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A woman with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a black graduation cap and gown with a blue and yellow striped stole, is shown in profile, smiling and looking towards the right. The background is a blurred brick building.

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Maker Space at The Point Now Open to the Public

The Point at Otterbein is home to academic departments, resident companies, and now the public. The Maker Space, within The Point, is comprised of five creative spaces for Otterbein students, faculty and staff and members of the community to utilize, providing access to industrial technologies not commonly available.

The Maker Space has a design studio with latex cutters, a rapid prototyping room with 3-D printers, a woodshop, metal shop, computer lab and an advanced manufacturing lab with a plasma cutter. Each room has multiple machines and resources people can learn how to use in order to create personalized projects. From engraved cups, to 3-D plastic models, to wooden signs, the only limit to what you can create is your imagination.

People interested in using the machinery must first get certified through quizzes and hands-on training provided by The Point. There is also a daily, monthly or annual membership fee.

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FIVE THINGS I GENUINELY

I want to share five things I genuinely love about Otterbein — things that will remain forever in my heart when I think about Otterbein, and I will be thinking about Otterbein often in the years ahead.

First, the words of Rev. Lewis Davis, two-time president of Otterbein, who fought against higher powers in his battle to found the institution. He was repeatedly told in public hearings to be still — but his consistent response to those authorities was, “No, you be still.”

He laid the foundation for an institution that has steadfastly refused to “stand still” since that day. I love the determination, the straightforward honesty, the sense of purpose and the assertiveness of his response. True to our history, “Otterbein will never stand still.”

Second, only Otterbein would have an alma mater named the *Otterbein Love Song*. The fact is that we wrote it, we own it, we call it what it is — a testament of our love for our institution, and we’re unapologetic and unpretentious about it, and I love that.

Third, in 1968 Otterbein ran a full-page ad in *Time* magazine. It read: *“Don’t tell us about co-education. We practically invented it... We’re one hundred and twenty years old, but neither ivy nor moss has ever gained a foothold to hamper our independent thinking. We’re based on the church, oriented to the world, and our most cherished tradition is the encouragement we give to creative thought and action. Write our Admissions Office. We can always use another leader.”*

Again, I love the assertiveness. I love that we own our history and mission, and I love that we expressed our sense of purpose and pride in a national publication in 1968.

Fourth, I want to share an excerpt from an email from a student that I received last month: *“I am a freshman here at Otterbein. Before enrolling, I was very excited to hear that the initiative at Otterbein is “Kindness Matters.” I have always valued acts of kindness and have made it a personal mission to treat others with compassion. This summer, I will be competing in the Miss Lake Festival Pageant in my hometown of Celina, Ohio. I would love to carry this message as my platform. I know that kindness can make the world a better place in and out of the classroom. I am thankful every day that I attend a university that speaks kindness into existence.”*



LOVE ABOUT OTTERBEIN

photo by Todd Yarrington



The take-away here is that Otterbein is an institution where our students actually talk about kindness, are proud that their institution celebrates kindness, understand that it's part of our identity, our character, and our DNA.

My **fifth** and final favorite thing about our institution takes me back to a conversation I had with a mother at my very first student orientation.

She approached me and said she had a few questions. She asked me about my transition to Otterbein, my background, my goals for the college and then looked me straight in the eyes, gently touched my arm and said, "Thanks for talking with me; I wanted to get to know you a bit because after all I am giving you my son."

That conversation took my breath away. I remember the intensity in her gaze, the directness of her comment. She was putting her trust in Otterbein and in me to take care of her son; to help him learn and grow and mature; to keep him safe.

That is really my **most** favorite thing about Otterbein — the fact that our students come first; that we all know and celebrate that; that our commitment to them is real; and their education is at the very core of our mission and purpose.

Thank you for allowing me to lead and share in the story of our dear Otterbein in this not quite so quiet anymore village, where we won't stand still, where we will continue to sing our Love Song to our alma mater proudly, where we can always use another leader, where Kindness Matters, and where our students matter most.

With Cardinal Pride,



President Kathy A. Krendl

President Krendl H'18 and Richard Gilbert H'18 receive their Honorary Alumni Awards at the 2018 Grand Soirée on April 21.

compiled by Jenny Hill '05
and Lauren Heberling '19

John Comerford, 21st president of Otterbein University

New President Named



A college president with extensive experience in promoting access, affordability, diversity and career preparation has been selected as the 21st president of Otterbein University. John L. Comerford, Ph.D., president of Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, was selected after a months-long search that drew nearly 80 applicants from across the nation. He will take his post on July 1, 2018.

“We had a wealth of highly qualified candidates who applied for the position but John Comerford stood out from the start,” said Mark Thresher, chair of the Otterbein Board of Trustees and CFO of Nationwide. “His proven commitment to inclusion, innovation, access and affordability closely align with Otterbein’s values, while his experience promises to advance Otterbein in these areas and others.”

“I am honored and humbled to be joining the Otterbein University and Westerville communities. Otterbein is an innovative and inclusive institution that has combined its traditional commitment to the liberal arts with new and exciting academic and co-curricular offerings,” Comerford said. “I am moved by Otterbein’s history and commitment

to ensuring higher education remains accessible and affordable, while maintaining academic excellence, no matter a student’s family financial situation. We need institutions that are willing to be leaders in this area.”

John Comerford, Ph.D., comes to Otterbein University with a record of commitment and advocacy for higher education and liberal arts colleges. He has served as president of Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, since 2013, where he has been at the center of a number of innovative programs designed to enhance student access and learning.

Comerford is committed to providing access to affordable higher education while delivering excellence in academic, student life, and career preparation programs. Under his leadership, Blackburn College became one of just a handful of colleges in the country to meet the full financial need of all its incoming students, with a focus on providing a series of work experiences that will help students impress prospective employers after graduation. Blackburn is one of just a few colleges in the state of Illinois to show enrollment growth over the past five years.

In addition to growing the enrollment, Comerford has been committed to cultivating diversity on campus. Through building bridges and creating support programs, Blackburn


increased the number of students of color on its campus from 12 percent to 24 percent in the past four years.


Comerford understands the role of fundraising in providing access and affordability, and spearheaded the most successful campaign in Blackburn history, raising \$26.3 million to renovate three buildings and double the size of the endowment.

“Each member of our search committee was committed to finding the best fit for Otterbein. John Comerford impressed us with his record of success in expanding enrollment and diversity, while also growing the endowment,” said Cheryl Herbert, member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees and chair of the search committee.

He previously served at Westminster College in Missouri from 2005 to 2013 as vice president for student life and vice president for institutional advancement. He also has held positions at Missouri Western State College and Ball State University. He has taught leadership, education, and law courses at several institutions.

Comerford’s wife, Rachel, also has a background in higher education, having served in several leadership roles in housing and residence life. The couple has three children, Garrett, 11, Reagan, 9, and Grant, 6. Learn more at

www.otterbein.edu/21stpresident. 
Follow the conversation on Twitter with **#Otterbein21st**.

A man with short dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark navy blue suit jacket, a white dress shirt, and a red and white diagonally striped tie. He is standing outdoors in front of a large, multi-story brick building with several arched windows. There are green trees and bushes in the background. The lighting is bright, suggesting daytime.

"I AM MOVED BY OTTERBEIN'S HISTORY AND COMMITMENT TO ENSURING HIGHER EDUCATION REMAINS ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE, WHILE MAINTAINING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, NO MATTER A STUDENT'S FAMILY FINANCIAL SITUATION."

~ JOHN COMERFORD

PIPER KERMAN: THE REAL "ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK"



The Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence and Lecture Series welcomed author and activist Piper Kerman to share *The Real-Life Story of Orange is the New Black* on Feb. 20. Kerman spoke to a full house in the Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall about her experience in prison and her work on prison reform.

Her bestselling memoir, *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison*, chronicles what the author calls her "crucible experience"—the 13 months she spent in the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Connecticut. In her book, she explores the experience of incarceration and the intersection of her life with the lives of the women she met while in prison: their friendships and families, mental illnesses and substance abuse issues, cliques and codes of behavior.

What has stuck with her the most from her experience, Kerman says, is the power of women's communities, "the incredible ability of women to step up for each other, and to be resilient and to share their resiliency with other people."

The book also raises provocative questions about the state of criminal justice in America, and how incarceration affects individuals and communities throughout the nation.

Since her release, Kerman has worked tirelessly to promote the cause of prison and criminal justice reform. She works with nonprofits, philanthropies and other organizations working in the public interest, and serves on the board of directors of the Women's Prison Association and the advisory boards of InsideOUT Writers and JustLeadershipUSA. She has been called as a witness by the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights to testify on solitary confinement and women prisoners, and by the U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs and Homeland Security Committee to testify about the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Kerman has spoken at the White House on re-entry and employment as a Champion of Change, as well as the importance of the arts in prisons and the unique challenges faced by women in the criminal justice system.

Kerman's memoir was adapted into a critically acclaimed Netflix series of the same name by Jenji Kohan.


For more information on Piper Kerman, visit piperkerman.com. You can view a T&C Media interview with her by Otterbein student Schalischa Petit-De at <https://youtu.be/f02YHVTdeAE>. 

photo by Ed Syguda

Introducing New Executive Director of Marketing and Communications

Roberto Christian Ponce has joined Otterbein's Division of Institutional Advancement as the new executive director of marketing and communications. In this role, he will oversee strategic and creative direction of marketing, advertising, media relations, internal and external communications, and the University's website. Additionally, he will serve as managing editor of *Towers* magazine.

Ponce brings 18 years of marketing and communications experience to Otterbein. Besides his higher education marketing experience, Ponce has created and managed integrated marketing campaigns for both general and multicultural markets in the pharmaceutical, banking, professional sports, automotive, nonprofit and financial industries, as well as city, state and federal governments. His 10 years in the advertising agency business allowed Ponce to manage the creative and strategic process of marketing and advertising. He lives in Dublin with his wife, Debra, their three daughters, Yolani, Isabel and Sofia, and their dog, Charlie.



Roberto Ponce

Recognition for Otterbein's Outstanding Leaders

Otterbein leaders are often recognized in their professional fields and in community service. This spring, the following leaders accepted awards for their achievements:

President Kathy Krendl was named a YWCA Columbus Woman of Achievement, a Helping Hands of Central Ohio Ambassador for Education, and the

Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) Volunteer of the Year. Additionally, the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce recognized her as Business Person of the Year at its 50th anniversary celebration.

Erin Bender, executive director of The Point at Otterbein, was also recognized by the Westerville Chamber as Young Professional of the Year.

Wendy Sherman Heckler, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, received an award for community support at the Columbus City Schools Honors and Recognition ceremony.

Congratulations to these Otterbein leaders!



Kathy Krendl



Erin Bender



Wendy Sherman Heckler

Governor Kasich Gives State of the State in Cowan Hall

Hundreds of legislators, statewide and local elected officials, members of the Governor's Cabinet, guests, reporters, and members of the public gathered at Otterbein University on the evening of March 6 for Ohio Governor John Kasich's eighth and final State of the State address. He delivered his address at a formal joint session of the 132nd General Assembly in the Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall.

In his speech, Kasich praised his chosen hometown of Westerville as a community that has come together in difficult times with the death of two police officers to embody the positive values that are important to society. He spoke of loving one's neighbors, humility, compassion, and responsibility.

Referencing philosophers and historical figures, as well as whistleblowers,



first responders and everyday heroes who put others above themselves, Kasich said, "We have an opportunity to let these values I've spoke of come alive in all of us."

In his hour-long speech, he addressed issues that Ohio is facing,

from mental health treatment and opioid addiction to prison reform and human trafficking, and by sharing stories of people touched by those issues.

View photos at www.flickr.com/photos/otterbein/albums/ 

Alumnus Builds State Award on Platform of Kindness



"My primary goal is to do and show my students that the small actions we take can have great impact on our world."

Those are the words of **Jonathan Juravich '05**, the 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year and a finalist for National Teacher of the Year.

As an art teacher at Liberty Tree Elementary in Powell, Ohio, and art education instructor at Otterbein, Juravich weaves kindness into his lesson plans. Taking advantage of seemingly small moments to make a big impact for others is the cornerstone of Juravich's professional and personal conviction.

In a recent workshop he held at Otterbein, Juravich discuss ways that people can take small actions to make a positive impact on students and our communities and led hands-on activities to inspire random acts of kindness for others. "By taking part in

activities, my hope is for people to have the actual *time* to consider others, thank them and realize how these moments can truly make a difference," he said.

Juravich, known as Mr. J, challenges students to make the world a better place through art. In his work as an artist, coach, and educational leader, he hopes to do the same. He reaches out to the community locally and statewide by developing art programs with the Columbus Zoo, Columbus Arts Festival, Ohio Association for the Developmentally Disabled and Ohio Art Education Association.

In August 2017, Juravich also received the State Board District 6 Teacher of the Year award.

"These awards and recognitions are incredibly humbling," Juravich said. "There are so many incredible educators out there.


This is not just an award for me, it's also for my school, Otterbein and all the teaching communities I'm part of."

In an interview with WCMH, the local NBC affiliate, Juravich spoke about his Ohio Teacher of the Year award: "This recognition has brought about some really

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wonderful and heartfelt moments from past students that are in college that have sent me cards saying how much an impact

I had on them. Things they learned from my classroom really helped them to be the person they are today, which is kind of really wonderful. The arts give us a chance to understand other cultures, to have awareness of other people around us and people in our communities, and to really make connections with one another."

You can watch the interview at www.otterbein.edu/News/2018/01/09/local-teacher-in-the-running-for-national-award. 

Otterbein Offers First-of-its-Kind Aquarium Program

Otterbein University's program in Zoo and Conservation Science is expanding to include a specialized path for students interested in aquariums and marine and freshwater conservation. The new Aquarium Track is the only program of its kind in the Midwest. Students can begin earning a bachelor's degree through the Aquarium Track in fall 2018.

Otterbein is one of only five universities in the country to offer a bachelor's degree in Zoo and Conservation Science, and the addition of the Aquarium Track will allow students to further focus their education. The track gives students the unique opportunity to benefit from an exclusive partnership with the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, one of the nation's most respected zoos, and Reef Systems Coral Farm, a live coral farm specializing in captive raised corals, aqua cultured live rock and sand.

www.otterbein.edu/zooandconservationscience



Jill Keefer '16, Zoo and Conservation Science, Intern at Newport Aquarium, Newport, Kentucky

TREE CAMPUS USA

Otterbein part of rare Triple Crown designation

People often comment about the picturesque nature of Otterbein University's campus. What many don't know is that behind the scenes, some very intentional work has been done to make the campus not only beautiful, but also environmentally responsible. Thanks to that work, Otterbein has been named a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Otterbein was honored alongside the City of Westerville, which received both the Tree City USA and Tree Line USA award, at a ceremony on March 6, the day of the Governor Kasich's State of the State address on campus. The ceremony made Westerville the first city in Ohio to have the Triple Crown of tree programs: Tree Campus USA, Tree City USA, and Tree Line USA.

