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authentic: (adj)

au·then·tic
adjective

true to one's own personality, spirit, or character



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-2 CORINTHIANS 3:3



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WE ARE

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AUTHENTIC

There was something about the people here.
Something real. Something beautiful.

Something seen in the moments of complete authenticity.
When what we **thought**, what we **said**, and what we **did aligned**.

When we could love with divine love, serve with selfless hearts, and sacrifice with willing spirits,
because we were rooted.

In deep belief. In word. In truth.

And no one was perfect. We were all trying to figure it out. And we messed up. A lot.
But somehow we were met in those imperfections.

With unconditional love. Grace. Freedom.

Turning points.

From the foot of the altar to the crowded coffee shops,
we experienced moments that left us changed people.

Sincere. Spirit-filled. Sourced.

We shared our weaknesses and found strength. We weren't afraid to face the hard things,
to cry in our pain and be filled with the power of the gospel.

We had purpose. Mission. Hope.

Because we had the Spirit. And in the Spirit we were given the desire and the power
to live for something so much bigger than ourselves.

It was this Spirit who made us true to who we were.
Who fueled us to reflect a love that was

—Genuine. Real. Authentic.

DEDICATED TO SPENCER AND ASHLEY COOK



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LEADERS • DISCIPLERS • SERVANTS

Someone who was truly authentic. As our staff discussed potential nominees for the dedication of the Aurora, we decided to honor someone who really embodied authenticity and sincerity. So many incredibly genuine people work for Olivet, and as we considered them all, it became nearly impossible to choose. However, at the mention of the Cook's, the room was brought to an immediate consensus. Although our staff consisted of students from a variety of backgrounds, their powerful reaction made evident the true impact that Spencer and Ashley have had on their lives and on the lives of so many others. After sharing our stories and speaking to the incredible influence the couple has had on Olivet's campus, we made the unanimous decision to dedicate our hard work and efforts to them, in gratitude for the hard work and efforts they have dedicated to the students of this university.

For us, the Cook's exemplify true authenticity and we desired that everyone would see their genuine spirits. I sat down with Spencer and Ashley to learn more about their time at Olivet and their hearts for the students on campus.

Their Grand apartment is cozy and inviting, and as we are talking several residents stop in to say hello. Bright string lights decorate the ceilings, and the vibrantly painted walls speak to the fun and open personalities of the couple in front of me. As I sit down on the couch I know that this is a place where many have come to seek the wisdom and counsel of these two, myself included. Pulling out my notebook, I start by asking them to share why they were here at Olivet and what the school had meant to them throughout their lives.

"We're just here for the food," Spencer joked, and we shared a laugh before Ashley answered more seriously.

"This is what I would say, Olivet is our home," she began as Spencer enthusiastically agreed. "We basically grew up here." Both Cooks lived in Bourbonnais, started dating in high school, and attended Olivet together. They joked that they were truly an "Olivet" couple, as Chaplain Mark Holcomb officiated their wedding in Kelly Prayer Chapel, and Joey Ramirez provided the music. As they shared the foundation and support system Olivet has been throughout their lives it became more evident to me how invested they both truly are in this place and in the people here.

"The relationships we've made here are everything," Spencer said. "They are the most important thing. They've been a source of joy and we wouldn't trade them for anything."

As I ask about their favorite memories, they launch into stories about inflatable hot tubs in the Chapman hallways and snowball fights in the Parrot bathrooms.

"One of our favorite memories has to be Spring Break of Ashley's freshman year," Spencer said. "She had just been through the RA application process and was too excited to wait for the letter. We came onto the empty campus somehow got into the building, and saw that there was in fact a letter. She rips it open to read that she was going to be an RA in Parrott Hall. That for us was the start of a huge adventure."

They shared that Ashley went on to RA for three years, and Spencer went on to RA for two years. After that, they loved the ministry so much they devoted themselves to it professionally. Spencer became an RD for three years and this past year was Ashley's third year.

"It's remarkable to think about the amount of students that we've interacted with collectively through Res Life," Spencer said. Ashley agreed that it was a huge number of students, but that Christ had continually worked in their ministry,

"The Lord has showed us through everything that he is real, present and active," Ashley said. "In the midst of his reality and

presence, he is faithful –whether we see it or not."

We began to talk about the authenticity of Christ, and the way in which he calls us to be authentic with others.

"I think authenticity is incredibly important," Ashley said. "That's where hurts are shared, that's where joys are shared."

"If you're not being authentic, what's the point?" Spencer added. "Anything that you gain, anything that you do, it's all worthless. When I came to Christ I was 15, and it was the single biggest change in my life because I began to figure out that my identity was in Him."

The couple shared the struggles they've had with authenticity and the ways they have overcome and seen others overcome the desire to be approved of, rather than genuinely themselves.

"I think it brings freedom," Ashley said. "Sometimes you feel trapped trying to be something you're not. When you are authentic with someone you sometimes see that you're not the only one going through something. You might as well be real." Spencer agreed. "It's the first gift you can give anyone else –to be genuinely, authentically yourself with them."

This is a gift that the Cooks have given me, and so many other students on campus.

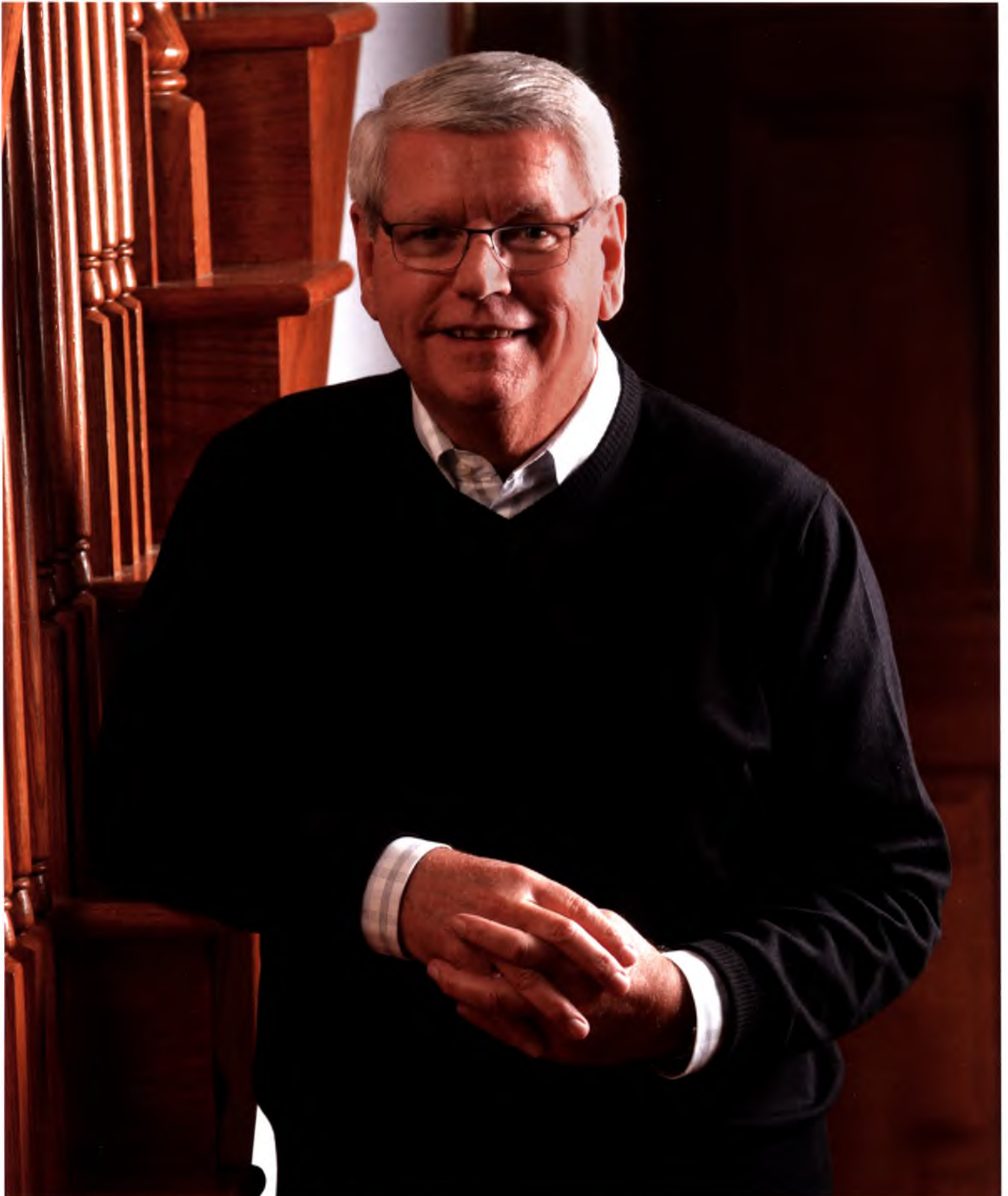
"We've had the incredible opportunity to rejoice with those who are rejoicing and mourn with those who are mourning," Ashley said. "We've walked with people in the midst of powerful, super happy moments and in the midst of pain, vulnerability, doubts and fears."

Both Spencer and Ashley become emotional as they reflect on the spiritual weight of caring so deeply for hundreds of souls. Committing themselves to the ministry together, they have devoted themselves to knowing and praying for each and every one of their residents, sharing their joys and also their burdens. The room falls silent for a minute and in the silence I can feel the tangible heartbreak and passion they have for the broken and the hurting people who have been brought into their lives. The couple tears up as they share the ways in which the Lord has furthered the kingdom at Olivet through incredibly deep and real moments almost too profound for words. I tear up too, thinking of the influence they have had on so many lives and in my own life. Their passion has pushed me to more passionate, their compassion and servitude challenged me in ways I cannot begin to comprehend. As I closed my notebook, it became overwhelmingly evident to me that the Holy Spirit has continually done an amazing work through Spencer and Ashley on this campus. As I left their apartment that night, I could not have been more affirmed of our choice to dedicate the book to these two incredible servants of Christ, who have dedicated their lives in service to Him and His mission to love others with a radical, passionate, and completely authentic love.

written by Kate Kattelkamp

DR. JOHN BOWLING

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ESSE QUAM VIDERI

No, this is not an eye-test. Although this may seem like a random selection of letters, it is actually a Latin phrase which first appeared in Cicero's essay "On Friendship," written in 44 B.C. Translating Latin phrases has become a bit of a social phenomenon that shows up in such random places as casual conversation, *carpe diem* – "seize the day," in advertising, *caveat emptor* – "buyer beware;" on coffee cups, *vox populi* -- "the voice of the people;" in works of literature, *amor vincit omnia* – "love conquers all;" or inked on flesh as a tattoo *semper fidelis* – "always faithful" or *errare humanum est* – "to err is human."

Of course, not all Latin phrases are profound. For example, there is the bumper sticker, *sona si Latine loqueris* – "honk if you speak Latin." When I honked, the fellow flashed a hand gesture in my direction! It must have been a borrowed car.

The phrase that came to mind when I learned that the theme for this year's Aurora was "Authentic" was *esse quam videri*, which means "to be rather than to seem." This call is embedded in the Olivet educational process, which calls for authenticity in every aspect of life: academically, socially, and spiritually.

At ONU, we are convinced that "being" precedes doing. Our mission statement underscores this thought by stating that the first of three core pillars of our work is "personal development." The aim of an Olivet education is for each student to be the best person he or she can be.

The broader culture has a tendency to invert this idea of *esse quam videri*. In fact, those who are particularly observant, may have noticed that when television personality, Stephen Colbert, was doing his faux news show, "The Colbert Report," he was seated in front of a fireplace that bore the inscription *Videri quam esse* – "to seem, rather than to be." That was exactly what he was doing, he seemed to be a genuine serious reporter, when in reality he was not.

How like our society at large; we are obsessed with appearance rather than substance. The lives of many are like the Main Street of the old western movies. As the main character walked down those streets the camera would pan to reveal shops, saloons, businesses, hotels and offices bustling with activity. But if one was to visit those sets and walk behind the façade, he or she would see that the appearance was an empty promise. It was all for show.

A high quality Christian education re-centers the focus on being, rather than simply seeming to be. This is expressed in the university's value proposition: "We believe higher education ought to have a higher purpose."

At Olivet, students do more than take courses and accumulate credits – they get an education! They learn and learn how to learn. They are challenged to be wise as well as knowledgeable.

Although we don't teach Latin at Olivet, we do teach and foster the development of men and women who will "be" all that God has created them to be. This kind of learning happens in classrooms, chapel services, service projects, internships, athletic competition, residential life and a hundred other venues. At every corner of the campus, students are challenged and encouraged *esse quam videri*, to be, rather than seem to be.

Soli Deo gloria

Dr. B.

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LIFE



If I had to give someone advice it would be to spend time and money on experiences and relationships with others rather than material things. We always remember our experiences and relationships over all else.
-Bennet Schimmelfennig



Trust in Jesus with everything, absolutely everything. The Lord has surpassed all of my expectations, and that just proves He is faithful. The one major life changing experience in my life is when my sister was killed by a drunk driver, New Years Eve 2009. I always believed in Jesus but it was my sister's death that brought me to have an actual relationship with my savior. I would not redo anything in my past, because I truly believe that God takes all of the broken pieces, all of the hurts, and the scars and turns them around. He uses them for good. My past and losing my sister has helped me be able to minister to people and connect with those who are hurting. My past allows me to talk about the redemptive work of Jesus. Not to mention finding Jesus changed the trajectory of my life completely. See, when I look back at my life so far, I see all of the dark parts, but I also see how God has shown light through those painful rough patches. Pain, suffering, and struggle leads to the beautiful renewal through a God who truly is alive.
-Gabriella Mejia





As I've grown in faith I've realized that joy is an emotion much more spiritual than simple happiness or pleasure. Joy is finding delight, contentment, and assurance in the fact that whether bad or good, every aspect of life is in God's hands. Joy is choosing even when you are going through a painful experience, to praise God and find rest in him. What brings me joy is honestly seeing God work through those around me. It's one of the greatest experiences, being able to see difficult situations transform people because of their joy-filled and faithful hearts.
-Olivia Ruhberg



If you're too busy trying to be someone else, you'll never be able to be who God created you to be. Yourself.
-Robby Harjo



WELCOME HOME



MOVE IN DAY

Few things can parallel the excitement of freshman move-in day. Teaming up to welcome the new students to campus, Resident Assistants, Connections Mentors, Student Ambassadors, ROTC, ASC members and other campus leaders helped the freshmen move into their new home away from home.

"It was awesome to see that they were so excited to be here," said spiritual life leaders Katy Maurer and Jessica Putnam, "just like we were."

Each of the freshmen came to campus with a unique story of how they ended up at Olivet. On this day, older students watched as the new students' stories began to intertwine and become a part of each other's, just like theirs did when they moved in.

"When I moved in as a freshman, I was excited to start the year," said sophomore Lauren Matson, who helped many freshmen move into their new rooms. "Today, I felt like I saw a lot of myself in them as they started their new year." Many freshmen spoke of the excitement of ending one chapter of life and starting a brand new one in an unknown place, with people who start off as strangers but might soon become like family.

"I'm kind of excited to get to meet new people," said freshman Jacob Clark. "And have a fresh start to be who I want to be."

Although the day has plenty of anxious moments and tearful goodbyes, the upperclassmen assured the freshmen of the exciting journey to come.

"I came in as a freshman really confused," said Danielle Maranion, who served as an RA on Parrott 3rd Floor. "But now all I am is excited because I know what is ahead of them."

The RAs had the chance to finally meet the young men and women they had been praying for all summer and help them move in their new dorms. Long before the 22nd arrived, preparations were made so that everything would go smoothly on that day.

"I have been here since August 5th for early move in," said Williams RA Jessica Emmons. "I've been putting up artwork and asking God to lead me in my selection of the floor's theme for this year."

The freshmen were given the word "Empowered" to represent them as a class.

"I think it will give them confidence," said upperclassman Kayla Albrecht. "And remind them that they can do much more than they realize. In all the new things, "Empowerment" will hopefully be inspiring to this class of students."

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KICKIN' IT OFF





BLOCK PARTY

With giant inflatables, carnival food stands, and a high-energy crowd, the annual block party had the student body in high spirits as they had a chance to reconnect with their friends at the start of the school year. For the freshmen, after a crazy week of move-in and their first college classes, the festivities with fun, food, and fantastic games came as a welcome end to their week.

"I think having the block party this early in the semester really helped," said Dr. Blanchette, professor in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry, who has attended the block party every year since he began working at Olivet. "Everyone was excited to meet new people, and it was a good time to connect. I hope the freshmen felt like this is a fun place, and that they were glad to be here. They might have been a little overwhelmed, and this was probably not what they expected—in a good way."

As a large group of students break out into the "Whip" in the middle of the field house, junior Grace King, who is a member of ASC, agreed that the freshmen were probably feeling overwhelmed. "But it was such a great opportunity for students to come together and debrief after the first week of classes," King said. "It was fun to see all of the students have a good time."

The cotton candy and cold snow cones tasted even better to the

students after intense obstacle course races and games of twister. "It was so much fun," said freshman Nathan King. "It was good that there were events like this at the beginning of the year to engage freshmen and kick off the school year."

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BACK TOGETHER

OLLIES FOLLIES ATHLETIC COMPETITION





Fellowship, sportsmanship, and community. As bonfires lit up and s'mores were made, the Athletic Competition kicked off the school year, and a reunited family could be seen across the field. "The opening for Nascar every season is the Daytona 500," said emcee and host of the games Matt Smith, in his eighth Ollies Follies. "It's the biggest thing they do. I think Ollies Follies is the biggest thing we do. It just sets the tone for the rest of the school year. I love seeing students coming together and having the freshmen feel comfortable."

Although soccer, baseball, frisbee, football and volleyball drew students to the Intramural fields, fellowship seems to be the core reason why this tradition is still alive and well.

"The thing about Ollies Follies is the fact that while it's a huge competition, it brings unity to our campus," said Michaela Maris, senior and Vice President of Women's Residential Life. "I really want to see that upheld in the coming years."

Students had the chance to compete, reunite with old friends and meet new ones.

"I thought it was a blast having people all come together to meet new people and to have them play games," said freshman soccer player Joshua Woodard. "Everyone was very supportive, and

people wanted you to get involved."

The Athletic Competition kicked off the exciting Ollies Follies triad, setting the stage for the Wacky Games and the Variety Show. "As we look back on our life at Olivet, we see friendships, pictures, memories, and snapshots—a big part of them are from Ollies Follies," Maris said.

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN

OLLIES FOLLIES WACKY GAMES

As hundreds of white balloons filled the sky, the senior class gave a breathtaking finale to their grand entrance, letting students know this night would be one to remember. As one of the most beloved traditions at Olivet, the Wacky Games did not fail to make a lasting impression, especially for the senior class.

"After we released the balloons it hit me," said senior Alissa Homoelle. "Wow, it's really senior year. When we were freshmen the Wacky Games set the tone for what our experience at Olivet would be like –fun and exciting. Coming full circle to senior year, we have lived and experienced this night together for the past three years, and this year was our last time. Realizing that just made for a really special moment and an exciting start to the year."

In another twist to the night, after the much anticipated games like Tug of War and Tubes were finished at Matt Smith announced there would be one last game. In Smith's introduction of the Fish & Egg Game he said, "this is a resurrected game that we played when I was a student here, and we're going to try it tonight to see what you think of it."

His call to action brought 24 competitors from each class to the battle field. The premise of the game was as follows: a girl with a rubber fish rode on the back of a guy with an egg taped to his forehead. She used the fish to smash the egg taped to the head of opponents. The class that finished the round with the most intact eggs won that round. The fast-paced explanations and resulting chaos left some, like sophomore Rachael DeGraff, "very confused" and strategizing for the hopeful return of this formerly popular game.

"It was a lot of fun to be a part of," said sophomore Taylor Coble. "I wish we could have used real fish like they used to."

While the game did not get quite as much enthusiasm from the student body as the legendary game of 'Tubes' did, students believed that next year could be a different story.

As the games came to a close, the freshmen took last place, the juniors third, the sophomores second, and the seniors rightfully took home the overall win –the perfect ending for their #onuonelasttime.







A SHOW TO REMEMBER



OLLIES FOLLIES VARIETY SHOW

The power of expression. The concept of releasing the essence of self through a form of art. It can create a burst of laughter or strike a chord in the heart. The Variety Show did all this and more as the classes came together to showcase their phenomenal talents, the freshmen going “By Land”, the sophomores “By Space”, the juniors “By Sea” and the seniors “By Air”. Undoubtedly, the senior class made the night truly unforgettable with their unprecedented emotional performance “Time Flies”. All agreed, the senior’s performance left the biggest impression that night, as it captured the class of 2016’s past three years together. “The seniors did an incredible job of articulating the Olivet culture through their eyes,” said the show’s co-host Spencer Cook. “They told the story of Olivet; they shared the narrative by going back through the past few years in an

emotionally convicting way,” Cook said. Many creative minds were behind this sentimental production, and the message that they wanted to portray was astounding. “I think the biggest thing, especially with Ollies Follies, is that it is such a celebration of community,” said senior Brandon Maranion. “Our show was a big testament to that. As I look over these three years and see all the different experiences that I had, I see this common thread of genuine, authentic community that has really instilled this confidence in myself to do the things that I love and to take part of the passions that I want to take after,” Maranion said. Community. Such a familiar word that has been used to describe the purpose that Ollies Follies brings. “A lot of people say that Olivet is a bubble, and

that we are preparing to send you out into a world that is 100% different,” said senior Joe Mantarian. “And while I think that may be true, I think that we are also living in a community where we can take what we have learned here and plant this somewhere else.” The Variety Show provided a perfect wrap-up to the Ollies Follies events, and reminded everyone to cherish these times because they truly did fly.

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ON FULL BLAST



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REC CITY COLOR RUN

On the morning of the Color Run, hundreds of students showed up wearing white t-shirts, white sunglasses, and white bandanas –but not for long. As the 5K runners took off, they took on the challenge of running 3.2 miles, all while being splashed with different colors along the way. The atmosphere was amped and from start to finish Rec City kept the party on full blast.

“I loved the color run,” said junior Jessica Johnston. “The best part was the adrenaline rush when passing through each station and getting covered in the color powder.”

The decision was made to shift from the annual Paint Wars event, to alternating Paint Wars and the Color Run each year.

“I am thrilled that we made the Color Run a bigger event on campus,” said junior Maddie Buseth. “It was a great event for the Rec Center, and you could tell everyone really enjoyed it.

From competitive running, to walking it with friends, everyone

approached the run in a different way while all having the same goal –to have fun.

“The color run was an awesome event,” said junior Luke Salomone.

“It gave us students an opportunity to have some fun running (or scooting) around our beautiful campus.”

Salomone can often be spotted riding his scooter from class

to class and the 5K was no exception. In addition to the 5K,

participants also enjoyed a Zumba warm-up and a Color Party.

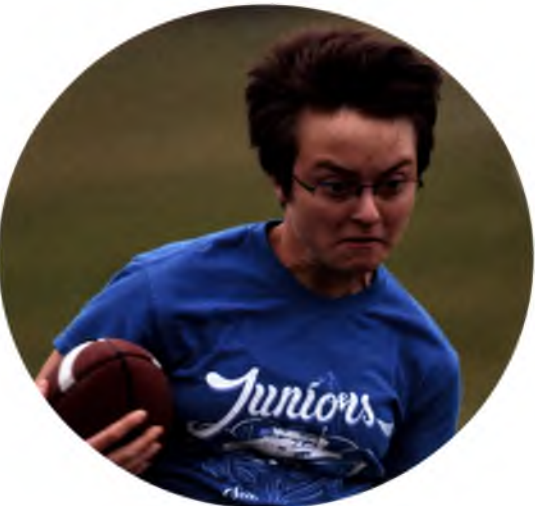
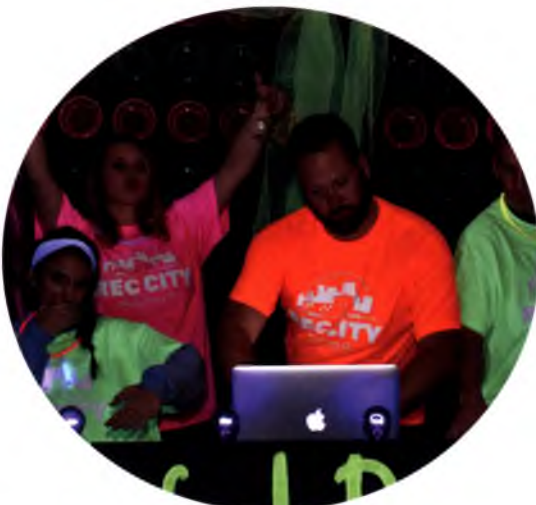
“Zumba was a blast,” Buseth said. “People love going to the classes

throughout the week, but having at an all-school Zumba party was

different. This year for the Color Party we really pumped up the

crowd and took it to next level. It was amped.”

All agreed that the combination of getting active and having a blast with friends made for an unforgettable Saturday morning.



NO PLACE LIKE HOME



HOMCOMING WEEK

In an explosion of events that brought Olivetians of past and present together, Homecoming Week again gave students and alumni a chance to celebrate the university they love.

"Alumni find the event of significant importance because they get to come home," said sophomore Rebecca Dembkowski, who was involved in the concert for Alumni and the President's dinner.

"I love that the Alumni are gathered back at their alma mater to walk down memory lane and share their memories with current students and faculty," Dembkowski said.

The campus opened to all, giving an opportunity for many people to reflect on their memories, visit family, or just enjoy the events provided throughout the week. From the football game, to the glow run, to the athletic class competitions, to powderpuff football,

to coronation, to the famed Free Pancake Dinner, students enjoyed the time they spent with alumni and classmates in celebration of their university.

In addition to the festivities, Tenth Avenue North and the Sidewalk Prophets provided entertainment and a time to worship the Lord with a concert in Centennial Chapel, bringing the weeks' events to a close.

"The concert was amazing," said sophomore Sarah Zornes. "All the bands together put on a great performance. I really enjoyed them just being themselves on stage. I think it was a great part of homecoming week because we all gathered together and worshipped the Lord."

Students and faculty described this beloved tradition as one that brought the community together, and reminded them of the incredible life at Olivet.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



CORONATION

Glittering lights, white dresses, soft music, warm smiles, affectionate hugs, and thankful prayer made the 2015 coronation unforgettable. The homecoming court consisted of ten men and women known for their love for God and each other. The ladies on the court said they were all good friends, and they were excited to share this experience with one another.

"We all supported each other and were in it to ultimately show God's glory," said Jessica Dirkse, who was crowned queen, "not our own personal glory."

The students on the court shared that they loved and supported each other making the homecoming events throughout the week fun.

"We truly had an amazing group of ten people gathered that night, and I still feel extremely honored and blessed to be a part of them," Dirkse said.

Women's Residential Life (WRL) hosted the event.

"I love being able to honor all women of the senior class in one beautiful evening," said vice president Michaela Maris. "Overall, making the evening beautiful on multiple platforms makes it very special. Not only did it look beautiful, but I hope it made people walk away feeling

beautiful on the inside. We have the opportunity of honoring women for a special night, but more importantly, we have the opportunity of honoring the Lord," Maris said.

Dirkse says she was especially touched when her name was announced.

"I just remember feeling extremely humbled, honored, excited, and blessed. The sense of love that I felt was overwhelming that night. Seeing my family, who mean the world to me, and friends standing up and cheering for me and the life I've led thus far was a moment I'll never forget," Dirkse said.

The court members said it was very humbling to be selected among many in their class for all the reasons voted for, and it shows the power of the Holy Spirit.

"My prayer is that He is continued to be seen through me," Dirkse said. "Even at times when I didn't feel equipped or ready to be used or shined through, God still made it happen. Not a moment is wasted. What a faithful God we serve."

