.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

In the 1960s and 1970s, a wave of student activism swept the country. At Otterbein, students volunteered in under-served communities and protested the Vietnam War. They created organizations such as SOUL, which led programs and discussions about racial issues, and the Environmental Action Committee, which planned activities for the first Earth Day. And they participated in Otterbein's shared governance system.



# 1909



Pi Beta Sigma and Pi Kappa Delta, Otterbein's first fraternities, are founded.



In 1910, Sigma Alpha Tau, Otterbein's first sorority, is founded.



Class of 1911 commits \$2,000 for new athletic fields, which opened in 1914.

**KIYOSHI YABE,  
OTTERBEIN'S  
FIRST JAPANESE  
STUDENT,  
GRADUATES  
IN 1912.**



# STUDENT LIFE & TRADITIONS

*For the Good*

**T**he balance between academics and student life defines the Otterbein experience. “There was no getting lost at Otterbein,” said Debbie Ewell Currin ’67, “The ability to get to know people – for a shy girl from Cincinnati – was easy, and the warmth and encompassing feeling reached out to me, and never let go. Knowing professors would be there if I needed help and having people believe in me was encouraging. Forming lifelong friendships and meeting my husband was life changing. Best of all, having a curriculum that prepared me so well for my chosen profession to be an elementary teacher was



something I benefitted from for years ahead.”

While that close-knit community has remained constant, the activities and interests of students have evolved over the years.

## FIRST SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

The first literary society was established in 1851 for students to socialize around a common interest. By 1872 there were four societies – two for men and two for women.

Groups of friends from these societies formed underground social clubs, resulting in the first fraternities, Pi Kappa Phi and Pi Beta Sigma, in 1909, and the first sorority, Sigma Alpha Tau, in 1910. These “secret societies” were disbanded by the administration in 1916 – but the trustees later had a change of heart, allowing social clubs on campus in 1921.



**1915**

The United States enters WWI; women take on more roles on campus.

**1917**

The first Scrap Day competitions take place between freshmen and sophomores, including a tug-of-war across Alum Creek.

**1917**

Otterbein University becomes Otterbein College.



**TAN AND CARDINAL PUBLISHES ITS FIRST ISSUE.**

Daylight saving time is created.

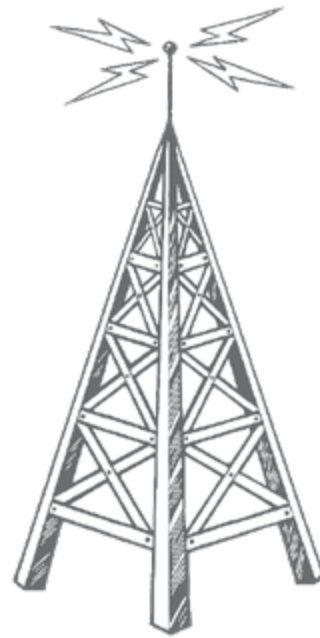


# of our Students

In 1932, they were permitted to use Greek letters. By 1948, more than 80% of students participated in Greek life. Today, 20% of students participate.

Otterbein's literary societies also began a strong tradition of student media, publishing *The Otterbein Aegis* in 1890, *The Otterbein Review* in 1909, and *The Tan and Cardinal* in 1917. Otterbein's radio station began broadcasting on March 5, 1948.

Today, there are dozens of groups on campus for academic and professional interests, community service, creative and artistic expression, and the celebration of culture and diversity.



## Otterbein's radio station began broadcasting on March 5, 1948.

### COMMON GOOD

Bob Gatti H'03, vice president and dean for student affairs emeritus, served Otterbein's students from 1978-2019. "I feel our students look after each other and genuinely care. Our students will always step up to take care of others."

Organized community service took root on campus in the 1990s.



Students in 1901

Beginning in 1994, the Indianola After-School Project and Linmoor Middle School Project brought Columbus students to campus for weekly tutoring, recreation, and meals with Otterbein students. The Community Plunge started in the 1990s to introduce new students to Otterbein's core value of service and continues today.



Bob Gatti H'03



## 1918

## 1918

## WWI ENDS

## PROHIBITION BEGINS IN 1919.



Otterbein Love Song is written by music professor Glenn Grant Grabill and his wife, Celia, both Class of 1900. It is quickly adopted as Otterbein's alma mater.



McFadden Science Hall is dedicated in 1919.



Quiz and Quill publishes its first issue in 1919.





**JOANNE VAN SANT  
WAS HIRED IN 1948  
BY THE WOMEN'S  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT.  
"DEAN VAN" SERVED  
AS DEAN OF  
WOMEN, DEAN  
OF STUDENTS,  
AND VICE  
PRESIDENT FOR  
STUDENT AFFAIRS  
BEFORE RETIRING  
IN 1992.**

In 2007, Otterbein was one of four universities in the nation to receive the Presidential Award for Volunteer Service.

The Center for Community Engagement opened the Promise House, a food pantry and resource center for students, in 2016. "This is a remarkable symbol of Otterbein's heart in action. Community members give generously to the Promise House to lift student success, tackle food insecurity, and support everyday basic needs," said Becky Fickel Smith '81, executive director of alumni relations emerita.

#### **FUN AND GAMES**

Scrap Day started in 1915 as a day of fun with a series of competitive field events, including tug-of-war across Alum Creek, sack races, and a bonfire. At that time, freshman

students were required to wear beanies for group bonding – and as a source of teasing from upper-classmen. If the sophomores won the scrap day competitions, freshmen had to wear their beanies until Christmas, instead of Thanksgiving. The day was usually rigged against the freshmen.

In the 1940s and 1950s, popular activities included "Coke dates" in Uptown Westerville and hanging out at the "Otterbarn" – an Army surplus building that served as the first student center.

Their options were somewhat limited. Joanne "Dean Van" Van Sant H'70, dean of students emerita, once recalled: "No dancing was allowed on campus. No drinking of alcoholic beverages. Women had curfews and signed out and in. Chapel was held four days a week; attendance was mandatory with



Scrap Day Tug-of-War



Otterbein was the first university in Ohio to have a YMCA chapter. It was established in 1877.



Homecoming Court 2021

five absences allowed per semester. To miss more meant adding hours to your graduation requirement.”

Because of the restrictions, students left campus for fun. They attended dances at the Westerville Armory and crossed the border to socialize at a Columbus bar called the Garden Inn, which remained a frequent destination through the 1990s.

Since the early 1970s, late-night donut runs to Schneider’s Bakery have been one of the most popular Otterbein traditions. Mary Miller Westfall ’75 told Towers in 2000: “Women had to be in the dorm by midnight. Girls used to sneak out of the basement windows in King Hall at one or two in the morning for donuts.”

Otterbein’s signature event, Homecoming, was recorded in *The*

*Tan and Cardinal* as far back as 1917. In 1933, the first Homecoming queen, Marjorie Bowser ’36, was crowned. Today, Homecoming royalty are nominated by student organizations and voted on by the student body. Guests to Homecoming and Family Weekend celebrate with a parade, class reunions, tailgating, festival food and games, football – and, starting in 2021, a beer garden.