The Tree Campus USA designation is awarded to accredited colleges and

universities that meet or exceed five standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation. The program recognizes the importance of trees, which help improve air quality and reduce storm runoff, provide food and shelter for local wildlife, and shade homes and buildings.

"The Tree Campus USA designation is a reflection of the strategic work of Otterbein's grounds team. We take a holistic approach to maintaining and improving our campus, with sustainability as a high priority," said **Troy Bonte '01**, executive director of facilities management and planning.

Westerville has held the Tree City USA designation for 42 years, since the program began in 1976, and the Tree Line USA for 20 years. In 2017, Ohio was recognized as the nation's leader in Tree City USA communities for the 36th consecutive year.

www.arborday.org/programs/



Cardy Goes GREEN

Lauren Heberling '19

Otterbein University believes that every person and every institution has a role to play in making our planet better for future generations. Because of that, Otterbein is making an effort to reduce the campus' environmental footprint in ways that are simple, yet effective.

One area that is working hard on this effort is the Service Department. Recently, Otterbein acquired four new service vehicles that are smaller and more efficient because they require less gas.

The department has also added a 2017

Nissan Leaf, an all-electric vehicle, to the service fleet. Buckeye Nissan North showed their support of Otterbein going green through a donation of a special high-speed charging station for the car.

"Another large goal on the campus is to reduce the use of plastic bottles," said Troy Bonte, executive director of facilities management and planning.

Currently, Otterbein's food service sells 14,000 bottles of water annually. Otterbein is starting a program with the help of a grant from SWACO (Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio) to significantly reduce the amount of water bottles on campus.

There are three initiatives supported by the SWACO grant. First, the University will have an educational campaign about the effects of plastic in our environment. Second, the University will install 30 additional reusable water bottle fill stations around campus. Lastly, Otterbein plans to provide 2,200 reusable water bottles to promote the initiative and encourage students to join in on this opportunity to go green.

Another strategic choice made by Otterbein was to install fully recyclable carpeting at The Point. The residence halls also feature low-flow showerheads in the bathrooms.

Food waste is another issue the University is addressing by working with food service provider Bon Appetit to manage food waste. Two tons of food waste from the kitchen

will be composted and donated to the community garden, which will then produce food that will provide for others through donations to the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM).

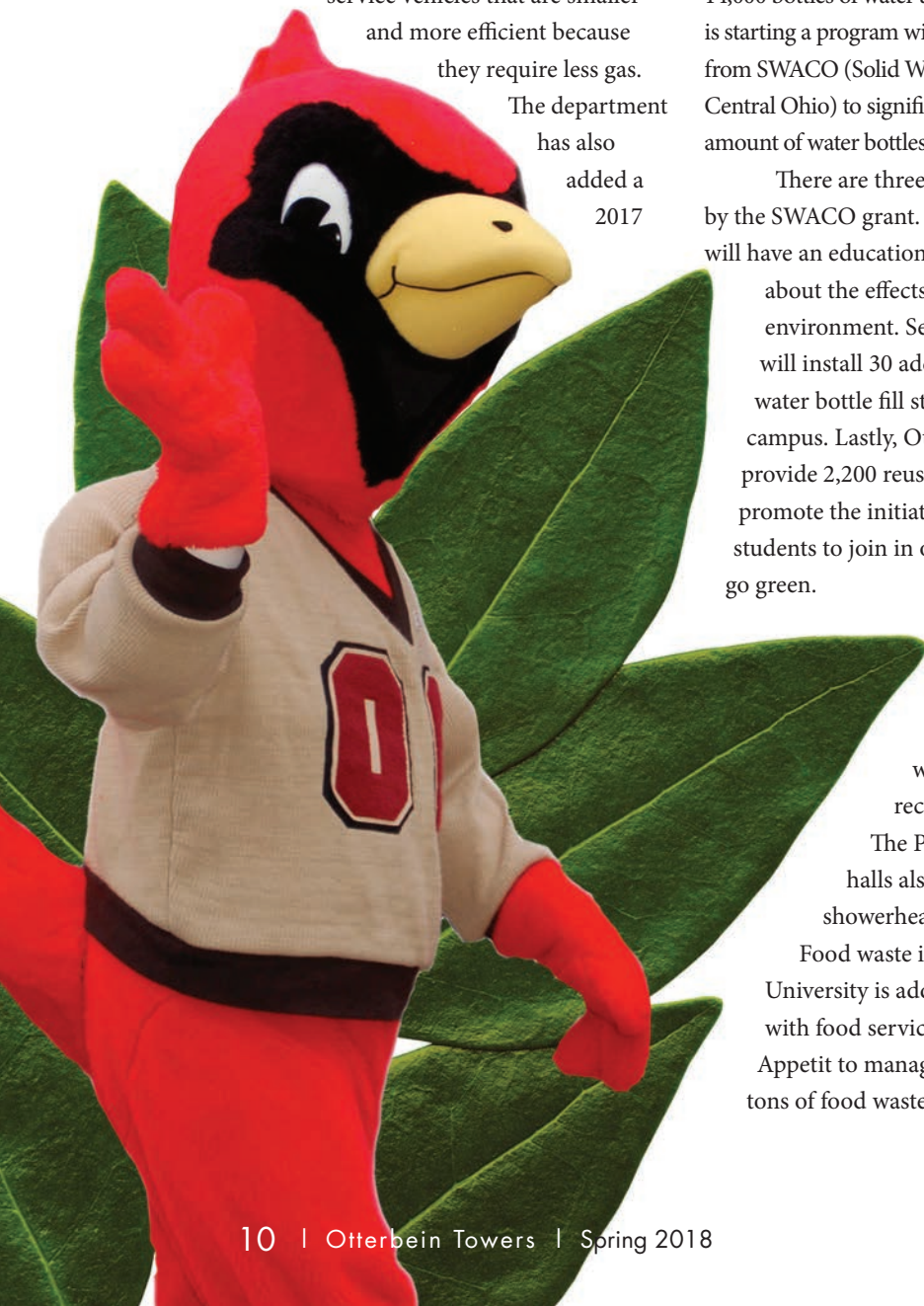
"As far as sustainability goes, Otterbein is good, but we want to be great," said Bonte.

Some future developments include the addition of a solar array on the roof of The Point, which will power the building and its machines, as well as a compost processor at the Knowlton Center for Equine Science so manure doesn't have to be transported offsite, therefore requiring less gas for vehicles.

Students can easily become involved as well. Bonte stressed that students need to actively think about using reusable water bottles, recycling their paper and plastic products, and turning off lights when they are not using them. These simple tasks will reduce the University's carbon footprint and help students develop lifelong habits to lower their personal impact on the environment.

On April 7, there was an Earth Festival on campus hosted by a number of student organization including Plan-it Earth, The Otterbein Animal Coalition, and SEEDS. The event began with service opportunities, including planting at the community garden, cleaning up the Alum Creek trails, and making PLARN (yarn made out of excess plastic bags).

Following the afternoon of service, students returned to campus to enjoy a cookout, a resource fair, "green" challenges, and the launch of the campus "Pass on Plastic" campaign. Participants learned strategies for living green, enjoying vegetarian options and upcycling.



Officers from COSI, Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Speak

Commencement 2018

Frederic Bertley, president and chief executive officer of the Columbus Center of Science and Industry (COSI), served as the undergraduate commencement speaker and Daniel Keenan, executive director of the



Frederic Bertley H'18

Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, as the graduate commencement speaker for the 2018 commencement weekend, April 28-29. Otterbein granted Bertley an honorary doctorate degree in public service at the undergraduate ceremony.

Bertley was named president and CEO of COSI in Columbus in January of 2017. In his role, he imagines COSI as the epicenter for all things scientific for the Columbus community.

He has studied the lack of primary healthcare, preventative medicine and basic vaccines in developing nations and managed multinational teams in Haiti, The Sudan and the Canadian Arctic. He continued this focus by joining a vaccine research group at Harvard Medical School, focusing on the development of DNA vaccines for HIV/AIDS.

Also addressing the undergraduate class was **Koryn Naylor '18**, an English creative writing major who was selected to be the student greeter through a

competitive audition process. Naylor is a graduate of the Honors Program at Otterbein and an Otterbein Full Tuition Scholarship recipient. She has served as an orientation leader and in various positions in Residence Life.

Keenan was named the executive director of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation in Cleveland in August 2015, after serving as superintendent of the Westlake City Schools for seven years.

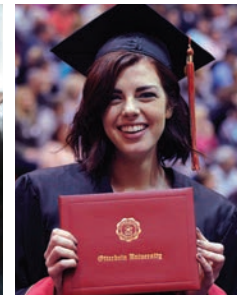
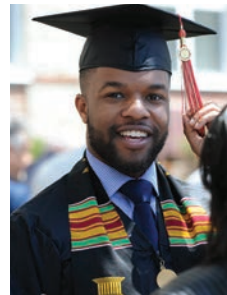
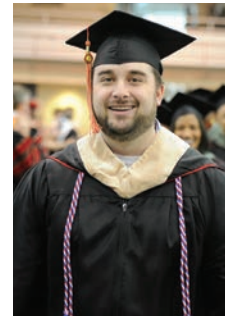
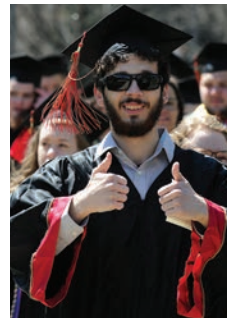


Daniel Keenan

His prestigious 21-year tenure in public schools included teaching and coaching in three school districts in Indiana and Ohio and serving as an administrator in three northeast Ohio school districts.

Keenan received Cleveland State University's Distinguished Alumni Award for his contributions to public education in 2012 and was named Ohio's superintendent of the year by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators in 2014.

This commencement, in Otterbein's 171st year, saw 475 bachelor's degrees, 135 master's degrees and two doctorate degrees awarded. Congratulations to all of our new graduates and welcome to the Otterbein Alumni Community!



CELEBRATING PRESIDENT KRENDL



Last fall, when President Kathy Krendl announced her plans to retire at the end of June 2018, notes poured in from those who have worked with her and come to know her through her work on campus and in the community. It is clear she has made an impact in her nine years at Otterbein.

Krendl took the helm of the University as its 20th president and first woman president in July 2009. Although she came to Otterbein during a recession, she immediately made it a priority to keep Otterbein accessible and affordable to students from all backgrounds, strengthen community partnerships and build new ones, and to set the pace for higher education with innovative programs.

Her list of accomplishments is long. She oversaw the change from Otterbein College to Otterbein University and from quarters to semesters. She saw campus facility updates from the new track and turf at Memorial Stadium to the creation of The Point. She made

women's leadership and mentoring a keystone of her presidency, developing the curriculum and teaching Women in Leadership, a First-Year Seminar course. She introduced innovative areas of study aligned with market demand, including the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, the Zoo and Conservation Science program, and majors in the new Department of Engineering, to name just a few. She also laid the foundation for the \$50 million Where We STAND Matters campaign, the largest in Otterbein's history.

The people who worked closely with her have shared their reflection on Krendl's legacy — one which will carry on boldly into the future.

Share your own reflections online with #CelebrateKrendl. All gifts to the Otterbein Fund this spring honor President Krendl.

To show your gratitude and honor her legacy, visit www.otterbein.edu/makeagift.



Mark Thresher '78
Chair, Otterbein Board of Trustees



“President Krendl and her leadership team have made significant contributions to improve the campus, the experiences of its students, faculty, staff and alumni as well as forming strong networks in central Ohio and beyond.

The Point and the Innovation Center are amazing, and I give all the credit to Kathy for having driven that. We're reaching out to more businesses than ever. We're now graduating students that are probably more marketable in their areas than they ever were before.”

Nevalyn Fritsche Nevil '71
Trustee



“I decided to join the board directly due to Dr. Krendl's presidency and impressive accomplishments. She is an amazing individual who has worked tirelessly to create collaborations with the city and multiple corporations. Her commitment to developing The Point has taken Otterbein to a level that was previously unimaginable. She has also positioned Otterbein to be an affordable institution for many who would not have been able to pursue a private university education. For these reasons and many more, she will be forever honored as one of the most transformative leaders of private universities in the 21st century.”

Robin Rentfrow Campbell '02
Manager of Marketing Communications, The Wendy's Company
Mentor and guest, Women in Leadership course

“Kathy Krendl is genuine, earnest and humble. She has an empathetic heart and a teaching spirit. I can't think of another university whose president has been as accessible and available for mentoring as Dr. Krendl. Her commitment to teaching first-year women students on leadership is beyond memorable, especially for those of us who were asked to be a part of that classroom experience. Her legacy will be felt by the University for decades.”



PRESIDENT KATHY A. KRENDL
CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE,
INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY



Tom Morrison '63, Trustee Emeritus
Chair, Otterbein Board of Trustees (2006-2013)

“One of my proudest achievements as Chair of the Board of Trustees was chairing the committee that brought us Kathy Krendl as our 20th — and first woman — president. President Krendl brought a tremendous energy, intelligence and focus to the job. She systematically attacked the issues the school was facing, from recruitment to budgeting to strategic planning to development of a new master plan to transition from college to university. She not only addressed these issues with energy and intelligence, she did so with a firm commitment to Otterbein’s core cultural values. Her tenure was marked by a dramatic increase in Otterbein’s relationships with, and recognition by, the greater Columbus business and educational communities. Her achievements will benefit the school and its students for generations to come.”

Kristi Robbins
Chief of Staff, Office of the President

“I would describe President Krendl as authentic, compassionate and visionary. She is the most driven and hardworking person I’ve ever known, bar none! I attribute her strong work ethic to having grown up on a farm where she was responsible for driving the tractor and plowing fields, which is not for the faint of heart. She learned about hard work from her parents and siblings. Her father also taught her to keep her eyes on the horizon while driving the tractor rather than looking back. I love that story, and it is a perfect metaphor that accurately depicts President Krendl’s visionary leadership. Otterbein’s quiet peaceful village is not as quiet as it was prior to President Krendl’s tenure. People know about Otterbein now more than ever.”



Jeremy Paul '19
Otterbein University Student Government President

“President Krendl is an incredibly humble servant leader who has done a remarkable job at creating a culture of student leadership on campus. She has served as a strong advocate for the student voice during her tenure. But her greatest accomplishment has been championing the establishment of The Point. Otterbein’s dedication to a liberal arts education, while incorporating stronger STEAM programs will set us apart from other institutions for years to come.”