The men and women shared their thankfulness for everything that made coronation truly a night to remember.

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TEAM WORLD VISION

“Be the salt and light of this world, go out into the market place and serve.”

Hundreds of students took this command to heart as they attended the Missions Fair, and many passionate kingdom workers were able to bring awareness to issues that are going on in the world.

“I absolutely loved doing it,” said junior Victoria Carbonell, who volunteered at the fair. “My team and I went to India with MIA in May, and we witnessed the need for Christian pastors to provide income to their families. To help support them and their congregation, we sold chai tea at the fair.”

As another way of giving their lives away, many ran the Chicago marathon this year for Team World Vision. Junior Grace King led the team for Olivet, and when asked about their experiences, many runners told of life-changing ones:

“This was my second year doing the marathon for Team World Vision,” said junior Elizabeth Jenkins, “and everyone is always so encouraging. It is such a bonding and emotional experience, building community with people you don’t even know. Spectators and runners alike, we were in that race together.”

Others can agree that it was a challenging decision but worth every moment.

“The race was honestly the most challenging things I have ever committed to,” said sophomore Olivia Ruhberg, “but in the end it was incredible. It’s something that you really have to give to God.”

Those who did not participate in the race but stood by to support their friends said that it was definitely an incredible sight to see people unite under one cause.

“I love things that bring people together,” said sophomore Angel Gaiwad, “and this was definitely one of those events. I was so proud of everyone that ran for World Vision, even for the people I didn’t know. Seeing them press on despite the amount of pain they were in was inspiring. One of my friends was injured during the race, but she kept going until she was finished.”

Many students were encouraged and inspired by their brothers and sisters that stepped out and into the places of those who needed help the most, dedicating their time, energy, and finances so that others could have a brighter future.



GIVE IT UP





“THE CANDY COSTUME PARTY THIS YEAR
WILL HAVE PEOPLE WAITING FOR THE ONE TO COME NEXT YEAR”



NOT YOUR AVERAGE TRICK OR TREAT

CANDY COSTUME PARTY

Revamped. Dropping the traditional “fest” and adding a “party”, the Candy Costume Party was the first of its kind, and students raved about the exciting change up. “I thought it was completely amazing,” said senior Coleman Sesson. “The way things were this year made me wish it had been this way all along.”

Adding performances, a DJ and a space for dancing, the party made Olivet history.

“What shocked me and what I loved about it was that it felt like a party with the atmosphere,” said sophomore Bri Fisher. “The DJ, the dancing, and the food. Everyone looked like they were having a good time.”

One of the key differences of revamped Candy Costume Party was that students felt a sense of community and bonding with each other. It was a night full of laughter and

entertainment, some performing, some dancing, others voting on best costumes.

“I loved dressing up and seeing what other people thought to dress up as,” said senior Kristin Wodka, as she expressed her excitement over the whole event. “It brought a sense of community because my friends and I all planned and worked on our costumes for our Marvel group together. This was the first time we placed, and got we got second place. If I wasn’t graduating, I would definitely go again.”

Students agreed that the revamped event would be one to remember and repeat. “I think the Candy Costume Party this year will have people waiting for the one to come next year,” Sesson said.







A NIGHT AMONG THE STARS

MR. ONU

"A Night Among the Stars" was a fitting title for this year's Mr. ONU. Hosted by Women's Residential Life, male competitors were chosen by their respective classes to run a creative skit and talent gauntlet with the goal of claiming the crown of Mr. ONU.

"This year Mr. ONU took about eight months to plan." Vice President of WRL Michaela Maris said. "It began with concepts and big ideas, and as the show approached, the ideas turned into details. So many things were already done for the show before we even knew who the contestants would be."

2016's competition did not fail to amaze the audience. The room was packed full of people and the air was thick with excitement. Anticipations were high for the performance acts and competition among the men running for Mr. ONU.

"The event went tremendously this year," Maris said. "The guys had a great time and we had a great time working with them. But most importantly, the audience came together for a night of laughter and enjoyed a show that celebrated Olivet. That was a big success in my book."

This year's Mr. ONU, junior Grant Penrod, commented

on his participation in the tradition:

"I've probably seen more Mr. ONU events than anyone at Olivet. I have always wanted to be Mr. ONU, even since I was little kid. So when my name was called, it was a flood of excitement and success. It was truly amazing to have won. It was a great competition and I was honored to be it's victor."

When asked about possible advice the contestants would like to bestow on those interested in competing in the future, a couple of this year's contestants had some things to say. Sophomore Daniel Kurz said, "Competing in Mr. ONU comes with great responsibility and even better hygiene. Make sure you consistently floss and clip your toenails." In addition to Kurz's commentary, Grant Penrod added, "Be funny. Make jokes about Sodexo; every year someone does. Don't put too much thought into it. Run it by multiple different people to see if they think it's a good or funny idea. Stick to them throughout. Have fun, oodles of fun."

From hilarious videos made by the participants to creative dance routines and wonderful voices, students agreed the event was phenomenal. and lived up to it's theme.

SWEATER WEATHER



ALL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Saturday night before finals, Ludwig was full of the sounds and smells of Christmas, as the student body came together for the annual All-School Christmas Party. Students lined up almost half an hour in advance, filling the main hall to get out of the bitter cold and get to the delicious food as quickly as possible. The dining rooms were filled with live music and friends enjoying themselves. Santa and Mrs. Claus made their rounds among the merry (and bright) college students. Chaplain Mark Holcomb read the Christmas story from the book of Luke in Common Grounds next to the hot chocolate bar. The narrative of Jesus' birth was accompanied by the tastes of chocolate, peppermint, and marshmallows. Christmas arts and crafts could be found in the basement as well as Dance Dance Revolution and fondue. Coloring pages and bingo dominated Red Room accompanied by even more Christmas music. Something that could be seen in Ludwig no matter where you looked were Christmas sweaters. Olivet's traditional Ugly Christmas Sweater competition

brought a wide variety of wild colors and wacky designs. Since "Christmas Sweaters" was the theme of the party, many students shared the story of where their sweater came from. Senior Abby Ragsdale commented, "I got mine at Kohl's," while junior Grant Penrod said, "Mine actually came from Ecuador," and sophomore Brad Fitzgerald gave the answer, "I think I got this sweater from my grandma." Senior Tiara Long said, "I took this sweater from a donation box for flood relief because I figured no one would want an ugly Christmas sweater."

The sweaters featuring Christmas trees, cats, alpacas, and gaudy patterns were standouts among a crowd of eye-catching selections. Regardless of where the sweaters came from originally, they all made a big impression at the Christmas party and managed to keep the students of Olivet warm as they braved the northern Illinois winter with spirits filled with holiday cheer.

“I THINK I GOT THIS SWEATER
FROM MY GRANDMA”



AUTHENTIC



FAITH



"The coolest thing that has and is happening to me is the noticeable transformation and conformation to Jesus that has been brought about by the Holy Spirit in my life. It's genuine, tangible, and amazing to see as I work out my faith, that God is literally giving me the will and power to do what pleases him."

-Courtney McGee



"So this summer I was sitting on a park bench praying that God would give me opportunities to share Christ with others in a real life situation. As I was praying, a guy rolled up on his bike and stopped right in front of me. I said "What's up?" and he turns and says "You're on the bench I usually sit on on my way to work." I said "Hey, no problem man I'll leave" because this was a rough looking dude. Instead the guy says "Nah I'll just sit on the ground man." Before I knew it, I was having a conversation with this guy, Raven, and the more I talked to him the more crazy it got. I soon realized this man was homeless and working three cook jobs to get a vehicle to live in. Then it became pretty clear that Raven was transsexual. I thought "man God, I know you put this man in front of me to share your love but I don't know where to begin with this guy."

But over the next 3 weeks I got to go to that park bench morning after morning to share the gospel with Raven. I remember walking back from the park bench that first morning thinking that was the coolest thing that could possibly have happened...You're a stud God."

-Vaughan Meiss





"I love the way she wants to be with me. And the way she desires to be all of her, in everything she does."

"I love his simplicity. He never tries to elevate himself. He has a sweet and simple heart."

-Hannah Sohl and Caleb Cornell



"One time at camp we put our names on a piece of paper and the camp was going to give the pieces of paper to people in the district to pray for us. A few years ago when my fiancé was interviewing for a job at a church an older lady and I got to talking and turns out she had been praying for me since that day, she had journals and journal full of prayers she had prayed for me."

-Jon Hand

"You and I are not responsible for earning God's love."

Mike Yankoski



Your life can change in a moment, in one day, in one encounter with God.

Dr. John C. Bowling



"In the wilderness, in the tough place, the Holy Spirit sustains you."

Gabriel and Jeanette Salguero



"True success is using the talent God has given you to elevate others."

Dr. Ben Carson



You're a sculptor, too – shaping the image of Christ for those who are watching.

Scott Stearman



"Willing to live without excuses and in faithful service to our King. May that be you."

Dr. Carla Sunberg



"God's promise is stronger than our behavior."

Jefferson Bethke



"The skin is the surface of the soul."

Dr. Mark Quamstrom



"You have to decide what you're going to do with the Gospel."

Katie Reed



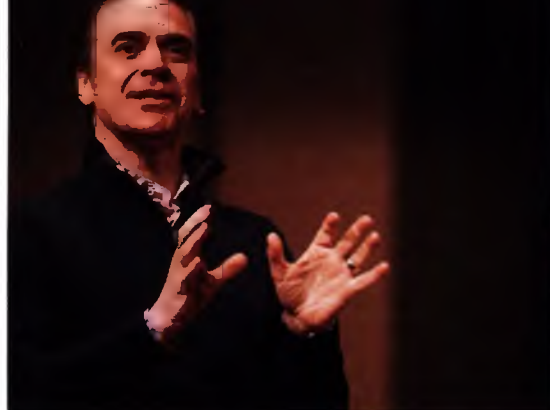
"Step through the fear and do something beyond yourself."

Mike Chitwood



"The Church must be a healing place, a hospital for sinners."

Dr. David Busic



Give small moments of encouragement to one another every day. Be present.

Rev. Paul Johnson





CHALLENGED & RENEWED

CHAPEL & REVIVAL



Many of the most challenging but renewing moments of 2015-16 took place during Fall Revival, Spring Revival and the weekly chapel services. During the Fall Revival services, Dr. Scott Daniels spoke to Olivet as Christians in exile. Drawing from prophetic books such as Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Hezekiah, Daniels compared the Israelites' time in exile to our lives in exile among a secular society.

"I liked how applicable Dr. Daniels' messages were to us as students," said freshman Camrie Maxon. "Since he talked about how we are being shaped by the culture around us, he helped us to see that in comparison to how God wants us to live."

Several times, Dr. Daniels called students to follow God's influence in their lives rather than be squeezed into the world's mold. In the last revival service, Dr. Daniels reminded those in attendance of God's great love when he said, "When we find ourselves in a place of exile, we serve a God who refuses to let sin have the last word. Instead, His grace will always have the last word."

Wednesdays and Thursdays started on Olivet's campus with chapel services led by speakers like Jefferson Bethke and Michael Chitwood. After worship with Joey Ramirez and a cycle of talented musicians, Centennial Chapel was filled with messages about being "Called by God" and learning to live "Life Together". Among the most notable speakers were Presidential Candidate Ben Carson on God's work with humble beginnings and Scot McKnight on readjusting your worldview.

At Spring Revival Dr. David Busic spent the week talking to Olivet about grace and peace. Dr. Busic shared that he believed that true grace and peace can only be found in the Church because the Church has the ultimate example right in front of it all the time. Consistent and overwhelming grace and peace are the ideals that Jesus carried out and that the Church strives toward. The life changing moments students had at these services left them with new perspective and a new Spirit within, pulling everyone as a community closer to Christ.



JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN





URBAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND DISCIPLERS

One of Olivet's most defining features is its student-led ministries. It is a miraculous thing for college-age students to take it upon themselves to be a light unto the world as they feel God has called them to be. Of the many ministries on Olivet's campus, two in particular act as servants to the smallest and purest of God's people: children. The ministry groups Disciplers and Urban Children's Ministry both take it upon themselves to bring the light of the Lord to the children of the local area. The Disciplers ministry is a group of Olivet students who work as leaders and mentors to students from kindergarten to 8th grade at a camp called Bible Witness Camp in Pembroke. The camp days are on Mondays and Wednesdays—Monday is the boy's camp and Wednesday is the girl's. Member Elizabeth Chapman

said, "I work with the seventh and eighth grade girls on Wednesday nights. My favorite thing about Disciplers is the relationship I get to form with the girls that I am mentoring. I feel that the relationship that we in Disciplers make with the students we mentor will help them have a stronger relationship with God throughout their life." The members of Disciplers have a passion for mentorship and a desire to spread God's love to a newer generation and a group of kids that may not have any other exposure to that love. Disciplers leader Nichole Goumas said, "These kids come from homes where many of them don't receive a lot of attention and love. So when we go every week, we get to love on them and show them Christ's love through the things we say and do. That's my favorite part of the ministry—the kids."

Another ministry feels similarly. Members of Urban Children's Ministry reach out to at-risk children in the inner city, offering Christ-centered activities and mentoring programs. When asked about her favorite part of the ministry, Katie Maurer, co-leader of UCM said, "My favorite part of UCM is being about to see our kids' friendship with their college buddies grow. Each week they touch each other's lives in different ways. The college students have a responsibility to the kids and kids have great role models." These symbiotic relationships formed between the children and the college students in both of these amazing ministries create great opportunities for God to work in the lives of innercity children.

LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDS

EVANGELS

The Evangels ministry shared the love of Christ with the residents of the nursing home. They sought to build meaningful relationships with senior residents.

“Co-leading this ministry allowed me to experience the love of Christ through the residents at the nursing home and to see the ways that Christ is working through the ministry,” said co-leader and senior Kellie Klumb. “One of

my favorite parts of this ministry was having the opportunity to meet with residents and listen to their stories and all the wisdom that they share.” When asked what one word was that described the ministry, she said passionate. Passion was what drove the ministry. Members of this ministry carried a burning passion to befriend the senior residents and to witness the love of Christ changing many hearts.





BEST BUDDIES

Since love knows no bounds, the Best Buddies Ministry strived to pour love on people despite their differences.

“By leading this ministry, I have learned just how capable individuals can be,” said Best Buddies co-leader and junior Emily Willis. “I’ve realized that whether a person was born with a disability or not, they are able to do so many things when given the opportunity and resources to achieve.”

Best Buddies focused on serving those with disabilities. They sought to pour out their time and effort to love them with the love they deserved.

As the members continued to serve others through out the year, their eyes were opened to the the depth and goodness of God’s love. One of the amazing things about the ministry was the ability to foster lasting relationships with the individuals.

“My favorite part of being in Best Buddies was having all

of these wonderful relationships with people that I would never be able to have without this incredible organization,” Willis said. “I was so thankful for it every single time I got a phone call from my buddy Michael or got to go visit him.”

A lot of the students who participated in this ministry said that meeting new friends and getting to know their buddies was their favorite part as well. They showed that love knows no bounds through their eagerness to befriend those with disabilities at Shapiro.

“I also really liked being able to spend time with my buddy and being able to have such an impact made on me through him and the time that we were able to spend together,” sophomore Bethany Luchtenburg said. The ministry believed that people are meant to be loved, and their hearts cared for. Whatever might make them different, only makes them beautifully unique.

MADE POSSIBLE



MISSION POSSIBLE

One of the bravest and most noble ministries, Mission Possible, has reached out to a local prison to deliver the gospel to its residents. The prison ministry worked hard this year to make the seemingly impossible possible.

"It's been truly a blessing to display the love of Christ as we brought encouragement, prayer, and the Word of God into a place full of so much darkness," sophomore Josh Dille said.

The members of Mission Possible worked hard this year to fulfill Jesus' calling from Matthew 25: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

These words led many new members of the ministry to take the step outside their comfort zone and follow Christ's example by

ministering and going where God was calling them to be. Many inmates have been under the impression that students were somehow forced to visit and talk with them.

"When they found out that we simply desired a relationship with them in the same way that Jesus desires a relationship with them, it was shocking—emotionally, mentally, and spiritually," said junior Caroline Miller.

The members of Mission Possible wanted more than anything to simply build relationships with the people at the detention center. "My favorite part has definitely been the relationships that I made with inmates and with the other members of our ministry," co-leader Victoria Hess said. Building relationships by sharing Christ with those who needed His Word is what has made this ministry's mission possible.

IDENTITY



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

People do not often associate sports with religion; the two do not always seem to fit into the same category. They do, however, for one national initiative, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). FCA made it their goal for years to bring the two worlds of faith and sport together, both on and off the field. After fun and fellowship, which occasionally involved crab soccer or a hamster named Peaches, Olivet's FCA chapter took the mission of FCA to heart and turned to Scripture to ask some hard questions. Olivet's FCA made Jeremiah 1:5 their theme for the year. The verse reads, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." This year, FCA used this verse to explore the idea of identity.

"We used this passage because it amplified that God has formed

each one of us unique with different gifts and abilities, and we are appointed to set ourselves apart in Christ," said sophomore Todd Suttor. Questioning where their identities came from and the kind of people they were being led to be opened the door to many meaningful discussions for the members of FCA.

"Our goal was to place our identity in Christ first then everything else will follow," said leader Jonathon Robey. Athletic or otherwise, FCA's events were a great time for members to bring their two worlds together through fellowship with other athletic believers and to spend time with the Word.

"You have to decide what you're going to do with the Gospel."

Katie Reed



IN LIGHT OF FOREVER



SPIRITUAL LIFE COUNCIL

In Light of Forever. The Spiritual Life kept that theme close as they lived and served with an eternity in mind.

"My challenge for the ministry co-leaders was to have an eternal mindset and continuously ask themselves, 'What are we doing today to be bringing people with us?'" said Katie Reed, VP of Spiritual Life.

The council used the theme to focus on acting intentionally and leading others to Christ. Reed aspired to cause the campus ministry leaders to evaluate their urgency in regards to eternity. Spiritual Life leaders considered urgency in this area to be of the utmost importance because of the eternal consequences of this life. An eternal perspective can be difficult to uphold and share, but Senior Class Chaplain Levi Himes said that this theme was carried out well across.

"While we are diverse and different, we are the united body of

Christ," Himes said. "And we are all leading different parts of that body."

This diversity is what enabled the council to reach as many different areas of Olivet's campus as possible. While the council sought God themselves, they led the student body to Him in any way they could.

"We all have a passion for serving and for the Lord, we all love to see people impacted by the Gospel," said Disciplers Ministry co-leader Nichole Goumas. "The Spiritual Life Council works hard to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to reach out to Jesus."

As they lived "In Light of Forever," the council members took on a unique challenge with time-sensitive urgency that they rose to throughout the year.

A LETTER OF HOPE

An anonymous student was inspired to write and deliver this note of encouragement to every single woman on campus. Her heart reflects the genuine Spirit and selfless motivation that truly filled this university with light.

You are meant for greatness.

You were created for something much more than ordinary.
Your life holds within it more **purpose** than you can fathom.

You have the potential to impact, change, influence, and save the lives of those around you. Whether that be through your vocation, ministry, friendships, experiences, adventures, chance, or destiny. You are here – right here – for something you may never be able to understand, but will fulfill to its greatest possibility if you find your identity in who you were created by and whom you were created to be. You were created to love, support, encourage, befriend, and lead those around you in hopes the same is done to you. You were created to be like Christ – the One you were created by. To display his love in tangible ways, reaching the world for his sake in these small but mighty acts. Accept this purpose, realizing that it is to be used to show others theirs.

You are valued.

Valued beyond measure because you belong to the one who created your soul. Valued by those around you, admired for the various things that you contribute to family, friends, acquaintances, and even strangers. Your time, effort, and attention do not go unnoticed, but are rather recognized and appreciated by each individual you come into contact with. Your mere presence in this world places value upon you that is immeasurable. Never doubt that.

You have beauty.

Not only physical beauty, but beauty within your inner being. It shows through your smile and shines through your eyes. It is revealed through every word your tongue forms, and touches even those unable to accept it. You possess beauty that cannot be explained because it stems from deep within you and expands outwardly. Beauty that reflects the very One who designed it, and that alone can make anything beautiful.

You are loved.

You are surrounded by people placed into your life to do just this. People who know you and others who don't, that can see the purpose and value and beauty your life contains, and love you for it. Others who see more – the dark places that sometimes you would rather no one witness – and nevertheless love you just as much. You are loved in such an incredible regard that you were created, given life, to live and to serve and to be. You are free because of love. You are forgiven because of love. You exist because of love.

You are chosen.

Your life has divine direction. Those around you have been precisely placed into the position they are meant for within your life, but you have also crossed their path at exactly the deliberate point of intersection. There was a plan behind every event of your life as you know it, and is a plan behind every event to come. No one walks into or out of your life on accident. Moments aren't by mistake, and memories don't happen without reason. You are living in the direction intended. You are predestined for the life that only you can fulfill because no other life is lived identically.

You are known.

This can take on many meanings. What I mean is this: You are noticed. Even when you feel as if no one takes time to see you. You are prayed for and cared about. From both near and far people see who you are and who you are becoming. You are not just another shadow on the ground in passing, but rather you are influential through your presence in people's lives. In the greatest way possible you are known. The One who formed you, he knows your name. He knows it deeply – its meaning, but also its purpose. The purpose it serves in allowing others to know you and to be reminded of who they are. You are known even when it may feel like all have forgotten you. The One who gave his life to do that exact thing – know you – knows you.

Your life is precious. It is held in the mighty hands that also placed the world into existence.

Your life is special. Your life is set apart, and seen, and treasured simply because it is the only life of you that there will ever be on this earth.

Don't take a single second for granted.

Live into every opportunity and experience that you encounter. Invest into others along the way.

Be present in silent moments, and enjoy the time that passes while surrounded by those who love you. Never lose hope, for it is evident in every breath you take and give. The rhythm of your heart is an anthem of hope, a reason to live looking forward. Anticipate what is to come knowing there is purpose in all of it.

You are meant for greatness.

This note is finding you now to remind you of these things...

If a sign is what you were in search of – let this be just that.

If hope is what you needed – let this be your encouragement to look forward.

If love is what you crave and affection is what you are longing for – let this sink deep, embracing you in love that comes only from above.

If strength seems hard to find these days – let this be your battle cry and step onward in courage.

If the past haunts your thoughts – let this be the key that sets them free.

If you are lost and feel unworthy – let this be a prayer of salvation.

If you're seeking, hurting, afraid, questioning, broken, praying, and hoping – let this be your reason.

A reason to realize how favored, restored, comforted, assured, capable, healed, forgiven and most importantly – created, that you are. Created with purpose. By a God who calls your name, searches your heart, knows your thoughts, hears your prayers, and formed your soul. A soul with purpose.

I hope you find God in the midst of everything you do. This was written with you in mind.

You are here for a reason.

Embrace it and go forth, changing the world along the way.

-xo.

Psalms 138:8

"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever – do not abandon the works of your hands."

POWER OF PRAYER

PRAYER WARRIORS

For many followers of Christ, prayer is one of the most powerful displays of faith, if not the most powerful. One ministry on Olivet's campus has taken this principle and made it into a lifestyle commitment. The Prayer Warriors ministry has believed that gathering together to lift up prayers to the Lord is essential for Christian faith.

"The ministry has been so impacting to me because its sole purpose is to pray," said senior member Marie Sheets. "Prayer is important to me because it matters. With prayer, we can lift up our hearts to God and He does something about it."

The greatest aspect of Prayer Warriors this year was its community.

"We really have prayed genuinely to seek God's heart on behalf of our whole campus," Sheets said. "He is so faithful; we see it when we actively respond to Him in prayer, especially in prayer with other people."

Prayer Warriors found purpose in becoming completely vulnerable with ears and hearts wide open, ready to receive what the Lord wanted to say together as a family.

Prayer Warriors held campus events often this year, hoping to bolster the strength of prayer across campus and to bring issues to the Lord's attention through members coming together to pray with a unified voice. But, much like prayer itself, often the ministry's activities took on a life of their own, occurring in their own time.

"Something significant about Prayer Warriors has been that most of the time we've had an almost paradoxical nature," co-leader and sophomore Anamar Serrano said. "The club and its meetings have been planned, yet completely unplanned. This year Andrew Fischer, our other co-leader, and I took pride in preparing efficiently, but it was not uncommon for God to completely change our plans the night of our events. We've learned to follow—not our will, but His."

Events of the group uplifted and united the body of Christ on campus this year, and the spirit of its members has brought just a little bit more light to the Olivet community.



SACRED LIFE



LIFE SUPPORT

Life Support is a ministry that helps out the Pregnancy Resource Center here in Kankakee, which does not only save the lives of babies, but also shares the gospel and restores families.

"I have witnessed first hand what it means to live in a broken family without Christ, and it has been a journey," said co-Leader and junior Jessie Arzuaga. "Being in that environment opened my eyes to the little attention that these kinds of families receive."

A focus of this ministry was to shed light on the topic of abortion, which is sometimes swept under the rug or ignored by many Christians due to its controversial nature and heaviness. Rather than stirring up arguments, the ministry reached out to love and touch hearts, despite positions and beliefs.

They believed that bringing people to Christ is how we make the kingdom grow, while making disciples is how we get stronger. Being involved in this ministry has impacted the volunteers immensely.

"Volunteering at the center has shown me the value of investing in places that provide living alternatives to pregnant women," sophomore Felicia Baer said. "It is easy to say that you are pro-life, but it's important to go out and support the institutions that are living out the pro-life movement."

The passion for being servants of Christ, while showing love and kindness toward the families that seek help from Pregnancy Resource Center, was a driving force for this ministry. A favorite memory that sophomore co-leader Jessica Hemmer shared was the Sanctity of Life week.

"Each day had something to promote the value of each human life," Hemmer said. "We tied red ribbons around trees to represent lives lost to abortion, passed out white wristbands after chapel, made a thank-you poster for the workers at the Pregnancy Resource Center, and hosted a prayer night." The ministry believed that all life was created by God, and each life is sacred. Life Support served to advocate and love all life.

CREATING A JESUS CULTURE

PARTY WITH JESUS



To be in the midst of raised hands and lifted prayers, forms a culture of community. Party with Jesus created a time where students could walk away from what was troubling their minds on their average Monday evening and enter into the presence of the Lord, and completely surrender to Him, “We wanted it to be Spirit led,” said Party with Jesus leader, Caleb Drake. “We needed prayer and to meet with God personally. We wanted it to be a Jesus culture and hoped that it was something that people wanted to come to.”

Students attended every week, creating a community centered on fellowship with Jesus. The focus was on worship and prayer, in order to refocus minds on the

true purpose of life –Jesus.

“I am super passionate about worship,” said freshman Camrie Maxon. “So when I heard that party with Jesus was worship centered and God centered I knew I wanted to be a part of it.”

Party with Jesus was not an average party, but a hub for those who knew what they needed most. Reflecting on the past years of Party with Jesus, students saw a continual growth in the right direction. “Previously it was a really sweet setup,” said Megan Hendrickson, “and this year our vision was to take it and run with it.”

Christ became the life of the party and the reason people continued to come, creating a true Jesus-centered culture.



“WE NEEDED PRAYER AND TO MEET WITH GOD PERSONALLY”

“WE WANTED IT TO BE SPIRIT LED.”

CREATING FOR THE CREATOR

HEART

Creativity and talents brought “He” into art on Olivet’s campus by using visual art to expand the Lord’s kingdom. HeArt, a ministry where creative minds came together to serve alongside others, shared the joys of making art past their campus and into the community. Along with affecting the campus with their artistry, in 2016, HeArt’s ministry took time to volunteer in many different areas of the Kankakee community as a whole. Volunteering opportunities always incorporated some kind of creative aspect, whether it was playing paint Twister, finger painting, or putting together sets for Olivet’s theater events. While they enjoyed sharing their passion with the community, HeArt shared the Word of God with those that came to their events.