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Students lined up at Schneider’s Bakery for donuts.

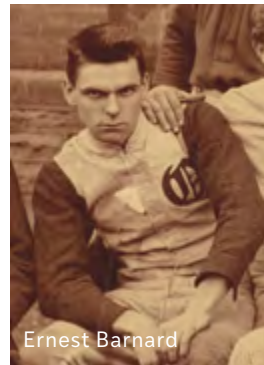


# WE ARE CHAMPIONS ON



One-third of Otterbein's students compete on one of 21 NCAA Division III athletics teams, supported by coaches who are dedicated to their success on and off the field. "Coaches are in touch with a student-athlete's mental health, academic progress, family situation, financial situation, and the impact those things have on their lives," explained Dawn Mamula Stewart '98, vice president for student affairs and director of athletics. "It's all about each student's success."

## BEGINNING OF ATHLETICS AT OTTERBEIN



Ernest Barnard

Ernest Barnard, class of 1895, was known as the "Father of Otterbein Athletics." He was a founding member of the varsity football team in 1889 and led it to a winning season in 1891 – including a victory over The Ohio State University, 42-6. Barnard had a successful career in sport management and was elected president of the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs in 1927.

## 1920



**19TH AMENDMENT GIVES WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE.**

In 1921, Otterbein Student Council forms, giving students a degree of self-governance.

## 1921

Otterbein Women's Club of Columbus and Vicinity is formed. Name changed to Westerville Otterbein Women's Club in 1951.

## 1922

Otterbein celebrates the 75th anniversary of its founding with a campaign to raise \$2,000,000, a visit from Vice President Calvin Coolidge, and an outdoor pageant called *The Spirit of Otterbein*.



In 1924, President Clippinger begins the tradition of new student orientation.

# ATHLETIC TRADITIONS

## & OFF THE FIELD



Otterbein's first unofficial baseball team competed in 1882, defeating OSU, 10-8. The team was disbanded due to faculty concerns about safety but officially reorganized in 1892.

Faculty and students leveled the first sports field behind Towers Hall and marked it for football, baseball, and tennis.

### WOMEN'S ATHLETICS



Women's Tennis

Early athletics were far from equal. Basketball became the men's third sport in 1899 and the women's first sport in 1900.

The first varsity letters were awarded to men in 1907, but women couldn't earn them until 1926, and only for tennis and track.

Title IX of the Education Act was enacted in 1972 and new federal resources allowed Otterbein women to compete in more sports, including volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball, track, cross-country, and tennis.



**1924**  
**NATIVE AMERICANS RECEIVE U.S. CITIZENSHIP.**



**1925**

*Dr. Frank O. Clements, class of 1898, is elected chair of the Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Vida, established a strong tradition of transformational philanthropy to Otterbein.*

**In 1926, Otterbein alumni magazine begins. The magazine was later named *Towers* in 1939.**



**1926**  
**VARSITY LETTERS FOR WOMEN ATHLETES ARE AWARDED.**



**1928**



**Viola Burke becomes Otterbein's first female Black graduate, earning her bachelor's degree in music.**



**PROFESSOR  
GARY TIREY  
H'90 EXPANDED  
THE CARDINAL  
MARCHING  
BAND, WHICH  
PERFORMED IN  
EIGHT TELEVISED  
PROFESSIONAL  
FOOTBALL  
HALFTIME SHOWS  
BETWEEN 1970  
AND 1990.**



Gary Tirey H'90

"I remember hearing Coach Reynolds say, 'If you're going to do it for the men, you've got to do it for the women,'" said Stewart. "As a young female student-athlete, that made an impression on me."

#### TRADITIONS

Otterbein joined the nation's third-oldest conference, the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC), in 1921 and currently competes against nine other OAC universities. Otterbein's rivalry with Capital University, however, dates to 1894 when the Cardinals first played and defeated the Crusaders in football, 60-0.

The tradition of a "Cap-Otter Trophy" began in 1932. In 1950, the trophy was dedicated to Otterbein student Robert Buck, who drowned in Alum Creek when a group he was with attempted to canoe to Capital to make

mischief. It continued to be awarded until the late 1980s; the tradition began again in 2021.



In a newer tradition, the Cole Victory Bell, donated by William '54 and Barbara '54 Cole in 2016, rings to mark Otterbein's football victories.

#### THE GREATEST GENERATION

After World War II, returning veterans formed an OAC champion football team, which finished the 1946 season with a 7-1 record and won all its conference games. Three members were drafted by NFL teams: Edwin "Dubbs" Roush '47, Robert "Moe" Agler '48, and Paul Davis '48.

For many years, members of the 1946 team and other

# 1929

*Alumni Gymnasium opens. The building is now the Battelle Fine Arts Center, home of the Department of Music.*



**STOCK MARKET  
CRASH OF  
1929 MARKS  
THE START OF  
THE GREAT  
DEPRESSION.**



**In 1931, *The Star-Spangled Banner* becomes America's national anthem.**

# 1932

*Otterbein's fraternities and sororities are officially recognized and allowed to use Greek names and letters in public, rather than operate as underground organizations.*



**The first Cap-Otter trophy is purchased, in 1932, to celebrate the athletic rivalry between Capital University and Otterbein.**



football alumni gathered regularly. "We named it the Leather Helmet Club. We had players come back who were in their 90s and played in the 1930s," said Elmer "Bud" Yoest '53, athletic director emeritus. "We talked about the fun we had, not how many games we won."



The Stadium, circa 1940

The veterans also raised funds to build a new stadium. In 1948, Memorial Stadium was dedicated to honor the 13 men and one woman from Otterbein who lost their lives serving in World War II.

Many of these same veterans raised funds as members of the "O" Club to replace the stadium in 2005. The "O" Club was established in 1955 under the leadership of Harold Augspurger '41, Francis "Red" Bailey '43, Dwight "Smokey" Ballenger '39, and Roush.



Dick Reynolds '65

#### OAC'S WINNINGEST COACH

Dick Reynolds '65 became head men's basketball coach in 1972, retiring in 2012 as the winningest OAC basketball coach with 653 wins. In March 2002, he led the Cardinals to their first NCAA Division III National Championship. His teams previously reached the Final Four in 1981 and 1991.

## EQUESTRIAN TEAM



Seventy-five students, representing nearly every academic department, compete nationally with Otterbein's equestrian team in three disciplines: Hunt Seat, Dressage, and Eventing. Otterbein's team was the 2019 Intercollegiate Dressage National (IDA) Champion Team (no competitions in 2020 and 2021) and has many nationally ranked riders.