Joan Rocks
Chair, Department of Health and Sport Sciences

“President Krendl is kind, caring, and deeply giving to others. She is positive in her actions and puts others first. She is purposefully thoughtful and listens to understand. She is a tireless worker who wants nothing else than for Otterbein and its community to succeed. She has opened many doors here and elevated us to new levels of recognition. The diversity of the students, staff and faculty who have arrived here since she started is unmatched.”

Bill '56 and Sonya Stauffer '56 Evans
Trustee Emeritus (Bill)

“Dr. Krendl has very strong inclusive leadership and managerial skills. She is intelligent, thoughtful, innovative, caring, kind and proud of Otterbein’s history. She has advanced the Otterbein historical traditions of access, diversity and inclusion by creating partnerships, not just with significant elements of the local community, but nationally as well. This has greatly strengthened Otterbein’s recognition as a leading small liberal arts institution.”



PARTNERSHIPS

Under President Krendl’s leadership, Otterbein has strengthened its relationship with the City of Westerville and partners throughout central Ohio. Her commitment to building and strengthening partnerships has helped Otterbein intersect with central Ohio governments, organizations, businesses and individuals in new ways and with very positive outcomes.



President Krendl teaches Women in Leadership, a class for first-year women students.

Women’s Leadership

Barb Smoot

President and CEO, Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD)

“Dr. Krendl is a master collaborator who brought countless women together to advance women and women’s leadership. She demonstrated what can be accomplished when leaders are truly out in the community, with their sleeves rolled up and working collectively toward a common goal. She is the quintessential model of a leader who used her influence and social capital to effect change. Our Riveter Award was modeled for her — as its first recipient — and was created based on her leadership attributes. It was extremely important to WELD to highlight to the community Dr. Krendl’s model of ‘paying it forward’ with fearlessness and true commitment.”



Jane Grote Abel H’17

**Chairwoman of the Board, Donatos Pizza
Member, Otterbein Women’s Leadership Net Advisory Board**

“President Kathy Krendl has set a new bar for women in leadership.

She raised the level and expectations in our community. She had the courage to ask the right questions and always led by example. She has single handedly advanced the conversations and outcomes for women in leadership in central Ohio. She not only fulfilled the vision and mission at the University, she collaborated across the state to bring tough issues to the table. She hosted and participated in numerous classroom learnings, panel discussions and other learning experiences. Kathy taught me what a gracious leader looks like. She demonstrated how much impact one person can have on cultural transformation.”



Debbie Johnson ‘84

**Founder and Executive Director, Ross Leadership Institute
Member, Otterbein Women’s Leadership Net Advisory Board**

“President Krendl has made a major impact on leadership in central Ohio. She has led the University by honoring its past, realizing its potential and focusing on positioning the University for the future. She is known as the innovative leader for advancing women’s leadership, and as the first female president of the University, she embraced the challenge and led by example. I have spoken to her class every year. The topic of the session is usually ‘paying it forward,’ and I hope I have provided an example to future women leaders.”

Elfi DiBella

**Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA)
Member, Otterbein Women’s Leadership Net Advisory Board**

“Dr. Krendl is an innovative and collaborative leader with a passion for diversity and inclusion, who puts into action her unwavering belief that higher education should be available to everyone. Her brilliant and tireless efforts to not settle for the status quo have had a transformative impact on Otterbein, and garnered national recognition for the institution and the central Ohio community. Her quiet and thoughtful guidance, passion for inspiring women, and commitment to giving back have successfully empowered a new generation of strong, smart, and fearless women prepared to lead with conviction and an overflowing toolbox.”





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Town Gown Relations and Community Service

Kathy Cocuzzi

Vice Mayor, City of Westerville

“Dr. Krendl has opened up the University to the community. Where once Otterbein was an island unto itself, now it is an active part of Westerville. In her years at Otterbein, she has championed women. She has raised funding for The Point, the unique town/gown collaboration that encourages innovation. She has actively worked to promote the University both locally and nationally. And she has done this in a soft-spoken yet firm voice. I am honored to have worked with her throughout these years and through her I think of Otterbein and the City of Westerville as a team.”



John Kellogg

Superintendent, Westerville City Schools

“Since her arrival, the partnership between Otterbein and the school district has grown. We provide opportunities for community service and pre-teaching experiences for their students. Through the College Credit Plus program we have established opportunities for our high school students to earn college and high school credit. Otterbein has offered professional development opportunities for our staff and we have partnered on grants that explore trends in K-12 teaching and learning. The relationship is very positive and, because of President Krendl’s leadership, it has been proactive in regard to creating opportunities for all elements of the Westerville community.”

Scott Marier

Executive Director, Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)

“Over the years Kathy has had a tremendously positive influence on the well-being of our city and the larger central Ohio area. She has worked diligently to take Otterbein outside its boundaries and into the community through both direct and indirect initiatives. Community service is not just a ‘value add’ to a student’s educational experience. It provides them with hands-on, real time experiences. It also develops a much deeper character ethic in students by demonstrating the importance of community engagement, leadership, partnership and related values essential to building healthy communities.”

Dave Collinworth

City Manager, City of Westerville

“From the outset of her presidency, Kathy began to look for ways to engage community leaders and the City specifically for collaboration and cooperation. She has been very intentional about the relationship from day one and has worked hard to advance projects and initiatives that helped build community while at the same time building capacity for Otterbein’s institutional needs. She has been a tremendous asset to the community at-large and has well established her legacy as a friend of the City.”



INNOVATION

Partnerships have been key to the success of her presidency, especially The Point at Otterbein, a new and innovative vision of President Krendl's. This first-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art facility combines academics with the business and manufacturing needs of the local community. It brings together students, educators, business, industry, and regional economic planning and development partners in a hands-on location for everyone's benefit. It is a model for the future of higher education.

Under her strong direction, The Point is a catalyst for growth — for Otterbein, the City of Westerville, and even the State of Ohio. The entrepreneurial ecosystem is doing more than just preparing students for the jobs of the future — as important as that is — it's immediately providing onsite employment and experiential learning opportunities for students, as well as affordable talent for start-up companies.

Jeff Becker

Founder, edgeThingZ (Inaugural startup tenant at The Point)

"A startup is an extremely fragile thing. Without a partner like The Point to lend legitimacy, stability and assistance to the startup, it can be a quick 'Bambi vs. Godzilla' experience. The Point provides smart, inexpensive talent in an experiential learning situation that is mutually beneficial and not exploitative. It offers legitimacy and stability to a startup needing to impress and influence potential clients. The Point is a roof over a startup's head while it pursues its innovation and its passion to make the world a better place. Dr. Krendl recognizes the subtle balances required to foster and motivate true, long-term success that benefits all of us — academia, businesses and the community."



Erin Bender

Executive Director of The Point

"I think President Krendl realized The Point would represent an opportunity to engage in experiential learning in a way that students simply cannot do at any other institution — working side by side with faculty and business partners. It doesn't get any better than that."



Mikayla Knerr '19

Systems Engineering Major

"President Krendl has been a mentor to me throughout my time at Otterbein. As a part of the first class of systems engineering students, I began my time at Otterbein without The Point and I have personally experienced the benefits of the new building. Since the building has opened, the students have had a place to build projects, collaborate with companies, and organize events. As the president of Otterbein's Society of Women Engineers chapter, I've been able to host events for our group. I am beyond grateful for everything President Krendl has done for me, The Point, and the systems engineering students."





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Jason Bechtold

Economic Development Director, City of Westerville

“The Point at Otterbein has created a unique opportunity for Westerville and Columbus regional businesses to work with the University and gain access to talent. The Point gives resident businesses the advantage of access to professors, students and university assets that allow them to maximize opportunities to thrive in our community. Additionally, it affords students first-hand experience innovating ideas with the business community. This focus on experiential learning has positioned Otterbein and its students to meet current and future workforce demands. Dr. Krendl’s leadership was the driving force for The Point’s current and future success. Her collaborative nature and openness to business allowed community and higher education to come together where few examples exist. She is a trailblazer and without her leadership, this would not have happened. The Point at Otterbein is well positioned to support businesses from one to 1,001 employees to support their goals and that is because of the foundation laid by Dr. Krendl.”



Reagan Nemeč '19

Systems Engineering Major

“I am in the first class to go through the engineering program, so I experienced our class when it was in the science center. Going from walking to the fourth floor and having to print all of our parts in our professor’s office to having an entire room dedicated to our needs is incredible. Having all of the machinery we need to complete work has been a major benefit. Being able to partner with the different activities that go on in The Point is also a major benefit. Helping out with The Boys and Girls Club, mentoring robotics teams, and so many more opportunities are here. I am so thankful for all The Point has offered.”



COLLEGE OF OPPORTUNITY

Having joined Otterbein at the beginning of a recession, Kathy Krendl committed to identifying strategies to maintain access to an affordable four-year education. As she once stated, “Big opportunities should never mean big debt.”

As a first generation college graduate herself, Krendl has worked hard to identify opportunities to make college accessible — from freezing tuition since 2013 to making new scholarships and merit opportunities a key priority of the \$50 million comprehensive campaign. A new dual admission program with Columbus State

Community College drastically reduces the cost of a four-year degree for families, and partnerships with local K-12 school districts have created affordable opportunities for underserved students through special financial award packages. Once they are here, they continue to receive the support they need; Columbus City School graduates have an impressive 94 percent retention rate.

These initiatives have brought more diverse students to Otterbein. Last fall’s first-year class was the most diverse class in Otterbein’s history, for the fourth year in a row.

Tanya McClanahan

Higher Education Partnerships Supervisor, Columbus City Schools

“Otterbein was one of first partners to sign on with the district to provide the Seniors to Sophomores program. I think that speaks volumes to how Otterbein was ahead of the game. Otterbein also has the highest percentage of students in the Seniors to Sophomores program who decided to stay after they graduated from high school. From their feedback, I know it is due to the support they are receiving on campus. Their grades show they are performing very well, and they are learning that they can be successful at college.”

Claudia Owusu '19

Creative Writing Major

Columbus City Schools Graduate

“(Summer 2017) was the most formative and exciting thing I’ve experienced in a very long time. Through the Otterbein University Department of English Travel Grant and the Otterbein University Creative Work and Research Grant, I was able to travel to three cities and

work on my own individualized research.

Undergoing this research helped me to ask myself questions I always thought were too big, let alone unanswerable. It was a wonderful opportunity and I can’t begin to express my gratitude.”



Mackenzie Siebert '19

**Sociology and Public Relations Double Major
Transfer Student from Columbus State Community College**

“I’m grateful for the partnership between Otterbein and Columbus State Community College that allows me to graduate from my dream school — you can tell how happy I am to be here. Every Tuesday of fall semester I had the pleasure of being a peer mentor to a Transfer Year Seminar class of students. The TYS class recognizes the experiences and knowledge of college life transfer students have, but provides an outlet for reflection and growth for these students. This was one of my favorite classes my first year at Otterbein, and I’m honored to work with these transfer students and the faculty at the Center for Student Success.”



Nicole Gaydos '19

Health Communication and Public Relations Double Major

“Scholarships as a whole are what allowed me to come to Otterbein in the first place. I am the youngest of five children, so I knew that wanting to come to a small, private school would be more expensive. The scholarships that are offered at Otterbein helped out tremendously and they truly are the reason I was able to attend this school and receive the outstanding education it offers. Otterbein is a great school, and by allowing better access and affordability, we will continue to grow as an institution and learn from one another and our experiences.”



Annie Upper Ames '86

Endowed Scholarship Donor and Former Trustee

“I went to Otterbein as an adult student with four children. It took me nine years to graduate. It was a proud moment in my life. Since then, I have received two master’s degrees. Otterbein opened up my world and gave me a different perspective on life. Dr. Krendl’s emphasis on scholarship is right on point. No one should be barred from this life-changing opportunity. Dr Krendl and Otterbein believe in access for everyone. I proudly support scholarships as a way to give equal opportunities to all.”



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Michael Hoggarth

**Professor, Department of Biology and Earth Science
Faculty and Staff Co-Chair, Where We STAND Matters Campaign
Endowed Research Fund Donor**

“I feel that Dr. Krendl and I both see Otterbein as the best place to get the education our students need to reach their goals and change the world for the better. Not only do we (the Otterbein community) have a lot to offer each of our students, but we learn from and build relationships with each of them. The more affordable our community is the more opportunities we have to build a stronger community.”



Beth Rigel Daugherty

**Professor, Department of English
Endowed Scholarship Donor**

“If access and affordability are not front and center, it’s too easy to pass over good, hardworking and altruistic students. Admission, with Jefferson Blackburn-Smith at the helm and with Kathy’s advocacy and encouragement, has implemented new policies based on a new vision of possibility. We are getting fine students whose family income would have prevented them from attending in the past. Such diversity has enriched discussions in my class. It’s one thing to read about income disparities or poverty in literature, it’s quite another to discuss such matters when more classes and races are in the room.”



Annette Harting Boose '94

**Academic Administrative Assistant, Department of
Health and Sport Sciences
Faculty and Staff Co-Chair, Where We STAND
Matters Campaign
Otterbein Fund Donor**

“Otterbein is committed to raising funds for scholarships through The Otterbein FUND so students can have the financial resources to afford a college education. Currently, we have exceeded 50 percent giving by faculty and staff. This is an historical all-time high under the leadership of President Krendl. She is one of the most caring and passionate individuals that I have ever met in regard to giving access and opportunity to all students. I have seen and heard firsthand what scholarship and gift fund money has done to ease the financial burden and enhance the educational experience of student recipients.”



Michael McGreevey

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

“During President Krendl’s tenure, the culture of philanthropy at Otterbein has grown exponentially. With her leadership and support, the University launched and nears successful completion of its largest fundraising campaign, **Where We STAND Matters: Investing in Students First**, a \$50M comprehensive campaign impacting vital areas of access and affordability, model community and campus renewal. Her passion for Otterbein and the success of every student, and her own personal philanthropy have served as a model of leadership and certainly positions

Otterbein for a bright future.” •



STANDING TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE



Kent Stuckey's family has a four-generation legacy, with six alumni, an honorary doctorate and his son, Ridge, entering in the fall.

It's been an honor and privilege to represent my alma mater as chair of the Where We STAND Matters campaign since its launch in 2014. From the start of this historic \$50 million fundraising effort, we've never wavered in our goal to invest in students first. From increasing access and affordability of an Otterbein education, to helping students learn to be model community citizens, to enhancing our campus environment to ensure that students feel welcome, comfortable and ready to learn — this campaign has benefitted Otterbein

and our students in transformative ways. Thank you to everyone who has supported this campaign and its ideals — you have helped us make history. Our investment now will ensure that Otterbein will continue to provide an exceptional educational experience for countless students into the future.