“We spent our time building up the art community on campus,” said senior co-leader of HeArt Lindsay Hathaway.

Many different campus ministries partnered with HeArt this year for different events that focused on both the

ministry itself and the ministry’s target demographic. Members worked to build up others and create together at every event that they held. The sense of community kept many of the artists coming back.

“I love the community that was built at HeArt,” Hathaway said. “I think the combination of service with those that have common interests made the ministry a force to be reckoned with.”

Members of HeArt said they encouraged each other to use their talents and share their love of Christ with everyone they met. According to the students, the growth they shared was a growth of talent, faith, and commitment to building others up at all times. Membership was offered to students of all majors. Students agreed HeArt was adamant about welcoming anyone with creativity to join and participate in their events. HeArt fostered a great environment to combine the creative minds and servant hearts of the artistic community at Olivet, according to co-leader Joy Katenkamp.



A HEART FOR THE WORLD



HEART FOR MISSIONS

Many students this year found themselves drawn to a ministry, and for who had globally-centered hearts and minds Heart for Missions was a perfect fit.

"I have had a call on my life to live a mission-centered lifestyle since birth, and joining this ministry was a wonderful way to express that," said senior co-leader Ryan Lutz. "I was challenged in my walk with the Lord by learning what his mercy and grace looks like, and I was challenged to take a broader and more in-depth look into what missions is."

Heart for Missions focused on the Bible and living as Jesus did. Although they did not send out missionaries, the ministry supported global missionaries by sending prayers, financial backing and created an atmosphere for thoughts and experiences to be shared.

Senior co-leader Ashley Schmitt became a part of the ministry when she was a freshman and started leading as a sophomore.

"God grew and shaped me so much through the ministry and leadership, which I am very thankful for," Schmitt said. Similar to Lutz, her heart towards missions started at a young age. For her, Heart for Missions was a great stepping stone in her mission-oriented journey.

"God uses many different types of people for His Kingdom,"

Schmitt said. "He brings out all kinds of gifts and talents within us if we allow him to use us. I've also learned that if we let God lead us, He will, and He will bless us in the process."

Members of this ministry reflected on the uniqueness of the ministry and how valuable it was to have it as a ministry at Olivet. Sophomore Katie Nicholson was thankful to God for giving her a heart for the world.

"We talked and prayed about real things that our brothers and sisters in Christ have been going through all around the world," Nicholson said. "This ministry has been unique because it has fostered conversations about issues around the world and a time of prayer for people dealing with those issues."

The ministry's mission this year was to promote a passion to support those around the world and to spread the good news through important conversation and globally-minded living. Students agreed Heart for Missions changed the hearts and minds of those who were affected by it and those who participated in it.

LOVE HAS A FACE

MISSIONS IN ACTION

Inspired by the theme “Love Has a Face”, the 2015 MIA teams set out to be the face of love to people of all nations. The faithful believers travelled with a mission: to imitate the most beautiful face of all –the face of God.

“The face of God showed up in the way the children worshipped,” said junior Sarah Matyskela, who travelled to Santa Barbara, Honduras in May. “He showed up in the way our team sought to build each other up, He showed up in the way the people of Honduras stepped out to tell us truth they felt called to share with us. The people of Honduras are bold with their faith. If they have something on their hearts, or something God is calling them to share, they will step out and share it.”

Junior Rachel Blunier also shared how the bold people of Honduras changed her faith and perspective.

“I left Honduras emboldened to share my faith, and humbled with the ways God works through willing servants,” Blunier said. “I left excited about the work God is doing in these children’s lives and throughout the world.”

Several students reflected on the way in which the people they met challenged them more than they expected.

“We thought we were bringing God’s work to Mexico,” said junior

Kaleb Miller, who traveled on the MIA trip to Cabo San Lucas. “But God was working there way before we got there.”

The people students met on their trips showed love to them in beautiful and inspiring ways.

“For everything we were doing to show them love, it was like they turned it around and showed us love,” Miller said.

Blunier agreed that the people she met inspired her.

“While they all came from poor and broken families, we were all amazed by their strong testimonies of redemption and hope,” Blunier said.

Matyskela shared how God worked through both their team and the people of Honduras.

“God worked through our team by continuing to challenge the limitations we found ourselves putting on God,” Matyskela said.

“We continued to use the phrase ‘No limits’ to remind us that with God, anything is possible. The children we encountered may have had less material-wise than us, but they had a much bigger faith. A faith that was not shaken by circumstance. The people in Honduras believed that if they had God, they truly had everything they needed.”





THE DIRTY WORK

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Jesus Christ impacted lives when He did the dirty work of washing people's feet. Habitat for Humanity impacted lives for Jesus by doing the dirty work with shovels, sledge hammers, and nail guns.

"The first and greatest impact is with the families that are given a hand up," said Habitat in Kankakee President Dale Tolly, who had been working with Habitat for more than ten years. "They receive instruction on home upkeep and budgeting, pride of ownership, and new sense of community with volunteers and other partner families."

Habitat for Humanity is a national and international organization that builds homes for families in need, and every Saturday, Olivet students volunteered to help build these houses. Habitat not only impacted the families receiving the houses, but also the volunteers who helped build the houses.

"My hope for this ministry was to impact the lives of college students" said sophomore Katie Rummery, Habitat for Humanity campus ministry leader. "I wanted to give them opportunities to serve others and see the positive effects of their work. Students went out to change the lives of others, but usually they came back changed as well."

Habitat has made an imprint on the lives of the many volunteers who faithfully continue to build houses in the city of Kankakee.

"Habitat broadened my outlook on this community showing me that there are many needs that have not been met and many opportunities for students to go out and do something about those needs," said senior volunteer Charlton Garr. "Even if it may be small in the grand scheme of things, the small things I decide to do can mean the world to someone."

Everyone who was involved with this ministry, volunteers and partner families, was changed in one way or another, and the volunteers agreed the dirty work was worth the eternal impact.





COMPASSION & COMMUNITY

SAVE OUR STREETS

Living on the streets, digging through dumpsters trying to find food and sleeping outside on the cold, hard ground is all too much of a reality for some people. In an attempt to gain better understanding and grow their compassion for the homeless, the Save Our Streets (S.O.S) ministry and other student volunteers tried to simulate this reality for four days during Homeless Week. The students slept outside the warming house and relied on hand outs, dumpster diving and the Ludwig conveyer belt for food. They went to classes like usual but were not allowed in the dorms.

"It made us realize how much we have in our lives that we take for granted," said Trevor Speer. Not only was Homeless Week a humbling experience for the participants, but it was also a fundraiser. The participants passed out envelopes to collect money for a homeless shelter called Gift of God. Also, this year for Homeless Week, the food thrown away in

Ludwig Center by students was weighed. This demonstration made students more aware of how much they were wasting. Every week, members of the S.O.S. ministry volunteered at Gift of God, and once a month, they took a trip to Chicago. In Chicago, they walked around the streets and passed out food to those in need. Member Vittoria Miulli shared a story of a conversation they had with a homeless man in Chicago who said that God put him there to help serve other homeless people. S.O.S was a great way to help out the community and build relationships. Everyone has their own unique story. One of the leaders this year, Shannon Steffen said, "My favorite thing is probably just the focus on relationships." By passing out food and volunteering at Gift of God, members of S.O.S made many new friends. "It was clear that God is doing a lot at Gift of God," Miulli said.



AUTHENTIC



FELLOWSHIP



You have to max out every single rep and every single step in order to make the show great. I try my hardest to max out every task or opportunity that faces me.

-Jacob Rechsteiner



The most meaningful thing I think this life offers us is family, and not just the family we are born with, but the family we find in our friends. A group of friends that doesn't have to love us but **CHOOSES** to love us. There is seriously nothing cooler and more meaningful to me than the body of Christ.

-Laura Graven





"Chad is one of my closest friends and a part of 'the big five'. I met them freshman year when we all lived on second floor Chapman, and we've kind of 'grown up' here at Olivet together. There hasn't been anything special about the group except that we committed to just do life together; all through the ups and downs. Everything from late nights together, to meals together, to wedding parties together. It is because of these guys that I've come to realize what they mean when they say, 'college years are some of the best years of your life.'"
-Brandon Maranion



As much as I've felt as though I have to be there for my residents, I have to say that I have learned how much they are there for me. This year has been full of Jesus, laughter, tears, conversations, and coffee. Freshman year was a time in my life I will never forget. And this year I am experiencing it again, but this time from a different perspective, and I wouldn't change it for anything."
-Madison Davis

LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

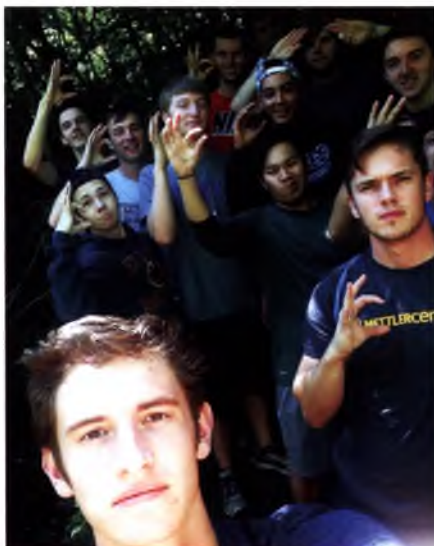
“Residential Life Staff, as a communal arm of Olivet Nazarene University, are driven by a Godly passion to serve students through intentional, loving relationships. As we strive to imitate Christ, we model, mentor, and motivate students to be Christ-like in their world.” Centering their lives on this mission statement, the Residential Assistants furthered the kingdom of Christ, making incredible memories and friendships with depth.

“My absolute favorite thing about Res Life would have to be building relationships,” said Grand Apartments RA Lyndsey Rupp. “I’ve gotten to meet and develop relationships with people I probably never would have otherwise, and I would have missed out on getting to know so many incredible people if I hadn’t been an RA.” According to Rupp, the Res Life staff all work together in an effort to be support for students. Teams of Resident Directors and Resident Assistants, working under Phil Stewart, the Dean for Residential

Life, made it their mission to be there for on-campus students whenever they were needed. This included planning events, organizing Bible studies, and even arranging for one-on-one communication with students for support and encouragement. Because of this, Residential Life was an organization that Olivet took very seriously.

“Residential Life is a community,” Sarah Struck, RA in Williams Hall, said, “so there was so much encouragement and team-building involved in training and preparing for the school year.”

Even beyond the beginning of the year, RDs and their RAs met often to touch base and discuss how to improve their system and the lives of the students under their care. Because, for the Res Life staff, it really is all about the students and how best to lead them. For students living on-campus, Olivet was home away from home and Res Life welcomed them into a genuine and loving family.





BETTER TOGETHER

ASSOCIATED STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVES



Group chats, impromptu runs to Chick-fil-A, Pepsi Breaks, Dunkin' Days, meme-making, quizzing and "Friends" recreating, the Executive Council brought a group of diverse people with varying personalities and talents together and made them into a family.

"The executive council was more than just a few people who planned events," said VP for Student Relations junior Luke Salomone. "We were individuals who got to explore our passions and interests while still in school. I loved being able to come together as a group and just enjoy the company of each other".

Each member had a different skill set that equipped them for a position, and although they were all strong personalities they found they made a great team.

"Working as a team was vital for our the executives to succeed," Salomone said. "While one may assume since we were all in positions of leadership our personalities might have clashed too much the opposite was true. We got

along very well and had an amazing balance of talents that allowed us to be productive but also have a lot of fun." Everyone was passionate about their specific niche, and the council served as a support system and encouragement.

"I loved serving on the executive council because it opened the door for relationships with so many beautiful people," said senior VP of Spiritual Life Katie Reed. "We had a built in family. It gave me mentors and resources that encouraged me to be accompaniment for amazing individuals as they served others. I loved watching the growth that took place in student leaders who I know will continue to make a difference after they leave this place." Council members agreed that it was an incredible group of individuals and an even better team of people who truly cared about the school and each other.

"It was so fun to watch people use their unique strengths to serve the Olivet family," Reed ¹⁰⁰ . The fam was better together.





SISTERHOOD

WOMEN'S RESIDENTIAL LIFE



With hearts for the Lord and for the women on campus, Women's Residential Life truly fulfilled their mission to build relationships and encourage people through Christ. "It was truly amazing to see us have a Kingdom impact," Michaela Maris, Vice President of WRL said. "That was by far the best part." Maris lead the council of 20 women in providing events that were Christ-centered and promoted unity amongst the women on campus. Maris shared that she almost did not apply to be on WRL her freshman year, but realized that God was calling her to serve in this ministry and eventually lead it. From Sister2Sister, to Homecoming Coronation to Mr. ONU, Maris and her council aimed to build community and Christ centered friendships. WRL also

took time to pray for the RAs on campus and partnered with various ONU organizations. In addition to these events programs, the group also ran an Instagram account aimed to encourage beauty.

Through one of WRL's main programs, Sister2Sister, the council fulfilled their mission of building friendships among the women on campus. The freshmen and transfer student mentoring program allowed new students to have an older student as a sister, mentor and friend.

"We see sustainable friendships bloom from Sister2Sister," Maris said, "and women encouraged because WRL touched their heart."

"WE SEE SUSTAINABLE FRIENDSHIPS BLOOM"

WE ARE ASC

ASSOCIATED STUDENT COUNCIL

ASC, The Associated Student Council, has come to be known as the glue holding the student body together. Playing a highly important role in the development of the student body, their sole purpose has been to serve the student body in variety of ways. This year was no different. Senior Chelsea Risinger, president of ASC, has been actively involved in ASC since her freshman year. She gladly reflected on her experiences and her gratefulness for being able to be president again for her senior year. She expressed how she enjoyed serving the student body this year, as in years past, and loved building on top of that.

"We've been here to serve the student body with whatever they need, and we have always gladly helped," Risinger said. "We've had a direct connection to the administrative staff and connections across campus."

Along with planning events for the student body, ASC's goal this year was to insure that the

communal aspect of Olivet stood strong, just as every year. Risinger and Maggie Cusey, junior class president, both agreed that service is important.

"I liked to see this as a ministry," Cusey said. "This is the main ministry that reaches every student on campus, and I think it is a great opportunity to have."

Creating an atmosphere where students feel constantly welcomed and involved in the life of Olivet helped bring the theme of unity on campus. With events that allowed the students to get together to have fun and grow spiritually, ASC served an important role. Risinger and Cusey shared what they have learned from ASC when it came to staying organized, being professional, developing a servants heart, and falling in love with working with other believers. ASC has not only impacted the student body but as well as the members that helped make it all happen.





CONNECTIONS MADE IN INK

GLIMMERGLASS

Passion, pursuit and perseverance. With a heart for the news and the willingness to pursue it, GlimmerGlass editor Grace King led her staff in capturing good stories and turning them into print.

"The staff was definitely full of go-getters," King said. "They were on top of things and were always ready to do what they had to in order to get a story."

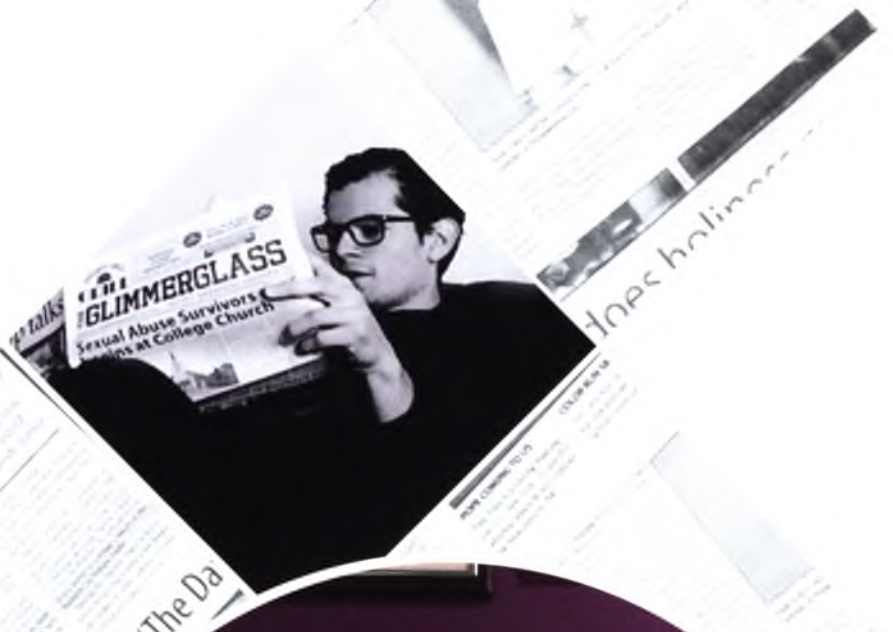
The staff members agreed that in addition to finding good stories, one of the highlights of working for the newspaper was connecting with new people. In the process of putting together an issue, writers and photographers often were in contact with, and communicated with many unique individuals in the Olivet and Kankakee area.

"I really enjoyed meeting people on this job," said senior writer Melissa Luby. "Every story

that we wrote was involved in a different part of the paper, so we met so many people from so many different walks of life, allowing us to develop relationships with a really broad spectrum of people."

The staff's diversity of interests allowed them to dabble in many different aspects of campus and community life. The connections made by staff members helped the paper produce stories that were important and relevant to students. The issues of the GlimmerGlass that were released every other week showed the hard work and connectedness of the staff, and the students truly appreciated their passion and pursuit of the good stories.

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HEART OF AUTHENTICITY

AURORA

Designers, photographers, writers, and editors found their place in the community of the “authentic” Aurora staff this year. This yearbook’s theme carried over into all work on the book and in their relationships with each other. The genuine team members aspired to show what the 2015-16 year was really like in the pages of the finished product.

Working with a modern concept and designing original layouts made this yearbook stand out as something unique.

“The designers this year haven’t been using templates when we put together each page of the book so everything looks very different and definitely modern,” junior Carlee Sprecher said. Simple, geometric designs, stellar pictures, and focused stories provide a snapshot of this year’s people of Olivet.

More than just a staff, the Aurora writers, designers, photographers, and editors have been a team.

“I love that I’ve gotten to meet new people by being on the Aurora staff,” assistant yearbook editor and junior Kristen

Hung said. “I have some really good friends on the staff and it’s been great getting to work with them.”

The team’s goal has been to preserve memory within the pages of this book.

“The yearbook is kind of like a mosaic,” Executive Editor Kate Kettelkamp said. “Countless pieces of hard work and art have come together to make one big picture that people can look back on and see their experience.”

Two semesters of deadlines and long nights added up to a yearbook that will hopefully be pulled off the shelf for reminiscing for years to come. The staff wanted the book to bring back memories of friends, events, and clubs from 2015-16 and really represent Life at Olivet. The authenticity of Olivet was reflected in the Aurora staff, and from their efforts came a work that they hoped reflected their hearts.



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DREAMS INTO REALITY



ADMISSIONS

Prospective students were met with warm welcomes and genuine enthusiasm as they stepped into the Admissions Center. The Admissions staff worked to show others the true spirit of Olivet and strived to help make attending Olivet possible for every student. “My favorite things about this job is when a family that doesn’t think their student can be at Olivet discovers it is possible,” said Gary Gerstenberger, Family Advocate and Enrollment Advisor. The admissions staff did all that they could to help students’ dreams of attending Olivet become a reality.

“The campus and academics are incredible, said Nancy Benoit, Admissions Receptionist and Ambassador Supervisor. “But it is the people who are amazing—and visitors notice and comment often on the friendliness of the people on campus.”

Not only did the Admissions staff show the unique Olivet community to prospective students, but they also had incredible community with each other.

“It’s been a blessing to be a part of a team that not only works together, but also prays together,” said Admissions counselor Megan McKinley. “Our work meetings consist of planning and

preparing for events but ends with prayer requests. My co-workers are genuinely interested in my life and I am in theirs.”

Some events the admissions staff hosted for prospective students were ‘Purple and Gold Days’, ‘Red Carpet Days’, and ‘Just for Junior Days’. ‘Purple and Gold Day’s’ were for high school seniors and parents to experience Olivet. They had a chance to meet with the faculty and staff, hear from Dr. Bowling, and stay in a dorm with a current Olivet student. Students also took a trip to Chicago for some pizza and Starbucks. ‘Red Carpet Days’ were designed for high school sophomores and juniors wanting to experience Olivet, and ‘Just for Junior Days’ were for, as the name implies, juniors and typically held in the spring. In addition to these days, students could schedule personalized campus visits during the week days. Olivet had over 2000 campus visits a year, and as a result of the Admission team’s hardwork, Olivet had 734 new freshmen. The friendly admissions staff did everything they could to make students’ dreams become a reality, and had fun while doing it.

“I loved my admissions family,” McKinley said. “It was always a party in the back room.”



NOT TOO SERIOUS



SPOONS 4 FORKS

As the saying goes, laughter is the best medicine. In a college setting where stress is prevalent, Spoons 4 Forks became a remedy for that on Olivet's campus, bringing the essence of laughter to the student body with their comical skits.

"Laughter helps people realize that life shouldn't be taken super serious," said member Kyle Johnston. It helps people forget about the stresses and problems that they are going through."

Working as a team to make spectacular productions was an important aspect of Spoons 4 Forks this year.

"The members of the team have been some of the most interesting people that I've ever known," said member Joe Bunker. "We were one big, messed-up comedic family."

The events brought group together, as well as the Olivet family to enjoy nights of fun, laughter and a chance to release some stress in a positive and hilarious atmosphere.

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AROUND THE GLOBE



MUKAPPA

China, Korea, South Africa, Haiti, France, Puerto Rico—these are just a few of the countries from which Olivet international students, missionary kids and first generation Americans originated. Transition into American life was difficult at times, but the club MuKappa helped these students connect and make friends. MuKappa, an international initiative, has served on campuses across the nation, working to encourage missionary kids, multi-cultural, and international students in their cross-cultural transitions.

“Our mission has been to create a family that international students can lean on and put trust in,” said the president of Olivet’s chapter of Mu Kappa Calvin Price. “We’ve wanted to provide them with support.”

As in previous years, the club brought international students together, allowing them to be unified and help each other with their struggles. “I have seen Mu Kappa support international students by helping them feel at home,” said junior Sarah Mouaraki. “It’s always hard for many students to be away from home, and Mu Kappa has been a place for international students to feel at home. We helped them know that they were not the only ones that had to go through it.”

Mu Kappa has also helped American students learn and understand other cultures.

“My favorite part of leading Mu Kappa this year was the cultural experience of meeting new individuals from different walks of life,” Price said.

Not only did these students get to make friends with other international students, but they got to meet national students and help them learn about other cultures.

By building a community of support, learning and acceptance, Mu Kappa has been extremely effective in helping international students endure and enjoy their college experience.



UNITING CULTURES



MERC

Another club that has helped integrate international students into Olivet's campus is Multi-Ethnic Relations (MERC). MERC helped familiarize international students with each other and with American students to raise ethnic awareness.

"It was our mission this year to bring students of different cultural backgrounds together to serve others in the community," said junior president of MERC Destiny Paden.

This mission of service helped create friendships and camaraderie among both local and international students.

MERC's main goal this year was to serve the community and bring people together; making a difference was the club's first priority. MERC participated in many service activities this year, including work with Awana and volunteering at a homeless shelter in Chicago.

"I didn't want to leave Olivet the same way I found it," Paden said. "I wanted there to be something that I left behind. I would love to see us all coming together for something bigger than ourselves on campus."

Much like Paden, the international students in MERC wanted to impact their community for Christ through wholehearted service.



SOMETHING IN COMMON





CRAFT CLUB AND ANIME CLUB

The Anime Club and Craft Connections club shared something in common with each other—unique passions. Both clubs brought students together to enjoy their hobbies with other fellow students. Many people chose to join these clubs because of the ability to meet other people who enjoyed their same interest and passion.

“As a club, we did not just use anime for entertainment,” said Anime Club leader Andrew Fey. “The club influenced us to get together and be with like-minded people. My favorite part of this club was just bringing people together and enjoying each other’s company.” Anime Club brought people together to watch anime and offered a place for them to relax and enjoy each other’s presence. Other members of the club expressed that meeting new people was their favorite part.

“I was a part of this club because I loved anime and cherished the opportunity to discover new friends with similar interests displayed on a big screen, accompanied by snacks,” said freshman Xavier Champ. Members of Craft Connections said it also provided an outlet for artistic inspiration and moments to de-stress with other students.

“I was a part of the Craft club because I loved having an outlet of self-expression that allowed me to decompress after a long day of classes and just be creative,” said junior Emilie Walder.

Club members said they came together to create beautiful pieces and projects while enjoying snacks and movies. At the meetings, students could learn new projects or discover skills they never knew they had. “It was important to take a break from the homework to have a little fun,” said senior leader Asha Reynolds. “It was also a way to manage stress. I tried to encourage everyone who came to just have fun and create. Many students didn’t believe that they were creative and were pleasantly surprised when they gave it a try. Everyone can be crafty.” Similar to Anime club, Craft Connections fostered many friendships. Students agreed that finding solace among like-minded individuals by doing what you love is a great way to make connections with others and also find a sense of belonging. Both clubs strived to provide time and space for students to relax in community with one another, enjoying hobbies.

BOARD GAMES AND BOARD MEETINGS

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INVESTMENT CLUB AND TABLETOP GAMES

Two of the most obscure (but no less loved) clubs on Olivet's campus have been the Tabletop Games Club and the Investment Club. Both have been consistently filled with passionate individuals. In 2016, these clubs catered to students who found themselves wanting to be a part of a specific community. Tabletop gaming has functioned

exactly as the name suggests: students gathering together on Friday nights to play board games together. As one of Olivet's most casual clubs, Tabletop Gaming has provided a space for groups to come together, just let loose, and have some laid-back fun for an evening.

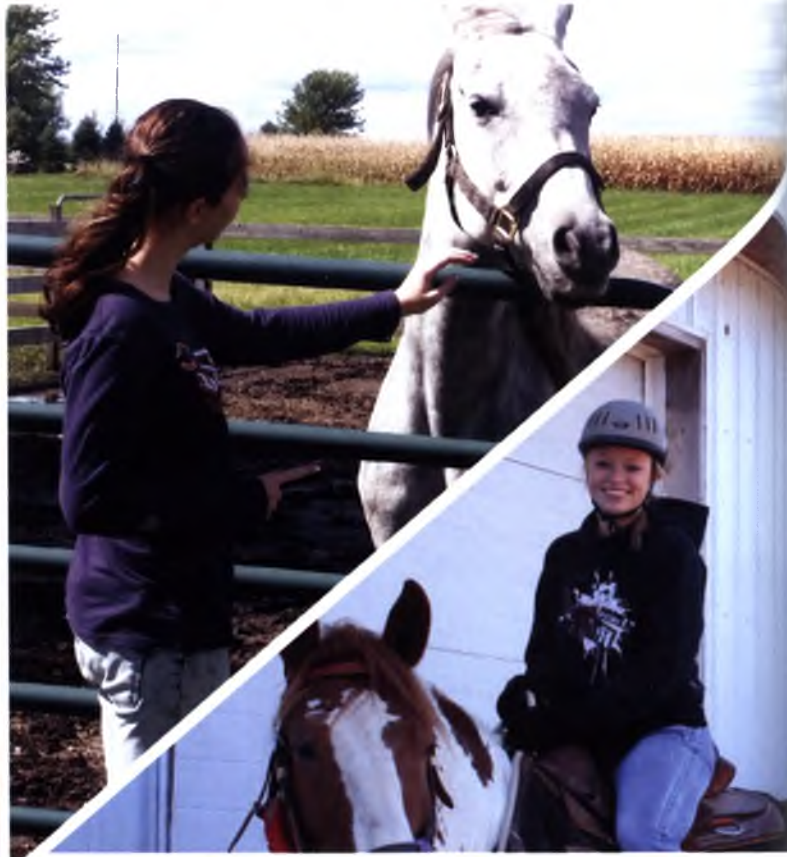
"We've had no attendance policy and it's always been 'come when you want, leave when you want,' said club president Hardy Carroll. Our focus has always been just to provide a free, fun environment to play games and de-stress from the week."