1934

**WORK STUDY PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED ON CAMPUS.**



1939

*President Clippinger retires after 39 years. He was responsible for Otterbein's first endowment and accreditation.*

1941

*The United States enters World War II. Approximately 500 Otterbein students, faculty, and alumni volunteered for, or were drafted into, service. Within a year, women outnumbered men on campus by a 4:1 ratio.*

**In 1942, Otterbein welcomes Japanese-American students from internment camps to enroll.**



*In 1944, Harold Hancock, known as "Mr. Otterbein" for his knowledge of Otterbein's history, joins the faculty.*



The Common Book titles since 1995

# WE ARE a S

“It’s fascinating to reflect on Otterbein then, as a student trustee in the late 1970s, and now, finishing my 12th and final year back on the Board of Trustees. Then, nursing was new, now we offer a nursing doctoral degree. Equine was in discussion, engineering not even envisioned, and the only campus computer was in Towers Hall and ran on punch cards.”  
—Rebecca Princehorn ’78, trustee



Nursing Graduates

## EARLY COURSES OF STUDY

Otterbein University was founded with a single course of study for all students, which was then broken into the Men’s Course (Classical or Scientific) and the Ladies’ Course (a modified version of the Scientific Course).

Otterbein offered graduate courses starting in 1883, and the first

doctorate degrees were awarded in 1889. By 1895, the doctorate program was discontinued; master’s degrees continued to be offered until 1912.

Today, there are over 70 undergraduate majors and eight graduate degree programs.

## THE ARTS GETS AN EARLY START

Rev. Lewis Davis brought the first piano to Westerville in 1852. Initially, students could take voice and piano lessons as an extracurricular activity and, in 1858, a choral society was formed. In 1873, music became part of the curriculum.

Similarly, painting and drawing were offered as extracurricular activities starting in the 1850s but were integrated into the curriculum by the 1890s.

In 1907, Otterbein staged its first theatre production, but it was not yet a program of study. Today students can choose from majors in music, art, and theatre and



“As You Like It” cast, 1907

## 1945



Vida Clements, class of 1901, is elected to Board of Trustees. One of Otterbein’s biggest benefactors, she later established the Clements Foundation in 1966.

1946

Returning WWII veterans lift Otterbein to a championship football season and spearhead the drive for a new stadium.

OTTERBEIN’S

**100TH ANNIVERSARY IS CELEBRATED WITH A CAMPAIGN RAISING \$640,000.**



## 1947

In 1948, WOBC 630 AM (later WOBN) begins broadcasting music and news from campus.





## ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

# marker way to learn

display their talents in performances and exhibitions.

## INNOVATIVE TEACHING

**Alzo Pierre and Lavelle Rosselot**, a father-daughter professorial team, were pioneers of language learning. They established one of the first language-listening labs in 1946 – later adding audio-visual components. The Rosselots produced conversational films with native French speakers during their travels to France. The rights to these films were purchased by Encyclopedia Britannica.

Now a keystone of an Otterbein education, **Integrative Studies (IS)** was innovative when it was established in 1969 as one of the first interdisciplinary, general education programs in the country. Originally called “Common Courses,” it was renamed and expanded in 1976.

“I have taught dozens of IS sections, hundreds of IS students. In every class, I could see why Otterbein has made its



Tradition of teaching excellence

exceptional commitment, of more than 50 years, to the general student: our liberal arts core provides the chance to study and write about the most significant ideas and experiences of human life. We take that with us for a lifetime,” said Professor Emerita Alison Prindle H’10.

In 1995, the **Common Book** program was established as a shared academic experience for all first-year students – one of the first such programs in the nation. A generous gift from alumna Mary B. Thomas ’28 provides each incoming student a copy of the selected book prior to their arrival and brings each book’s author to campus for a convocation. The program stimulates a year-long, interdisciplinary discussion exploring contemporary issues related to the book.

## 96%

Class of 2020 employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation

## 96%

First-time pass rate of Otterbein graduates taking the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Exam

## #12

Overall, America’s Best Colleges 2022, Midwest Regional Universities\*

## #18

Best Undergraduate Teaching, America’s Best Colleges 2022, Midwest Regional Universities\*

## #23

Best Value School, America’s Best Colleges 2022, Midwest Regional Universities\*

*\*U.S. News & World Report*



THE “O” CLUB IS FOUNDED. 1955

## 1948

Joanne Van Sant “Dean Van” joins the faculty, eventually becoming dean of students and vice president for student affairs.

1964: Vietnam War begins.

## 1963

President Kennedy is assassinated.



1964  
CAMPUS  
CENTER  
OPENS.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 IS PASSED.

## 1965

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is passed.



**“LEARNING IN THE  
CLASSROOM AND  
PRACTICING IN  
THE COMMUNITY  
ENHANCES BOTH  
THE TEACHER  
AND LEARNER.”**

**—BECKY FICKEL SMITH '81**

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

“The Otterbein community provides great opportunities outside of the traditional learning environment. Internships, research, volunteer opportunities, lab work, sports, and student organizations all provide great non-traditional learning opportunities and a foundation for involvement, service, and growth,” said Otterbein Trustee Chris Kaiser ’77.

Experiential learning began at Otterbein in 1939 through a partnership with Westerville Public Schools to place education students in classrooms — long before student-teaching became standard.

The first Otterbein-sponsored study abroad trip was in 1962, when a group of French majors spent a year in France. Programs were soon established in other countries. Today, Otterbein students study abroad at locations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United Kingdom.

Of her travel courses to Africa, Professor Emerita Glenna Jackson said, “Travel in African countries puts a face on what students learn about in the classroom. Suddenly,

they can see, hear, smell, taste, and feel Africa — not just know about it as an object of interest.”

Other immersive experiences find students involved in internships, research, leadership, and community engagement.

## SERVICE LEARNING

While servant leadership has long been an Otterbein value, in the 1990s, volunteer service efforts transformed into an initiative to combine service and academics.

“Starting with the faith of a few professors who were willing to embrace service learning into their courses, the Otterbein curriculum currently has over 70 service-learning courses,” said Becky Fickel Smith ’81, executive director of alumni relations emerita. “Learning in the classroom and practicing in the community enhances both the teacher and learner.”



# 1968

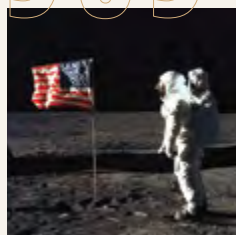


**Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy are assassinated.**

*First Black student group, SOUL, is formed on campus. The African American Student Union formed in 1989 and is still active today.*

# 1969

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**Moon Landing.**

*In 1970, four students are killed at Kent State University by Ohio National Guard troops. The tragedy forced the closure of many college campuses due to student unrest; Otterbein did not close.*



**OTTERBEIN BECOMES THE FIRST COLLEGE TO ELECT STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

**“If we are to achieve cherished goals in every area — academic, co-curricular and administrative — we must continue to innovate.”**

—President Emeritus Thomas Kerr H’84



### GRADUATE DEGREES

Otterbein began offering graduate degrees to fill expanding needs for advanced professionals. The master of arts in education and the master of arts in teaching programs were established in the 1980s. The master of science in nursing was added in 1993. The master of business administration was added in 1997.

Responding to a national initiative of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the Department of Nursing launched the University’s first doctorate degree since 1895. The first doctor of nursing practice class enrolled in March 2011.

### PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships have been key to some Otterbein programs. In the 1970s, the University partnered with Grant Hospital in Columbus to offer associate degrees and registered nurse (RN) certification. Other programs grew from this partnership, including the bachelor of science in nursing major in 1979 and nurse anesthesia program in 2010.