As one of numerous Stuckey family members who have attended Otterbein, I've always been immensely proud of our legacy at the University. In addition to my own family history here, we have always been a part of something bigger: a larger "family" of educators, leaders and lifelong learners who are committed to shared values and want to see Otterbein thrive. Throughout my life, it's been fun to meet other Otterbein alumni and swap stories about our time as students and the influential people we met along the way. These people — our professors, mentors, friends and peers — are what make Otterbein such a special place worthy of our support. When supporting the Where We STAND Matters campaign, in addition to investing in student scholarships, our model community and making our campus more beautiful, you are investing in people.

I've often heard President Krendl say that "the world needs Otterbein." I couldn't agree with her more — and I would go one step further and say the world needs Otterbein and its people. Otterbein's people — our students, faculty, staff and alumni and donors — make this world a better place. We lead by example and stand up for what we believe in. We are the reasons why Otterbein has stood strong for more than 171 years and why it will stand strong for years to come.

Please consider joining me, along with 10,000+ Otterbein supporters, who are standing together to invest in our greatest asset: our people.

Kent D. Stuckey '79, Chair, Where We STAND Matters campaign

CAMPAIGN QUICK FACTS

(as of May 17, 2018)

CURRENT TOTAL

\$48,500,000



more than 10,000 donors

More than **4,000** donors made their **FIRST GIFT** ever to Otterbein.



All **50 states** have donors in them, with **Ohio** leading the way with more than **7,500 donors**.

68 named funds added to *Access and Affordability* priorities.

54 named funds added to *Model Community* priorities.

138 NEW FUNDS



providing critical resources to support:

Access & Affordability

68 new funds

Building a Model Community

54 new funds

Campus Renewal

16 new funds

PLANNED GIVING

65 expectancies recorded with a total value of



\$17,638,000

to create a permanent legacy through trusts, bequests and other long-term gift arrangements.

CAMPAIGN HAPPENINGS



Otterbein Receives Donation from Grateful Former Parents

In January, president Kathy Krendl returned from the holiday break to find an unexpected letter from grateful former Otterbein parents with a donation of more than \$60,000. The letter explained that a family member had benefitted from scholarship and grant support during his years at Otterbein in the 1990s, and they wanted to re-pay the funds to support the next generation of students. They had calculated the support he received into today's value, and the total resulted in the sum of their gift.



Model Community Core Value Inspires Gift

In support of Otterbein's model community core value of inclusiveness, Vice President for Enrollment Management Jefferson Blackburn-Smith and his wife, Denise, established the Otterbein LGBTQ+ Scholarship, an annual \$1,000 award that may be given for four years for up to four students. If you would like to support this scholarship, please contact Institutional Advancement at 614-823-1400.



Estate Gifts to Benefit Otterbein's Future

With the intention of supporting the Otterbein endowment, Alan Goff '75 and his partner, Coral Harris, have made generous planned gift bequests that will make a significant impact on the University in the future. In 2017, Goff and Harris started the Innovative Sustainability Fund and are funding the soon-to-be completed Outdoor Lab at The Point which will include a sustainable water feature. If you are interested in a planned gift for Otterbein, please contact Candace Brady, executive director of development for individual giving, at 614-823-1953 or cbrady@otterbein.edu.

STANDING TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE




Standing Together in Celebration of Excellence


In April, members of the Otterbein community, including our annual Alumni Award honorees, gathered before the Grand Soirée for a pre-ceremony reception in Roush Hall Fisher Gallery to celebrate Otterbein and the incredible momentum of the Where We STAND Matters campaign. Vice President for Institutional Advancement Michael McGreevey shared reflections on the historic nature of the campaign and its impact on the University.



Alumni Couple Celebrates 50-Year Anniversary with Gift

Paul '66 and Laurie Elwell '67 Paulus chose to celebrate 50 years of marriage by donating **\$50,000 to set up an endowed scholarship for psychology, biology and nursing students.** In addition to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with this gift, the couple also returned to campus for Homecoming the last two years to catch up with former classmates at their Golden Reunions for the classes of 1966 and 1967. Read more about their love for each other and Otterbein at www.otterbein.edu/stand/lifetime love. 


Love Inspires Gift to Campus Center

Jack '66 and Karen Persson '67 Whalen found a way to share their love for each other with Otterbein students. The couple celebrated 50 years of marriage with a **\$50,000 gift to the Campus Center Gift Fund**, which is only fitting as Jack and Karen had their first date in the Campus Center. "That was Nov. 10, 1964," Karen recalled. "Jack asked me to go to a Jonda All-Campus, which was upstairs in the student union at the time. We've celebrated that date ever since." Read more about their time at Otterbein and why they wanted to support the Campus Center Gift Fund at www.otterbein.edu/stand/firstdate. 




CAMPAIGN HAPPENINGS

Love of Engineering Initiatives Prompt Gift

In our last *Towers*, we shared that **Joseph (far left) and Marilyn Harpster (second from left)**, founders of Westerville-based manufacturing company **Intek, Inc**, contributed \$180,000 to fund the **Harpster Engineering Lab at The Point**. Paying back and knowing the value of a STEM education were the primary reasons they decided to support The Point. “Because I got so much help,” Marilyn said about her giving back to higher education. “Without a scholarship, I would not have been able to come to the states and go to college.” **Marilyn’s youngest sister, Jocelyn Fu Curry ’78 MBA ’09 (second from right), a member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees, introduced the couple to The Point.** Her husband, Robert, is at right. Read more about Joseph and Marilyn’s generosity to Otterbein and their incredible path at www.otterbein.edu/stand/harpsterlab. 




A Mother’s Legacy Inspires Lifetime of Giving

Inspired by her mother’s example, **Miriam Fetzer Angerer ’84** is supporting students in a variety of ways. She recently made a **planned gift to the Where We Stand Matters campaign** to further fund the scholarship she established in 2010 in honor and memory of her mother, **Rachel Walter Fetzer ’48**. Miriam also **gives yearly to The Otterbein FUND** while making annual contributions to her mother’s scholarship. “**All of what I do is about honoring my mother,**” Miriam said. “I feel she instilled a sense of giving in me. She was a faithful donor to Otterbein.” Read more about Miriam’s dedication to supporting Otterbein at www.otterbein.edu/stand/motherslegacy. 



Celebrating Three Generations of Cardinals

David ’75 and Beth Fisher celebrated three generations of Otterbein graduates with a **significant gift that benefits campus renewal, The Otterbein Fund and the John W. Fisher ’71 Memorial Senior Writer’s Award, in memory of Dave’s brother, John**, who was killed in an automobile accident shortly after graduating from Otterbein in 1971. Through their support, they hope to encourage alumni — some who may be disconnected from Otterbein — that there are many ways to give back and re-engage with your University. Read more at www.otterbein.edu/stand/giveback. 



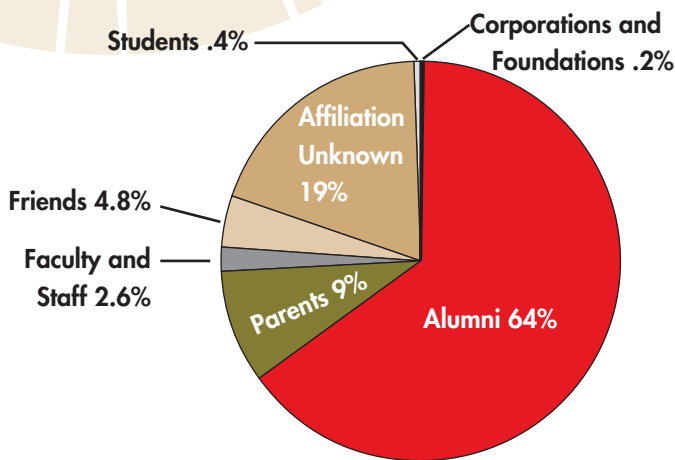
WHAT MATTERS MOST: DONOR SURVEY

by Cathy Carson

In January 2018, Otterbein University's Division of Institutional Advancement surveyed all Where We STAND Matters campaign donors to better understand their personal experiences as Otterbein supporters. More than 820 donors responded, or just under eight percent of the 10,700 households surveyed. THANK YOU to all our participants!

It will take time to fully analyze the data, but here are some early takeaways:

Who are the Otterbein donors who responded to our survey?



Why do our respondents support Otterbein?

1. My affinity to Otterbein (alumna/us, parent, faculty, staff, friend, student).
2. My desire to support students.
3. My sense of pride in Otterbein.

Ranked as least popular motivation: Because of a personal ask, and for tax savings.

Are donors who responded satisfied with their Otterbein giving experience?

Good news! Most (78 percent) are satisfied/very satisfied with their giving experience. Yet 14 percent were neutral, and two percent were dissatisfied. This is where we can strive to make a difference.

Do our donors feel appreciated? Do they feel their gifts make a difference at Otterbein?

Again, good news! But we have work to do among the neutral or dissatisfied:

83 percent feel appreciated as donors, 12 percent neutral; two percent disagree; **77 percent feel their gifts make a difference** at Otterbein, 19 percent neutral, one percent disagree; **75 percent feel informed about the impact of their giving**, 19 percent neutral; three percent disagree.

What do donors value most in their giving experience?

1. Understanding how my/our donations make a difference.
2. Being invited to university events.
3. Playing a role in the success of the Where We STAND Matters campaign.
4. Opportunities to meet students and faculty.

Least important factor (by far): Receiving commemorative gifts.

Nearly 200 respondents took time to supply additional comments, questions and feedback. Each response illuminates our findings and sharpens our focus in discovering what really matters to Otterbein supporters.

Our ultimate goal is to make each giving experience more personal and gratifying, because Otterbein donors matter to us. Thank you for standing with Otterbein!

For questions, please contact:

Cathy Carson

Director, Donor Relations and Stewardship

carson@otterbein.edu or by phone at 614-823-1261.



STRONG PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORT GROWTH

by Kathleen Bonte

Current Otterbein trustee **David Fisher '75**, who also volunteers at the University with corporate and foundation development, has a saying: “Companies want to do what is good for their business, and the great ones know that also means what is best for their communities and employees.”

Nationwide Insurance follows that mantra. The company’s early ties with Otterbein were through the leadership of **George H. Dunlap H’91**, Nationwide’s board member from 1939 to 1975. Dunlap believed in education and Otterbein in particular, devoting time to the care and expansion of the campus mission as a member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees beginning in 1964.

Today that mission includes **The Point**, an example of corporate and organizational partnerships that is mutually beneficial. Besides offering students everything they need to experiment, build, and compete in tomorrow’s economy, The Point brings educators and industry partners together.

Nationwide Foundation recently bolstered programming at The Point with a grant of \$200,000 to support a groundbreaking partnership with school districts like Columbus City Schools to enable teachers and students to receive a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) education at Otterbein.

The opportunities could be “life changing” for participants, said Wendy Sherman Heckler, Otterbein’s interim provost and vice president for academic affairs. “We’re grateful to Nationwide Foundation because they have a vision of building strength in communities,” Sherman Heckler said. “Especially the urban community in Columbus...we want to equip students with the confidence that they can go on this path and will be supported.” A teacher academy, engineering camps, arts-oriented programming and early orientation are part of the three-year initiative.

Another major funder, **The Reinberger Foundation**, recently made a \$35,000 grant to help Otterbein memorialize long-time supporter **Richard “Dick” Oman**. Noted as a guiding force for philanthropy in central Ohio and as a trustee of The Reinberger Foundation for many years, Dick Oman, who is survived by his wife, **Jane Oman H’96**, trustee emerita at Otterbein University, was a strong advocate for Otterbein and its unique education. The Reinberger Foundation grant will endow a scholarship in his name at Otterbein.

In support of our model community, Otterbein recently received a \$27,810 competitive grant from the **Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO)**. The grant will provide an educational campaign about the effects of plastic, the installation of 30 reusable water bottle fill stations around campus, and 2,200 reusable water bottles to promote the initiative and encourage students and the campus community to “go green.”



In addition to cutting edge initiatives, such as The Point, Otterbein seeks partners to provide current programs more opportunities. Special support to the Otterbein Fund for our 100th Homecoming was given by **Schneider’s Bakery** and the firm of **Metz Bailey & McLoughlin**, and the Alumni Relations Soirée enhancements were funded by **Follett** and **The Otterbein Bookstore**.

Examples of ways organizations share values through support at Otterbein:

Kindness Matters Think Tank: An event to explore what makes kindness possible and how to replicate it. Sponsored in part by **DASCO Home Medical Equipment** and **April Schaad, State Farm Insurance Agency**.



A Kindness Matters Think Tank took place at The Point in October.

Women’s Initiatives: Both the Women on Boards 2020 and the Otterbein/Women in Economic Leadership and Development (WELD) held campus events which were funded by Accel, Inc., Alliance Data, Caster Connection, Crane Group, Donatos, Fifth Third Bank, GBQ, Kensington Hill Partners, Ruscilli Construction, The Columbus Partnership, Thirty-One Gifts and White Castle.

Cardinal Career Conference: Open to all Otterbein students, the conference gives valuable information about career planning and office etiquette. Provided by **Hinson Public Relations, LTD**, and in-kind support from Otterbein’s caterer, **Bon Appetit**.

YEA at Otterbein — The Young Entrepreneurs Academy: Prepares youth to take their innovations from new idea all the way to investors, tying in with experiential learning opportunities at The Point. This year’s investor panel included Air Force One, Bungalow Branch, Canvas Salon, The Grote Company, Otterbein MBA Department, Preferred Wireless and Rev1.

Opportunities for future corporate, foundation or organizational support can be explored through **Kathleen Bonte, executive director for organizational and special giving at 614-823-2707 or kbonte@otterbein.edu**.

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Looking back, moving forward...



1964 to 2018: The Campus Center Remains at the Heart of Otterbein's Student Community

By Stephen Grinch '98, Otterbein University archivist

In the beginning there was no need for a campus center. Students took their meals in dormitory dining rooms, and social activities centered on organizations such as the literary societies (which had their rooms in Towers Hall), the YMCA and YWCA (for whom the Association Building was named), and the church (which as of 1916 was located

in its own spacious sanctuary adjacent to campus). The University first expanded its dining facilities in 1948 with Barlow Hall, built adjacent to Cochran Hall. Student activities got a boost in 1947 when a surplus Army building was secured for the college, with room enough for a large lounge where dances could be held and a snack bar. Though

initially called the "Otterbarn," the building was later renamed the Student Union.

As enrollment continued to grow through the 1950s, the needs of the student body changed and grew. In 1961 Otterbein announced a 10-year plan to expand campus. According to *The Tan and Cardinal*, "Students are now contributing

TO THE CAMPUS CENTER



\$300,000 toward the proposed dining center. Latest plans indicate that the campus center will be combined with the central dining area in one building to be located on Home Street, and facing Cochran Hall.”