Tabletop experienced a great boom in attendance after it was

established, as many students were drawn to this idea of freely come-and-go.

"My favorite thing about Tabletop would have to be the social dynamics we've seen this year," said tabletop's historian Bob Kuhn. "It's been a place where borders have been crossed between the many different social circles at Olivet."

As Kuhn suggested, many students from all different majors and social circles found themselves at Tabletop Games Club at least once in a semester.



RIDING THROUGH COLLEGE



“IT HAS BEEN AWESOME TO SEE PEOPLE STEP FORWARD TO SERVE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AS WE CARE FOR HORSES.”

Riding on horseback through a forest, members of the Equestrian Club see the sunlight streaming between the trees and hear the birds chirping merrily as they enjoy one of their favorite pastimes. Students who loved horses usually did not get many opportunities to interact with them while they lived on campus, but through the Equestrian Club they had the opportunity.

“Before I joined the Equestrian Club, I did not really get to be around horses here at college,” said sophomore Katie Rummery. “I love having this opportunity to ride, be around horses, and build friendships.”

The people in the Equestrian Club this year enjoyed spending time with each other and building relationships.

“I have witnessed and personally experienced friendships that were built, and all of our members enjoyed taking breaks from campus to spend one-on-one time with these beautiful horses,” President of the club and junior

Elizabeth Johnson said. Members of the Equestrian Club were able to bond and build great friendships while spending time with the horses that they loved.

About twice a week, Johnson took a group out to assist a local widow who they endearingly called “Nonna,” who owns four horses. They groomed and fed the horses, mucked stalls, and helped with various barn chores. They loved being able to minister to Nonna and share the love of God with her by helping her in a very practical way. At the same time, they got to spend time with animals that they love.

“It has been awesome to see people step forward to serve in our local community as we care for horses,” Johnson said.

The Equestrian Club aimed to give students the opportunity to be around and care for the beautiful creatures that God has created.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Climbing trees, hiking through the woods, building fires, making s'mores: no club said "outdoors" like the Outdoor Adventure Club. The group tried to bring this kind of excitement and love for creation to Olivet's student body this year by venturing out into the great outdoors and inviting students along.

"We both chose to lead this club because we love the outdoors," said Presidents of the club Jon Harman and Elizabeth Jenkins. Who better to lead an outdoors club than those who have a passion for God's creation? Through their leadership, the club gave students the opportunity to get away from the noise and busyness of college

and see God's creation.

During the fall semester, the club took trips to the Kankakee State Park and to Starved Rock, where they hiked, camped, and simply enjoyed nature. These get-away trips allowed students to connect with others and build relationships in a new way. Members loved getting to participate in outdoor activities and spend time with new-found friends.





A WILD START

ZOOLOGY CLUB

Emily Janes, a senior zoology major, seized an opportunity for zoology majors and all students passionate about animals to come together, by founding the first ever zoology club at Olivet Nazarene University.

"One of the main goals of the ONU Zoology club is to fulfill our responsibility of God's awesome creation," Janes said. "Whether through meetings and events on campus, or volunteer work within the community,

we hope to help members uncover personal passion within the field of environmental and animal science." To kick off the club Dr. Veld and Dr. Finkenbinder, the faculty advisor, lead members of the club to the Field House Museum of Chicago. There were over 20 students who took part in the field trip which put the Zoology club off to a strong start. The group hoped to continue learning about creation and serving the area through volunteer work for years to come.

TOGETHER WE STAND



SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB

To stand up and speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves was at the core Olivet's Social Justice Club. The ministry based on serving the inflicted and the unjustly treated, sought to raise awareness of often overlooked issues.

"Our members have all been passionate people wanting to speak out for those who don't have a voice, regardless of community, nation, or identity label," club president Clara Reugsegger said.

Most of the members were actively involved in the anti-trafficking efforts, while also focusing on several other social injustices. They shared a desire to work together in making an impact on the lives of many and to put an end to social injustices.

Raising awareness was one of the driving motives behind the club this year, according to Vice President Laura D'Angelo.

"We wanted to educate and inform students on campus of social injustices in this world," D'Angelo said. "We wanted not only to provide education on the issues, but also give students the ability to respond to them."

The sex trafficking industry was a major focus of the club this year. One of the most impacting campaigns that Social Justice Club was able to hold was fittingly titled "The Not-So-Super Super Bowl."

"This annual event draws attention to sex trafficking that occurs during major American sporting events, such as the Super Bowl," said Dr. Craig Bishop, Criminal Justice Program director and faculty advisor for the ministry. "I have been encouraged and inspired to observe student leaders serve with selfless enthusiasm in support of other human beings."

The club was filled with passion-driven people this year, ready to stand up for the hurt and abused, the mistreated and ignored. They were lights in the dark areas of this world ready to spread the love of Jesus Christ to the hearts of many.

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GROWTH



"When I was younger my dad was in the hospital around Christmas time having some procedures done, and I was convinced that Santa would not be able to find me there. So my mom told me that he would know I would be at the hospital for Christmas. So Christmas morning we were planning on going to the hospital and when I woke up and went downstairs my dad was sitting right next to the Christmas tree."

-Abi Hancock



Life's a garden. Dig it.

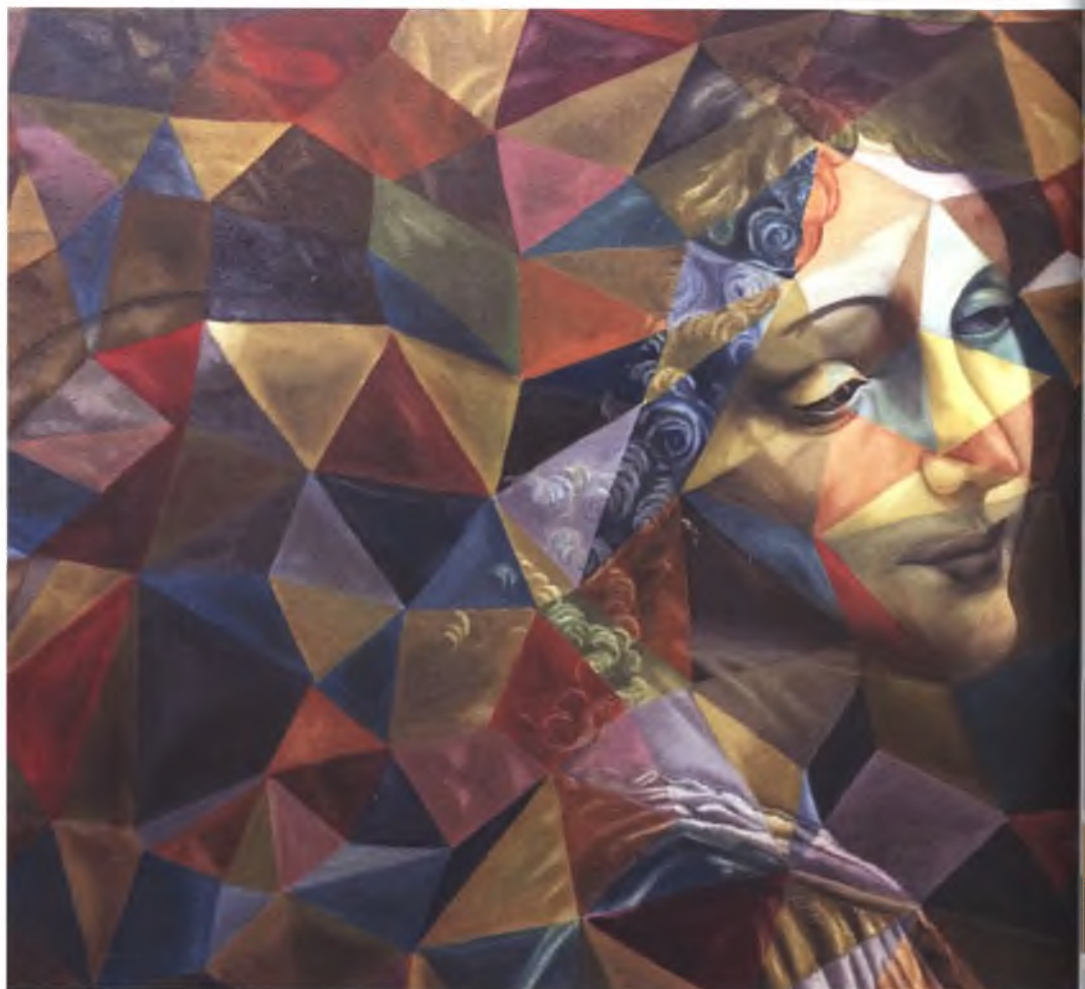
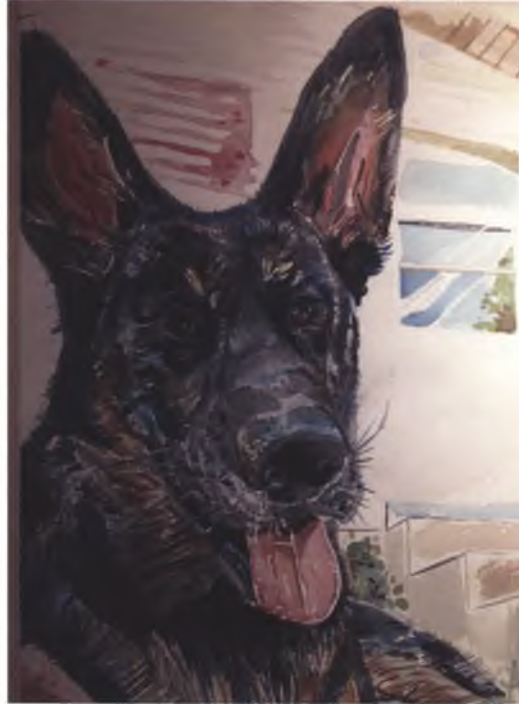
-Brandon Jackson



I am most inspired by jazz. Being able to be utilize the form of music, which is already inspirational, and move outside the confines of the norm, and make the music your own, is truly admirable and mesmerizing. This world has become an increasingly similar society. Due to all the technology that is around us, we have lost our creativity. Artistic outlets are the simplest forms of broadcasting our true selves.
-Paul Dasilva



"I think that my ideal future would be to travel often and meet all different types of people. Traveling is important to me because a lot of my life changing moments have happened to me when I was not in the country. I like visiting new places because when you are not in your comfort zone that is when you grow and learn the most."
-Haley Hall



Artwork from left to right: Vittoria Miulli (detail), Dustin Vail, Karah Lain, Nick Rasmussen, Joy Katenkamp, Megan Lingle, Monica Stamper (detail), and Olivia Ruby

CREATIVE COMMUNITY

ART DEPARTMENT

Filled with vibrant, colorful people with a great passion for the path they are pursuing, the Fine Arts department sparkled with genuine talent and ambition. "If you going to be in debt," said fifth-year Senior Art major Row Gebre, "it should at least be for something you love." Gebre, who has been in the Art Department since the second semester of his freshman year at Olivet, seems to embody this statement every day. When he is not playing football, he can be found in the basement of Larsen Fine Arts Center working on his craft, like many of his fellow Arts majors. With just a handful of faculty to lead these students into their futures as prospective artists, Olivet's Art department is filled with great heart. "With each class, I am able to expand my horizons," Anneka Hoekstra, junior Photography major said.

"With every project, I become a better artist and photographer."

The Art Department's faculty helped foster this expansion of horizons by providing its students with curriculum that challenged them and nurtured their creativity. The students encouraged and challenged one another, as well.

"I felt that the people in the Art Department were a family in a way," Hoekstra said. "We worked together in order to make something happen. Everyone in the Art Department was so unique that we all learned from one another and that helped bring us closer."

Creativity flowed from Larsen basement constantly as these great minds came together to hone their skills and share their passions.



LET'S UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER



BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND PSI CHI

Love for understanding people and how they occupy this world—this is the passion that resonated in the department of Behavioral Sciences Department in 2016. The students in the department studied how the mind works, how people work with other people, and how a variety of aspects influence our perception of life.

"I am not really sure if I can separate out Christianity from what I do with clients and students," said Dr. Rebecca Taylor, Director of the Masters of Arts and Professional Counseling program and a professor in the department of Behavioral Sciences. "Many of the issues are spiritually-based. I find that I have had a tendency to integrate Biblical truth with counseling theory. Not only have I done this in the classroom, but in my work with clients as well."

Service is an important aspect of the Christian faith and was a common theme seen in the students of the Behavioral Sciences department, according to Dr. Kent Olney, chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences.

"One thing that I have seen within our students over the years is the real hunger to serve other people; a real desire to be of service and make a difference in the world," Olney said.

Students this year were no different, driven by curiosity about how humans think and behave as they do and the complexity of human nature. They worked to gain a better understanding of the world as a whole, acquiring more knowledge and tools to pursue their passions. Outside of the department as a whole, there was an organization that students could join to further pursue those passions. Psi Chi, a

psychology and behavioral sciences honors society, has encouraged unity among the students for many years.

"Psi Chi helps bring our department together," said Dr. Veit, Associate Professor of Psychology. "It sponsors a number of social-, scholarly-, and service-related activities that psychology students and faculty have taken part in. Psi Chi has built a greater sense of community for our department."

In 2016, Psi Chi provided an opportunity for students to meet people from all different backgrounds.

"Psi Chi was so great because we got to network with other students we may not have otherwise known," said sophomore Alaina Wittrock. "I grew closer to the professors outside of the classroom and got to know them better on a personal level."

The atmosphere of both Psi Chi and the Behavioral Sciences department fostered relationships and ideas to grow among the sharp and psychologically-minded students.

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COMPLEXITY OF LIFE

BIOLOGY & BIOPHILIC

Complex is the best way to describe biology. Every living thing was built with very complex, intricate, and amazing systems. The people in Olivet's department of Biological Sciences have made it their goal to understand these complex systems. Filled with quirky, passionate, energetic individuals, the department of Biological Sciences has had one focus: life.

"The more biology classes I took, the more I came to see just how complex the science of life is and the better I could appreciate God's creation," said senior biology major Alina Holliday. For Holliday, it was amazing to think about everything that goes on undetected in the human body every second. Learning biology at Olivet helped Holliday increase her love for it. Junior zoology major Michael Whalen also greatly enjoyed the subject of biology—in particular, he enjoyed the excitement and hands-on experience of the labs. "It was awesome to think that the principles that you learned about were happening inside of you, allowing you to live and breathe and experience the world around you," Whalen said.

During the spring semester, Dr. Long took a break from teaching to do some additional biology research to expand his knowledge of biology and learn more about the complexity of life.

"Even something as basic as a living cell is incredibly complex, with thousands and thousands of different kinds of molecules all interacting in amazing ways and resulting in 'life,'" Long said.

In addition to numerous biology classes, Olivet's department of Biological Sciences has provided its students with the Biophilic Club. Some of the events the club organized this year were tutoring services, blood drives, and ONU's bone marrow drive. They also helped with the Kankakee River Clean-up and worked on making the campus greener. They club hosted social events like the beginning-of-the-year picnic and an end-of-the-year cookout. They also made club T-shirts that included "fun, geeky, biology humor," in the words of Dr. Long. Anyone who enjoyed biology or life could join the club to meet new people, help the environment, and just have fun and enjoy the life they studied.





LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS



BUSINESS AND ENACTUS

The Business Department certainly did not lack variety this year according to students. No matter their direction, however, members of the Business Department said they benefited this year from the experience and skills of its impressive faculty. The department worked mainly to put students ahead, and it showed in the department's requirement of its students of internships before graduation as well as the in deep commitment of its professors. "I noticed how intentional the professors were about wanting to improve our skills," said sophomore Ryan Brodien. "They didn't want you to just pass the class, they wanted you to grow individually so you could utilize the things you are learning to go out and make an impact in the workplace."

Leaders in a department can make a world of difference, but if the students that enter the department are not motivated, there is not much for the faculty to do. The Business Department, however, did not have that problem. "Many students were self-starters and knew how to get work done," sophomore Jacob Rechsteiner. "Everyone was a hard worker and produced quality work."

A head for business and a commitment to hard work put the Business Department a step ahead.

Beyond the department, students could also take their passion for business and apply it to serving in the business club Enactus. Olivet's Enactus team has been a growing, dynamic student club on campus for more than 22 years. Serving the community was the goal of Enactus, and they did plenty to fulfill that goal. Some members became certified in certain areas, like filling out income taxes, presented opportunities to help others.

"We offered free tax assistance through these certifications," said sophomore Ryan Brodien. "This helped us further our skills while at the same time we were able to help people in the community."

The student-run service projects were beneficial to the business students as well as helpful to the campus and community.

"I was a part of the group that is running the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Site," Rechsteiner said. "Through participating in this program, I learned a lot about income tax preparation while helping others. It was a rewarding experience."

Enactus hoped that the projects it put into action this year were equally rewarding service opportunities for students as well as for the Bourbonnais community.





FAMILY REUNION

Family—this is the word that epitomizes the Communications Department at Olivet. Professors are very close to their students; they laugh and have fun together. Chair of the Communications Department Dr. Jay Martinson, whom the students refer to as “Dr. Jay,” said, “We’re a very closely knit department in terms of faculty and relationships with our students, so it feels like a big family reunion every time we gather. I’m continually amazed at the thought that I’m actually paid to have this much fun.”

But when hard times came, the family stuck together and supported one other. 2016 was a particularly hard year for the Comm Department because of the passing away of a beloved professor and friend, Carl Fletcher. His love for his students and passion for life was evident in everything he did. The faculty and students in the Communications Department surrounded his family with love and prayers and supported each other in this hard time. Though the Communications Department will never be the same without Professor Fletcher, they bravely looked toward the future together.

One of the big projects for the Communications Department this

year was their revived TV program called “The Dating Game,” where Professor Mark Bishop and other communications students play matchmaker for ONU students, while giving communications students experience with video production. Another aspect of the Communications Department is its honor society, Lambda Pi Eta, which holds meetings for its members every other month. President of the society Annette Carr said, “We try to have one or two events each semester that bring Communications majors together to celebrate each other, have fun with one another, and learn more about our field.”

According to Carr, one event that the society hosted this year was titled “Whose Pie is it Anyway,” where students practiced their improvisation skills, ate pie, and had a great time.

The relationships that were built in the Comm Department are strong and unforgettable. Dr. Martinson described the communications students as “enormously eclectic, highly creative, slightly quirky, and completely lovable.”

Through the fun times and the hard times, the Communications Department stuck together, like one big family.



A LASTING LEGACY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CARL FLETCHER

Professor Carl Fletcher believed. He believed, contrary to popular opinion, that radio is not dying out. He believed that radio is an impactful, personal experience for listeners. His faith in God and in the power of radio made him an influential voice in the lives of students, the Olivet community, and the surrounding area.

Although already successful in professional broadcasting, the communications professor and operations director at Shine.FM chose instead to invest himself in the lives of future broadcasters, communications department chair Jay Martinson said.

"There aren't adequate words to describe this wonderful human being and the life he lived," junior Daneli Rabanalez said.

But words continued to pour out on social media and in the classrooms where Fletcher was known after his sudden passing on Saturday, Nov. 7.

"I've seen the impact [Fletcher] had on students and where his gifting really lied," Shine.FM general manager Brian Utter said. "At Shine, we knew him as part of our team, but his main responsibility was as a professor. He was 'Fletch.'"

Fletcher was born July 21, 1970, in Muskegon, Mich. and graduated from Olivet in 1992. After beginning his radio career, Fletcher returned to Olivet as a professor. He married Camille Smith and had four daughters: Caitlin, who is a freshman at Olivet, Camryn, Carly, and Cara.

When Fletcher was first interviewed for the position at Olivet, communications professor Jerry Cohagan took a look at his previous accomplishments and professional resume and had one question: "[Fletcher], why would you want to come to Olivet?" Cohagan said that Fletcher smiled and simply responded, "Because I'm supposed to."

"Fletcher left the field of professional broadcasting so he could multiply himself," Martinson said. "He was a catalyst that encouraged you to change. He reflected Christ all the time. Don't let his investment be wasted. Be changed. Be better. Be a Carl."

This past September, Fletcher took a group of radio students to Momentum for Christian Music Broadcasters in Florida where they were given the opportunity to go to Disney World. At the park, the group went on the "It's A Small World" ride. There was a pause at the end of the ride, and Fletcher decided to lead the group in a rendition

of the Doxology, complete with a four-part harmony finish, Rabanalez said. "Everyone joined in singing," she said.

At conferences like this, Fletcher was typically known as "Professor Fletcher." Even when he could be meeting with professional broadcasters, he was hanging out with his students, helping them network and making sure they had the best possible experience, Utter said.

"I don't know where to start with him. He was like a dad to us, or maybe like a cool uncle, because he also felt like our friend," Rabanalez said.

Random outbursts of singing were typical of Fletcher. Personally, I'm going to miss the boisterous singing that comes from his office," Utter said.

General assistant for Shine.FM and Olivet graduate Charles Sheldon said that his singing could be heard throughout the Shine office. "There was just this presence of joy," Sheldon said.

Fletcher sang in a men's quartet at Manteno Church of the Nazarene where he was also an Upward Basketball coach, served as a church board member, and helped out with Vacation Bible School during the summer.

Communications professor Mark Bishop said there wasn't a day Fletcher wasn't smiling, except when the Packers lost. As a Bears

fan, Bishop had a playful rivalry with his colleague, and Fletcher once left a Green Bay Packers Troll on Bishop's porch.

"As revenge, I've been saving a Chicago Bears flag to put in his front lawn when the Bears beat the Packers. It's been years and I still have the flag, but the Bears still haven't won," Bishop said. "Maybe I should tell his wife to look for the flag in the rare case the Bears beat the Packers in the future. When it happens, the flag will fly, and I know he'll be looking down from Heaven laughing."

Fletcher told Rabanalez to always smile while on the air. "Putting on a smile helps you. It makes it sound better and more sincere. I do it now whether anyone is in the room with me or not. I'm just smiling into the microphone," Rabanalez said.

Rabanalez remembered Fletcher once becoming emotional when she interviewed him about

the impact of radio. "He believed so much in the power of radio and ministry through radio," she said. "For the rest of my life I'm going to remember him telling me that radio does matter. Radio is worth it."

-written by Grace King



MINDS FOR COMPUTING, HEARTS FOR SERVING





COMPUTER SCIENCE

In a world where technology is growing, many view it as a hindrance to social skills, but for students who choose to make computers their life's passion, technology is merely a tool that can help bring people closer together. The students in Olivet's Computer Science department take this stance with their entire lives.

"Computer Science students at ONU are always involved, playful, energetic, hardworking, creative, and ready to learn new technologies," said professor and department chair Dr. Larry Vail. "This year they wanted to use their skills and abilities to make their world a better place."

This passion for influencing the world through their knowledge of technology drove Computer Science students to work hard and learn as much as they could. "It was fun to actually get inside what the computer software is 'thinking,'" said junior computer science major Chris Bailey. These students had a passion for using their abilities to be a light for Christ.

"I especially loved to witness and participate in the transformation of young people developing their passions and abilities and using them to impact their world for good and furthering the kingdom of God," Vail said. "This really was the fulfillment of our department motto: 'Minds for Computing, Hearts for Serving.'" The students agreed that they loved using their abilities to positively influence the world and share the love of Christ.

In addition to being passionate about their studies, students and professors developed great relationships with each other. "The people and professors really made it enjoyable," Bailey said. "I really felt at home with them." According to students, they not only used their abilities to serve the community, but they also encouraged each other and had fun serving together. The Computer Science department was a place that fostered knowledge and servanthood.

PROFESSIONALS INFLUENCING LIVES

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Teachers are responsible for fostering minds and encouraging learning.

“Every student has that one teacher who changed their life, and that’s what we hope to be,” said senior education major Ryan Hutton. The School of Education at Olivet has been a place where lives have influenced lives. Professors influenced college students, and college students learned how to influence the lives of the children that they would teach.

The professors and the students had strong relationships because the Education professors at Olivet understood the influence that teachers can have on the lives of students, no matter what age. The motto of the School of Education is “Professionals influencing lives,” and that was exactly what they did.

“The Education professors were a wealth of knowledge,” Hutton said. “They went above and beyond what they needed to do to ensure their students were ready to be teachers.”

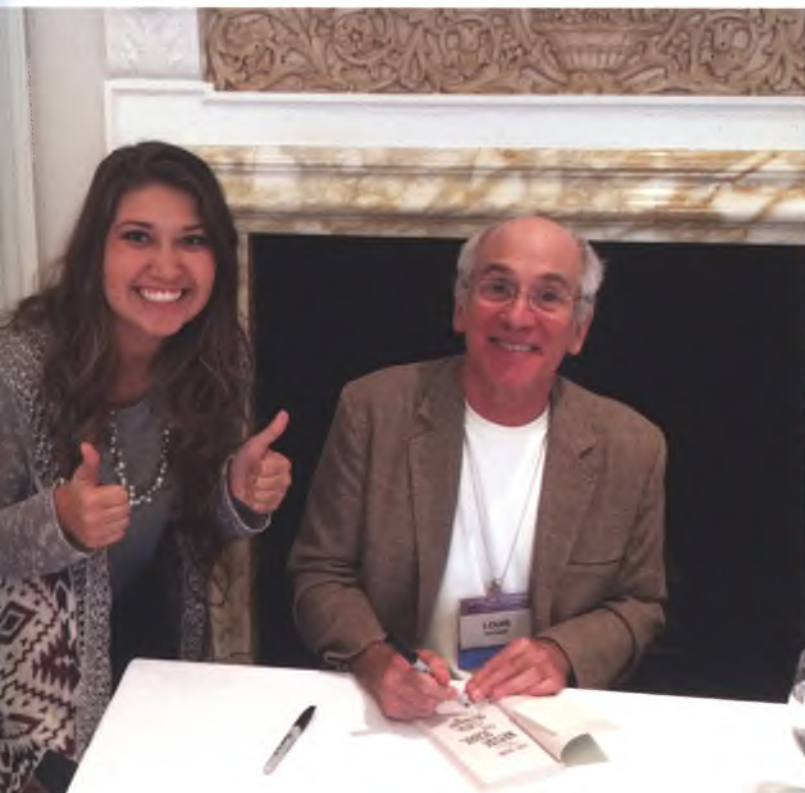
In 2016, the department faced several challenges.

“One of the major challenges that the School of Education faced was the changing landscape of education, including policy changes mandated by the State of Illinois,” said Dr. Darcel Brady.

Education and policies are always changing, and this was difficult for Olivet’s School of Education. However, the professors worked hard to ensure that education students were prepared and completed all of the necessary steps to become teachers. Despite changing policies, the students agreed that the most important things was striving to influence the lives of the students that they taught.

“I wanted to become teacher so I could help improve students’ lives, get them on the right path, and set them up for success in life,” Hutton said. This attitude showed in every education student this year, in their dedication to their path as well as their passion for leading through teaching.







ENGLISH AND MODERN LANGUAGES

Anyone who has made the tiresome trek up to Burke fourth floor might have assessed that the Department of English and Modern Languages is small, but full of life and passion. These people—filled with a love for reading, writing, literature, language and culture from across all social, geographical and temporal borders have made it their goal to bring light to the world through language.

The classes were interactive and in a project for the Visual Literacy class Dr. Ingram required students to create a display on the quad.

Students learned not only the power of the written word, but the power of visuals and communication, holistically preparing them to speak to a listening world.

Sigma Tau Delta allowed its members to share their passion for culture and language among other like-minded individuals in not only the

English Department but also the other modern languages.