More recently, Otterbein’s zoo and conservation science program was made possible by partnerships with the Ohio Wildlife Center and Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

In 2016, The Point at Otterbein brought together partners from the government and business



sectors to create new experiential learning opportunities for students and establish the Department of Engineering, addressing central Ohio employment needs.

### LECTURE SERIES

Otterbein hosts several annual lectures, including the George W. and Mildred K. White Science Lecture Series, Graduate School Lecture Series, and the new Kathy A. Krendl Distinguished Lecture Series.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Vernon L. Pack ‘50 Distinguished Lecture and Scholar-in-Residence Series. Thanks to the generosity of Pack, each year a distinguished lecturer or scholar-in-residence visits campus to address important current issues that inspire the Otterbein community to reflect on ethical, spiritual, and social concerns. Speaker expertise has varied greatly, including the likes of Native American activist and environmentalist Winona LaDuke; cognitive psychologist Dr. Steven Pinker; and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin.



**1972**

### Courtright Memorial Library opens.

*It was named in 1979 through the generosity of A. Monroe Courtright, to honor his parents Robert and Ada.*

**In 1974, the first adult degree program is launched. Enrollment of adult students peaks at 899 in 1999.**



### Rike Center opens.



**1974**

**OTTERBEIN OFFERS GRADUATE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.**

**1989**

*Space shuttle Challenger tragedy.*

**1986**



# 175 YEARS OF

## How Phila

### *The story of philanthropy at Otterbein*

is the story of its people: their generosity, their investment of time and commitment, and their selfless philanthropic support. These gifts have enabled the University and its students, faculty, staff, and alumni, to persist and thrive over the last 175 years.

One of the earliest records of philanthropic support that impacted Otterbein dates back to 1838, when Matthew and Peter Westervelt donated 27 acres to create the Blendon Young Men's Seminary. By 1845, the vision for the school had stalled and the land and buildings were sold for \$1,300 to three trustees from the United Brethren Church. In April 1847, Otterbein University was founded on the land.

From humble beginnings, Otterbein grew as supporters invested in the University. In 1854, as enrollment increased, Jacob Saum donated \$1,600 to build a new residence hall, Saum Hall.

Around the same time, Otterbein began construction of the "Main Building" to house a chapel, recitation and society rooms, and a small library — only for it to be destroyed by fire in 1870.

Supporters within the Otterbein and Westerville communities raised the money to replace it with an Administration Building (now known as Towers Hall), which was dedicated 150 years ago in 1872.

In 1900, the shared history of Otterbein and Westerville almost ended when the Board of Trustees proposed moving the University to Dayton. Westerville citizens mobilized to raise \$3,500 and lobbied for an additional

\$7,000 of support from the Columbus Board of Trade for improvements to Westerville's infrastructure. This groundswell of support cemented town-gown relations.

Recognizing the impact of group philanthropy, the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club was founded in 1921. Alumnae, former students, faculty, and faculty wives hosted teas and special programs to raise money and honor Otterbein women. The club opened its Thrift Shop 70 years ago in 1952 and donated proceeds back to the University. As of the club's 100th anniversary, the group had donated more than \$1 million.

For its Diamond Jubilee in 1922, Otterbein set out to build a \$2 million endowment. To meet a \$250,000 challenge grant from the Carnegie Foundation, Otterbein's supporters rallied to raise \$500,000. By 1929, the endowment had grown to \$1,095,000.

After World War II, another philanthropic group was formed by the returning veterans who enrolled at Otterbein. They raised money for the original Memorial Stadium and, in 1955, started the "O" Club. The club has donated more than \$7 million to support Otterbein athletics, including building projects.

Major capital campaigns have combined large and small gifts from thousands of supporters to advance Otterbein. In the 1990s, the \$30 million Campaign for Otterbein focused on renovating Towers Hall, increasing the endowment, and providing programmatic support. The campaign culminated with the 150th anniversary of Otterbein in 1997.

Most recently, the Where We STAND Matters campaign raised \$52.7

**OTTERBEIN COLLEGE BULLETIN**  
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**Good News From Otterbein!**  
The Jubilee Fund is growing. Hundreds of churches are organized and at work. Thousands of loyal men and women are engaged in the campaign. The response is fine where the people are at work. Gifts are being reported in every mail. The total is climbing so fast that every report is out of date by the time it gets in the printers' hands.  
Watch for Results!

**Our Goals of Achievement**  
In Dollars and Cents

For endowment	\$1,300,000
For buildings and equipment	\$800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,100,000</b>

Of this amount \$725,000 must be raised at once to claim the conditional gifts of \$250,000 offered by the Carnegie and Knickerbocker foundations.

**In Spirit and Life**

Better educational standards.	More and better trained ministers.
Greater devotion to church and religious ideals.	More missionaries and Christian teachers.
Higher ideals of social life and service.	More trained laymen for leadership in church and state.

**Our Actual Achievements**  
Friday, November 24, 1922

Corporate Pledges	\$325,000
Preliminary Pledges	150,000
Pledges from Church organizations	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$625,000</b>

Students, \$22.00 or \$54 per student.  
 Westerville Church, \$50.00 or \$55 per member.

**We Challenge Any Church to Match It**  
The church machinery is just getting into action. Watch for further reports.

**Remember January 1, 1923**

# GENEROSITY

## Philanthropy Has **Shaped Otterbein**

million and created The Point, Otterbein's state-of-the-art innovation center. More than 10,000 donors participated in the campaign, including 5,550 alumni. Over the years, many donors have embraced the call to help students by creating and supporting endowed scholarship funds and donating unrestricted gifts to the Otterbein Fund, which have been critical to Otterbein's success.

The story of philanthropy at Otterbein would not be complete without mention of the largest individual



Mary B. Thomas '28

gift, made by alumna Mary B. Thomas '28. In 2001, the University received an unrestricted estate gift of \$6.3 million from Thomas, a former trustee who previously endowed Otterbein's Common Book program. The University now bestows its highest honor, the Mary B. Thomas Commitment to Otterbein Award, to recognize individuals and groups for transformational philanthropic support.

To see the full list of recipients, visit [www.otterbein.edu/giving/donor-relations/mbt-award](http://www.otterbein.edu/giving/donor-relations/mbt-award).



### MORE NOTABLE PHILANTHROPIC GIFTS TO OTTERBEIN

In the 1890s, supporters including the Rike family of Dayton raised \$15,000 to build the Association ("Sosh") Building.

A Carnegie-endowed Library opened in 1908 and is now home to the Office of Admission.

Dr. Clyde E. Cowan donated \$400,000 in 1948 to build Cowan Hall.

A new library was built on the site of Saum Hall in 1972. It was named Courtright Memorial Library in 1979 thanks to a generous donation by A. Monroe Courtright '40 in memory of his parents, Robert and Ada Courtright.

The Rike Center was built in 1974 with a generous gift from the Rike family and support from the Kresge Foundation.

Built in 1928, the Alumni Gymnasium was transformed into the Battelle Fine

Art Center in 1979 with a gift from the Battelle Memorial Institute. Recently, the center received a facelift with support from Virginia Phillippi Longmire '55, and new auditorium seating funded by Morton Achter H'00 and Barbara Chapman Achter.