A committee was formed to direct the project, consisting of President Lynn W. Turner, Deans David Waas, Marion Chase, and Joanne Van Sant, Business Manager Sanders Frye, faculty members James Recob and Robert Price, and four students. On Oct. 10, 1962, the committee unanimously approved the plans for what would become Otterbein’s Campus Center.

Ground was broken the first week of February 1963, and the building was first occupied for student use in August 1964. Featured in the new building was a snack bar (later named The Roost), the University Bookstore (which boasted it had 288 pairs of tan and cardinal-colored pajamas for the freshman bonfire), a main dining hall large enough to accommodate the entire student body, and smaller dining rooms for private luncheons and special

occasions. A recreation room featuring pool tables and vending machines, and offices for the *T&C* and *Sibyl* were not completed until February of the following year. The Campus Center was officially dedicated at Homecoming on Oct. 31, 1964, with a ceremony officiated by former Otterbein president Dr. J. Gordon Howard.

As the campus has grown and evolved over the years, so too has the Campus Center. The basement recreation area (known as “The Pit”) was converted into a thrust theatre in 1967 and was home to Otterbein’s renowned Summer Theatre program for many years. Student mailboxes started out in the basement, then moved to the first floor, and in 1999 were moved back to Towers Hall. The publication offices moved out, but the Center for Student Involvement and the Campus Activities Board (CAB) moved in. We look forward to the changes that the upcoming renovation will bring to further expand and improve the role that the Campus Center plays in the daily life of the University. ●



Campus Center Renovation Timeline *

September 2018 Architect’s renderings unveiled to the public at Homecoming and Family Weekend. Construction begins.

September 2020-Grand opening and dedication
*Estimated timeline; subject to change.

Help Support a Renovated Campus Center!
Visit www.otterbein.edu/stand/campuscenter to learn more or contact **Candace Brady**, executive director of development for individual giving, at 614-823-1953 or cbrady@otterbein.edu.

STUDENT GRATITUDE: THEN AND NOW

1980s Alumni Meet with Scholarship Recipient

The **Miller, Ricevuto, Lehman Endowed Scholarship** is aiding students enrolled in Otterbein's Health and Sport Sciences Department unlock their potential through the gift of education. The scholarship was founded to honor Otterbein running coaches **Porter Miller '65, Guido Ricevuto H'11** and **Dave Lehman '70** for their contributions and commitment to improving the lives of the students they mentored. Since its founding, the scholarship has provided financial aid to multiple students, including **Andrew Cade '19**, pictured at far right. The support Andrew, a Lancaster, OH, native, has received at Otterbein is empowering him as he pursues

opportunities to attend medical school following graduation.

If you would like to support the Miller, Ricevuto, and Lehman Endowed



Scholarship or would like to learn more about endowed scholarship funds at Otterbein, please contact **Nick Wood '10**, director of development, at 614-823-1950 or by email at nwood@otterbein.edu.

Back Row: Scott Hill '85, Steven McConaghy '87
Front Row: Patrick Bennett '86, Mark Puskarich '86, Andrew Cade '19.



Scholarships Make a Difference in Students' Lives

The impact of donor generosity is evident in the stories and experiences our students share how donors' unrestricted support through the Otterbein Fund has enriched their lives. Here are just a few of our recent favorites:

Emily Bliss '18, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

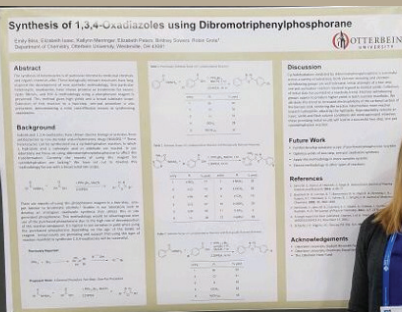
As a biochemistry and molecular biology major, Emily credits her three scholarships as making it possible for her "to study under the most supportive faculty, gain experience in my field and travel abroad. Scholarships give students and families hope — they make dreams a reality and give students the opportunity to pursue paths that would be impossible otherwise."

Michael Anderson '19, Allied Health

"I can't imagine what Otterbein would be if it weren't for our campus. Updated classroom spaces with relevant technology have provided the perfect forum for discussions in my classes about the future of the health field. Gathering spaces, like the library and our Campus Center, allow students, faculty, and staff to collaborate as members of our community. I'm incredibly grateful to donors for providing the campus on which I'm painting the landscape of my college career."

Loren Gaston '21, Equine Pre-Veterinary

"Donor support is providing me with academic opportunities I never expected. I'm a first-year equine pre-veterinary major, with minors in equine assisted activities and therapies, and biology. While I have loved my classes so far, I don't know if I would be doing as well as I am without the incredible resource of Otterbein's faculty."





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www.otterbein.edu/stand.



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*Please note "Krendl Lecture Series Fund"
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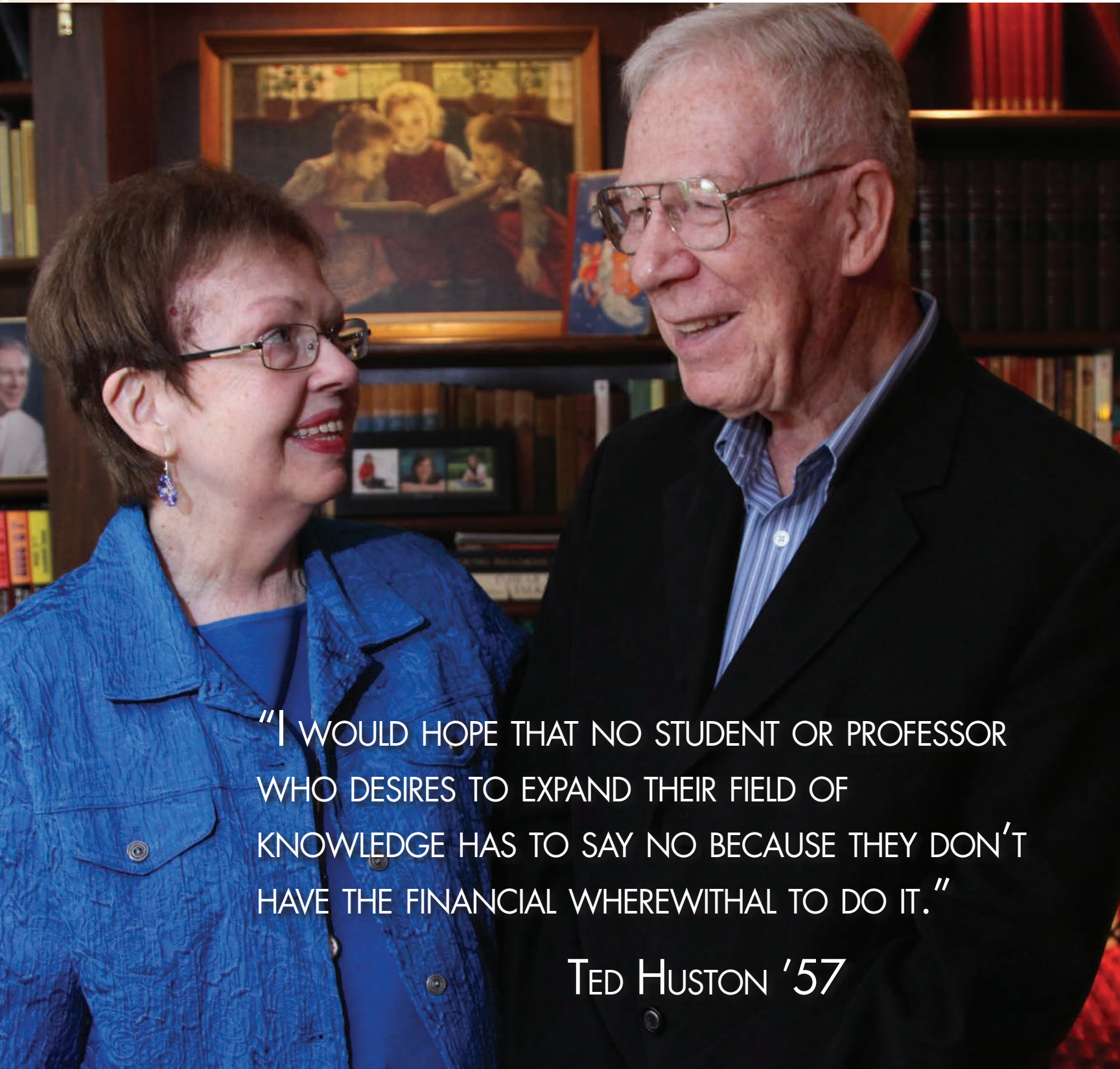
THE KATHY A. KRENDEL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES FUND

Honoring the legacy of Otterbein's twentieth president, the Kathy A. Krendl Distinguished Lecture Series will connect prominent and diverse leaders with our campus and community.

To advance President Krendl's legacy, the Krendl Distinguished Lecture Series will host compelling and thought-provoking scholars, dignitaries, business visionaries, and other exemplars of innovation, leadership and collaboration.

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TED HUSTON '57

A LASTING CARDINAL CONNECTION

John “Ted” ‘57 and **Eileen Fagan ‘57 Huston** have been standing with Otterbein for more than 60 years. Their Cardinal connection as a couple spans generations and includes years of servant leadership and faithful giving.

Having practiced medicine and cardiology for more than 40 years with leadership roles at Dunham Army Hospital, the Cleveland Clinic and with OhioHealth and Riverside Methodist Hospital, Ted was long regarded one of the region’s top cardiologists. Eileen stands as a beloved musician and teacher with more than 20 years as part of the Otterbein Music Department faculty.

For the Hustons, Otterbein is a matter of the heart. It’s not only the place this couple met, it’s the place they credit with providing treasured friendships, a place where Eileen said professors truly care about their students, and certainly a place where, as Ted said, “students have the opportunity to become whatever they want to become.”

Their loyalty to Otterbein stands so strong that the couple created two endowed funds with their \$500,000 estate commitment as part of the Where We STAND Matters campaign. Their intent is to ensure more students have the chance to discover their hearts’ callings at Otterbein as they both did.

The Hustons first met when Eileen’s roommate introduced the pair at Otterbein’s bookstore. The two struck up an acquaintance. The next meeting was an Otterbein bonfire and football pep rally.

“You wore your pajamas,” Eileen said.

“And you wore your beanie,” Ted added.

“You danced around and looked ridiculous and then we all went to a movie. It was a ridiculous movie but the most exciting thing was he walked me home and then he gave me a kiss and he ran away. He ran! I didn’t know what to think. Was it that bad?” Eileen said.

“Well, I probably thought it was kind of forward,” Ted recalled with a chuckle.

A conversation with Ted and Eileen highlights the easy rhythm of give and take this couple enjoys. Eileen explains it as the fact that they’ve always been comfortable together — something she treasures about their marriage.

Ted also credits their mutual appreciation of music as a common thread throughout their lives. “We were both in the a capella choir [at Otterbein], which was the premier choir at the time.” Eileen quickly points out that Ted was a percussionist and a “true musician” but with his pre-med studies and double majoring in chemistry and biology, he just “didn’t have time to do everything.”

Ted worked his way through school, adhering to his father’s advice that “if it’s legal, ethical and moral, there’s no job too low to be performed. Work is work,” Ted said. He cleaned a dentist’s office at night; was a dishwasher in the cafeteria and housekeeper for his fraternity;

he painted houses; he was a night watchman; he organized slides for the Biology Department; and did plenty more odd jobs like window washing and cleaning wallpaper to pay for school.

“Fortunately, the only time I really had to give something up was my senior year,” Ted said. To graduate debt-free, Ted gave up the chance to go on the choir tour during spring break in order to work.

“That’s one of the things I wanted to make possible with my fund,” Ted explained. “If a student has to say, ‘well, I’ve got to work or can I get the money to do this’ — I’d like to try to offset that in some way,” Ted explained. “I would hope that no student or professor who desires to expand their field of knowledge has to say no because they don’t have the financial wherewithal to do it.” **The Ted Huston Fund** will provide support to students seeking global and experiential learning opportunities.

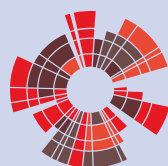
Ensuring an opportunity isn’t missed is also at the heart of Eileen’s scholarship fund. Eileen’s passion for music developed at a very young age and she recalls that the scholarship she received was important in ensuring her studies.

“I would hope that if there’s an inspiring music student who cannot attend Otterbein because of financial reasons that this would help,” Eileen said. “I got a scholarship when I was a freshman and it helped.” **The Eileen Huston Scholarship Fund** will provide support to music majors.

Ted and Eileen value all that Otterbein has meant to their lives. “Otterbein has definitely influenced us,” Eileen said. Nodding in agreement, Ted explained that Otterbein gave him perspective on how he should live his life. “It provided me with the skills I needed to take advantage of every opportunity presented to me — and I guess the confidence to feel I could succeed in those opportunities,” he said.

As the campaign gets closer to meeting its historic goal, the Hustons hope more alumni and Otterbein supporters will give. Eileen said that she hopes the support will help Otterbein continue “its success of instilling these students with an ability to help others.”

And, much like the perfect duet this Cardinal couple embodies, Ted echoed, “Otterbein is a good investment. Your legacy to the future — and hopefully to a better society — would be multiplied more than any other contribution you could make.”



WHERE WE
STAND MATTERS

The Campaign for Otterbein’s Future:
Investing in Students First

compiled by Becky Hill May '78 and Tuesday Beerman Trippier '89

1953 reunion year Homecoming 2018

Bob Arledge '55 participated in the 2017 Canada-North American-Central America-Caribbean (CNCC) Masters Championship in pole vault in the 80-84 age group. With a vault of 6'6", he qualified to compete at the senior games to be held in Spain in August 2018.

Nancy Carter '55 works full-time as chief video editor for the International Church of

the Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness.

1958 reunion year Homecoming 2018

1963 reunion year Homecoming 2018

Richard Sawyer '67 is president of TechScan Corp. providing bar code scanning products.

1968 reunion year Homecoming 2018

David Gunning '72, program manager at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in Alexandria, VA, was recently featured in an article in *The New York Times Magazine*. The article, entitled "Can A.I. Be Taught to Explain Itself?" (by Cliff Kuange, Nov. 21, 2017) featured Gunning for his extensive work in the new field of research called explainable artificial intelligence, or X.A.I.

1973 reunion year Homecoming 2018

Rebecca Fisher Hardcastle Wright '73 is the founder of the Institute for Exoconsciousness, Washington, DC.

Ronald Jewett '74, dean for the college of arts and sciences for North Central University in Minneapolis, MN, will be retiring soon after 25 years of service.