“Everyone had great things to say, so I decided to join,” said member Rachel Hensley. Hensley, heavily involved in both the English and ESL departments, received the chance to experience both the English and Spanish parts of Sigma Tau, providing her a more comprehensive look at Sigma Tau. In previous years and continued on throughout the year, the society put on many events celebrating language and literature, such as parties for Banned Book Week, Cultural Heritage and in commemoration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday.

One of the biggest aspects of Sigma Tau Delta was the annual conference that is held for students to come together, join in discussion and read their own works to large crowds.

“Every year, we get to be a part of this huge

English gathering, 900 to 1,000 people, all of them reading and talking about writing and reading and we get to celebrate that we can all do that together,” said faculty sponsor Dr. Rebecca Belcher-Franklin.

Sigma Tau’s main goal is to give students the ability to share their passion for literature and language with one another, and this has been made evident by the excitement of its members past, present, and future.

“My favorite part of Sigma Tau this year, and every year, was the opportunity to go to national convention and present a paper,” said vice president Carrie Leato. The writers honed their craft, working to sharpen their minds and pens as they communicated through the power of the word.



THE PEN IS MIGHTIER





“THANKS SKIP”

THE MARTIN D. WALKER SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

The Martin D. Walker School of Engineering in Reed Hall of Science was dedicated October 7 in honor of the five million dollars donated to Olivet Nazarene University by Martin Walker. Known as “Skip” to friends and family, Walker “epitomized Christian business leadership in guiding and growing a number of leading manufacturing and business enterprises. He and his family have supported countless industry, corporate and nonprofit organizations through volunteer service,” an Olivet press release said. Engineering students, faculty, staff and the Board of Trustees gathered wearing matching shirts that read “Martin D. Walker School of Engineering” on the back and pins on their left shoulder that said, “Thanks, Skip!”

“This marks a new beginning for the Olivet School of Engineering,” said University President Dr. Bowling. “Our buttons proudly declare ‘Thanks, Skip!’ Skip is wearing a button that says, ‘I’m Skip!’”

He continued, “This is the future of engineering. It doesn’t start 20 years from today. It starts right now.”

Bowling noted that individuals cannot buy recognition at Olivet, but are recognized for their gifts as believers and followers of Christ. “Walker represents the qualities and values we celebrate as an Olivet community,” Bowling said. “His life reminds us that success is not just about titles and positions, but also about significance, which flows from a life of faith, service and generosity.”

“The Lord continues to bless [the engineering program] as we have seen great fruit already,” said Dr. Shane Ritter, Chair of the School of Engineering. Senior engineering student Preston Shelton said that Walker continues to challenge the engineering students to continue to do their best and not accept mediocrity. “We hope that God will give us the same opportunity someday [to give back],” he said.

Walker said, “I want to thank God for what he’s done for me. He’s allowed me to do things I never thought I could do. I’m proud to be associated with all you guys and gals. I hope and pray you’ll enjoy your profession as much as I did. God is really the giver of this gift. He just used me.”



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WITNESS THE FITNESS

EXERCISE AND SPORTS SCIENCE

God created it, Jesus died for it, the Spirit lives in it, we'd better take care of it. Helping others seems to be the main goal of Exercise Science majors. Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Personal Training are just a few of the major careers Exercise Science students strived for. The main way these students have hoped to help others is by helping others become physically fit.

"Exercise Science is the scientific study of human movement performed to maintain or improve physical fitness," said Dr. Scott Armstrong. He has enjoyed helping students with their futures during his years at Olivet. Even the smallest roles he has played have made a major impact on the students' futures. He aided them in their personal development and future careers. The students appreciated his willingness to help them succeed in the field. The Sports and Exercise Science Club has also helped these students succeed. "I really enjoyed the sense of family that was found in the club," said club president Lindsay Morr.

Members of the club formed close relationships with one another. They each shared the common interest of taking care of others through exercise science. The club met about once a month and provided information to students about applying to Grad school. They had current Grad students or people working in the field come and talk to students about their experiences and what they do. The club also aided students in the application and interview process. This year, the club partnered up with the YMCA and held informational meetings for the community on topics such as portion control, exercising during the winter season, and proper lifting techniques. "I wanted to help people," was the reason transfer student, Jessie Marie Ritz, chose this major. "God created it, Jesus died for it, the spirit lives in it, we'd better take care of it," was the motto of the club this year. Exercise Science students strived to help others stay physically fit and have aimed to improve the health and fitness of the community.



STORYTELLERS

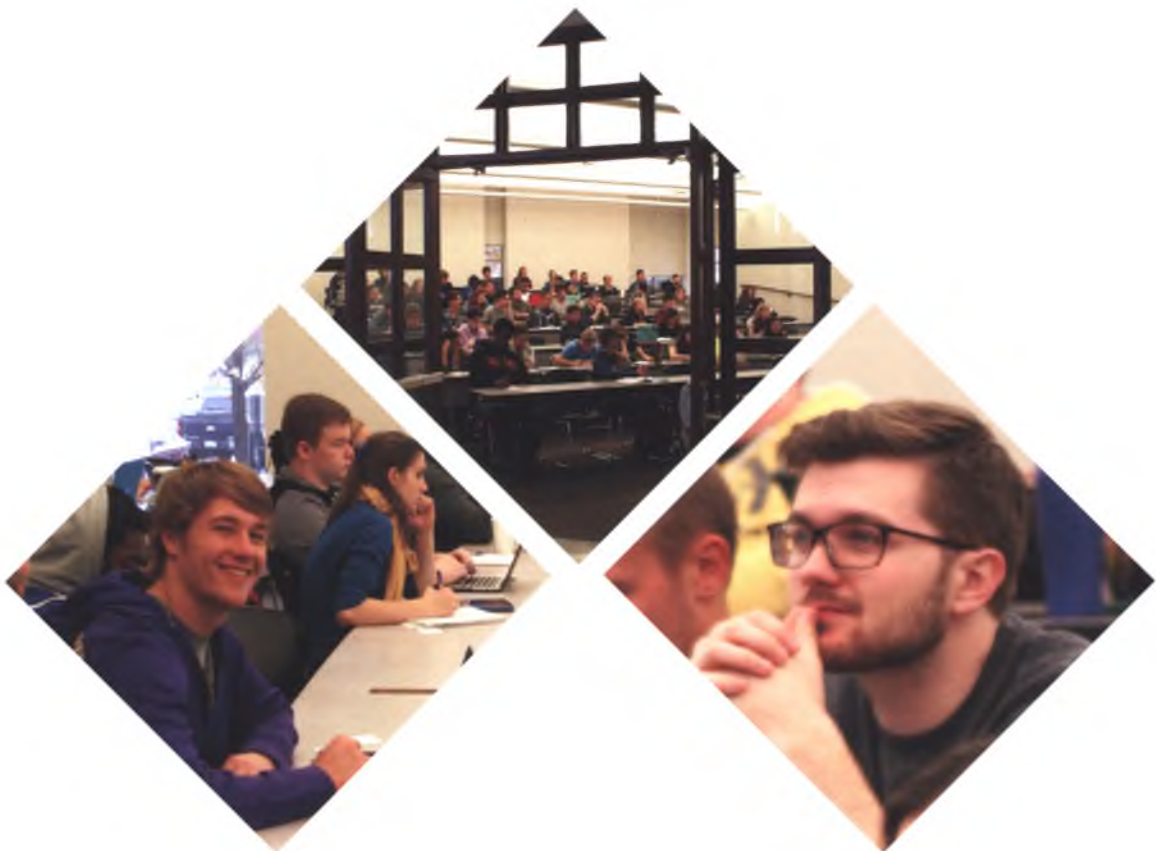
HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Everybody has a story to tell. In the History department, the students and professors had a unique passion for learning and understanding the stories of the world, and this passion motivated them in their study of history.

"The study of History teaches us that everyone is important, and that everyone has a story that deserves to be told. It is our hope that we can remind people of that fact by telling those stories," said President of Phi Alpha Theta and senior Justine Von Arb. Understanding and telling these stories is what many of the history students aimed to do. "I've always had a passion for history and learning about the early civilizations, as well as the exploration and development of the Americas," said junior Chris Bailey. Like many other history students, Bailey loved learning about the history of the world and the

story that it tells. Fueling the students' desire to learn, the professors also had a heart for helping them understand the stories of the world now and in the past.

"My primary goal in teaching is fostering understanding in students," said History Professor and Phi Alpha Theta Sponsor Dr. William Dean. This society he sponsored engaged students and encouraged them to expand their knowledge and love of history, as well as promoted the study of history through community and collaboration. The group annually hosted a nationally recognized historian or political scientist for lectures and conversations on campus. Many History students loved discussing the stories they learned and became passionate about them with others, in Phi Alpha Theta and outside of the society.



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THE GREAT DEBATE



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political science—the major where students debated, ate cookies from professors, heard old dating stories, and learned important lessons about life and politics. In the classroom, students described their political science professors as fun, crazy, and extremely passionate about that they teach. According to the professors, their students were eager to learn, debate, and gain a deeper understanding of political science. Professors aimed to engage their students and foster in them the desire to learn political science.

“My favorite part about political science was interacting with the students,” Dr. David Van Heemst—or DVH, as he is affectionately known around campus—said. “Dialoguing with them, seeing them grow over their four years, and walking alongside of them as they seek to follow Jesus into the world.”

Students in political science looked up to their professors.

“My favorite part [about being a political science major] is the professors and the way they teach,” sophomore political science major Corrine Stout said. “They’re fun, but you always learn a lot and have your perceptions challenged. I’ve never had a class where I didn’t learn something—and laugh about something.” The professors truly wanted to know their students and pour into their lives.

The political science club on campus, Capitol Hill Gang (CHG), was open to all students, no matter what major, although most members were political science or history majors. Senior history major and member of CHG Isaiah Fink said, “Capitol Hill Gang gave college students a unique opportunity: the opportunity to freely voice their thoughts and opinions in an open forum without fear of reproach or censorship by other members or the university.”

CHG’s weekly meetings consist of discussing politics and what is going on in the world. CGH also hosts a debate every semester. Students involved in CHG share a passion for political science and history.

“It is important to have an environment where people feel like they can speak freely without judgment,” Senior political science and history major and president of CHG, Jake Hileman, said. “We all have different beliefs and ideas, but we can still enjoy the conversations and thoughts of others. It was great to be able to chat, rather than argue, especially when it came to the touchy issues of politics.”

Political science majors loved talking through and debating the issues of the day. The students and professors in political science shared a passion for what they learned and taught.

FROM EVERY ANGLE

MATH DEPARTMENT AND MATH CLUB

From community to cosign, the Math Department looked at the best way to help students grow – from every angle.

“I enjoyed the variety of people,” said Dr. Hathaway, as he talked about the different students he taught. Hathaway has been teaching for twenty-seven years, and invested time in getting to know his students. Likewise, the department held an event called “Get to Know Your Math Professor,” so the students could also get to know their professors. Students had the opportunity to answer fun and silly questions about their math professors and enjoyed the fellowship with each other. There were about sixty students in the math department, most desiring to be either high school math teachers or actuaries.

Another one of the main events the department put on was the math murder mystery. One of the faculty

members was “killed,” and the students had to figure out who did it. There were murder scenes set up on campus and many plot twists to the mystery.

Math club also created community amongst the math majors.

“It was a good way to meet other people in my major,” president Zach Rivett said.

Additionally, the math club celebrated Pi Day with various activities, and hosted a picnic. They also had photo scavenger hunts looking for different math shapes on campus and even made origami.

“You really didn’t have to be good at math to be there,” Math club treasurer Matthew Haerr said. Math club focused more on mental puzzles and the fun side of math.





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BROTHERS ON THE BATTLEFIELD

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND ROTC

Brotherhood. If one word described ROTC, it would be brotherhood. Camaraderie between these soldiers was strong because of the things they faced together—both trials and triumphs. While they had fun together: eating, playing Ultimate Frisbee, having bonfires, and taking over campus with epic games of capture the flag, they also endured the hard things together. They trained and were put through mental and physical exertion, which forced them to rely on each other when they felt weak.

“The brotherhood that I’ve formed with my battle buddies will last for a lifetime,” said freshman Trent Hillier. “The people you meet and spend time with really help to remind you what’s important in life. The bonds I’ve formed with my brothers are ones I couldn’t really form anywhere else.”

Even in his first year of ROTC, Hillier saw the strong bonds that are formed between soldiers. Because ROTC cadets were not in combat, the strength of the relationships that they formed with each other is only a small fraction of the bonds they will experience once they commission as officers. “ROTC teaches the importance of trust and

brotherhood,” said senior Ryan Hutton. The bond between the cadets was only a snapshot of what we will experience as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army.”

These future officers were excited for the brotherhood that they will experience after graduation. Military instructor SFC Dean Phillips described the bond he formed with his soldiers when he was on his deployments and on the battlefield. “I could call up any one of those guys today, and they would drop everything and do anything for me,” said Phillips. This is the type of bond that forms between soldiers. They are called brothers and sisters in arms, and that is truly what they are—family.

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IN PERFECT HARMONY

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Creative students in the School of Music could always be found in Larsen as they wrestled with intervals, harmonies, and intonation. From music ministry to music education, the School of Music produced musicians who said they felt fully developed and prepared for life in a world of performance. According to the students, they poured themselves into the recitals and juries until then, not just focusing on their own music, but also on the music of their community.

"I enjoyed listening to other people's recitals," said sophomore Linda Aguilar. "I loved how we acted like a community and went to each other's recitals and supported each other."

The community within the school is evident in the way that the students embrace all of the different sections and ranges as a part of their "family." Students said the faculty is not exempt from this distinction as the professors show continual concern for the growth and well being of the students.

"I love all of the professors because I have a good relationship with all of them," said sophomore Tori Kober. "It's impossible to choose a favorite and put one above the others."

Music students shared that the annual events kept everyone on their toes since there was always one in the works with marching band season, Band Winter Showcase, Sounds of the Season, Handel's Messiah, Baccalaureate and the Graduation Concert. The students said working with iPads is a continual advantage to the School as they can distribute music, schedules and assignments with just a swipe and a tap. In the year of 2015-16, the School received the Apple Distinguished Program designation for being one of the two undergraduate schools in the country to go paperless and have the entire School of Music work on iPads. "We are getting some attention this year because of this distinction," Kober said, "and it's really had a positive impact on our outreach."





FROM THE GROUND UP



PHYSICAL SCIENCE

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth... and He then started working on people who would want to study them. Olivet's departments of Physical Science were filled with some of the most dedicated, faithful, and quirkiest people on the campus. The concentrations included Geology, Environmental Science, Geography, Geological Engineering, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, and many others. "I have always had a deep fascination for the earth," said junior Geology major Levi Gambill. "The world is so ancient and so full of mystery."

Olivet's Geology department in particular has housed some of the most fascinating individuals, as varied and colorful as the rocks and minerals they study.

"The Geo-science department has been organized into a society called the Olivet Geological Society, or OGS," President of OGS, Andrew Klauba said. "As far as Geo-science majors go, anyone who could be considered an earth science major has been welcome." Though the program was small this year, it did not lack character.

Physical Sciences classes have also been known for

travelling to explore the world that they are studying first-hand. This includes field trips often, even sometimes outside of the state. When asked about this, Gambill said, "I really enjoy the fact that Geology is one of the few majors that has field trips...lots of field trips. We went on a lot this year. We could collect all the rocks we wanted, and at the same time we developed strong friendships amongst ourselves." When asked about the community, junior Environmental Science major Kristina Chisolm said, "I feel like most of the other Physical Science people know who I am, and that makes me feel good about asking for help or talking about classes with them."

Because of the sense of community felt within this small concentration this year, the relationships formed by those in the Physical Sciences programs will be rock-solid for years to come.

SERVICE AND JUSTICE

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Compassionate hearts and open minds came together to help those in difficult situations in the Social Work department. Thorough coursework and hands-on experience built up the department and provided students with opportunities to find their passions within the field. "I would say a common trait amongst all people in the

department was the desire to come alongside those who are hurting and assist them where they are at," said junior Marissa Degroot. "The ways that the love of God was shown through this department are comparable to the compassion of Christ, as they find ways to be helping hands to the world.



DIAKONIA

As Diakonia aimed to serve the Social Work department, the club also provided service to the surrounding community whenever possible. A new project for the club this year was helping the citizens of Pembroke by chopping wood for heating during the winter months. Diakonia's continual goal of service was carried out regularly as they supported each other in

"a leadership position to promote growth, community, and camaraderie amongst the Social Work Department in order to further education and future social work practice," said president Marissa Degroot. The club worked hard to build relationships while serving each other as well as they could.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Those who were driven to improve society and seek justice could be found in the Criminal Justice Department. As they moved toward futures in law enforcement and government work, students listened to guest speakers from the Kankakee area and participate in field placement to get a feel for the workplace before entering the workforce.

"A lot of people ended up doing internships with police departments," said junior Jake Wagner, "which was easy to do over the summer, especially at home with a local department."

These experiences were invaluable to those who were pursuing work in the area of Criminal Justice. Leadership qualities are a must for those in the department in order to produce students that are prepared for everything that lies ahead. "Professors

asked us the important questions to make sure that we actually understood the things that we were being taught so that we will be able to utilize the lessons from the classroom," said junior Logan Cooper. "They set the bar very high and they expected nothing but absolute professionalism from us all the time."

With high expectations and successful field placements under their belts, students graduating from the Criminal Justice Department were confident in their knowledge and ability to do everything that they had been prepared to do.

“IT’S A CALLING”

NURSING DEPARTMENT AND NURSING STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Caring for the sick, elderly, wounded, and so much more—not many people can deal with what a nurse faces every day. It takes real dedication. Nursing is not just a job; “it’s a calling,” said Professor Deb Wright.

Wright’s favorite part of her job was her students. “I love that I am able to share with them (and hopefully demonstrate to them) what it means not just to be a nurse but more importantly to be a Christian nurse,” she said. Wright prayed for and with her students. She enjoyed sharing her knowledge and passion of pediatric nursing with her students.

“I think it is most rewarding to see the students have ‘aha’ moments in the classroom and clinical setting,” Wright said.

She loved seeing the students’ faces when they realize that they are able to help a patient. She enjoyed seeing them thrive and being independent in clinical settings.

Wright had a major impact on the students’ lives, and the students have a major impact on hers. After graduation, many students have contacted her and told her something that she taught them that greatly aided them in their careers. That was an amazing feeling for Wright. Current nursing student Rachel Zwartz was hospitalized many times as a child, so she knew from a young age that she wanted to become a nurse.

“I realized I have a compassion for people and children,” Zwartz said. She wished to help people like nurses helped her as a child.

The nursing department also sponsors the blood drive each year. In addition, they had a senior poster/project fair where the senior nursing students presented their research. They also had the Nurses Pinning ceremony for the graduates, and also the inductions of students into the national nurses honor society, Sigma Theta Tau. The nursing students believed that even though it took a lot of hard work and dedication to be a nurse, those who were called to do it would thrive.





EDUCATION WITH A CHRISTIAN PURPOSE

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

We believe. You belong here. A phrase heard commonly among Olivet students. It is at the heart of Olivet—education centered on a common faith. This philosophy permeated through all of Olivet's departments, with faithful professors and curriculum taught with a Christian mindset. But what of the department that truly embodies that philosophy? Tucked away on the third floor of the Burke Administration Building were Olivet's Theology and Ministry students: individuals who had found their purpose in life through the school's mission statement. These students, training to be the next generation of leaders for the church, were what made ONU's Theology and Ministry department one of its most crucial departments. The department focused on cultivating its students into strong leaders and servants who are ready to bolster the church.

"There are a lot of classes about how to interact with people and how to meet the needs of the people," said senior Ministry major Kristy Kjell. The department's Christ-centered curriculum provides its students with practical as well as conceptual knowledge that they will be able to apply in their individual ministries. Aside from academics, the department serves as a community for fostering the growth of faith first and foremost.

"The department challenged my way of thinking," Sophomore Youth Ministry major David Spear said. Though the department teaches the Nazarene doctrine, students may come to find that faith, like many other aspects of humanity, is subjective. "Many of the professors think differently about faith and the church," Spear said, "and that is important in helping students to grow in their worldview. Getting to talk to professors who think differently than I do helps to strengthen what I believe." Not only were students challenged to strengthen their beliefs and worldview, but they were also strengthened by the community of fellow believers they found among their classmates and professors. "The faculty is spectacular," Spear said, "because I have yet to feel neglected. Never once have I felt like my time is being wasted, the professors genuinely care about whether or not I am learning." Kjell, in agreement, spoke of her own experiences. "I love how the professors cared about me and my well-being," Kjell said. And who could expect anything less from men and women who have made it their purpose in life to teach about the love and ministry of Jesus Christ? Students in the Theology and Ministry department felt the full impact of Olivet's mission statement in a department so Christ-centered.





PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

STUDY ABROAD

Many people dream of foreign lands and adventures in exotic locales. Those who do say their lives are forever changed. Study abroad students are among the few brave enough to leave the familiar behind, at least for a time, in the pursuit of knowledge. Olivet offered diverse study abroad programs that gave students the opportunity to travel to England, Japan, Ecuador, China, India, Costa Rica, Spain, and more.

"I grew up hearing about how much my mother regretted not studying abroad while she was in college," said junior Emily Lohr, "and knew before I even applied to Olivet that would not be making the same mistake."

Lohr traveled to Japan during the fall semester of 2015.

"The East Asia Institute program at Tokyo Christian University was amazing for so many reasons," Lohr said. "In the EAI program, you experience full integration with Japanese and other international students. All of the classes were dual language, with Japanese students studying alongside me and completing group projects with me."

Lohr was just one of many people who have taken advantage of Olivet's study abroad programs. Many students found themselves in unfamiliar countries learning not only for their concentration, but for the enrichment of their lives in general.

"I met with students upon their return," said Nancy Bonilla, the study abroad coordinator for the Spanish program, "and all of them have given me feedback about how much they have learned and have enjoyed their time abroad. Students said living in another country was not easy, but it was rewarding when they saw that after having spent years studying, they are truly able to connect with others."

Many people who have studied abroad have returned reporting a broadening of their worldview. "Not only do they learn the language and culture, but they also learn about themselves, how to interact with people of a different culture, and what God is doing in other countries," Bonilla said.

Students that took this opportunity said it allowed them to see how people from distant parts of the world live and think, giving the individuals a new context for life and culture, a context they said will surely carry with them for the rest of their lives.



AUTHENTIC



COMPETITION



"Cross-country has blessed me in so many more ways than I could have ever imagined! Growing up, I never thought I would even be running. I played every sport except running and I always thought runners were crazy for running for fun. Fast forward to my senior year of high school and I decided to give it a try, but I said for only one week. My coach convinced me to stay until the first meet. After that, I was hooked. Running has taught me so much more about myself. It has taught me that I can push myself to the limits and even when I think I can't go any further, I can still manage to push for a little longer. Running has brought me some of my best friends in the whole world. No one understands the life of a cross-country runner unless you have lived it. Running is hard. Not only physically, but emotionally and mentally. Your teammates truly become your family. If it wasn't for running, I would never be the person I am, and I probably wouldn't have chosen the career path of dietetics. Running cross-country isn't just something I do anymore; it is a part of me. It is a gift I feel like God has truly blessed me with, and as long as He allows me to do it, I want to continue to glorify Him with it."

-Sarah Ray



"Baseball has allowed me to be a part of one of the greatest groups of guys on campus. The camaraderie and fellowship on the team are big reasons why it is so enjoyable to play at ONU. We play for each other, and challenge each other to be better on and off the field."

-Kurtis Minton





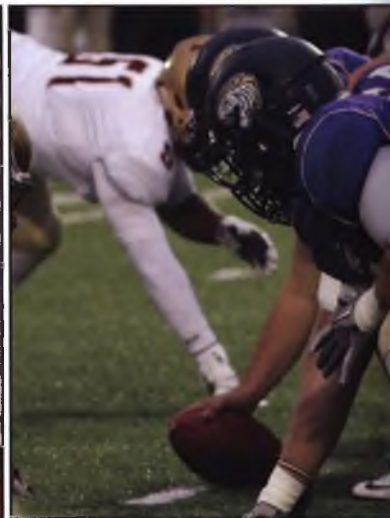
"Playing soccer at Olivet has created a brotherhood amongst my teammates and I that will last a life time. Soccer has the capability to bring together a group of guys as a team to achieve the same goal, and I am very close with every one of my teammates. Being close creates a great chemistry for the group, which is beneficial both on and off the field. I love each and every one of my past and present teammates, and I am proud to call them my brothers. I know that they will always be there for me, and I will always be there for them, no matter what."
-Joel Andrade



"If I had any advice for people in this world, it would be to be confident and secure in who you are. This life is too short to doubt yourself and to hold back who you really are. Be yourself, because you're unique for a reason. Don't let anyone tell you that you cant do something. Be passionate about whatever you do. Passion is life changing."
-Isabella Reisen



ON THE RISE



FOOTBALL

Playing in arguably the toughest NAIA football conference in the country, the 2015 Tiger Football team posted a 3-8 overall record and a 1-4 mark in the Mid-State Football Association (MSFA). Olivet started the season off with a big win over Midland University and then picked up back-to-back wins against Trinity International University (Ill.) and Missouri Baptist University midway through the season.

Defensively, the Tigers were led by six MSFA All-Conference selections in Thomas Dexter, Lucas Limberg, Sebastian Swift, Caleb Coe, Andrew Manganiello and Zane Burtron. Dexter posted nine sacks on the season to go with his 64 total tacks to earn First Team honors.

On the offensive side, the Tigers running game was led by fifth-year senior Michael Ho-Lewis who finished with 292 yards on 90 attempts, averaging 26.5 yards a game. Elvin Caldwell came on late, adding 221 yards in 73 attempts for 36.8 yards per game in just six appearances. Matthew Wray picked up most of the playing time behind the center, throwing for

10 touchdowns in 11 games, completing 156-of-292. Before a season ending injury in game three, Rashaan Gaymon was having a stellar season. In just three games, he had 20 receptions for 257 yards and three touchdowns. Adam Glanders then became Wray's favorite target, catching 54 passes for 513 yards and two touchdowns. Glanders earned MSFA Second Team All-Conference honors for the first time in his career.

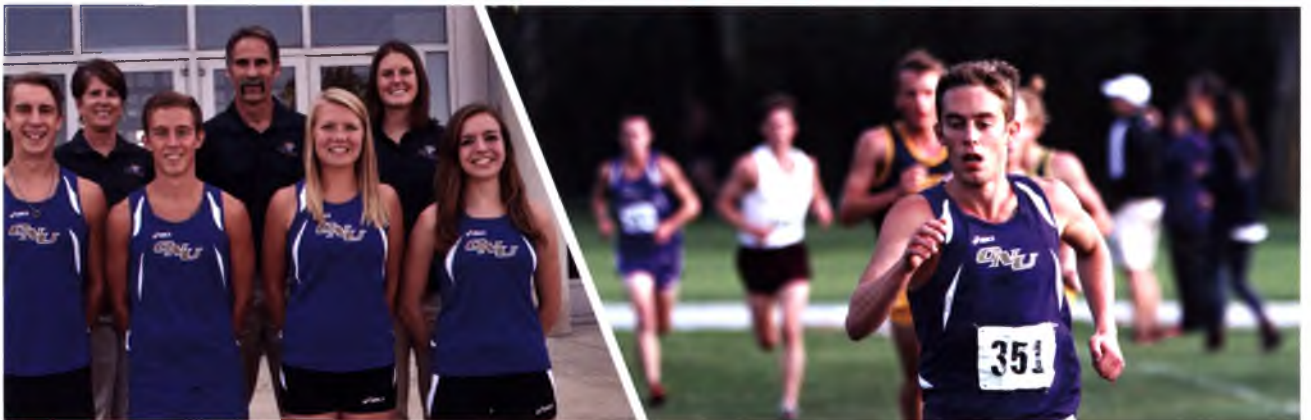
Dexter and Drew Philson were both recognized as CoSida Academic All-Americans for their performances on the field and in the classroom. The Tigers also had 18 players earn MSFA All-Academic honors and nine named NAIA -Daktronics Scholar-Athletes.