Cornerstone for the Future Campaign.

The Clements Recreation Center was dedicated in 2002, supported by a \$3.5 million donation from the Vida S. Clements Foundation and a gift of \$500,000 from the Freeman family in

memory of Harold '23 and Ida Freeman and John '50 and Margaret Eschbach '50 Freeman.

The Shear-McFadden Science Center was renovated in 2009 with \$3.7 million of philanthropic support.

Otterbein opened a new equine facility in 2009. In 2012, the Austin E. Knowlton Foundation donated \$1.5 million to name it the Austin E. Knowlton Center for Equine Science.





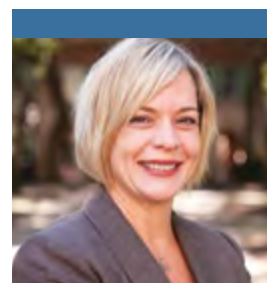
Otterbein alumni say that what happened for them here – the mentoring, opportunities, and knowledge – continues to shape and guide their success as they advance their professions and the public good. Otterbein has a history of changing lives and launching great futures.

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**THE UNIVERSITY GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE A GREAT EDUCATION ALONG WITH CONTRIBUTING TO THE MORAL COMPASS THAT HAS HELPED GUIDE ME THROUGH LIFE.**

**MICHAEL DUCEY '70** *Independent Director at Apollo Global Management, Inc., Otterbein University Trustee Emeritus*



My Otterbein degree was an entry to the greater world and opportunities available around me. I will always be grateful for my Otterbein experience – it helped me become the person I am today.

**DEE HOTY '74** *Three-time Tony-Nominated Broadway Actress*



My Otterbein experience  
allowed me to find my  
professional calling and  
inspires in me the will to  
make my little corner of  
the world a better place.

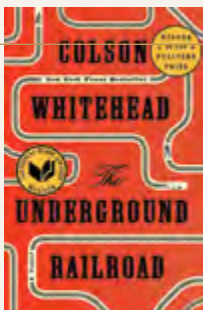
**DR. ALICIA CAUDILL '95**  
*Executive Vice President for  
Student Affairs at the College  
of Charleston, South Carolina*

## Senate passes BiGALA proposal for group status

1993

**BiGALA, the first LGBTQIA+ student organization, is recognized by the University.**

**Senior Year Experience is established.**  
**1995**



1995

**The Common Book Program is established through support of Mary B. Thomas '28.**

1996

**Otterbein's  
first website  
goes live.**



1997



**OTTERBEIN'S  
150TH  
ANNIVERSARY.**

1998

## Liquor returns to Westerville.

# WER

## an Otterbein Degree

**WE ARE ALL  
IMPORTANT,  
NOT ONE  
ABOVE THE  
OTHER, BUT  
WE ALL STAND  
ON AN EQUAL  
PLAYING FIELD.**

**DEBBIE EWELL CURRIN '67**  
*Folk Artist, Community Leader,  
and Otterbein University Trustee*



Debbie with husband, Bill '67



Otterbein turned out to be one of the best decisions I have ever made – from the outstanding faculty, to the lifelong relationships established with fellow students, the Otterbein experience made a lasting impression.

**EDDIE HARRELL '94**  
*Regional Vice President and General Manager at Radio One,  
Otterbein University Trustee and Vice Chair*

I felt that I became an actor at Otterbein and I undoubtedly became a more full and better person. This place is nourishing. It stands for kindness. It stands for inclusivity.

**CORY MICHAEL SMITH '09** *Film, Television,  
and Stage Actor and Producer*



**VERNON L. PACK '50  
DISTINGUISHED  
LECTURE AND  
SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE  
SERIES BEGINS.**



**2002**

The September 11  
terrorist attacks  
kill nearly 3,000  
people.

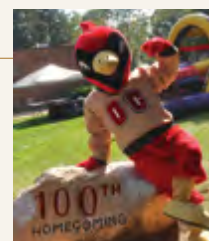
**2001**



Otterbein wins  
NCAA DIII Basketball  
Championship.

**2002**

The Otterbein Cardinal mascot  
is officially named Cardy.



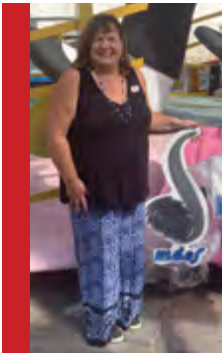
**2006**

"West" campus opens with the move of  
the Art and Communication departments  
to 33 Collegeview Ave. in 2007.

THE VOICES  
OF ALUMNI  
LEADERS AND  
SCHOLARS

“Education is so important  
to protect the places that do  
the best care of their students.

ANNIE AMES '86 | Retired Central Ohio Business Leader, Otterbein University Trustee Emerita,



**FOR ME, THE POWER OF AN  
OTTERBEIN DEGREE IS  
GENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS —**

I have Freeman, Eschbach, and Sewell Otterbein families from the 1900s to the present! Those connections have given me the power to promote Otterbein to the world.

**KAREN FREEMAN SEWELL '79** *Coordinated a national effort for recognition of America's marching band directors in the 2022 Rose Bowl Parade to honor her late husband and Otterbein alumnus, Mike Sewell '79.*

I attained enhanced critical thinking, emotional intelligence, increased financial stability, and career advancement as a respected leader in my field. My Otterbein degree prepared me for a world where understanding how to apply a multi-disciplinary perspective is a valued asset.

**ICILDA WATKINS DICKERSON '88**

*Healthcare Policy Strategist, Adjunct Professor at Franklin University and Central Michigan University, Immediate Past Chair of Otterbein Alumni Council*



*In 2009, Kathy Krendl is named the 20th and the first female president of Otterbein University.*



Otterbein helped me become comfortable with being uncomfortable. This allowed me to think of things I would have never thought of and to try things I would have never tried.

**RICHARD FETTER '73, PH.D.**

*Co-founder of Tillery Capital, Former Dean of the Lacy School of Business, Associate Professor of Marketing at Butler University*

2007



Otterbein is one of four universities in the nation to receive the Presidential Award for Volunteer Service.

Barack Obama becomes America's first Black president.

2008

*In 2010, Otterbein College becomes Otterbein University ... again.*

First 10 students enroll in Otterbein's Doctor of Nursing Practice Program — the first doctorate degree program at Otterbein since 1895.