Deb Bowsher '75 is pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Huron, OH.

Susan White '75 is a psychotherapist with a practice in Naples, FL. She recently completed a year-long residency in trauma therapy and is now an internationally certified traumatologist. Her other specialties include behavior specialist consultant, family and marriage therapist and autism spectrum specialist.

John Hard '76, owner of CaJohns Fiery Foods in Westerville, was recently featured in *Columbus City Scene* magazine.

Chet Simmons '77 is the administrative manager at Ryerson Singer Steel, Streetsboro, OH.

1978 reunion year Homecoming 2018

Giving Note

Jane Morrison Horn '50 of Westerville gave \$25,000 to create the **Taylor E. M. Horn '16 Endowment for Health and Sport Sciences** in honor of her grandson, a graduate of the allied health master's program and a fourth-generation Cardinal. The endowment supports student research and/or experiential learning opportunities in HSS.

Giving Note

Otterbein theatre program staunch supporter **Ruth J. "Petie" Dodrill H'94** gifted \$30,000 in September, and loyal alumna **Jane Morrison Horn '50** contributed \$25,000 in November for the **First Stage: Mid-Size Theatre Fund**.

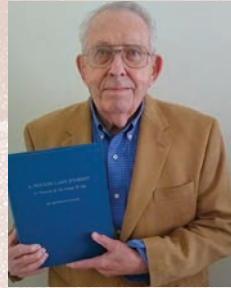


Lois Augenstein Harris '63 and her classmates from the Class of 1963 celebrated their Clip House reunion in September in Delaware, OH. Pictured, front row: Lois, **Chris Fetter Greene**, **Liz Arnold**, **Darlene Stoffer Mellick** and **Sharon Hept Blakeman**. Second row: **Elaine Koehler Henn**, **Connie Hellwarth Leonard**, **Imodale Caulker-Burnett**, **Kathy Ackerman McDannald** and **Lois Axline Campolo**. Absent were **Carol Shook Rufener** and **Carol Simmons Shackson**.

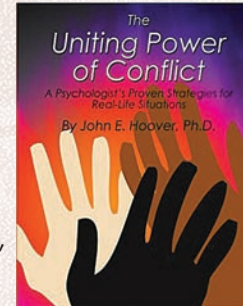
Otterbein Book Corner



Paul Gibson '50 recently wrote his second novel, *Significant Night*. He continues to play violin and, last fall, he played his own composition at the Bay View United Methodist Church in Milwaukee. At 95, he still walks half a mile a day and drives, as well.



Arthur Fulton '51 has published a book about his family and life, *A Fulton Lad's Journey, a Narrative of His Lineage and Life*.



John Hoover '64 recently participated in the Otterbein Alumni Author Series at the Courtright Memorial Library with his book, *The Uniting Power of Conflict*.

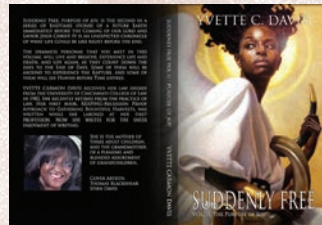


Jean V. Poulard '63 translated and edited *A French Slave in Nazi Germany, A Testimony*, which was published by Notre Dame University Press and has received an INDIES honorable mention. He continues to teach political science at Indiana University Northwest.



Karen Hoerath Meyer '65 has written a new historical biography, *Simon Kenton: Unlikely Hero*. The book, part of a series of Ohio frontier books all recognized by the Ohioana Book Festival, gives insight to the dangers faced by frontiersman Simon Kenton.

Yvette Carmon Davis '72 recently published *Suddenly Free*, a series of endtimes stories of a future Earth, immediately before the second coming of Jesus Christ. The first volume, *Rise of Evil*, introduces the Antichrist. Her second and third volumes, *The Purpose of Joy* and *Triumph*, chronicles a human populace in thrall to a deceiver who intends to bring the end of time on his own terms. The fourth volume is in production.



Tina Marrelli Glass '97 has written a book, *A Guide for Caregiving: What's Next*, offering expert guidance for readers faced with the challenge of becoming a caregiver.



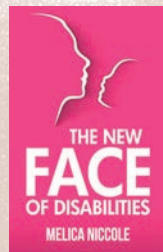
Anthony Fulton '00 is co-author of *Tell Me a Story: Using Narratives to Break Down Barriers in Composition Courses*. The book explores how narratives can help students overcome academic, personal and creative barriers.



Mindy McGinnis Young '01 recently released a new book, *Given to the Earth*, the second and final in a fantasy series set on an island continent whose inhabitants have learned that the seas are rising and will never stop. *Given to the Sea* is the first title in the series. She recently released *This Darkness Mine*, a dark psychological thriller about a "good" girl who believes her "bad" actions can be explained by the fact she absorbed her ill-intentioned twin in the womb.



Melica Hampton '04 is the author of 15 books focusing on children living with disabilities, domestic violence and issues of diversity. Her latest book is *The New Face of Disabilities*. Hampton is a supported education specialist working with individuals with mental health diagnoses at Bridgeway Rehabilitation Service, Union, NJ.



Jen Knox '07 published *The Glass City*, winner of the Prize Americana for Prose. The stories employ weather to reflect the struggles and resiliency of an interconnected cast of characters.



Cheryl Lantz '78 is a relationship banker and registered investment rep with Huntington Bank.

Kathy Shannon Raby '78 is an art teacher and artist at Foundation Academy of Mansfield, OH. She produced a solo exhibit this winter at Fairmount Center for the Arts, Novelty, OH.

Catherine Smailes Dunaway '80 was recently awarded the Jan Dils Golden Apple Award, which is awarded to teachers in the Marietta, OH, community for going the extra mile for their students.

Leslie Lascheid '81 is the CEO of Neighborhood Health Clinic in Naples, FL, a nonprofit serving the uninsured working poor in Collier County. The clinic was started by her parents in 1999 and relies on donations and more than 700 volunteers.

Hal Hopkins '82 is director of quality control for AbbVie, a research-driven biopharmaceutical company headquartered in Chicago.

Lynn Maurer '82 was named dean of Lamar University's College of Arts and Sciences, Beaumont, TX. Her term begins July 1.

1983 reunion year Homecoming 2018

Brenda Lehman '84 is an attorney with Lehman & Lehman, Attorneys at Law in Tennessee.

Bruce Michael Kiesling '86 is owner of Porter Robert LLC, home remodeling in Pennsylvania.

Bill Brooks '87 was promoted to national head of branch control support for JP Morgan Chase, Columbus.

Jennifer Slager Pearce '87 was named vice president of

marketing and communications at Emory and Henry College, Emory, VA, in December. Her husband, **Bill Pearce '87**, accepted a position as the head men's and women's golf coach at Emory and Henry College in January.

1988 reunion year Homecoming 2018

Pete Klipa '89 is vice president of creditor relations for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, headquartered in Washington, D.C. He will work remotely.

Timothy St. John '89 is head chef at Centerville Assisted Living Facility in Ohio.

Craig Sutherland '89, president of Sutherland Wealth Partners in Columbus recently spoke at the Annual Money Concepts Planning Conference in Florida. He was also awarded President of the Year 2017 in recognition of outstanding leadership and dedication to clients in all areas of professional wealth management.

Bryan Knicely '91 is the new executive director of the Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings, MT.

1993 reunion year Homecoming 2018

Scott Bechtel '95 is now a partner at GBQ, accounting and consulting firm, Columbus.

John Grossenbacher '95 is analytical research laboratory manager at Scotts Company.

Laura Kunze '95 was elected Sharon Township trustee in November and was voted chair of the Sharon Township board of trustees. She also serves on the board of directors at Ohio Medical Group Management Association.

Sarah Spahr Sheehan '95 is senior content strategist with Boundless Spatial, a company headquartered in St. Louis, MO, with remote workers across the U.S. and around the world. She is based in Cleveland, OH.

Kimberly Weaver Snider '95 is an administrative assistant at Arthur N. Ulrich Co., Etna, OH,

Giving Note

Lt. Col. Lawrence (Larry) Stebleton '53 of Albuquerque, NM, made a generous addition of more than \$30,000 to the Lawrence Alan Stebleton Scholarship, which he originally endowed in 2004 in support of musical performance students.



Dave Thomas '69, a U.S. representative for the four locations of Experiencia Spanish Language Schools in Mexico, accompanied a group of four language learners on a two-week language/cultural immersion trip to the school campus in Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca, in early December. In addition to his involvement with Experiencia / Schools, he is also a volunteer English Language Learning tutor through "Uno A Uno," an English language program of the Estes Valley Library, and he teaches a money management course in Spanish for the local food pantry, Crossroads Ministry, in Estes Park, CO.



Gordon Bury '70 was a part of the 209th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday in February at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. Bury represented His Excellency, Ambassador Hersey Kyota of the Embassy of the Republic of Palau who was unable to attend and lay The Wreath of the Diplomatic Corps.

Tony Hugli '63

Chemist's Passion for Innovation Started at Otterbein

By Cameron West '19

Tony Hugli '63 is a distinguished leader in protein chemistry, amino acid sequencing and immunology. His successful career has allowed him to study alongside Nobel Prize-winning scientists, publish hundreds of his works in peer-reviewed journals and share his research with leaders and scholars around the world as an invited speaker.



Hugli credits Otterbein University for establishing a foundation of knowledge and allowing him to compete with Ivy League graduates at Indiana University, where he completed his doctorate degree in 1968. Specifically, he acknowledges Otterbein Professor Roy Turley as one of the most influential people in his life.

"I was planning to be a secondary school teacher," Hugli said. "Without Dr. Turley, I wouldn't have considered graduate school. Everything began with the solid instruction that I had at Otterbein."

At Otterbein, Hugli was a member of the Kings fraternity, a participant on the track team and a dorm counselor. He also met **Judy Furay '63**, an art major, whom he later married.

The University has changed since Hugli's time as a Cardinal in the 1960s, now offering over 70 majors taught in state-of-the-art facilities. Hugli encourages studies in translational sciences, which focus on using scientific principles to enhance human health and well-being.

"Otterbein is leading the charge by innovating and moving into disciplines that are in the trend," Hugli said. "They will become useful in medicine and transfer into effective applications."

Hugli is excited about the opportunities available at The Point, Otterbein's newly constructed STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) innovation center. The facility features classrooms, labs and a business incubator for student and professional use.

"An incubator is an absolutely brilliant thing to do," Hugli said. "Looking into the 21st century of education, science and STEM is the way many universities are now heading."

Hugli is currently developing a line of skincare products for his company, HealthAide, Inc. Even at 76, he continues to use his knowledge and research experiences to improve the health and wellness of others.

Profile

a manufacturer's representative company selling back up electrical systems.

Kathleen Crites Madden '97 is running for a seat on

Ohio's Fourth District Court of Appeals. With 17 years of legal experience, she currently serves as the chief of the state's human resources and labor counsel division.

Kathryn Altier Reagan '97 is assistant director of auxiliary maintenance, facilities service at Otterbein.

Kathryn Felsenthal Stephens '97 is director of strategic partnerships with ImprovEdge, a corporate training company in Powell, OH.



Adele Knipp Klenk '71 and six of her classmates, **Wendy Roush**, **Joyce Bristow Winget**, **Jane Holford**, **Marsha Brobst Adkins**, **Rita Schumacher Bilikam** and **Barb MacKenzie Campbell**, explored the ice mountains and frost quakes on Lake Erie on their annual winter getaway.



Twelve former Concert Choir members, plus a few spouses, spent 10 days reconnecting on a trip to Tuscany in late October. The group stayed near Arezzo, Italy, and took day trips to many of the surrounding sights. For a full story written by **Cabot '78** and **Heather Leach '78 Rea**, go to www.otterbein.edu/spotlights. Pictured are: **Rollie Seiple (Lynn)**, **Jill Carter (Kevin)**, **Kevin Carter '78**, **Cabot '78** and **Heather Leach '78 Rea**, **Lisa Rosenbaum Robinson-Boyer '80**, **Lynn Marshall Artabane '78**, **Patrick (house manager)**, **Jill Leasure '75**, **Steve Ricard '76**, **Beth Bichsel Ricard '75**, **Ken Christian (Rebecca)**. Not pictured: **Sandy Gooding '77**, **Lynn Corbin Seiple '75**, **Annie Vittur Kennedy '77** and **Rebecca Pfahler Christian '75**.

1998

reunion year
Homecoming 2018

Christy Witt Hoffman '00 is chief operating officer of the CIO Strategy Exchange, a cadre of approximately 50 elite CIOs from Fortune 100 companies who meet to exchange ideas about the role of chief information officers as digital technology evolves.

Jeff Gibbs '02 is still playing basketball in the Japanese League for Tochigi Brex.

Phil Sobers '02 has accepted a full-time military position at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

2003

reunion year
Homecoming 2018

Cindy Wesley Neely '03 was named to the *Newark (OH) Advocate's* 20 Under 40 List of Young Leaders. She is vice president, retail branch

administration, Park National Bank, and branch manager in the downtown Newark branch.

Jennifer Ricketts Austin '04 is the director of the Coshocton Public Library.

Jason Jenkins '04 is the director of community affairs for the City of Columbus.

Matt McClellan '04 is communications director for the Ohio Secretary of State, Columbus.

Jonathan Juravich '05 was a finalist for the 2018 National Teacher of the Year Award and the winner of the Ohio Teacher of the Year award.

Rod Vedder '05 is director of business development, SEO, at Robintek, Worthington, OH.

Erika Kastner McKinney '06 is an assistant professor of nursing and health sciences at Piedmont College, Demorest, GA.

Cat Perlson '06 is an intervention specialist in Lakota Local Schools near Cincinnati.

Colleen Deel '07 is assistant professor, interlibrary loan and collection management librarian at Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN.

Mary Lower '07 earned her master's degree in public health from The Ohio State University and is a clinical research coordinator at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

2008

reunion year
Homecoming 2018

Andrew Chrismer '08 is a global business and economics specialist with the European American Chamber of Commerce in New York City.

Kelli Nowlin MAT '08 is an English instructor at Columbus State Community College and

received the 2016 Distinguished Teaching Award from the college.

Kevin Rieman '08 is the assistant wrestling coach at Otterbein.

Thai Sribanditmongkol '08 will be the choir director at Olentangy's new Berlin High School in Lewis Center, OH, in the fall.

Kelly Bradley Walk '08 is the children's pastor at Canvas Church, Westerville.

Rebekah Clevenger '09 is special projects and strategic initiatives manager at Ohio University, Athens, OH.

Karli Young Collins '09 is a human resource associate for Westerville City Schools.

Rebecca Gray '09 is a seventh grade math teacher at Heritage Middle School in Westerville.