"The team played valiantly. There was no quit in them," said Associate Head Coach Nate Brown on the season. "As the season progressed, all units progressed statistically. The players on this year's team laid a great foundation for next year and provided reason to believe that Tiger Football is on the rise."

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GOING THE DISTANCE





CROSS COUNTRY

This year's Men and Women's cross country teams were something out of the 'norm'. As they worked toward their goal of competing in Nationals, the team created a unique determined and supportive atmosphere. Despite the fact that Cross Country is an individual sport and calls for personal motivation from its runners, Olivet's Cross Country team embraced the feeling of community that was embodied by the runners.

"It was nice to know that there were people there, looking out for you all the time," sophomore Heather Halverson said.

This community was added to by the sheer number of runners that were on the team. There were more than seventy runners on the team as a whole, so there was always someone to run with or talk to when the time came.

"I really like the feeling of accomplishment

that Cross Country provided," Halverson said. "It hurt sometimes, but I like running because it makes me feel like my body is capable of doing this thing, and it's hard, but you can still accomplish it."

The Men's team placed 2nd in the CCAC Championships and 10th in the NAIA National Championships. Dylan Creger and Caleb Drake led the team, Creger finishing 6th and Drake finishing 20th in a field of over 300 runners, both men earning NAIA All-American honors for their times.

The Women's team took the CCAC Championship, and finished 17th in the NAIA National Championship. The team was led by junior Sarah Ray, who finished 28th overall in the 300 strong field and earned her second career NAIA All-American honor.

SQUAD GOALS



“MY MOTIVATION FOR BEING A CHEERLEADER
COMES FROM MY LOVE OF THE SPORT AND MY LOVE
FOR THE PEOPLE”

CHEERLEADING

Every collegiate athlete has something that drives them. Some athletes are driven by the desire for victory, glory, or fame, but this year's cheerleading squad was driven by their love for the sport and for the people around them.

"My motivation for being a cheerleader comes from my love of the sport and my love for the people that I am able to do it with," said senior Morgan McCormick. "I am so proud of the squad and all that we have accomplished together this year. I couldn't have asked for a better group of teammates to spend my senior year with, and they will all be sorely missed."

With nine seniors, the squad had a lot of talent, experience, and wisdom. The new freshmen squad members had the chance to experience the maturity and friendships the seniors shared, and hoped to carry on the legacy. Throughout the year, the squad continually bonded and watched each other grow, and as a result formed lasting bonds.

"My favorite part about being on the cheer team is the

family," said senior Sayer Smith. "When you have to trust each other with each other's safety, a strong bond is formed, giving me friends that I'm sure will last a lifetime."

These strong friendships are what motivated and inspired these athletes to work hard and give their best to cheerleading.

Coach Karen Eylander considers her cheerleaders to be family as well. Eylander said, "I'll be really sad to see them go just because they're all kind of like my kids while they're here."

She described how this year's squad worked very well together and had a genuine love for their sport. Eylander's motivation for teaching is "seeing what [the cheerleaders] start out as and then what they finish as." Eylander loved seeing her cheerleaders grow and develop not only in their sport, but also in their maturity and in their relationship with God. These athletes pushed and motivated each other to improve in every aspect of their lives, making them true "squad goals".



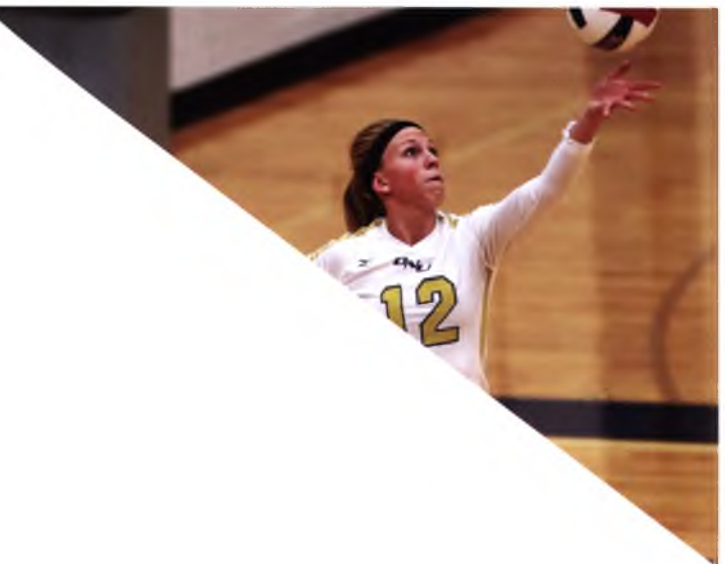
DEPTH

VOLLEYBALL

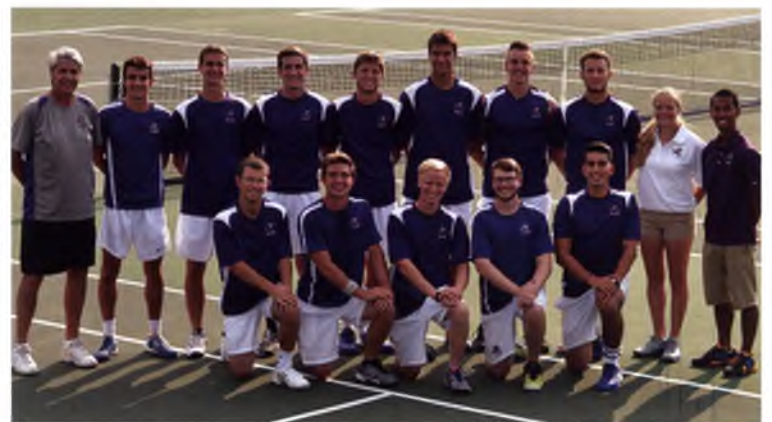
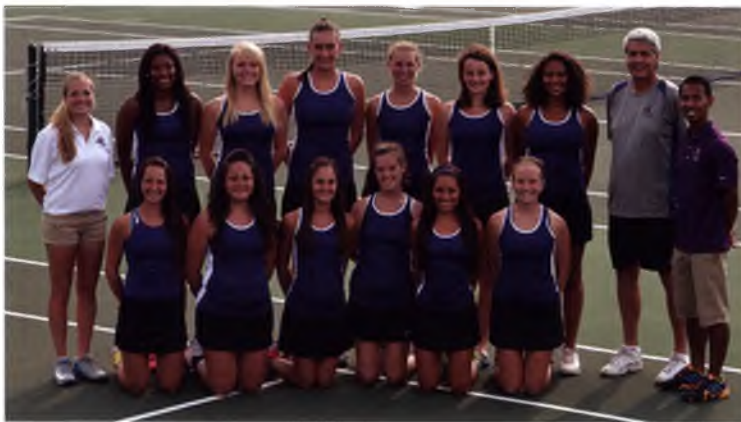
This team had "depth." Four players competed to play libero, the main defensive position. Another four played the middle position. Five players were outside hitters and junior hitter Taylor Delbridge dabbled in right-side hitting. Team setter senior Renee Enz worked hard to train freshman Ellie Adamson to replace her. With "unlimited subs," Olivet's volleyball team has grown since last year, head coach Brenda Williams said. With six incoming freshmen and two incoming juniors, the team's eight returners reaped the benefits of a larger team and a switch from a 6-2 offense to a 5-1 offense upon Williams' return. In the 2013-2014 season, Williams was out with a concussion for eight weeks. To add experience to depth, seniors "stepped into leadership" and the eight incoming freshmen looked up to them and competed with them, second season grad assistant Rachelle Wiegand said. One of those seniors, Becky DeRuiter, was moved from outside hitter to middle back. "If I had been here, I'd have put her in the middle when she was younger," Williams said. "Her mentality and quickness makes her a good fit for the position." In years past, the

Tigers had become more of an outside dominated team as the head coach, known for training middles, was unable to coach her team. A well-trained middle can "open up your offense." Junior Katie Tabisz has become more "offensive oriented" after getting more hits in the 5-1 offense. In the 6-2 offense she played well as a setter and hitter, but could focus on neither. Senior Renee Enz, the Tiger's team setter, has worked hard to be an example to freshman Ellie Adamson who may take over her position next year. Enz has found that Adamson holds her own. Senior Melissa Bartholomew returned to the Tigers after injuring her shoulder. "It's been a push to come back," Bartholomew said. "I started for 3 years." Bartholomew's drive reflects her team's verse of the year: 1 Timothy 4:12, a verse about youth leading by example. "Many people tell you that you can't do most things while you're young," Williams said. "As a Christian athletic team our goal is to be His example." The Tiger's hard work paid off as they finished the season with a conference record of 17-2.





NOTHING BUT LOVE



TENNIS

A dance party to “Wobble” after a morning practice highlighted the character of the women’s tennis team according to Olivet’s tennis team players. The team agreed the fun memories brought them so close they could call it a family.

“There were so many personalities on this team that there really was not ever a boring day,” said junior Faith Meitzler.

The variety of people on the team made every practice different and interesting in their opinion. Unexpected moments at practices, and the support each teammate gave one another during matches by cheering them on created a great sense of community.

“We became a family,” said head coach Chris Tudor.

Tennis can be a difficult sport that requires a certain mindset to be successful players said. Along with agility and strength, the team had to have the right attitude walking onto the court. A negative or pessimistic mindset could ruin a match for them; their mindset made a huge difference. Even with the difficulties, however, there were some very rewarding moments.

“The best feeling as a tennis player is when you hit a really good shot, and even your opponents give you their acknowledgement for it,” said junior Brooke Farley. “We got to feel that a lot this year.”

When someone hits a good shot in tennis, everyone notices, including the player, their coach, and their opponents. Hitting a great

shot gives them so much excitement and even an adrenaline rush. During that moment, they realize that all their hard work has finally paid off.

Tennis was an intense sport, mentally and physically, but the players agreed it was extremely rewarding. When Olivet’s team first walked onto the court and saw their opponents, the players recalled feeling intimidated and scared, but remembered to let go of their fears and have confidence in themselves and their teammates, which they said took them far as a team. In addition to the fun and games, the team was physically and mentally prepared, and thankful for the support and love received from their teammates. Resulting from dedication and hard work throughout the season, Priscila Nunez was named a NAIA Second Team All-American. The season for the men’s team ended with a record of 5-6, and Navarro Veys finished the season as being ranked number 18 in the nation. The team celebrated their successes and their friendships with each other, truly having nothing but love on and off the court.



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STRENGTH IN MIND AND TEAM





MEN AND WOMEN'S GOLF

Community—while an individual sport, that was what the 2016 golf teams were all about. Both the women's and men's golf team were very close and supportive of each other throughout their seasons. "We were more than a team, we are a family," said junior Lyndsey Herndon. Her favorite memory from this year was picture day where the team was simply enjoying each other's presence and taking fun pictures. Golf, like most sports, is a mental game so the players needed all the encouragement and support they could get from their team, but unlike other sports, golf is also an individual sport. While playing alone can be one of the harder parts of golf, senior Robert Wagner said, "The hardest part of golf is the weather." The weather is always unpredictable. With golf being an outside sport, players had to be ready for anything. They played in below freezing temperatures with wind and humid ninety degree temperatures. The

weather greatly affects how the players perform. Players agreed that they really got to see the determination and talent of a player when they are playing in the worst conditions.

The men's golf head coach Damon Jensen said his favorite part of coaching golf is "watching the development of the player through his four years at school both as a golfer and a person."

It takes a long time to become good at golf because it is a tough sport. Herndon and Wagner have both been playing for about six years, but there is always room for improvement no matter how long you have been playing. Golfing takes experience and lots of practice. Wagner said that this year's team was the best team they have had since he has been at Olivet. The golf team is hopeful for more successful seasons and an even stronger team community.



MOTIVATION

TRACK AND FIELD





Enduring pain, repetition and freezing temperatures took much dedication and motivation for the Track and Field team as they trained in order to compete at their fullest potential. Although it was tough, the rigorous practices, personal drive and camaraderie between runners made the team successful.

"Track and field can be extremely repetitive, maybe mundane at times," said Head Coach Mike McDowell. "The toughest part of our sport was maintaining that high level of motivation when you're out of season and throughout the competitive schedule."

Running miles and miles can wear on the endurance, but the team fought through the mundane to prepare for the season. The athletes agreed that it was not easy but, for those who were completely dedicated to the sport, it was worth it.

"My favorite part of track was the camaraderie we made with our teammates," said senior Jacob Armbrust, who threw shot put. Armbrust had participated in track since he was ten years old, and continued to work hard to succeed over his years at Olivet, as well as develop relationships with the other shot put and discus track members on the team.

"They were more than teammates, they were my roommates," Armbrust said as he explained how he had formed many great friendships through the sport. According to the coaches, close relationships were crucial for the track team.

"For college track and field teams across the country, one of the biggest challenges was having a strong team atmosphere on large, diverse teams," Assistant Coach Nicole Farr said.

With the varied events to compete in, the team consisted of a wide variety of people. While it could be difficult for all the team members to come together as a whole, the team overcame the challenge and succeed both individually and as a team. The men's team captured the ONU qualifier title and finished third at Challenge. Armbrust set a new shot putt record, and Caleb Drake, Chris Aschemann, and Dylan Creger made it to Nationals. The women's team achieved many accomplishments as they took third place at the Chicagoland Invite, and second place at the ONU invite. Tiffany Ray joined the NAIA National Qualifiers, and Amy Blucker set a new school record with second best throw in NAIA.

A RECORD SPLASH

MEN AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

After spring break 2016, the Olivet Men's Swimming team cam home NAIA National Champions and the women's swimming team finished runners-up. The teams made a record splash, as this was the first NAIA National Championship in Olivet's collegiate athletic team's history.

"We knew we had it in each other to take home the trophy and we reminded ourselves of that end goal every chance we got, all throughout the season," said senior Calvin Price told Sarah Ortman in an interview with the GlimmerGlass. The men scored a total of 713.5 points, beating their closest opponent by nearly 115 points and the women's team scored 502.5 points at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) championship held in Columbus, Georgia. The team's success was not easily earned. The swimmers spent over twenty-one hours a week practicing long and hard hours in order to compete. They practiced three mornings a week,

every single night, and even Saturdays.

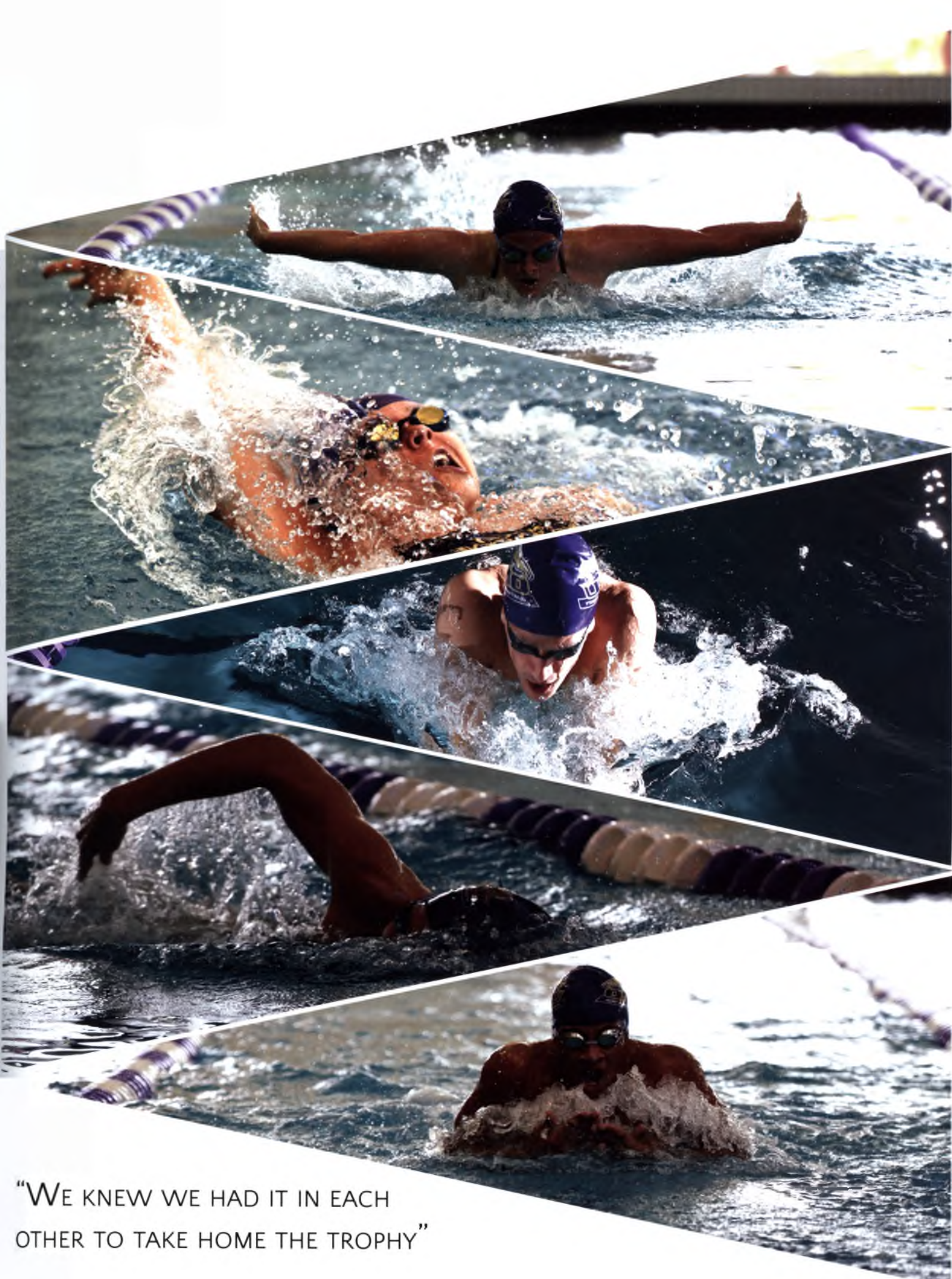
"My favorite part of swimming was cheering for each other," said junior Tiffany Ray said. The 2016 team had a very strong support system, which carried them through to the championship.

"We have a strong group of friends that look out for each other," said Sophomore Kristena Poll.

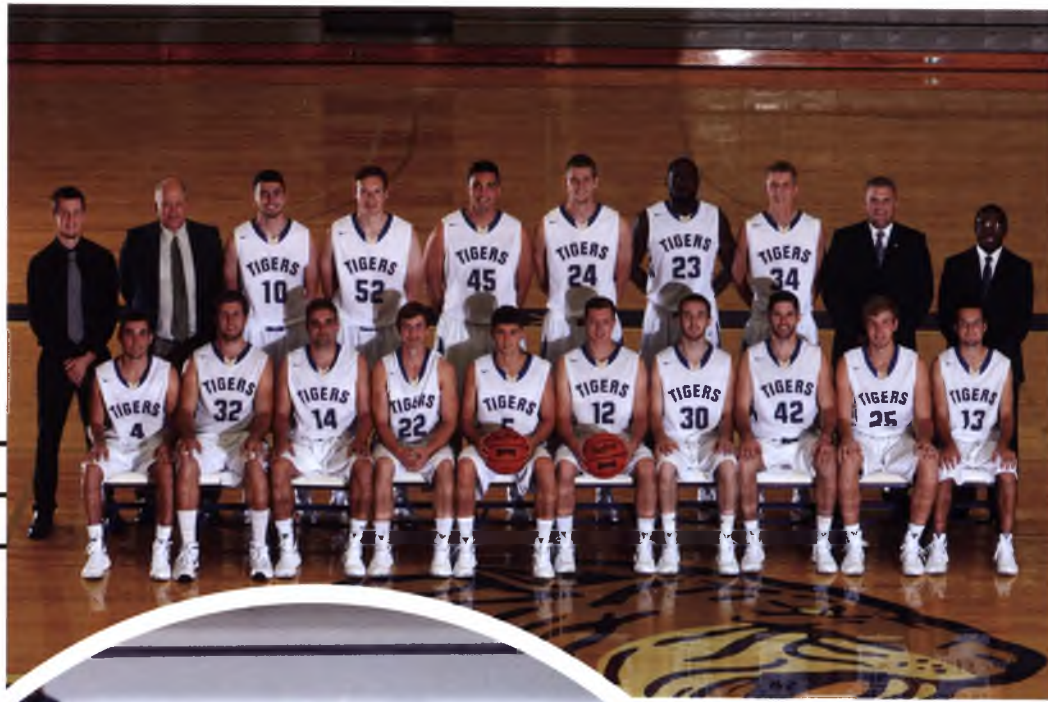
Diving, as well as swimming, was a very challenging sport, mentally and physically.

"Diving is an extremely mental sport and it takes a ton of character to get up on the board to do a dive that might just terrify you," said Graduate assistant diving coach Connor Howard. Divers had to overcome this fear every time they step foot on the board. Being successful at diving took a lot of courage and precision, as well as a lot of practice. According to Howard, he enjoyed watching the divers grow and improve over the season, which they did greatly, contributing to the team's overall successful season.





“WE KNEW WE HAD IT IN EACH OTHER TO TAKE HOME THE TROPHY”



COURT HEROES



MEN'S BASKETBALL

An integral part of Tiger sports, the men's Basketball team has been supported by students and alumni alike. The homecoming basketball game is always one of the most anticipated parts of Olivet's annual homecoming weekend and the team has gone on to many victories in the CCAC—the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

"I love the aspects of collegiate athletics," said the team's Grad Assistant Antonio Marshall. "The competition and the spirit was very inspiring." The team had many accomplishments in the previous years, including awards of Conference Regular Season Co-Champ and Tourney Champ by the CCAC in the 2014-15 season. The 2016 team was similar, with a season that was filled with great plays by talented players.

Not only did competition and the spirit of play drive the team this season, but the players were also filled with determination and compassion for each other and for the sport.

"They were a determined, hard-working group of guys," said Head Coach Ralph Hodge. "The real story of Tiger basketball has always been the players; they've been the real heroes of this program and this season was no different."

The student body cheered them on with every exciting game making it an unforgettable year for both the crowd and the players, according to the team. The Tigers finished the season strong with a conference record of 17-4.

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BUILT TO LAST

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

With ninety-degree heat, an open arena, birds flying overhead and officials shouting in Spanish, the Olivet women's basketball team experienced their sport together like never before as they had the opportunity to play in Puerto Rico over Thanksgiving break. The teammates all highlighted the trip as an unforgettable, bonding experience for the team.

"The relationships I built with the players, the relationships the players built with one another, and the relationships we all built with the Lord are the things that really last," said Head Coach Lauren Stamatis. The coach shared that this year's team was one of the most talented teams she has had so far at Olivet and that the friendships that formed among the teammates were very strong.

"I came in as a freshman super nervous and they all became my best friends in no time at all," said freshman Sierra Riley, who agreed that the team was her favorite part of playing basketball at Olivet. They helped her fit in right away; the combination of the players' sense of humor, acts of love, and devotion to the sport made being on the basketball team a great and fun-filled experience. Despite tearing her ACL in both knees just a few years before she graduated high school, Riley worked very hard to become an Olivet tiger and is glad that she did.

The team gained four new players this year, two freshmen and two transfers who all fit in right away. Like Coach Stamatis, assistant coach Brooke Peterson said,

"My favorite part of coaching basketball was being able to build relationships with the girls on the team." Coaches and players agreed that the strong bonds the players and coaches had with each other were what made the team truly successful. They supported each other, helped each other out when needed, were very welcoming to new players, and most of all made the sport fun. The team had many exciting victories throughout the season, including a win against Holy Cross, Number five ranked St. Francis, IUSB, Ashford, as well as other competitive schools. In January, Abbey Hengesbach scored her 1,000th point against Holy Cross. The team achieved an outstanding season record of 29-6, and Hengesbach, to cap off her incredible career at Olivet, was named the 2016 NAIA National Player of the Year. According to the players, without the incredible relationships they had with one another, the team would not have been the same.





“MY FAVORITE PART OF COACHING BASKETBALL IS BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS”

PLAYING IN THE PRESENT



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SOFTBALL

Teammates—the most important part of any sports team. Whether the softball team won or lost a game, the team was always there to support and encourage each other.

“My favorite part of softball at Olivet is the great friendships I have made with my teammates,” said senior softball player Katie Megyesi.

According to Megyesi, the team means everything to her and she loves competing against softball teams at the collegiate level. Every game, the players said, was a new challenge for the team because they did not know what to expect from the other team. They played their hardest, hoped for the best and rolled with whatever happened without looking back on the past.

“In softball, you have to have a short-term memory,” said head coach Hannah Gardner. “Players have to concentrate on what they are doing in that present moment, even if that means forgetting what just happened in the last inning.”

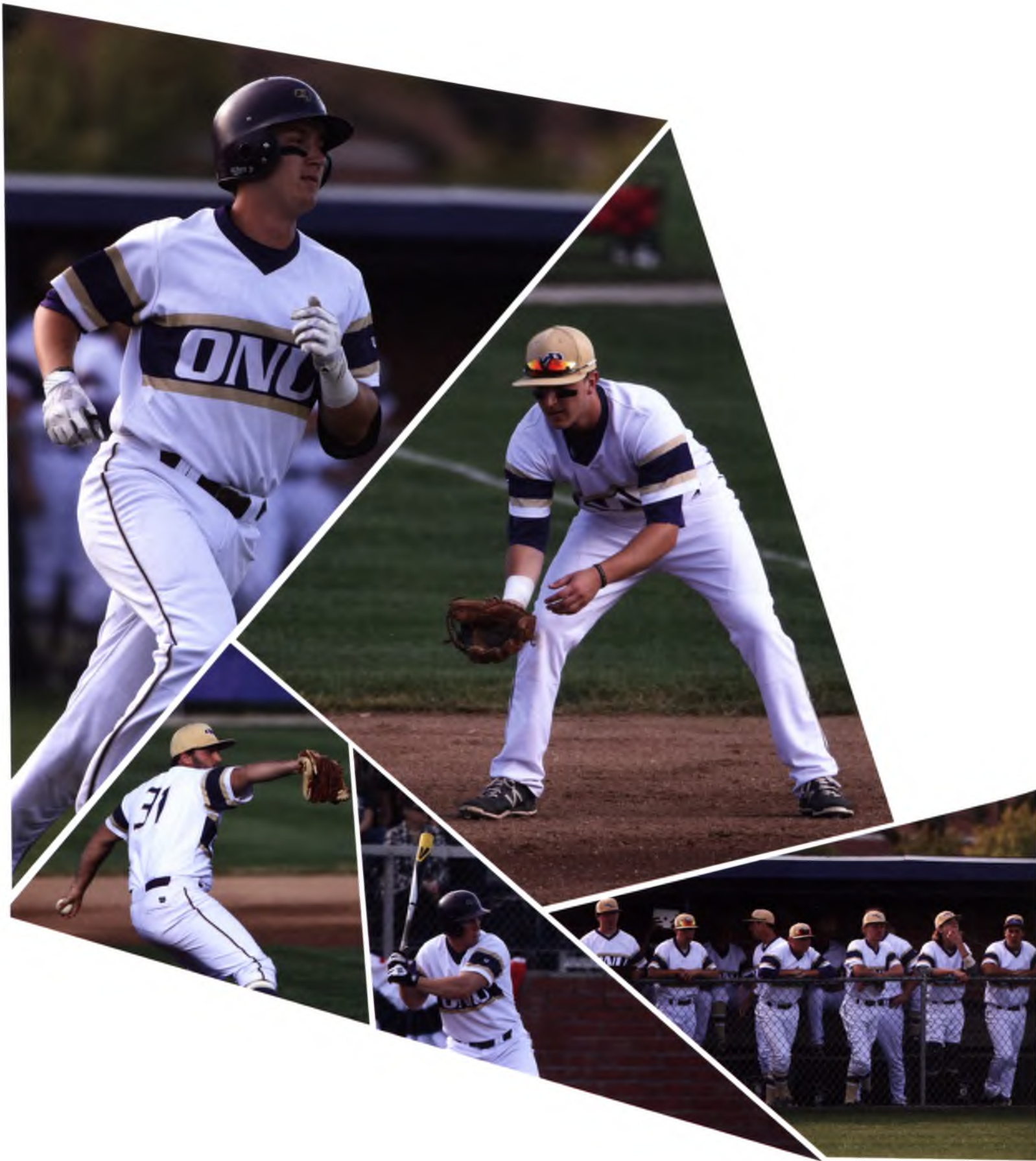
Nothing they did could change the past. Playing in the present moment was the philosophy that made the softball team successful. In addition to forgetting the past, they also did not think about the end result. Concentrating on the present moment, players believed

would make the most of the end result. Softball players have the whole team to depend on if they are not doing their best, but it could be hard to keep the morale. One challenge the team faced was trying to stay optimistic and confident in themselves.