2011





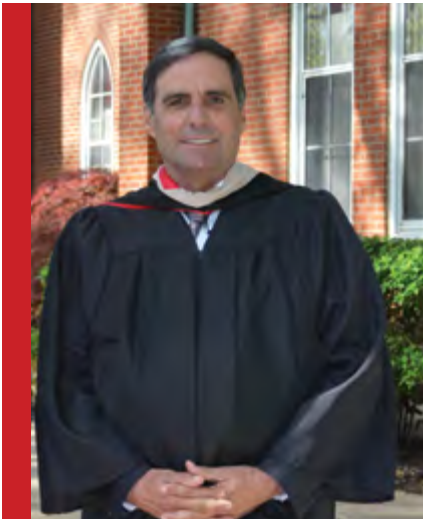
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2019 Mary B. Thomas '28 Commitment to Otterbein Award Recipient



**OTTERBEIN  
GAVE ME THE  
ABILITY TO  
COMMUNICATE,  
THINK  
CRITICALLY, AND  
TO RELATE TO  
PEOPLE IN ALL  
WALKS OF LIFE.**

**MICHAEL MCKINNEY '86**  
*Director of Global Security at  
McKesson Corporation, Retired  
FBI Supervisory Special Agent*



The power of an Otterbein degree didn't teach me what I needed to learn, but courageously how to learn. With that knowledge, opportunities became limitless and my biography began to surpass my wildest dreams, all while remaining in humble and unconditional service to others.

**JEFF WILSON '85**  
*Senior Regional Vice President and General  
Manager at Radio One*



A degree from Otterbein means standing up. It means standing for, standing in, standing on, and standing out. Otterbein educates the whole person and its students make the world a brighter place.

**MAGGIE ELLISON '10, MBA '19** *Vice President at Event  
Marketing Strategies, Otterbein Alumni Council Chair Elect*



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at Otterbein,  
a first-of-its-  
kind innovation  
center, brings  
education,  
businesses, and  
the community  
together.

THE POINT



**2018**

**John  
Comerford  
becomes the  
21st president  
of Otterbein  
University.**



**2019**  
Otterbein hosts a Democratic  
presidential debate in a  
transformed Rike Center.  
The debate is broadcast  
worldwide on CNN.

**2020**  
The Covid-19 pandemic forces  
campuses around the nation  
to move to remote learning

and send students home  
during spring semester. By  
fall of 2020, Otterbein offered  
one-third of classes in person,  
one-third in a hybrid format,  
and one-third online.  
Fall, winter, and spring  
athletics seasons were  
held simultaneously  
in spring 2021.

**2022**

**175**

Otterbein's 175<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary.

*During this 175<sup>th</sup>* **MILESTONE YEAR**,  
we are asking our community to support these critical priorities  
to celebrate Otterbein's history and build its future.

- *Campus Center* **RENOVATION**

Give new life to the heart of Otterbein's campus by upgrading the hub of student life.

- *Every Student* **WILL**

Ensure every student will be prepared for their future with advising, mentoring, immersive experiences, and a plan for career success.

- *Innovation* **FUND**

Fund creativity at an institution known for making history with its bold innovations.

- *Endowed* **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Build the next 175 years of success stories and ensure all students have access to an affordable education.

- *Otterbein* **FUND**

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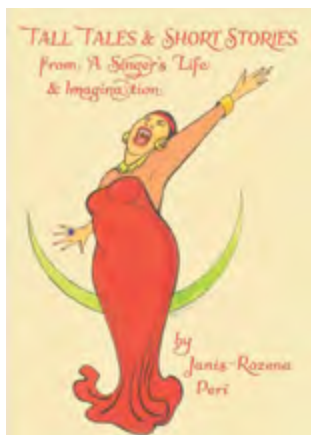
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Otterbein's 175th milestone year, please visit  
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## 1960s

**Janis Rozena Peri '64** released a book in September 2021. *Tall Tales and Short Stories from a Singer's Life and Imagination* takes readers on a tour from the land of her birth to the heights of New York City's music world, to academe in Virginia and West Virginia.



**Anna VanTassel '68** was honored by Hibbing Community College, MN, on Oct. 8, 2021, when it named the VanTassel Athletic Center in her honor. She served 31 years as a coach, instructor, and athletic director at the college.

## 1970s

**Susan Hart White '75** retired from David Lawrence Center in Naples, FL, as a psychotherapist, trauma specialist, behavioral specialist, and family therapist. She has written articles for *Gulf Shore Magazine*, *Neopolitan Magazine*, and *Naples Daily*.

**Jennifer Gilson Downey '76** is a school psychologist at Southeastern Local Schools in Chillicothe, OH. She received her education specialist degree from Marshall University, Huntington, WV, in 2019.



Nancy Paul '89

## 1980s

**Nancy Paul '89** received the Otterbein part-time faculty teaching award on Nov. 19, 2021. She teaches in the Department of Communications.

## 1990s

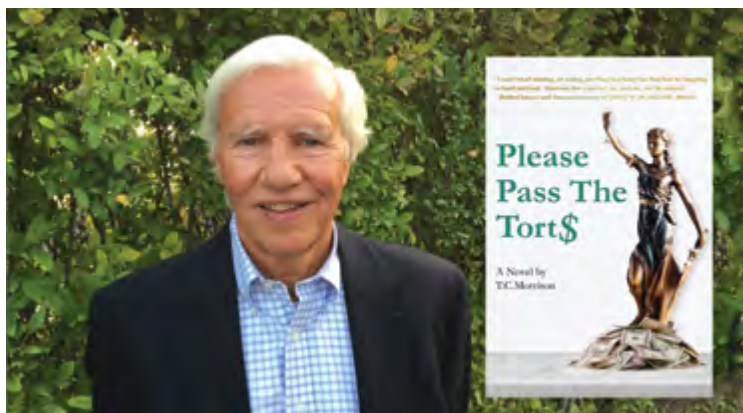
**Melissa McTygue Lutz '90** received the Debbie Simpson Spirit of Achievement Award at the 2022 Women's Initiative Annual Breakfast on Feb. 3. She has been a volunteer with the Northern Kentucky Chamber for more than 25 years and active member of the Women's Initiative since it was founded in 2008. She is involved with The Carnegie Arts Center and its Suits That Rock program, Commercial Real Estate Women of Greater Cincinnati,

Urban Land Institute, Children's Home of Cincinnati, and Allied Construction Industries.

**Bryan Knicely '91** was named executive director at Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park and Museum in Hamilton, OH, on Sept. 13, 2021. He leads all aspects of the organization's operations.

**Tracey Ellwood Gamb '92** is the owner of Aurelia Resources and serves as the human resources business partner for all veterinary specialty hospitals in the Encore Vet Group.

**Larry Gifford '94**, diagnosed with Young Onset Parkinson's at the age of 45 in 2017, works hand-in-hand with more than 80 Parkinson's organizations worldwide and more than 4,000 individuals from 78 different countries. With PD Avengers, he speaks around the world about Parkinson's disease and is working with the World Health Organization to establish a new technical brief for member states of the United Nations on how governments can to improve diagnosis, treatment options, wellness, advocacy, and research.



**Tom Morrison '63** released his second book, *Please Pass the Tort\$, a satirical novel about lawyers*. He writes under the name TC Morrison and draws inspiration from amusing lawsuits and his long career as an attorney and pioneer in the field of false advertising litigation.

## 2000s

**Donna Valput Hanly '00** was appointed to serve as a registered nurse representative member of the Ohio Board of Nursing by Governor Mike DeWine on July 8, 2021.

**Heather McLeish Juzenas '02** is the member services manager at The Energy Cooperative in Newark, OH.

**Mandy Tobias Murphy '03** serves as chief of staff and executive communications for corporate development at Nationwide, Columbus, OH.



