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### University Update - August 8, 2014

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**Otterbein University Update**  
**President Kathy A. Krendl**  
**August 8, 2014**

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*Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. - Henry James*

I just returned from my family reunion in Bloomington, IN, where Richard and I were married, where our children were born, and where we began our academic careers. It was a trip down memory lane for us as we listened to family stories from my older siblings, drove past our former homes and offices, and met with former colleagues. It was a time of reflection and gave us a renewed appreciation for the many ways we benefited from all of the support our family and friends provided us in those early years.

As we prepare to welcome new students and colleagues to campus, I hope that each member of our community will extend a welcoming hand to those who are joining us this fall, offering our support in their early years. Our goal of embracing the model community concept identified in our Vision Statement sets the bar at a new level for each of us in assuming responsibility for establishing and maintaining a welcoming and inclusive community on a day-to-day basis through our words and actions.

We have the opportunity to begin the process with our annual Welcome Back Breakfast and Ceremony on Monday, August 18, 2014. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 9:00 am in the Roush Hall Fisher Gallery lobby. The program will run from 9:15 am -10:30 am in Cowan Hall.

I invite you to help us celebrate our community as we prepare to launch our comprehensive campaign and share some exciting news about one of the most ambitious efforts in Otterbein's history. Please join us! Click on [Welcome Back Celebration](#) to RSVP so that we'll have an accurate count, and no one will leave hungry.

**August Orientation and New Student Week: First Flight**

The week of August 18 is full of orientation activities, students moving in, and the beginning of New Student Week: *First Flight*.

During this week, you will be involved with helping our new students make a positive transition to Otterbein. Below you will find a high-level overview of the events happening that week.

**Tuesday, August 19**

- **Final Orientation Session** (8:30 am – 5:30 pm)
- **New Student Advising in the Library** (1:00 pm – 5:15 pm) – please note that advising schedules will be sent by Friday, August 15

**Wednesday, August 20**

- **New Student Move-In Day**
- **Picnic by the Rock** (6:00 pm) and **Opening Speaker** (7:30 pm in Cowan Hall)

**Thursday, August 21**

- **New Student Welcoming Convocation in Cowan Hall** (9:30 am – 10:30 am)
- **First Year Seminar Class Meeting** (10:45 am – 12:00 pm)

- **First Year Seminar Lunch on Towers Lawn** (12:00 pm – 1:15 pm) - new students, peer mentors, and FYS instructors will have lunch as a class on Towers Lawn

### **Friday, August 22**

**Meet the Department and Signature Department Events** (9:30 am – 11:30 am with meeting locations listed below):

- **Art:** Miller Gallery
- **Biochemistry & Molecular Biology:** Science 208
- **Biology & Earth Science:** Science Atrium
- **Business, Accounting & Economics:** Roush 114
- **Chemistry:** Science 237
- **Communication:** Lounge area in Communication building
- **Education:** Towers 112
- **English:** Towers 122
- **Equine:** Equine Center
- **Heath & Sport Sciences:** Rike Center - Court Area
- **History & Political Science:** Roush 212
- **Mathematical Sciences:** Towers 117
- **Modern Language & Culture:** Towers 115
- **Music:** Riley Auditorium
- **Nursing:** Science 104
- **Physics:** Science 204
- **Psychology:** Towers 239
- **Religion & Philosophy:** Roush 213
- **Sociology & Anthropology:** Roush 336
- **Theatre & Dance:** Cowan Hall
- **Undeclared:** Chapel

A complete First Flight schedule can be found online [here](#). If you have any questions related to **First Flight** or **August Orientation**, please contact **Jennifer Bechtold**, Director, or **Leah Shamblin**, Assistant Director, in the Center for Student Involvement (x3202).

### **Comings and Goings**

The Division of Enrollment Management welcomes **Emily Porter** to the office of Undergraduate Admissions as an admissions counselor/territory manager. Emily will be serving students from Columbus City Schools, Southwestern City Schools and Whitehall City Schools and will be the lead on multicultural visit programs. Emily joins us from I Know I Can, a college access group that works with Columbus City Schools.

The Division of Student Affairs is thrilled to welcome four new employees. **Sara Schumacher** will be serving as the new Administrative Assistant in the Center for Career and Professional Development. Sara comes to us most recently from the Village of Minerva Park, where she wore multiple hats including Clerk of Courts, Police Clerk and Zoning Clerk.