“It’s easy to get down on yourself,” said assistant coach Jordy Truelock, “but that is why softball is a team sport, so your teammates can lift you up when you are feeling down.”

The softball team has always been a second family to Truelock. According to her, they are always there for her, and nothing could ever change that. Being on the softball team at Olivet was more than just the sport; it was the close relationships they formed with their team. Without these relationships, the team would not be as successful as they were. Over Spring Break, the team had the opportunity to play in Arizona. The Lady Tigers wrapped up play at the Tucson Invitational on Saturday, March 12, and returned home with an impressive 12-6 overall record, after finishing 11-3 on the week.

THE COLLECTIVE "WE"





BASEBALL

The Tiger Baseball team played hard this year and worked to include a team mentality in all their practices and games throughout the season. Foul balls and home runs were all celebrated together as a team rather than focusing on individual performance over everything else.

"Last year I felt like a few of us got wrapped up in the individual stats and attention of the game instead of focusing on our teammates and the win column, but this year it was different," said sophomore Nick Campe. "Everything we hit, throw, and field was done with the mindset of "we."

With the mindset that they could only get better together, the team spent the season building responsibility and accountability to each other through every inning, all while playing the game that they love. "We loved to have lots of fun during practice, and stay loose and enjoy just being able to play college baseball," said junior Blake Uhlman. This continual team building made it possible for the players to appreciate individual contribution to team success through the whole season while getting to see the improvement in the team as a whole by understanding that the improvement took work from everyone. "Through all the blood, sweat and tears, we have created a band of brothers, through the 'we' mentality that we carry," said freshman Ryan Mills. The Tigers started off their season strong with only one conference loss and swept the board by taking both Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Player and Pitcher of the Week. By the power of the collective "we" the team went on to have a successful 2016 season.



MENTALLY TOUGH

MEN'S SOCCER

hill sprints, mud dives, suicides—these are signs of hard work and commitment. The men's soccer team did not settle for the easy route, but instead put in the work and reaped the results. Although they said they were disappointed that they did not return to nationals for the first time in four years, they ended the season with a winning record.

"We believe that hard work, dedication, positive attitude and mental toughness play a major role in consistent and long term success," said head coach David Blahnik. The team hoped to bring a challenge to the other teams at nationals next year.

More importantly than a record, the men bonded and became a tight group.

"Our coaches were great leaders," said junior Davis Domagalski, "and the team was full of great guys. Some of my best friends

here at school were from the soccer team. It has been a great program to be a part of." Being close with other members of the team is important to their soccer games; it allowed them to work together and be an effective team. Players and coaches encouraged "an atmosphere where players keep each other accountable and help one another out when they are struggling." The team's goals were achieved not only by talent but by hard work and dedication. These things and the strong bond that the team formed worked together to create a productive and powerful soccer team. The team was able to accomplish a record of 12-5 and they hoped their mental toughness would continue to bring the team success.

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NEVER FORGOTTEN

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tieng the number one team in the country was an amazing accomplishment for the women's soccer team this season. After they made a comeback in the second half of the game with two goals taking them into double overtime, Olivet tied with Lindsey Wilson College. Not only did they tie with the number one ranked school, but they also beat the number four ranked school, Cumberland, and broke some school records. The team was ranked among the top twenty-five teams in the NAIA coaches' poll.

Olivet's soccer team was very successful this year, but they could not have done it without their supportive teammates and soccer is a mental game, according to senior Ana Gomez.

"For example, if you made a bad pass or took a bad shot, a soccer player had to develop mental toughness to overcome the mistakes, learn from it, and not let it influence the way the rest of the game was played," said Gomez.

Gomez began playing soccer in England when she was about eleven years old. She played club and high school soccer, was on the Scottish Women's Premier League and then played for the ONU Tigers. Gomez was an important asset to the team, as were all the players. Since soccer is such a mentally challenging game, the players said they needed all the support they could get.

"It was such a positive atmosphere that our team really was a family," said freshman Amanda Roche.

The team got along with each other very well and pushed each other to do their very best. With this past season being her first year on the team, Roche said that it was inspiring playing with such great leaders.

Head coach for the women's soccer team, Bill Bahr said he enjoyed watching the players grow in the sport and grow as people. "I love Christ, I love young people, I love to teach, I love ministry, and I love soccer," said Bahr. He was the most proud to see his players commit themselves fully to the Lord.

"Great wins and championships are easily remembered," Bahr said, "but when one's name is written in the Book of Life, it is never forgotten."

The sport was very important to him, but he expressed that the Lord was most important of all. A few of the highlights of the 2015 season included the four Tigers who earned NAIA Daktronics Scholar Athlete honor, and Betsy Hetrick, Liz Wahl, and Sarah Vrosh earned NAIA All-America honors. Hetrick was also named CCAC Player of the Year. With Christ, hard work and supportive teammates, the soccer team said they had a very successful year. The Lady Tiger's success was evident by their conference record, 10-2.





WORK HARD PLAY HARD

INTRAMURALS

Intramurals were a way to have an atmosphere for fun competition, yet enjoy the time away from the busyness of life, according to intramural coordinator Tom Ward.

"Having intramurals is important because it is an important way that we can serve the students of Olivet," Ward said.

"College students are just busy people involved in so many things, having stress filled lives with homework, classes and jobs and different things. We just try to cultivate an environment of competitive sports, and just an opportunity to meet new people and have fun."

Activities such as these aimed to bring back the unity among students as the semesters go on, reminding them that a little fun is always important.

"I love the intramurals because the focus is competitive fun through many options of sports," said junior Joy Katenkamp. "Teams are also working together to earn championship T-shirts which are kind of a big deal."

The games provided a way for people to have fun and relax with their peers, and the diversity of sports allows the students to find a sport that fits them. Providing opportunities for the Olivet family to come together and enjoy nights of competitive sports, as well as a chance to focus on the importance of fun and laughter is important to have throughout their time on campus, according to participants.



ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

BLACK PENGUINS & LADY PENGUINS



The Black Penguins Ultimate Frisbee Team had an intense season as they trained for tournaments and worked towards Nationals. Seeing Nationals in the team's past motivated the Penguins to push themselves even harder to make it back to the competition.

"I like being on the team for the competitive aspect of playing the game and just being able to be active," said sophomore Kellen Lake.

Other players echoed this and also commented on the feeling of camaraderie that was shared among teammates.

"It's a brotherhood," said sophomore Caleb Hannah. "We know that all the guys have got our backs anytime and that is definitely my favorite part of being on the team."

The team agreed that tournaments are one of the most exciting things that they do since the tournaments are a chance to hang out, play the sport and go on a road trip with friends on the team. Tournaments also provide opportunities for fun during the game.

"To celebrate, everyone on the field for the first point after halftime ran through the end zone over to the tent designed for relaxing after games," said sophomore Noah Wilson when asked to describe a game full of Penguin points. "We all jumped onto the couches and put up our feet. We eventually made it back to the sideline and we ended up winning the game."

The Black Penguins worked hard and played hard preparing for the games ahead. The Lady Penguins started the year with a younger team than usual and an eye on having fun while they improved their game.

"We had to get to this tournament super early and we were all parked together so we cranked up the music in our cars," said co-captain Alyssa Pifer recalling a tournament in October, "and we were dancing around in the parking lot. It was a lot of fun."

Growing together as friends and teammates did not get lost in the enjoyment and exertion of practices and games. Bible studies and road trips to tournaments were chances to build up friendships on the team.

"I love that I get to make all these friends where some are upperclassmen, some are underclassmen, and they're from all different parts of the school," said freshman Samantha Schultz. Since the team is a club sport, any athlete can join to learn and play the game with the other Lady Penguins.

"It's really fun getting to see the girls grow from the beginning of the school year to our tournaments in the spring," said co-captain Hannah Schmerschneider.

Improving from amateurs to winning games was a challenge for the team as a whole, and in 2016 they more than rose to the occasion.



AUTHENTIC



ART



"Music means a lot to me for two reasons. One, it helps me express myself in a different way. And two, I accepted Christ through music, which is why worship is my favorite way of glorifying the Lord. The best thing about music is that it impacts everyone, maybe not in the same way but it has the power to really move you."

-Paul Davison



"I am passionate about creating. God has blessed more than I could ever imagine or ask for, and I believe it's my privilege and duty to use the gifts that He has given me to glorify Him and create beautiful and meaningful things, whether that be singing or taking a photo or creating something with my hands. Art has given me a voice and a means to communicate the things that I've been learning as I grow into who I'm becoming and who Christ is shaping me to be."

-Michael-Andrew Spalding





"For me, art is a diverse amalgam that helps human beings express themselves with beauty. In my life, music has been that art. Being Puerto Rican, I can say that popular traditional music has had a great effect in the definition of the culture of my island, as well in myself, and to a certain extent, it comes to define individuals. With my saxophone and the ability the Lord gave me to play it, I can worship Him with the art of music. I intend to become a doctor in medicine and hope to study much more about neural and cognitive effects of music in humans. I am honored to work with music, the art that God himself created."

-Alexander Freytes Campos



"Art is the outpouring of thoughts, of wonder, of dreams, of reality. Every piece is meant to draw in, capture, and evoke feeling from those experiencing it, which will each leave the piece changed. A part of them has been expended and filled. Music is just the same. A song can emote joy, fear, sorrow, taking listeners out of their own circumstances and into another world in which nothing exists but this interwoven line of melodious moments. And yet, the listeners are simultaneously brought into a whirlwind of memories of their own pasts, inspired by the spark of emotion that the music has provided, joining all listeners together for that brief time."

-Hayley Marcordes

STAGES OF LIFE

BROADWAY REVUE



While not letting life pass them by, the Green Room artists let life pass by their audience as they showcased a production of the different stages of life in their Broadway Revue performance. From behind the scenes to the night of performance, the cast connected with the audience through the different scenes that related all too well to the happenings of life. Each production walked the audience through the years of early childhood, to teenage angst, to finding a place in the adult life. The audience was in uproar with appraisal and rounds of applause. What made this production extraordinary were the directors that helped put this together. "The show was all about different stages of life," said senior Hannah Martin, "and the directors are actually all different ages. So they all have different years of experiences in the show and the dynamics brought different perspectives to the show to make it unique,

new and exciting. With the content that they created, they definitely executed it well."

With the quality of the production, hard working people were definitely behind the making.

"Being a new director has definitely been a new learning experience" said sophomore Hope Morris, lead director of the production. "It has been stressful but very very rewarding. I love getting to create a story that flows and also create smiles from my actors and audience."

An important aspect of theater to the performers was leaving the audience with something to remember, and sophomore Paul Hubbard wished the same.

"I wanted the audience to find enjoyment through this," Hubbard said. "And be able to reflect on what their lives can be in the future." Audience members and performers agreed, it was definitely a night for jovial emotions, reflection, and true theatrical fun.



RAW EMOTION

FALL PLAY: WIT

Theater is more than just entertainment; it impacts the audience's lives. 2016's fall play, "Wit" by Margaret Edson, was about a woman's battle with cancer. Ashley Sarver played the lead role of Dr. Vivian Berring, the cancer victim and even shaved her head for this performance. "Yes, I have a huge dedication to theater, but it goes deeper than that. By shaving my head, I was honoring everyone who had struggled with cancer," Sarver told Nathan DiCamillo in an interview for GlimmerGlass.

Sarver's grandpa passed away from cancer right before the weekend of the first opening, according to DiCamillo's interview with Sarver. Sarver's character was going through the same things that her grandpa was going through, and her character could relate to it. "Wit" was an emotional play that made people think more deeply about their lives. "It's a fearful journey knowing that we're all going to die, but this play shows that, although there is fear of the unknown, it's the journey to the next step," said school play director and Communications professor, Jerry Cohagen in an interview

with Lauren Stangle for the GlimmerGlass. Sarver also learned a lot about life from the play. She told DiCamillo that life is more than just our personal achievements; it is the simple things that matter in life. We are not just who others label us to be. Cohagen hoped people would still come to the play despite the serious subject matter. He said that even though the subject of the play is sad, there was still some humor in it, according to his interview with Stangle. This play had an influence on the audience in how we are living our lives.

"My favorite part of theater itself is that it tells stories that a lot of times people wouldn't hear otherwise," cast member Hope Morris told Access ONU. Many people know someone battling cancer, and "Wit" portrayed the true side of it. It showed what life is about and what really matters. "Wit" was an emotional play that not only entertained, but also impacted the lives of the people in the audience.









THE WEEKEND WONDER

ORPHEUS VARIETY SHOW

With just a week to prepare, the Orpheus Choir went all out to put together the Orpheus Variety Show in the fall. Rehearsals ran late and friends got closer as the show time neared.

"It's inspiring to see our family work together and work diligently in order to do our task well," said president Daneli Rabanalez.

While acts may not always be perfect, the audience does not mind as they are entertained by the singers. During the show itself, the audience gets to see a side of Orpheus Choir that does not often find its way onstage.

"Being onstage and making a complete fool out of yourself is a big part of what the Variety Show is," said sophomore Jayme Putney.

Among the favorite acts in the show were the men's rendition of "My Heart Will Go On," along with the opening and closing numbers that included dance moves called "fruit basket" and

"disco basket."

"My favorite act was the belly button song," said junior Karah Lain. "The performers were so serious about it, which made it all the more amusing, and the choreography was perfect. I watched it from backstage during all four shows." The Orpheus Variety Show was all about making music, having fun, and laughing; this year, the singers agreed that they definitely achieved that goal.

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THE CHRISTMAS CAROLS OF CENTENNIAL

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

While the crowds bustled and the children laughed, people everywhere hurried to get their seats, if they were lucky enough to get one in the crowded auditorium. The lights dimmed and everyone waited in silent anticipation. Then, the first notes of the Olivet's orchestra floated over the crowd in a wonderful array of Christmas sounds. The smiling voices of the Olivetians joined in with the sound of the strings. Sounds of the Season had returned. For the much anticipated event, the entire Olivet School of Music came together to put on this annual event, Sounds of the Season for a crowd of over 3,000 people, including Olivet students and the community of Bourbonnais and Kankakee. From the marching band to the jazz band, to the flautists and the harpists, musicians of all types played their hearts out in glorious Christmas song. Many different choirs, such as Orpheus, Gospel and Apollo were able to showcase their talents and use their voices to praise God and celebrate Christmas.

This event was very important to the school and to the community.

"It was an opportunity to feature a lot of different groups from the school," said head of the School of Music Dr. Don Reddick. "It was our gift back to the university and community, a chance to say thank you for supporting the Arts at ONU."

The quality of the music at this year's Sounds of the Season was heard to be unmatched. Voices and instruments created beautiful music that was unprecedented at Olivet, according to

Reddick.

"I do believe the quality of this year's program was the best yet," Reddick said.

For example, two beloved music professors, Dr. Paul Kenyon and Dr. Karen Ball performed a piano duet that blew the crowd away. Few students usually get to see their teachers perform and excel at what they do best, making this a special opportunity for music students.

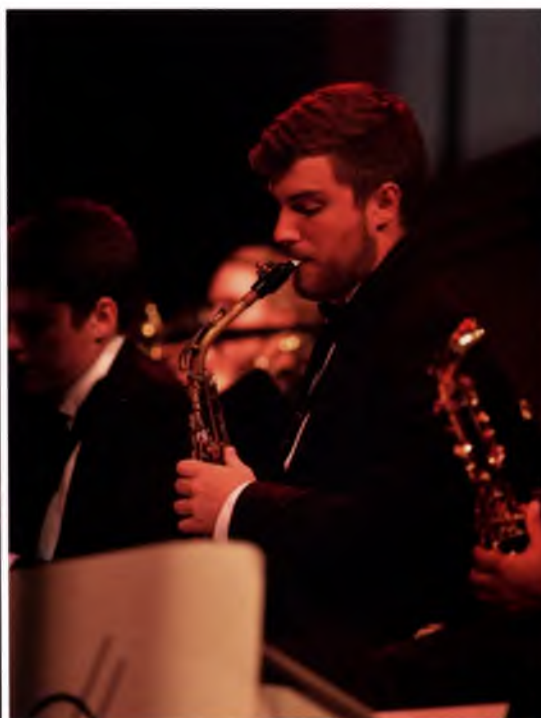
"I think this year's event was spectacular," said sophomore harpist Katie Obi Obasi. "I was floored by the outstanding, talented people we have here at Olivet. I am proud of all of those who performed and grateful for the amazing professors."

Olivet certainly did not lack in skill, and professors made sure to uphold this standard.

"I believe that skillful, excellent music making can be a real and powerful witness," said conductor of the University Orchestra and Concert Singers Dr. Neal Woodruff. "Credible craftsmanship must be part of credible worship and witness."

Many appreciated when the university president Dr. Bowling came onto the stage during the song Silent Night.

"My favorite part of the second half is when Dr. Bowling read the Christmas story," Reddick said. "Even though we have done it for several years, it still felt special. I think it is great that we are an institution that places the Christmas story at the featured spot in the program."





SING HALLELUJAH

MESSIAH

From cathedrals to family tables, people have sung the Messiah, or pieces of it like the Hallelujah chorus, for centuries all over the world. One of the locations in which it has been found is none other than Olivet's own campus.

"This was Olivet's eightieth year performing it," said head of the school of music Dr. Don Reddick when asked about Olivet's performance of the piece.

An instrumental part of coordinating the performance, Dr. Reddick spoke very proudly of the event, which has always been a significant undertaking for practically the entire department. The students worked incredibly hard, learning the incredibly difficult music for months.

"The university orchestra and all university choirs participated to make this event possible this year," Reddick said. "We started rehearsals halfway through the semester to make sure it was as well done as possible."

The music, written during the Baroque period of art, is incredibly complex, and is an extreme challenge to learn.

"From an instrumental standpoint, the Messiah was super challenging," said junior music major Leandra Decatoria. "I absolutely loved the music, but it was extremely hard to learn and play."

Sandra Reedy, a member of the community who has attended the Messiah production every year for the past decade shared that she enjoyed the beautiful music.

"I love the ambience I see every year," said Reedy when asked why she attended so faithfully. "It's always very calming and you can feel the joy of the Lord very deeply through the music." Reedy expressed the true meaning of the concert and the reason for the season. "It is always our Christmas gift back to the community," Reddick said when asked why the tradition has carried on so long.

Eighty years faithfully devoted to a magnificent testament to the joy and glory of the Lord has affected many in both Olivet's community, and outside of it.

SOUNDS LIKE FAMILY

ORPHEUS CHOIR





Long rehearsals and weekend tours bring Orpheus together throughout the busyness of the school year. The hard work of rehearsal is offset by jokes, prayer and family bonding. “Dr. Bell did a great job of making a tight-knit family of seventy-four people,” said sophomore Jayme Putney. “He made sure that we could rely on each other through prayer.” Game nights and retreats were planned with strengthening friendships in mind. “I love that we are a family which prays for each other, encourages each other and supports one another,” said president Daneli Rabanalez. Tours gave the choir a chance to deepen relationships, and Dr. Bell a chance to hand out awards for whatever he deems worthy once the tour is over.

“I left my pillow behind in a host home during a tour and had to ask the host family if I could go back and get it,” said sophomore Steven Case. “When we got back, I was awarded the Steven Pillow Case award.” Their ministry through music students said could be appreciated when preparing for a performance. Songs like *Amor de Mi Alma* provide opportunities for Orpheus to share their love for each other and for God with those who sit in the seats to hear them.

“I LOVE THAT WE
ARE A FAMILY”

FREEDOM TO PRAISE

GOSPEL CHOIR

One of Olivet's most consistently enthusiastic choral ensembles this year was its Proclamation Gospel Choir. Under the direction of Professor Jasper Taylor, this choir lived into the grand tradition of passionate Gospel music through its passionate members and lively music choices.

"My favorite part of Gospel Choir was the freedom to praise how we like," said junior member Tatiana Diaz. "The energy in the music and the depth of the lyrics was wonderful. I love how, as a group, we could have fun during rehearsal while learning new music." The members of the choir worked together and shared their passion in every performance.

"My favorite part of being in Gospel Choir this year was the community and the fact that we were all there to worship," said junior Connor Berg, "not just to sing and not just to sound good, but to praise God through music."

This praise was evident to all who attended their shows. Each singer overflowed with energy and zeal with every note and chord. Their infectious joy spread to every concert, every performance.

"They were all very respectable and polite," said member of Olivet's Apollo Choir Dakota Hunter when asked what it was like singing with the Gospel Choir for Sounds of the Season. "When they appeared in a choir setting, they were very focused, both individually and collectively. They also appeared to be very passionate about their music and bringing praise to God."

Gospel Choir was a perfect example of how God can work through music as the choir sang their hearts out and brought a piece of the kingdom not only to Olivet's campus, but to the community as well.

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A DIFFERENT TYPE OF OUTREACH



APOLLO CHOIR

Set apart from other musical groups on Olivet's campus, the Apollo Choir performed strictly secular music, including jazz, pop and Broadway tunes. By singing secular music, Apollo Choir could get into places that they otherwise would not have been able to. Their quality music pulled in the secular world and allowed them to appreciate the gifts that God gave to these students.

These students loved sharing the light of Christ and the gifts he has given them through secular music this year. "It was a lot of people that were passionate about music," said sophomore Sarah Albertson, "and that passion was infectious."

They had a passion for sharing their gifts with a crowd that was different from the norm. This passion brought them

together and allowed them to share this love for music with each other.

"Apollo Choir provided an opportunity for students who enjoyed singing to come together, build friendships and sing," said Apollo Choir director Dr. Don Reddick. "They were talented, fun to be around, and knew how to give 100 percent."

Apollo Choir showed Christ by being a light and sharing their passion for music in a different way through secular music. Because they were not the typical Christian college choir, they were able to reach secular crowds outside of Olivet. This became their new outreach, and their unique ministry.

SOUND OFF

SOUND FOUNDATION

Sound Foundation's second year of performing was even better than its first. As the only show choir at a Christian college or university, Sound Foundation had their work cut out for them as they grabbed the audience's attention at Sounds of the Season, and various competitions throughout the year.

"I'll never forget the first time this group took the stage," said assistant director Ben Geeding. "When the lights hit and the audience cheered, I could sense this surge of energy course through their collective presence. They were there to make a statement and they succeeded."

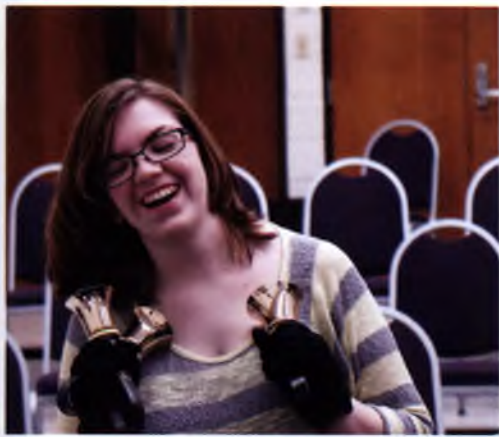
The same statement was made in Manteno when Sound Foundation made a guest appearance at Manteno High School's Show Choir Invitational.

"Not only was it a great showing for Olivet, but I believe that it was a great witness to Christ through the actions of the individual members of our group," said sophomore Josh Dille. Trips to competitions and guest appearances at high school invitational highlighted this school year for the members of the group. Through the long year, the choir supported each other and worked hard at rehearsals.

"We saw each other when things are great and when things are not so great," said sophomore Olivia Loew. "The camaraderie that formed among the members contributed greatly to the impressive performances."

The members of Sound Foundation agreed that they made good progress this year, setting the stage for the years ahead in the show choir world at Olivet.





GIVE THEM A HAND

HANDBELL CHOIR

The sound of ringing followed the Handbell Choir wherever they went. Rehearsals and performances were positive experiences for instrumentalists and audiences alike. According to the musicians, practices had a lighthearted atmosphere where learning and rehearsal was surrounded with smiles and enjoyment.

"Practice was always amusing," said junior Julie Shreves. "We got practice in, and we also got lots of laughs in, as we talked about random topics during breaks."

Their bells could be heard resounding and harmonizing at concerts like Sounds of the Season where they played complicated pieces often requiring hand fulls of bells and special techniques.

Classic pieces were tackled alongside some

that were more adventurous choices for the choir to take on.

"I especially loved the Christmas music we played in the lobby at Sounds of the Season," Shreves said.

Unlike many instruments, handbells are not normally introduced in early music classes, but practiced skills led the choir to success. The unusual instrument may have presented new learning experiences for some of the musicians, but they set their mind to it and learned.

"I have loved learning the techniques involved in ringing the bells and being challenged by some of the pieces," Shreves said.

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STORIES & SYMPHONIES

CONCERT SINGERS AND FLUTE CHOIR

Music is an artistic avenue for the expression of a story. It gives character to the times and brings people together. It covers a range of genres, instruments and stories and connects the audience with the deeper themes and messages. One musical group that excelled at making this kind of beautiful music was the Flute Choir.

“Through technique and expression, a musician can connect with his or her audience on an emotional and sometimes even a spiritual level,” said Lynnae De Jong. “If you don’t tell the story the composer is trying to convey in the music and connect with the listener, the music is not nearly as enjoyable or powerful.”

The flute choir performed as a chamber ensemble, being able to showcase their instruments through a variety of repertoire and with several different kinds of flutes. The uniqueness that each musician, vocally and instrumentally, brought was just as important as the performance itself.

Another group that told beautiful stories through their music was the Concert Singers, the chamber choral ensemble who performed sacred and secular music ranging from madrigals to jazz—served as a wonderful example of great diversity within music.

“We work together to bring to life complex rhythms and harmonies,” said Dr. Woodruff.

“Performing music in an ensemble gives us an opportunity to do something that no one person could do by himself. And yet, our success depends on each person doing his or her very best. It’s a great picture of the Body of Christ.” Music brought character, diversity, and color to the lives of these singers and their audiences, sharing stories and creating beautiful symphonies that spoke to deeper truths.



CULTURE & COMMUNITY

ORCHESTRA



One of the crowning jewels of Olivet's grand musical empire is its orchestra. With students from all concentrations, Olivet's University Orchestra and University Strings have brought a variety of people together and joy to the campus and to the community through rich art and culture.

"I love the music we played this year," said sophomore French horn player Danielle Conrad. "Orchestral music is my favorite to listen to, and to be a part of making it was just a really cool experience."

The students who have made up Olivet's orchestra, like Conrad, have always been passionate individuals with a mind for creativity. Kinship was strong in the orchestra this year as in every year.

"The sense of community was really strong within the various instrument sections since we suffered together, grew together, and spent a lot of time together," said senior bassist Elijah Gebre. "All the time and effort that has gone into what we do and have done is worth it in the end."