Kristin Sutton-Harris '09 is a legislative liaison with the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, Columbus.

Giving Note

2017 Mary B. Thomas Awardee **Wendell L. Foote '60** of Silverton, OR, contributed \$20,000 for the Otterbein FUND and \$10,000 for the Department of Chemistry.

Giving Note

Richard P. LeGrand '62 of Jackson, OH, set up two gift annuities at \$25,000 each that will benefit Otterbein University's emerging needs.

Jean-Marc Cowles O'Connor '88, Andrew Hall '89 and **Mike Smith '90** won the use of a luxury suite at Nationwide Arena's Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Toronto Maple Leafs game in December. Some of these Sphinxmen hadn't seen each other for almost 30 years. Pictured are **Andrew, Shannon Miller '88, Seth Holtzapfel '87, Vic Triafo '87, Aaron Connell '89, Scott Martin '87,** Jean Marc O'Connor and Mike Smith.



Allison Cortez '99 was awarded the Caught in the Act Award for PR Excellence by The Public Relations Society of America Pikes Peak Chapter. Cortez is director of communication for Academy School District 20 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Rhonda Talford Knight '98

Diversity and Inclusion are Passions for this VP

By Lauren Heberling '19

College plays an important role in the lives of young adults around the world, introducing them to new cultures and people from different backgrounds. It's a place that shapes them, challenges them and helps them learn not only about their given major, but about themselves. Otterbein University goes a step further, instilling values that become central to each graduate.

Rhonda Talford Knight '98 can attest to the support she received at Otterbein that eventually led her to becoming the vice president and inclusion manager for Huntington Bank.

"College helped to provide a deepened strength in my value system and made me realize my passion," said Knight. "The faculty believes in you and the students care about each other."

At Huntington Bank, Knight is focused on increasing workforce diversity, work place inclusion and community engagement. She delivers diversity and inclusion training and works to integrate inclusive leadership behaviors within the company. She also oversees three inclusion councils and eight business resource groups that are colleague-driven and give



employees a voluntary space to discuss common diversity dimensions.

Knight is also the CEO and founder of The Knight Consulting Group, LLC. She works with clients to develop strategic plans that implement values of equity, inclusion and advocacy within the workplace.

As a public relations major at Otterbein, Knight recalls her PR campaigns class project where she worked with the Columbus YWCA, a nonprofit whose mission is to eliminate racism and empower women. It was working with the YWCA that made Knight confident in her passion for diversity and inclusion.

Knight gives back to Otterbein by working with James Prysock, director for the Office of Social Justice and Activism. She forms relationships and educates students about the opportunities at Huntington and what it is like to be involved with a financial institution, not just a bank. She also works with students on developmental skills, face-to-face communication, and discovering their leadership styles, as well as connecting them to businesses owned by people of color.

"I am fortunate enough to do the work I am passionate about and what I love," said Knight.

Profile

Amy Witt '09 is a financial aid associate at Franklin University, Columbus.

Jonathan Folsom '10 is a business analyst with Huntington National Bank, Columbus.

Brianna Joslyn '10 is assistant director at Lado International Institute, Arlington, VA.

Douglas Sarmir '11 works in research and design, fabrication for Pyrotek Special Effects, Las Vegas.

Logan Peltier '10 is a relationship account officer for Bank of America, Westerville.

Jack Brangham '12 is a process design engineer for Intel, Hillsboro, OR.

Chase Bowman '11 is the head football coach at Morgan High School, McConnellsville, OH.

Robert Stretch '12 was promoted to community engagement and media manager for the Clearwater Threshers, Class A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, Clearwater, FL.

Lindsay Main Koenig '11 began her career as a forensic chemist at the Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

Alan Varrasso MBA '10 was promoted to chief information officer at JPMorgan Chase. He will lead technology delivery to more than 5,000 branches and 16,000 ATMs and provide support for 2.5 million small business customers and Chase's auto loans and leases portfolio.



Regan Donoughe '17

President Krendl's Class has Big Impact on this Recent Alumnus

By Shirley Scott '70

Medina native **Regan Donoughe '17** considered attending a big school in a big town — not necessarily in Ohio — until her parents made sure she visited “practically every small college in the state.” Westerville’s proximity to Columbus combined with an Otterbein tour guide saying all the right things and a business department head helping her map out a major in marketing changed Donoughe’s mind — and her future.



raised funds for Nationwide Children’s Hospital. She also helped the former American Marketing Association group on campus develop into the current Otterbein Business Association.

In an atmosphere encouraged and nurtured by Krendl, Donoughe’s business professors relied on semester-long projects and real-world experiences in lieu of papers and exams. Donoughe discovered Otterbein students “out in the field” were much better prepared to profit from opportunities than students from other schools.

Otterbein’s impact began immediately when, as a freshman, Donoughe enrolled in President Kathy Krendl’s Women in Leadership course. During Wednesday’s three-hour evening classes, 20 students were introduced to business concepts, including networking, where panels of community leaders shared information and answered questions. The remaining two class hours included wide-ranging discussions that set the stage for Donoughe’s entire college education.

Donoughe looks forward to continuing her career in marketing, but she pays homage to her Otterbein roots by meeting periodically with her college mentor and by mentoring young people herself.

Now a rotation analyst learning all facets of IGS Energy in Columbus, Donoughe credits four years of Otterbein activities and coursework for her strong start. A student tour guide herself, she was particularly active in Otterthon, which

It all began for Donoughe with Krendl who “made me feel valuable by actually teaching a class of freshmen.” She said the lessons about networking and the access Dr. Krendl provided were the most influential aspects of this “positive, humble educator” — a sincere tribute to an “amazing” woman closing out an impactful career by a young woman just beginning her own.

Profile

Hannah Ullom White '12 was promoted to associate director, solution delivery for Dynamit, Columbus.

Shayne Willis '12 is a parole officer with the State of Ohio.

2013 reunion year Homecoming 2018

Taylor Harle '13 is a math teacher at Dublin Jerome High School, Dublin, OH. He finished his first year as the varsity golf coach winning the Division I State Championship at The Ohio State University’s Scarlet golf course.

Jared Joseph '13 is vocal music director in the

Washington Court House (OH) City Schools.

Courtney Kast '13 earned her doctorate degree in dental surgery at The Ohio State University and is now a practicing dentist in Port Clinton, OH.

Blaine Kelly '13 is communications director for the Ohio Republican Party, Columbus.

Chelsie House Might '13 is a math teacher at Heritage Middle School, Westerville.

Brooke Robbins '14 is an advancement officer for direct marketing, athletics

for Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

Graham Shippy '13 is an account executive at Paul Werth Associates, a public relations and marketing firm headquartered in Columbus.

Thea Kennedy '14 is a graphic designer at West-Camp Press, Westerville.

Eva Atriano '15 is an ophthalmic technician with The Retina Group, Columbus.

Dillon Cordray '15 is patron service manager at Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO.

Giving Note

David and Loretta Evans '69 Heigle of Columbus, teachers who met while pursuing their passion for education and who both taught at Otterbein, made a cash commitment toward their existing planned gift to endow the **David and Loretta Evans Heigle Scholarship** and support students majoring in education at Otterbein.

Giving Note

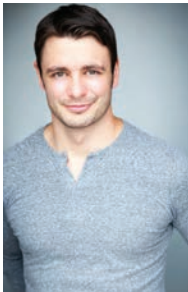
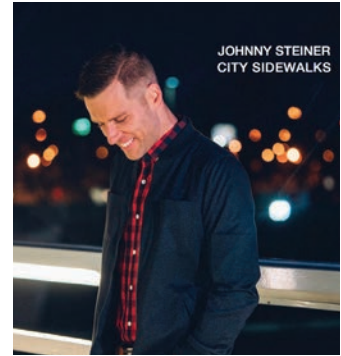
The **Ralph Johnston Family** of Grand Rapids, Michigan committed \$25,000 to provide discretionary support for the **Systems Engineering program** at **The Point STEAM Innovation Center**.

Entertainment Center



T.J. Gerckens '88 was winner of the 2017 Broadway World Columbus Awards Best Lighting Design (Local) for his work on Otterbein's production of *Damn Yankees*.

Johnny Steiner '96 released an EP of music called *City Sidewalks* in November. Its seven holiday songs are accompanied by **Eileen Huston '57**. Also featured on the recording is **Paul Baker '15**. The project was produced by **Eric Van Wagner '99**. Steiner also recently directed the massed choirs at the 22nd annual Delaware Area Handbell Festival. Steiner is the associate director of music at Church of the Messiah UMC in Westerville, artistic director for *VaudVillities* and has a roster of 25 private voice students.



Steve Czarnecki '09 and wife, **Liz Shivener '09**, are touring with the latest production of the Broadway hit *Les Miserables*. Czarnecki is a regular part of the ensemble (the factory foreman, the accused thief Champmathieu, the thug Brujon and more), and is also the understudy for Valjean and Inspector Javert. Shivener is a cast swing and dance captain.

Kolby Kindle '10 is currently on the road in the ensemble of the national tour of the juggernaut hit *The Book of Mormon*.



Notice anything new on your mailing label?

Your Otterbein story matters to us — even when it comes to your *Towers* mailing label. We've reformatted the address label, thanks in part to the feedback from our alumni and members of Otterbein's Alumni Council. We're proud to tell you that the Council's guidance aligns with the new industry standards and best practices. Otterbein is ahead of an emerging trend many other universities are considering now.

The labels of parents and friends still look much like they always have. If your child or children are also Otterbein alumni, we've added their graduation year(s) following your own year of graduation with a "P" to signal parent. If you're a Cardinal couple, the first in your household to earn official status as a graduate gets top billing. If you graduated in the same year, your names are

listed alphabetically. Finally, we're only using titles affiliated with academic, medical, military, political or religious credentials.

The treatment of your name is important to us — because YOU are important to us. Please know that more than 50,000 names were created throughout this process. If we have incorrectly identified an element of your name or preferred year, failed to recognize a graduate degree earned from Otterbein, or missed a parent year, **please accept our apologies, and let us know**. We would like to update your name before the next issue of *Towers* is mailed in the fall. You can reach us by email at alumniinfo@otterbein.edu or you can reach **Jamie Rollo '11**, gift administrator and bio-records specialist, at 614-823-1428.

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Devon Fitzgerald '15 is a water quality analyst for the City of Columbus Public Utilities Department.

Devon Fitzgerald '15, John Grossenbacher '95, Lindsay Main Koenig '11, and Mary Lower '07 returned to campus last fall to participate in an alumni panel open to biochemistry and molecular biology and chemistry majors.

David Grimes '15 is a teacher in Columbus City Schools.

Alissa Harle '15 is working at the Salesmanship Club of Dallas as the tournament services coordinator for the Byron Nelson Classic, following her internships with three tournaments on the PGA tour, including the AT&T Byron Nelson Golf Tournament.

Margaret Parson '15 completed her master's degree at Ball State University and is now attending Louisiana State University for her doctorate and coaching their debate team.

Connor Lucas '16 accepted a position in the treasury consulting group at JPMorgan, Chicago.

Kira Smalley '16 is event manager at the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Amie Gale Whalen '16 is an intervention specialist at Graham Elementary and Middle School, Columbus.

Rachel Dosch '17 is a community health specialist at Berger Health System's Health and Wellness Center, Circleville, OH.

Maddie Hill '17 is the assistant director of annual giving at Otterbein where she manages the telefund project among other duties.

Elizabeth Engle Keeran '17 is an event coordinator for the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, Brooksville, FL.

Abigail Rogers '17 is services account manager at NetJets, Inc., Columbus. •

Giving Note

Otterbein Trustee **Cheryl Herbert Sinden** and husband **Joel E. Sinden** of Marysville, Ohio gave \$25,000 in November to create the **Cheryl and Joel Sinden Nursing Student Endowment**. This is Otterbein's first endowment to assist nursing students with course and program-related expenses.

WHY ENDOW A SCHOLARSHIP AT OTTERBEIN?



At the Scholarship Luncheon on March 24: **Brittney Sowers '18, Lorraine Martin, Lorraine Burger '21, Dominic Scarsella '19, Jan Lenahan Dwyer '66, Drew Wilson '21 and Joyce Strickler Miller '61.**

"THE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE A GREAT HELP, CONSIDERING BOTH MY TWIN SISTER AND I ARE GOING TO OTTERBEIN. IT HELPED TREMENDOUSLY IN MAKING OTTERBEIN MORE ACCESSIBLE TO US."

LORRAINE BURGER '21, MECHANICAL AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING; DELAWARE, OH

Endowed scholarship funds provide permanent support for one of Otterbein's most important activities: making a higher education degree more accessible and affordable for students. By generating a steady stream of income, endowed funds make it possible for Otterbein to weather the ebb and flow of other sources of funding. Endowed funds result from donations where the principal is to remain intact and invested to produce income that may be expended. Therefore, your gift exists in perpetuity.

Endowed funds can be funded through several different means including appreciated stock, IRA distributions, or bequest intentions. They are often established in honor or memory of a loved one or mentor. They can be designated with a preference for a department, major, or a particular type of student such as a first-generation college student.

When a student receives a scholarship, it plays an important role in growing a culture of philanthropy. The support a student receives at Otterbein often inspires them to "give back" when they are financially able. In this way, a philanthropic cycle of paying it forward is created which benefits the University for generations to come.

To learn more about how you can create a scholarship, please contact **Candace Brady** at 614-823-1953 or cbrady@otterbein.edu.

HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS CEREMONIALLY ENTRUSTED TO THE PRESIDENT

by Stephen Grinch, Otterbein archivist

When Kathy Krendl was installed as Otterbein's 20th president in 2009, she was ceremonially entrusted with the care of certain historical artifacts that have a deep connection to the University's mission of inclusivity and service. Now, as we say a fond farewell to Dr. Krendl, we thought it would be a good time to examine these items, and their importance to Otterbein history.

The Otterbein Bible: This small, leather-bound German Bible is the only direct link we have to our namesake, Rev. Philip William Otterbein. There is a handwritten note on the inside of the back cover, which reads:

Wm. Otterbein's Bible.

This was willed to my grandfather, Rev. Christian Crum. At Grandfather's death it came to my father Rev. Wm. Ambrose. On my father's death it came into my hands. I am now old, and soon expect to go wither our fathers are gone, and I will this to Otterbein University.

M. Ambrose

Mt. Pulaski, Ill. May 15, 1873

This book is a reminder of both our namesake, and of our sacred heritage which formed the basis for our current values and mission as an educational institution.

The Towers Hall Key: The exact origin of this key is unknown, but we know that Dean of Students Marion Chase presented it to Dr. Robert Price for the Archives. (It is ironic that the back end of the key resembles a bottle opener.) Since 1871 the one experience shared by all of Otterbein's students, past, present, and future, is taking a class in Towers Hall. The key represents that unity.