Andrew Yeager '04

**Andrew Yeager '04** has been named managing editor of WBHM 90.3 FM (NPR), a listener-supported service of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He will serve as WBHM's first managing editor as the station enters its 45th year, working closely with Gulf States Newsroom.

**Tyler TerMeer '05** was appointed chief executive officer of San Francisco AIDS Foundation, effective Feb. 14, 2022. Over the organization's nearly 40-year history, TerMeer will be the foundation's first CEO who is a person of color and living with HIV.

**Janel Iden Blankespoor '07** is the head women's basketball coach at Wilmington College, Wilmington, OH.



## Class Notes.

**Lucas Crumley '07**, director of public policy for Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association, was named the Top PAC Manager for 2021 by the National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics.

### 2010s

**Brian Colopy '10** is a board certified family physician at Mercer Health Medical Group at Southland, New Bremen, OH.

**Ally Tubaugh Trew '10, MAE '14** is the director of teaching and learning at Belpre (OH) City Schools.

**Kayleigh Helten '13** is the chief operating officer at Mac Murray & Shuster, LLP, in New Albany, OH.



Margaret Parson '15

**Margaret Parson '15** received her doctorate degree from Louisiana State University on May 7, 2021.

**Lindsey Scarberry '15** received her master of music education degree from Ohio University, Athens, on Dec. 11, 2021.

**Kim Roseler '16** is the associate director of the Risk Institute, Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University.

**Allison Smith '16** earned her doctorate in exercise science at the University of South Carolina, Aug. 15, 2021. She is now an assistant professor at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette.

**Ashleigh Thornton '17** is a public health consultant with the Ohio Department of Health, working as a home visiting continuous quality improvement coordinator in the Bureau of Maternal, Child, and Family Health.

**Susanna Harris '18** graduated from Kent State University with a master's degree in fine arts and is now teaching observation drawing at the Cleveland Institute of Art as an adjunct professor.

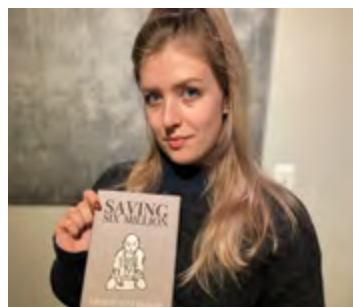
**Brigid Aslin '19** is the leadership education and development coordinator at Illinois State University.

**Nicholas Emery '19** is an investment banker at Bank of America Securities in Charlotte, NC.

**Jessica Metcalf '19** is the assistant publisher at *Sophisticated Living Columbus* magazine.

**Jeremy Paul '19** is the assistant director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.

**Emma Rose '19** published her first book, *Saving Six Million, A Holocaust Memoir*. The book is a memoir about her grandparents, two childhood survivors of the Holocaust and part of the reason she chose to attend college. Adele Weiss, her former professor at Otterbein, was a reviewer for the book.



Emma Rose '19

### 2020s

**Hailey Acosta '20** is a registered nurse at Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, OH.

**Morgan Haulman '20** is a registered nurse at OhioHealth in Columbus, OH.

**Kaitlyn Bader '21** is a blog writer at ADVAN Digital Marketing & Design in Stow, OH.

**Lucas Fox '21** is an operations manager at HNS Sports Group, Dublin, OH.

**Madison Giessler '21** is a kindergarten teacher at Mason (OH) City Schools.

**Lindsay Lisanti '21** is the education and program coordinator at the Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center, Worthington, OH.

## Giving Notes

Gifts from alumni and friends are critical to Otterbein's success — thank you for counting Otterbein among the charities you support!

### Sign Up for Our Donor Legacy eNewsletter

Each month, we send a special eNewsletter featuring news from Washington, D.C., savvy living advice, financial sector news, and timely articles related to planning your philanthropic impact at Otterbein. To sign up to receive our monthly donor eNews, visit [www.otterbein.edu/DonorLegacy](http://www.otterbein.edu/DonorLegacy).

### Giving Fun Facts

Last year, 1,820 alumni gave to the Otterbein Fund — that's a 50% increase over fiscal year 2020! Also, did you know \$100 is the most common gift amount to the Otterbein Fund? A gift of \$100 could support a student's registration fees to present at a conference. Every year, Cardinal donors make a difference for students and faculty with gifts of all sizes.

### Nursing Department Receives Notable Grant

Otterbein's Department of Nursing received a two-year grant from the Ohio Board of Nursing to support the growth of our nursing program. This \$200,000 grant supports marketing and recruiting efforts, materials and supplies, and partnership growth. Otterbein faculty members Regina Prusinski and Kirk Hummer are leading these efforts.

### Golden Reunions Giving Back

Classes celebrating their 50th — or *Golden* — Reunion often choose a University priority to support as part of their class gift. This year, the Class of 1971 has selected the Promise House and Otterbein Community Garden, and the Class of 1972 is supporting students through a textbook affordability endowment. Learn more about these important efforts at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/goldenreunion](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/goldenreunion).

### Meet the Institutional Advancement Team

The Institutional Advancement team is comprised of Administration, Alumni & Family Engagement, Advancement Services, Development, Grants & Sponsored Programs, Annual Giving, The Point & Corporate Partnerships, and Office of Events & Conferences. We are here to help you with information and questions, donations to Otterbein, and more. Visit us at [www.otterbein.edu/giving/contact-us](http://www.otterbein.edu/giving/contact-us) to learn more about our team and how we can assist you.

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most importantly — reconnect with friends from  
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## Marriages.

**1** Emily Devaney '98 to Eric Van Wagner '99, March 17, 2018. Attendees included Rebecca Devaney Stapleton '98, Preston Stapleton '98, Rochelle McKiethan Biemesderfer '98, Brian Biemesderfer '96, Sarah McKiethan '01, and Johnny Steiner '96.

**2** Katherine Mortimer '11 to Daniel Bolton '09, July 13, 2018. Attendees included Flint Garrabrant '09 and Robert Anderson '11.

**3** Meghan Davis '16 to Benjamin Hartwig '12, June 11, 2021. The wedding party included Jordy Wherley Deptowicz '16, Marissa Davis '21, Brandon Cross '09, Jacob Keller '14, and Conner Underwood '14.

**4** Kaylee Cialella '15 to Ty Compton '15, Aug. 21, 2021. The wedding party included Kylee Tuchfarber '15, Gina Reinhard '15, Anthony Reinhard '15, Scott Stornes '15, Devon Fitzgerald '15, and Cory Usher '16.

**5** Katelyn Hanzel '15 to Conner Scott '15, Oct. 30, 2021. Officiant was Hannah Ewald VanMeter '15.

**6** Sara Homko '16 to Alex Wynn, July 25, 2021. In the wedding party was Heidi Olander '16.

**7** Kathleen Flavin '17 to Ross Pfeil '17, Aug. 28, 2021. The wedding party included Amanda Blais '20, Rebecca Miklos '17, Brigin Anthony '17, Costa Poulas '17, and Reid Wolfe '16.