These students expressed their sense of community through their ministry, sharing it in every performance. The University Orchestra and University Strings have graced the student body and the surrounding community with campus concerts, annual performances of Handel's *Messiah* and *Sound of the Season*, as well as serving as the pit orchestra for spring musicals and operas. Olivet's orchestra has been serving the community for years, playing not only for its students and the friends of Olivet's campus but also alongside local area orchestras to spread God's gift of music beyond Olivet's borders.





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SETTING THE STAGE

CONCERT BAND

Travelling around to local high schools to support and play with their bands was a significant part of the events that Concert Band participated in this school year.

“Concert Band is where we really get to work on our skills on our instrument,” said clarinet player Felicia Baer. “That is what helps to make us better musicians, so it’s nice to have a side of band where we get to sit on the stage and focus just on playing.”

These “run out” concerts were a chance for high school students to play with a college level band and have a fun time with the college students during the school day. Sophomore Kaleb Smith said, “Being in the band is a great time to just work on the music,” said sophomore Kaleb Smith. “I really enjoyed some of the songs we played, not only aesthetically, but I enjoy the musicality

of each piece individually.”

The three bands underneath the umbrella of concert band were made up of members who participated in marching band in the fall semester. Because of this transition from the field to the stage, the diversity in interest and department was maintained in the band. “I really like being able to play music,” said trombonist Brad Fitzgerald, “but besides that, I like the opportunity to meet and be friends with people that are outside my major and that I don’t have classes with every day.” New friends and skills gained in the pursuit of music were at the top of the list for those keeping the beat in Concert Band.





ALL THAT JAZZ

JAZZ BAND

Smooth melodies and syncopated rhythms filled the air during the Jazz Band's rehearsals and concerts. Their preparations for their New Years' Eve concert in London's Cadogan Hall made their set all the more impressive to their audience across the pond.

"My favorite part of Jazz Band was being able to relax and enjoy the sweet sound of jazz and realizing that I am a part of that sound," said sophomore Sarah Eslinger. Whether it is a brassy big band sound or the smooth

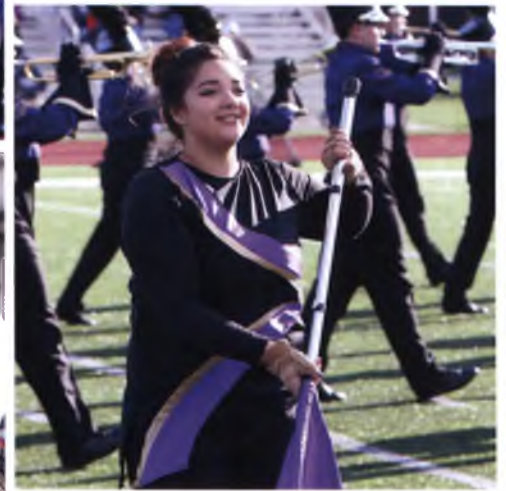
tones of a ballad, jazz is unique in the world of music as a release for musicians to turn to. The musicians shared that the freedom of jazz music requires improvisation and emotional playing that more classical pieces tend to limit.

"I think that jazz music is the best way for me to express myself," said senior Aaron Evans. Through this self-expression, the Jazz Band entertained and took both the audience and the musicians into a depth of music only found in the sweetness of jazz.

STEP WITH PURPOSE

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MARCHING BAND

A personal invitation from the Queen to perform in London's New Year's Day Parade was given to Olivet's marching band. A total of 223 students in Olivet's marching band received that privilege. "It was one of the best experiences I had in a long time," said freshman Jonathan Loosa.

For a freshman, Loosa explained this was an amazing way to start his time at Olivet.

"It was amazing," said sophomore Liz Sonneveld when talking about her experience in London as a color guard. "It was life-changing."

Olivet's marching band was the lead band in the parade, which was a tremendous honor for Olivet.

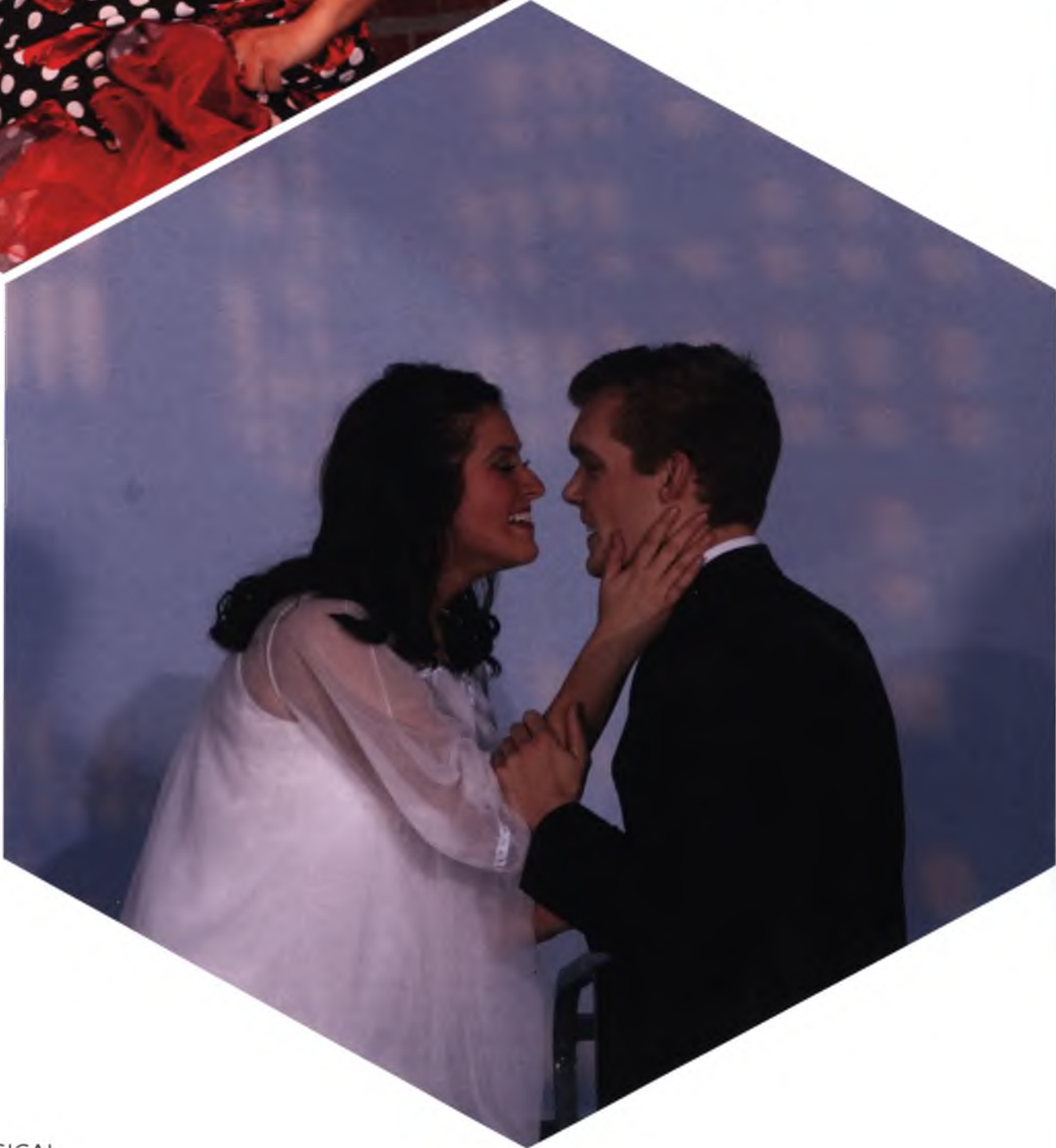
Not only were they able to play in London's New Year's Day parade, but the band

also got the opportunity to help out the community in London by doing service work for homeless shelters. This was a great experience for the band members especially since London has never asked a band to do service work before. The band had extra practices to prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime experience, but they were not able to practice the two weeks before they left for London because of Christmas break. Sonneveld was hoping that everyone would remember everything they practiced, and they did.

"I was proud to stand on the world stage with Olivet Nazarene University," said director of athletic bands Matt Stratton. Stratton was personally in charge of coordinating everything for the London trip from the fund-raising to writing the marching

band drill for Olivet's performance. Brooke Gentile, a freshmen in marching band, commented on the way the band was drawn together by their experiences. "We're like family," said Gentile, "Music is a lifelong bond."

Gentile made many unexpected friendships from band, which she knows are going to be life-long. The common interest in music brings everyone together, which Gentile discovered right away her first year at Olivet. It does not matter if you have been in marching band at Olivet for one year or four, friendships come about easily with the common interest in music, according to Gentile. Marching band members said they work together as a team. They trust in each other and work together to create harmony. The band agreed it was truly an exciting





WEST SIDE STORY

SPRING MUSICAL

In a “society that is as hard and unforgiving as concrete or brick” it is the “eternal belief that through such suffering and loss, ‘someday, somehow, somewhere’ the bricks may begin to crumble.” stated Dr. Cohagan, in an interview, to GlimmerGlass Assistant Editor, Lauren Stangle. This is the message of the classic, *West Side Story*, according to its director, professor Jerry Cohagan. Brought to the stage by 37 cast members, this play is a tragedy based on Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. “It is a story that is continually retold, whether it be in *Romeo and Juliet*, found in today’s voices shouting about building a wall to keep others out, or chanting in our own streets that ‘Black Lives Matter.’ Our world seems so polarized,” Cohagan wrote in his Note from the Director. A main theme of the play is tolerance and accepting differences in others. *West Side Story* illustrates how we can “bridge the gap” between our differences and it will leave us “with hope for a better world.”

Cohagan added: “I think we need to begin to respect that which we don’t understand, and we can begin by loving people.” The director hoped that everyone left the show entertained, but also moved to make a difference, and that the audience would recognize the outsiders in their lives, who could even be their neighbor. Freshmen Josh Skinner and Ellie Urish stole the hearts of the audience through their moving performances of Tony and Maria, the lead roles in *West Side Story*. It is uncommon for both lead roles of the Spring Musical at Olivet to be cast as freshmen, but Skinner and Urish proved themselves by their pure talent, hard work, and raw emotion in the shows. The cast as a whole, was able to successfully convey the message of *West Side Story*. The hard work and dedication of each member was obvious as the show came together to display a story of love, suffering, and passion.

MOBILE MUSIC

OLIVETIANS · LIFESONG · THE NARROW · CITY ON A HILL



Many people are passionate about music, but few decide to take that passion and perform for others. Fewer still would do this by travelling. On Olivet's campus, four ensembles have made this their goal: The Olivetians, LifeSong, City on a Hill, and The Narrow. These groups, filled with brave and faithful people, hit the road with their passion and talent to share with their mission field. Coming from a variety of music genres, each group had its own unique sound that they use to spread the Gospel across Olivet's four-state educational region.

The Olivetians kept up their good reputation with the community and the student body as the featured entertainment at special occasions. The Olivetians toured frequently, often requesting to perform throughout the Olivet district.

"Every week we went to a different church, and so the team was the only thing that was consistent," said junior alto Alyn Franklin. As an ensemble, they showed their devotion to the Lord through their music. "I loved being part of a team. We ministered together," Franklin said

LifeSong, most well-known in chapel services, kept their music casual yet spiritual. Comprised of many different majors and musical talents, LifeSong's focused on contemporary and group worship.

"It was a good experience, worshipping with people," said sophomore Erin Doherty. "And meeting new people and hearing their stories. We went to retreats and played at churches for Sunday services and youth events."

LifeSong's eclectic, contemporary sound leads to great

audience participation and a wide selection of music through which the message of the Lord can be communicated.

The third band, also known for singing in chapel frequently is the worship band City on a Hill. Filled with lively musicians, City on a Hill went many places this year, including Camp Awana in Wisconsin to perform for their junior high school camp as well as many churches in the surrounding areas of Olivet's influence. Their focus was worship among church and youth communities, spreading their love of the Lord through their music and the fellowship that has followed them on the road. When asked about her favorite part of being in the band this year, member Morgan Shribe said, "I got to do ministry, sharing Jesus and music with teens and congregations, with some of my best friends...what could be better than that?"

The final of the four travelling music ministries, The Narrow, was another contemporary band focused heavily on worship and creating an atmosphere of devotion. The group primarily travelled to camps and churches in the surrounding states, as well as summer camps, winter retreats, lock-ins, church festivals, and Sunday services.

"One of my favorite things about traveling is not just playing music on the road, but the amazing experiences and friendships made with students and others we meet in our travels," said junior engineering major Zach Pessia.

Bringing the word of God and His presence to a larger community outside of Olivet's campus is a noble goal, and these four music groups were more than up to the task.



AUTHENTIC



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"I spent this past summer in the D.R. of Congo with eleven amazing people that I call a part of my family. The best experience I had there was during a church service. It was amazing worshipping God with the people we were serving. We listened to a message in another language and one of our own guys gave a sermon to them! It was incredible to be given the opportunity to serve and live life with our Congolese brothers and sisters. I made many friends over there and made even better ones that returned to America with me."

-Matthew Meldrum



"The fact that I get to come to a Christian school and study what I love is absolutely amazing to me. I am so blessed by the love of Christ in my life."

-Lateefah Williams



"Sometimes you find beautiful leaves that just happen to match your sweater, life is beautiful."
-Megan Hendrickson



"The unexpected opportunity to go to India was the coolest thing to ever happen to me. It was such a beautiful life changing experience."
-Austin Siscoe

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It's a weird feeling, getting older. I know that I'm still young, but I feel like I've been living forever. I can't remember a time when I wasn't alive, and I can't imagine a time where I won't be. Despite this, I know that my time here is finite, and that one day my story on this Earth will end... But the greater story of the Lord, of His Holiness, and of His love and mercy for His creation will continue. Being able to take part in the telling of that story, no matter how small, is a blessing- and its that blessing that keeps me going."

-Colin Schoonover



"Nevertheless; this is the word that comes to mind when I think of love. The Lord loves us despite every flaw and mistake we make. His covenant to us is 'nevertheless.' In spite of our sin He freely offers His love and grace. We are called to love others with the same kind of unconditional love. Love is sacrifice, but it is also the greatest gift."

-Madalyn Booher





"Olivet Nazarene University has been the biggest blessing ever. To think that this was my last choice in colleges amazes me because this place has become my home away from home. It's crazy to think how fast four years have gone by. For those who still have years left: work hard to prepare yourselves for your future career, put your full trust in God and all he has to offer, and cherish each and every moment spent with countless others. Before you know it you'll be heading out to the real world and the memories will be what you take with you. Thank you Olivet Nazarene University for your support and encouragement through Christ, for being a place where meaningful and lasting relationships were found, and for providing endless opportunities in ways I could have never imagined. I am one blessed and lucky person to say I attended such an incredible university with such incredible people."

-Kacey Richman



"I'm not a quotable guy."
-Ralph Kalfas

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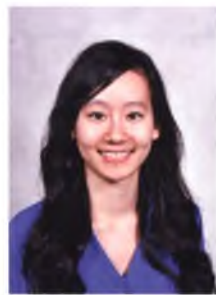
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CLASS OF 2016

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Congratulations, and welcome to the Olivet Nazarene University Class of 2016. We are thrilled to welcome you to the ONU family and are anxiously awaiting your arrival on campus this fall. We know your time here will stretch and shape you in ways you never dreamed possible, and we are excited to accompany you on this journey.

Over the next four years, you will find out what makes Olivet so very special. You will encounter moments of joy and disappointment. You will be challenged in many ways, and over these years, you will grow to be a person your current self may hardly recognize. You will be given thousands of reasons to laugh, cry, and smile. As an Olivet student, you will meet friends who will quickly become as close as your family. You will dream of plans for the future knowing it is just around the corner. You will develop a loyalty for the deep purple and shining gold of your alma mater. This place will soon become your home away from home.

You may struggle from time to time, but you will also thrive. You may trip, but you will soar. Like a balloon, you will be filled: filled by the experiences you have, the knowledge you gain, and the opportunities you are given. Then, after four years, we will let you go. Like a balloon floating brilliantly towards the clouds, you will fly. This will be your greatest adventure of your life up until now. What is going to happen over the next four years will enable you to soar, and without noticing where it went, your college career will have slipped through your fingers. On May 7th, 2016, you will walk across the stage in Centennial Chapel and be handed a diploma you worked tirelessly to receive. You will be an Olivet graduate.

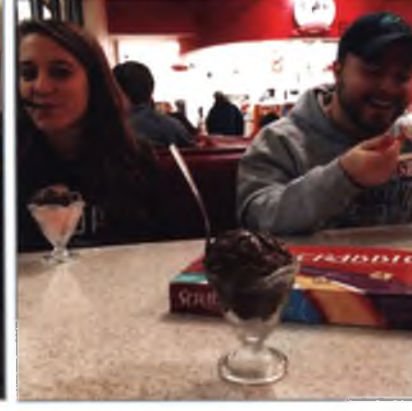
As an incoming freshman, this graduation moment feels years away. And you're right: it is. But there is so much time between now and then. These years will pass quickly and prove to be the most formative of your life. So, what are you going to do with them? What do you hope to accomplish? What friends will you have? What memories do intend to make? And how will you let the Lord work in and through your life? How will you let Olivet fill your life?

Don't blink; you don't want to miss a moment. It will be gone before you know it, so make the most of your time here. You never get these four years back. Make sure they are worth remembering.

Have a great rest of your summer, and we will see you very soon.

Sincerely,
Dr. Bowling

-written for the Ollies Follies Variety Show by Kara Hewett, with contributions from Joe Mantarian and Michaela Maris



"Never stop caring...for yourself, for your loved ones, for the broken, lonely, and hurting people. Let us live a life so focused on caring for others that we forget what hate or selfishness feels like."

-Laura D'Angelo



"I met Ben Carson, and when I shook his hand, he looked me in the eye and said, 'You have a bright future ahead of you son.' He also had very soft hands."

-Joe Kuschman



Olivet has blessed me with amazing friends, in so many ways that I cant comprehend.
-Ben Prince



"The scariest things in life are usually the most worthwhile."
-Grace King

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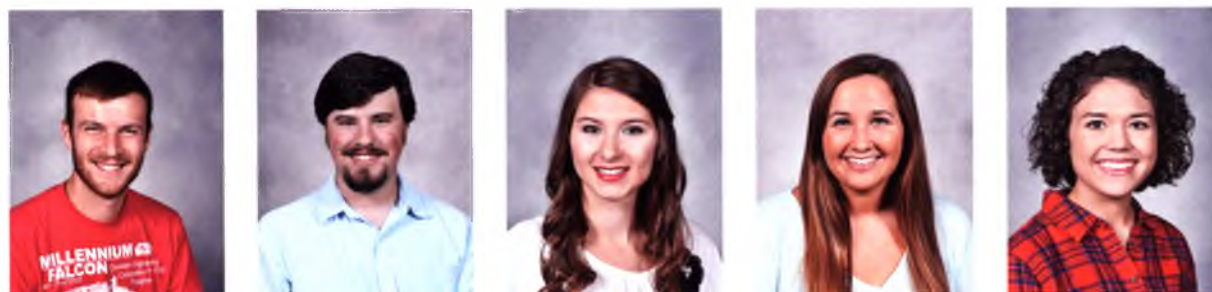
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"First time I had Lima beans in preschool I realized I don't like Lima beans."
-Daniel Kurz



"They say that it only takes a couple muscles for you to smile, and that's my goal. Smiling can help brighten anyone's day, and that's why I try to make others smile as much as possible. Whether it's a joke to lighten the mood, or a compliment when I sense insecurity. One smile can change the way you see yourself."
-Becca Williams





I have such a heart for children, & I hope to be a Godly influence in the public school system. I have a pretty rough past, & I went to a very diverse high school & I know how hard it can be. I hope to be a light for those children that need it.

-Paige Nesemeier



"One time I walked around the ledge of Chapman."

-Brody Schweigert

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"Meeting one of my best friends is the best thing to happen to me so far."

-Adalyn Moorehead & Alyssa Adams



"I believe that everyone teaches and learns. I know that we meet the right people at the right moment for a right reason. The timing of God is perfect, and there is a purpose. When we are done teaching and learning we have to move on, but if we have something new to teach and learn we will always come back to the same place and people. My advice would be: Achieve your dreams, do not let anyone or anything stop you -work hard and even harder in order to get them. Even if you have conquered them, keep succeeding. Have big dreams, full dreams, not half dreams. Make the smallest decisions with your head and the big decisions with your heart. Live with no regrets, and simply be happy! God loves you!"

-Misael Jovany López García





"When I was fourteen years old, I was asked to lead a group of candidates for the Boy Scout honor society on trip into the woods for a night. They handed me a tiki torch, a map, and pointed at a path. So I set out into what seemed like the darkest night, and led this group of about forty people of varying ages to our first stop of the night. I looked down at the map, and realized I had led these people twenty minutes in the wrong direction. My heart sank down to my stomach. I turned around and reluctantly and embarrassingly let everyone know that I had made a wrong turn. Even though the candidates were not allowed to speak, I heard some words that I wouldn't ever repeat let alone write down. Some say you can learn a lot from people who are really good at leading, and that's true. However, I think that you can learn way more from a terrible leader. Learning what not to do is just as important as learning what to do. I learned a lot from that experience and while it was awkward and embarrassing, it was valuable nonetheless."

-Tommy Lambrecht

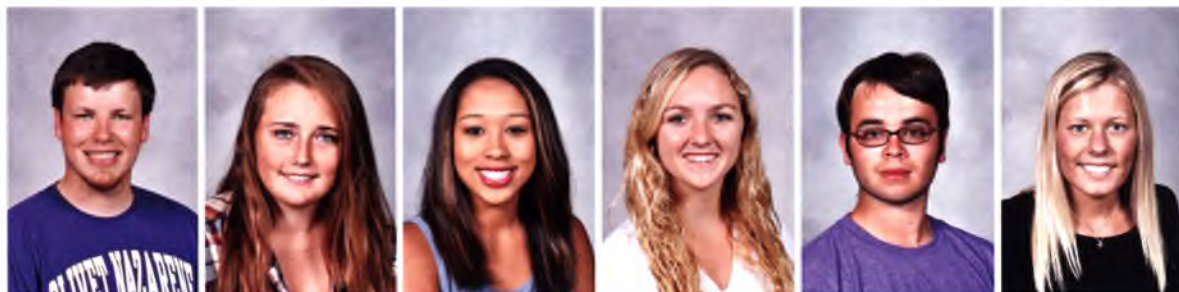


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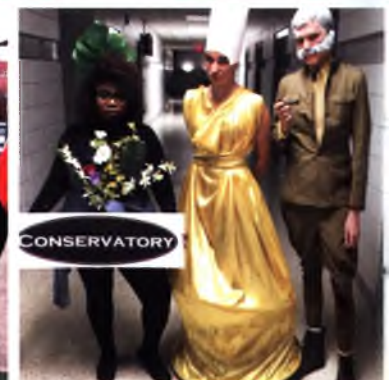
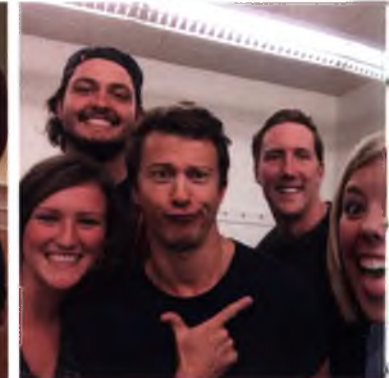


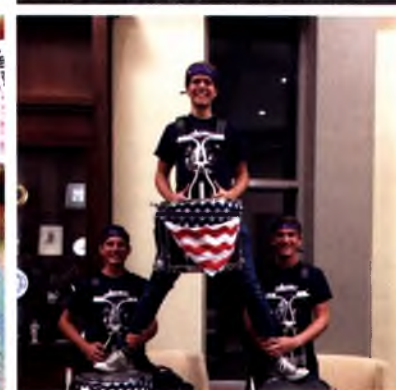
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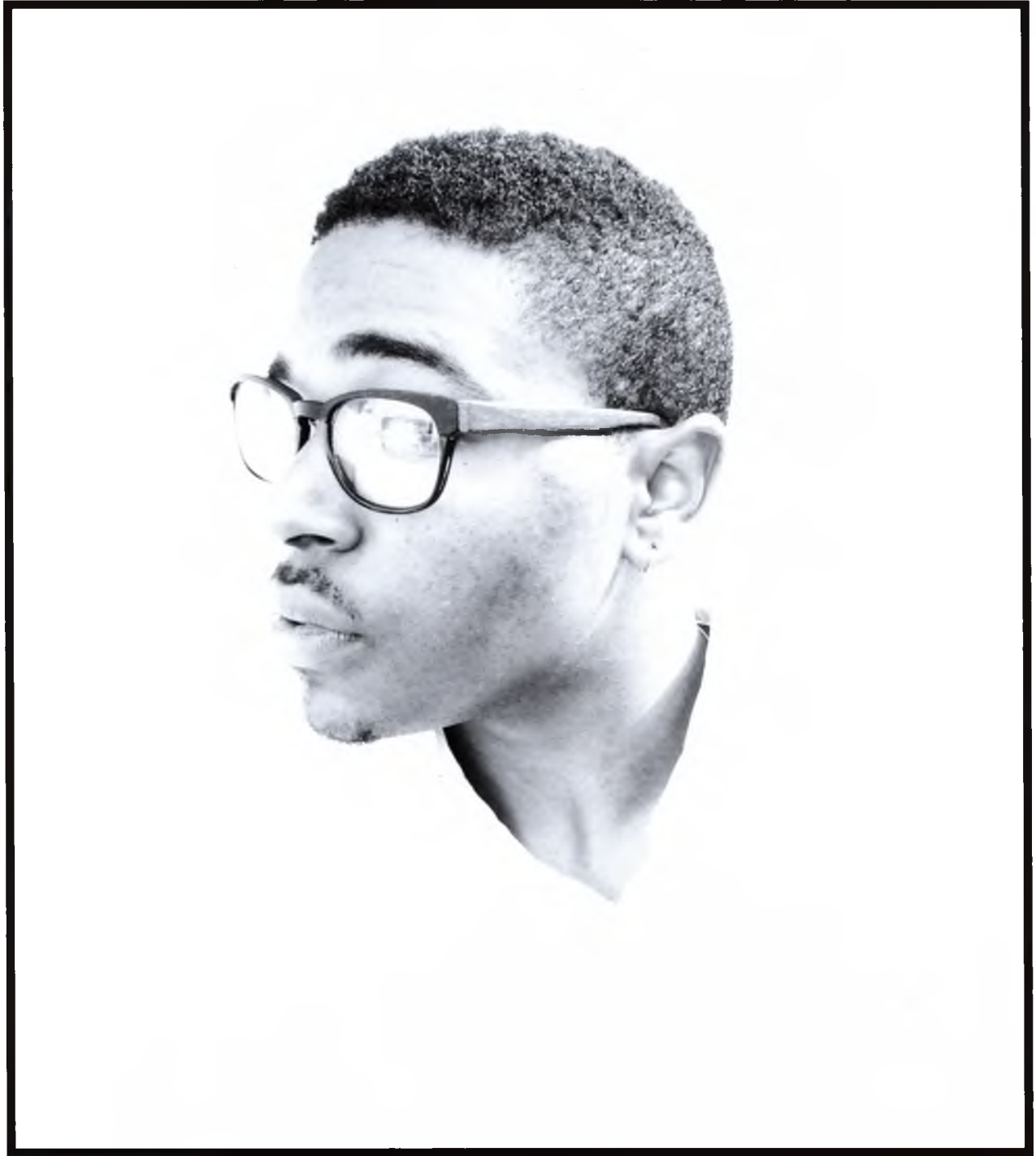




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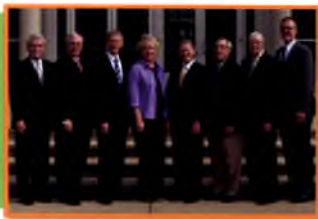
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