**Antonio Bradley** began on July 7 as an Assistant Director of Residence Life. A Columbus native, Antonio completed both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Toledo before moving to Georgia to work at Columbus State University. Most recently, he worked at the University of Pittsburgh-

Bradford, before moving to Otterbein. Antonio will work with students in Clements, Hanby and the Commons on Home Street. He will also co-advise the African American Student Union and work with students at the House of Black Culture.

**Colette Masterson** ('05) is joining Otterbein as **Associate Director for the Center for Student Involvement**. Colette's primary responsibility will be the development and implementation of the new Student Government on campus. She will also provide leadership for student organizations and assist in the management of the Campus Center. Colette brings to us a wealth of experience and knowledge from Ohio State, where she worked for the past 7 years. While at Ohio State she advised the Ohio Union Activities Board, had responsibility for the management and allocation process for student organization funds from the Student Activity Fee, co-advised the InterFraternity Council, and most recently served in a new role with the student involvement team within the Fisher College of Business. Colette is also currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Higher Education at Ohio University. Colette will begin on August 11.

**Ben Schwarz** will serve as **Assistant Director of Greek Life & Campus Activities Board**. Ben is coming to us from serving as a Community Director at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. In that role he developed strong relationships with student leaders in the Residence Halls, demonstrated skill and knowledge in both facility management and housing processes, and served as an advisor to Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. As an undergraduate student Ben was a member of the Student Government Association and helped establish a local fraternity at Heidelberg. He is a strong advocate for students and has the passion and enthusiasm to effectively support and grow both our Fraternity and Sorority community, along with our Campus Activities Board.

The President's Office welcomes **Crystal Farmer** to the Office of Institutional Research. Crystal will serve as Data Analyst providing support to the Academic Affairs Division. Before joining Otterbein, Crystal worked at Miami University as a Statistical Data Analyst for the Office of Enrollment Research and Analysis.

#### **Register for the Kyle Miller Memorial 5k Run/Walk**

On March 15, 2014, zoo and conservation science major Kyle Miller died in a kayaking accident. Family and friends have created the Kyle Miller Memorial Fund and organized the inaugural Kyle Miller Memorial 5K run/walk to raise money to establish an endowed scholarship at Otterbein for a junior or senior student, who shares Kyle's passion for wildlife in the Zoo and Conservation Science program. The 5k run/walk will be held on **Sunday, August 24** at the Hilliard Municipal Park at 9 a.m. Register today by clicking [here](#).

#### **Fee Payment Policy Reminder**

Please note that Otterbein University's fee payment policy, revised last fall, is now fully implemented. The policy requires students to be paid in full, or to be current in a payment plan through the Otterbein ePay system in order to move into residence halls or take classes. The deadline to pay fees is two weeks before the start of each term (August 11 for Fall 2014.) Students may have their schedule cancelled if they are not in paid status. Students with questions about their account should contact the Office of Student Accounts at [614-823-1150](tel:614-823-1150).

#### **Whistleblower Policy Reminder**

To help ensure that Otterbein University complies with the highest standards of lawful and ethical behavior and financial reporting, Otterbein has a Whistleblower Policy that may be found in the Human Resources Policies on the HR Intranet (Whistleblower Policy Number 114). This policy provides for a

Campus Conduct Hotline ([1-866-943-5787](tel:1-866-943-5787)) that allows employees and students to confidentially and anonymously report any alleged illegal or unethical conduct. Please refer to the policy for additional details.

#### **Student Employment Supervisor Meetings**

With the student hiring season fast approaching, Financial Aid and Human Resources are working together to provide important information to supervisors who hire student employees. We are offering this training session on the following three dates:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm in Towers #114

Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm in Science #304

Thursday, August 21, 2014, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Chapel

This training session is designed to assist supervisors, simplify the process, and provide direction to ensure the efficient processing for all involved departments. **Supervisors who hire students must attend one of these training sessions.** Financial Aid and Human Resources look forward to partnering with our supervisors to ensure a smooth process.

As always, if you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or a member of Cabinet.

Sincerely,  
President Krendl

#### **Otterbein University Vision**

Otterbein University will be nationally recognized as a model community of educators, leaders, and learners who set the pace for higher education and contribute to the common good.

#### **Otterbein University Mission**

Otterbein is an inclusive community dedicated to educating the whole person in the context of humane values. Our mission is to prepare graduates to think deeply and broadly, to engage locally and globally, and to advance their professions and communities. An Otterbein education is distinguished by the intentional blending of the liberal arts and professional studies, combined with a unique approach to integrating direct experience into all learning.