**8** Shawna Vermillion '19 to Andrew Augustson '19, Aug. 14, 2021. The wedding party included Cameron Arminio '19, Chloe Browne '19, and Abby Smith '19.

**9** Mackenzie Siebert '19 to Hayden Heilshorn '19, July 2, 2021. Attendees included Thomas Bartfai '19, George Litchfield '19, and Cougar Clarke '19.

**10** Caitlyn Ryan '21 to Brett Pauley, May 22, 2021. Attendees included Caiti Francis '19, Alayna Coakley '18, and Natalie Slone '21.

**11** Allison Fritchen '21 to Grant Seredick '17, Aug. 18, 2021. The best man was Rease Johnson '16.

### NOT PICTURED

Natalie Harper '09 to Colin Ray, June 1, 2019. Attending was Mallory Sribanditmongkol '08.







- 1** Bryn Elizabeth, born to **Christy Witt Hoffman '00** and Scott Hoffman.
- 2** Jeffrey Ralph, born to **Chris Lenz '02** and Susan Lenz.
- 3** Lennon Jade, born to **Mandy Tobias Murphy '03** and Christopher Murphy, joining siblings Joelle and Dylan.
- 4** Kaylee Louise, born to **Tiffany McNeal Payne '03** and Bill Payne.
- 5** Tyus Almar, born to **Janel Iden Blankespoor '07**.
- 6** Nora, born to **Sadie Bartholomew Ingle '07** and Reeve Ingle, shown with her sister, Ella.
- 7** Jonathan Emil, born to **Jessica Forsyth Wolgast '08** and Nathan Wolgast.
- 8** Albert Christopher, born to **Rebecca Gray '09**.
- 9** Phineas Alexander, born to **Natalie Harper Ray '09** and Colin Ray.
- 10** Lucas and Nathaniel, twins, born to **Megan Hartley Ford '10** and Dustin Ford.
- 11** Harrison Dean, born to **Julianne Wallace Hensel '10** and Adam Hensel.
- 12** Elena Rae, born to **Katie Mortimer Bolton '11** and Daniel Bolton '09.
- 13** Madeline Elizabeth, born to **Samantha Skeen Lawyer '14, MBA'18**.
- 14** Noah Lynn, born to **Sara Tevis Weeks '14** and Jerry Weeks.



## Otterbein honors the memory of the alumni and friends we have lost.

### 1940s

Jeanne Mickey Brubaker '42, Sept. 7, 2021.  
Emigail Lilly Fisk '47, Dec. 13, 2021.  
Juanita Gardis Foltz '48, Oct. 29, 2021.  
Dorothy Dreher Scales '49, Jan. 13, 2022.

### 1950s

Bonnie Keim Brooks '50, July 16, 2020.  
Kenneth Ault '51, Feb. 22, 2020.  
Alfred Gilmour '51, May 21, 2011.  
Raymond Heckman '51, Jan. 20, 2022.  
Katharine Odon Pellett '51, Oct. 25, 2021.  
Carol Thompson Fries '52, Oct. 25, 2021.  
Dorothy Stauffer Jenkinson '52, Oct. 11, 2021.  
Helen Haines Carlisle '53, Dec. 28, 2021.  
Stanley Czerwinski '53, March 15, 2020.  
R. Eugene Keel '53, Dec. 29, 2021.  
Alexander More '53, Sept. 03, 2021.  
Jay Welliver '53, Jan. 23, 2022.

Charlotte Cramer Clark '55, Nov. 22, 2019.  
Robert Keelor '55, Sept. 12, 2021.  
Glenn Wyville '57, Oct. 7, 2021.

### 1960s

Roberta Plank Markworth '60, Oct. 27, 2021.  
Nancy Rutter Morrow '61, Aug. 25, 2021.  
Peter Allaman '63, Dec. 27, 2021.  
Maxine Daniels Moore '63, Nov. 01, 2021.  
David Brunton '64, Dec. 26, 2021.  
Carol Clark DeLano '64, July 5, 2021.  
Lauretta Owens '64, Aug. 23, 2021.  
Albert Walton '64, Sept. 21, 2019.  
Lallie Yarman Coy '65, July 27, 2017.  
Mary Shuck Sautter '65, July 23, 2021.  
B. Dean Aukerman '66, Jan. 14, 2022.  
David Holl '66, Sept. 23, 2021.  
Julian Forney '67, Sept. 08, 2021.  
H. Thomas Main '67, Sept. 5, 2021.

### 1970s

James Fraher '70, Dec. 11, 2021.  
JoAnn Turner Cooper '72, Jan. 3, 2022.  
MaryAnn Everhart-McDonald '72, Oct. 11, 2021.  
Alan Hyre '72, Dec. 23, 2021.  
Alison Dean Pangborn '74, Nov. 11, 2021.

### 1980s

Dorothea Taylor Jeggle '83, Sept. 5, 2021.  
Melanie Miles '84, Jan. 26, 2022.  
Robert Lantz '85, Jan. 3, 2022.  
Scott Cavanagh '86, March 27, 2019.

### 1990s

Jane Harrison Green '96, Aug. 29, 2021.  
Elizabeth Vasey Harris '97, Oct. 29, 2021.  
Pryestt Strickland '98, Jan. 18, 2022.

### 2000s

Christopher Williams '02, Nov. 10, 2021.  
Erin Taylor Barlow '07, Nov. 4, 2021.  
Patrick Connor '08, Sept. 5, 2021.  
David Powers '09, Oct. 22, 2021.

### 2020s

John Carlisle '21, June 11, 2021.

### Friends

David Jones, professor emeritus, Jan. 29, 2022.  
Gus Van Sant Sr., Jan. 13, 2022.

## Remembering our Fellow Cardinals

Read more about each of these special friends of Otterbein at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/classnotes/obituaries](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/classnotes/obituaries).



**Sylvia Phillips Vance '47**, professor emerita, died Jan. 29, 2022, at the age of 96. Her great grandparents, John and Sylvia Carpenter Haywood, were early professors at Otterbein. In her senior year as a student, she was named Otterbein Centennial Queen and began teaching even before she graduated. Her 30-year tenure at Otterbein began in 1961. She was chair of integrative studies from 1981-1987 and was the first director of the humanities program. She is survived by daughters Mary Jeannette Vance and Sara Ann Vance and brother-in-law Robert Floyd Vance '49. She was preceded in death by husband Waid Vance '47; son Robert Lee Vance; half-brother Vernon Lee Phillips '62; cousins Edna Roberts Rudy '49, Janet Roberts '46, and Charles Roberts '49; and father-in-law Floyd Vance, class of 1916. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sylvia and Waid Vance Endowed Scholarship.

**Mary Bivins H'85** died Oct. 9, 2021, in Westerville at the age of 99. Known as "Mary B," she worked at Otterbein in the Office of Alumni Relations for 38 years, retiring at the age of 85. She did her best to attend every athletics event, play, reunion, and Cardinal Migration. She is survived by daughter Vanessa Bivins Stewart, son Brian Walker, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husbands Garnett Walker and Willard Bivins; and sons Craig Walker and William Bivins. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Bivins-Walker Scholarship.





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