The McFadden Sword: "There hangs on the wall of the McFadden home one of its

most prized and cherished relics. It is a sword — the emblem of a surgeon's life in the Civil War. Still untarnished in its long brass sheath... it stands for something more than sentimental value — it is the mark of a service." So wrote T. G. McFadden of his father Thomas' "medical staff," which he earned serving as a Union Army field surgeon, notably at the Battle of Shiloh. The sword represents the University's long-standing dedication to community and country.

The Founding Book of Minutes: Our history of progressive organization and governance begins in this record book. Recorded by the school's first secretary, William Hanby (the father of composer Benjamin Hanby), the story of why and how the school was first organized is laid out in these pages.

At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following resolution was made: "Resolved, by a unanimous vote, that the Seminary Institution, should be put in readiness for the reception (by departments) of Males and Females, as soon as the first Wednesday of Sept. AD 1847." This established Otterbein from its founding as a co-educational institution, and is representative of our openness to all who seek knowledge.

The Mace and Flambeau: The ceremonial regalia of the University was commissioned by President Lynn W. Turner, and was probably first used at the 1959 commencement exercises. The Mace represents the educational authority, and the Flambeau represents the light of learning that shines fourth from the University. (A new Mace and Flambeau were commissioned in 2014. Otterbein Art Professor Donald T. Austin designed and crafted them out of Ohio-indigenous maple and cherry wood.) •



The Bible of William Otterbein



The McFadden Sword



The old Flambeau, the new Flambeau, the University Seal, the new Mace and the old Mace.

MILESTONES

compiled by Becky Hill May '78
and Tuesday Beerman Trippier '89

Marriages

Sterling Williamson '57 to Paula Muck, Dec. 3, 2017.

Benjamin Sprunger '97 to Erik Burns, Sept. 23, 2017.

Heidi Letzman '97 was in the wedding party.

Danielle Carter '98 to Dustin Sabatino, Sept. 16, 2017.

Matthew D'Oyly '04 to Matt Haverman on October 7, 2017. In the wedding party were **Luke Crumley '07**, **Matt Lofy '08** and **Joe McDaniels '08**. Among the guests were 52 Otterbein graduates and employees.

Hallie Wendling '10 to Jeffrey Moss, Oct. 7, 2017. The wedding party included matron of honor, **Andi Stollard Hug '10**; bridesmaids, **Erin Hrivnak Branfield '10**, **Sophia Cunningham Dillhoff '10** and **Colleen Creghan '11**.

Sarah Degen '13 to **David Diedzicki '10**, July 29, 2017. The wedding party included **Matthew Beckettter '10**, **Zach Becker '10** and **Rachel Degen '11**.

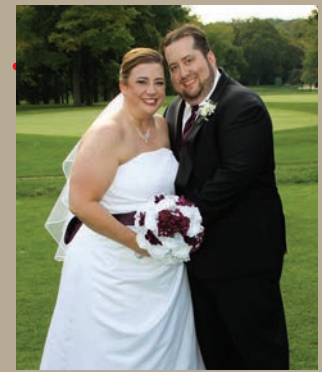
Alecia Pollack '13 to **Nicholas Kohl '15 MBA '17**, Sept. 2, 2017. The wedding party included **Samantha Stolarz Webster '13**, **Hannah Farver '13**,



Sterling Williamson '57 with wife, Paula Muck.



Benjamin Sprunger '97 (left) with spouse, Erik Burns.



Danielle Carter '98 with husband, Dustin Sabatino.



Matthew D'Oyly '04 (right) with spouse, Matt Haverman.



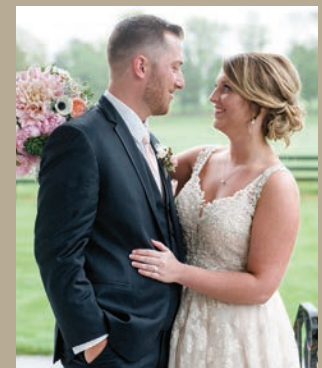
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Nicholas Kohl '15 MBA '17 with wife, **Alecia Pollack '13**.



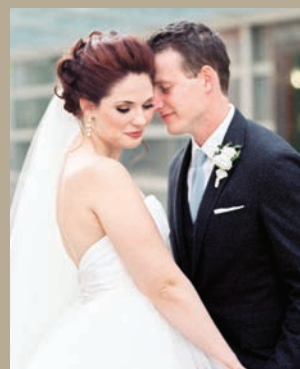
Samantha Stolarz '13 with husband, **Zachary Webster '12**.



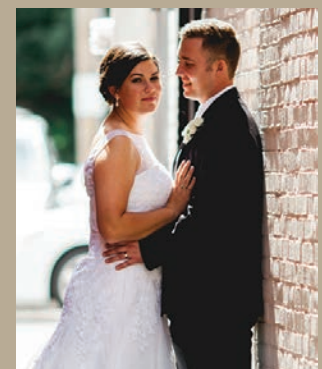
Drew Markley '14 with wife, **Brianne Buletko '14**.



Jordan Novotny '14 with wife, **Maggie McCool '14**.



Erin Ulman '17 with husband, **Andrew Beers '15**.



Amy Gale '16 with husband, **Jacob Whalen**.

Mackenzie O'Brien '14, **Jon Juergens '14** and **Keegan Parsons '16**.

Samantha Stolarz '13 to **Zachary Webster '12**, Oct. 27, 2017. The wedding party included **Brad Longo '12**,

Karissa Dahdah '12, **Shaylyn Webster '11**, **Hannah Farver '13** and **Alecia Pollack '13**.

Brianne Buletko '14 to **Drew Markley '14**, May 6, 2017. The wedding party included **Kendra Schwarz '14**; **Greg Moomaw '14**; **Sarah Laux '14**; best man, **Dominic Porretta '13**; maid of honor, **Audra Kohler '14**; and **Steve Swiger '14**.

Maggie McCool '14 to **Jordan Novotny '14**, Nov. 4, 2017. The best man was **Eric Allen '15**.

Erin Ulman '16 to **Andrew Beers '15**, July 29 2017. The wedding party included **Alison Schiller '16**, **Afton Welch '16**, **Kevin Beers '05**, **Greg Beers '10** and **Karen Beers Horvath '07**. Andrew is the 21st member of his family to graduate from Otterbein, including both parents, all his siblings and their spouses, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents.

Amie Gale '16 to Jacob Whalen, July 9, 2016. The wedding party included **Meaghan McEwen '17**.

Births

Dennis Duryea '03 and wife, Stacey, a daughter, **Emery Grace**.

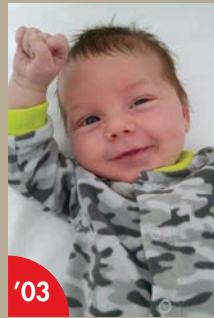
Jessica Reck Welch '03 and husband, Andrew, a son, **Hugo Elias**. He joins big sister, Cora.

Sarah Jurak Hull '04 and husband, Brad, a son, **Colin**. He joins big brothers **Sean**, 5, and **Eric**, 3.

Jeremy Bridgman '04 and wife, Megan, a son, **Henry Morgan**.



Emery Grace Duryea



Hugo Elias Welch



Colin Hull with big brothers, Sean and Eric.



Henry Morgan Bridgman



Hannah Katherine Buckingham



Robert Egan



Laurel Louise McClure with big sister, Ellory



Harrison Weaver



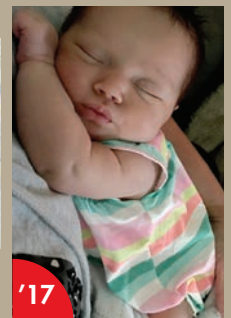
Josiah Benjamin Walk



Thomas Rex Erdman



Tucker Lee Byard



Blaire Bame

Send your wedding and baby photos with accompanying information by email to: classnotes@otterbein.edu

or go to: www.otterbein.edu/classnotes.

Photos should be medium to high resolution (at least 800 pixels on the shortest side) and clearly in focus. We reserve the right to refuse any photo which does not meet minimum quality requirements.

Katherine Elmers Buckingham '05 and husband, Ryan, a daughter, **Hannah Katherine**. She joins big sister, Emily.

Carrie Eckert Egan '05 and husband, Jonathan, a son, **Robert**.

Carolynn Billman McClure '07 and husband, Brian, a daughter, **Laurel Louise**. She joins big sister, **Ellory Maeve**.

Abby Tamasovich Weaver '07 and husband, Jay, a son, **Harrison**.

Stefanie Campbell Ragase '08 and husband, Trey, a daughter, **Nora Jane**. Proud grandpa is **Scott Campbell '76**.

Kelly Bradley Walk '08 and husband, Tim, a son, **Josiah Benjamin**. He joins siblings **Asher** and **Lucy**.

Kelli Wallenhorst Erdman '09 and husband, Jeff, a son, **Thomas Rex**.

Devin Smith Byard '11 and husband, Michael, a son, **Tucker Lee**.

Monica McDonald Wright '13 and husband, Bobby, a son, **Wesley Glenn**. He joins brother, **Warren**, 2.

Megan Dennis Bame '17 and husband, Tyler, a daughter, **Blaire**.

IN MEMORIAM

Deaths

'43 Richard Ziegler	12/21/17	'58 Victor Gulino	08/22/17	'72 Michael Balthrop	04/07/16
'44 Emily Wilson	10/07/17	'59 Harold Eagle	08/26/16	'72 Robin Bush	09/20/17
'44 Kathleen Strahm Fox	08/13/14	'59 Lee Elsass	03/27/14	'72 Christine Koman Mobily	10/21/14
'44 Howard Fox	02/27/18	'59 Donald Brehm	09/25/17	'73 Karen Vokes Madison	01/02/15
'45 Phyllis Koons	01/02/18	'60 Barbara Puderbaugh Gribler	12/07/17	'73 Kenneth Wright	09/18/14
'45 Jennie Wheelbarger Blauch	09/26/17	'60 Robert Jones	01/19/18	'74 William McCorkle III	12/14/17
'46 Catherine Barnhart Gerhardt	10/25/17	'61 Samuel Gantz	12/04/17	'74 Brian Vail	03/03/15
'47 Dorothy Miller Woodbury	09/23/17	'61 Delores Hanna Moyer	01/22/18	'75 Dwight Dodrill	03/01/16
'48 Gerald J. Rone	01/25/18	'61 Dean Prushing	01/11/18	'75 Mary Miller Westfall	01/14/15
'48 James Wilbur Montgomery	02/27/18	'62 Theodore Nichols II	07/08/17	'76 Dwight David Stuckey	11/26/17
'48 Lois Snyder	08/23/17	'62 Barbara Johnson Kaylor	11/18/16	'76 Deborah Kasunic Brown	12/29/17
'48 Miriam Ziegler Beams	07/05/17	'63 Noralee Smith	03/01/18	'77 John Hiles	03/24/17
'48 Harold E. Daup	12/10/17	'63 Mary Cole Ruth	10/01/17	'78 Pamela Riffe Jordan	12/08/17
'49 Edmund Book	05/01/14	'63 William Borchers	11/21/17	'81 Joseph Adamescu, Jr.	11/28/17
'49 Margaret Barnes White	10/16/17	'64 William Beck	02/22/16	'82 Susan Ridinger Reeves	10/28/17
'49 James Wallace	10/08/17	'64 Yuichi Tsuda	09/01/17	'83 Mitchell Butler	02/19/16
'49 Patricia Shade Buckingham	01/17/17	'64 John Harmon	06/22/16	'83 Donna Glosser Miller	03/30/18
'49 Avanel Howett Mead	03/03/15	'64 Rex Lynch	04/15/15	'84 Caroline Bonacquisti Gates	08/21/17
'50 Stanley Sherriff	10/04/17	'64 Judith Anderson	09/26/17	'85 Gregory Griffith	11/23/17
'50 Barbara Both Springfield	02/19/16	'65 Gene Cavalier	09/08/17	'89 Barbara Mitchell Wears	07/17/14
'50 Kenneth Zarbaugh	12/01/17	'65 Janet Cook Daxon	01/29/18	'91 Mary Vlack	06/24/14
'50 Victor Showalter	12/23/16	'66 Deedra Bebout	08/18/17	'92 Cynthia Bryant	03/12/18
'50 Robert Bradfield	11/07/17	'66 Harry Chandler	04/18/17	'98 Tanya Gripshover Jenkins	06/28/17
'50 Richard Willit	01/12/18	'66 Lenore Brobst Lutz	12/08/17	'98 Marilyn Seman Mueller	02/18/14
'50 Robert Milligan	12/10/16	'67 Robert Barker	08/17/15	'00 Jeffrey Baumgardner	10/06/17
'51 Ford Swigart	11/25/17	'67 Elaine Mollencopf	11/18/14	'00 Brandy Ernst Keller	01/03/18
'51 Laura Harmon Huffman	02/17/18	'68 Vera Vroman Rundle	11/04/16	'03 Thomas Collins	07/25/17
'51 Joan Hockensmith Davis	07/27/14	'69 Sue Newton Bullar	10/09/16	'04 Margaret Ann Hart	02/16/18
'51 Sue Hoffman Hunt	06/11/15	'69 Evelyn Kristoff Sharp	01/10/16	'07 Marcia Ruggles	08/23/15
'51 Joyce Enoch Pillsbury	10/05/17	'69 Daniel Woell	12/04/17	'14 Roxanne Elaine Pendleton	10/04/16
'51 Warren Pence	03/05/17	'70 Steven Steinhauser	09/15/17		
'51 Fred Long, Jr.	09/30/16				
'51 David Yohn	12/06/17				
'52 Willa Hixson Hill	08/02/17				
'52 John Schwartz	07/31/16				
'52 Philip A. Knall	08/08/17				
'52 Sue M. Searls	08/22/16				
'52 Betty McGregor Meiers	05/07/14				
'52 Eleanor Coon Brooks	02/22/18				
'53 Richard Yantis	02/17/18				
'53 Jerry Neff	10/15/17				
'53 Louis Wehrmann	01/23/18				
'53 Nancy Pennisten Isaly	10/30/17				
'55 Howard Hemmerly	11/27/15				
'56 Dolores Tomer Kirk	05/29/15				
'56 Sue Lenhart Beardsley	07/13/17				
'57 Doris Wise Gantz	10/05/17				
'57 Walter Whitaker	12/18/17				
'57 Martha Gilliland Jennings	01/22/18				

Long form obituaries can be found at www.otterbein.edu/classnotes.

If you would like a copy of a particular obituary, email alumniinfo@otterbein.edu or call 614-823-1650.

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Richard Yantis '53 02/17/18



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02/14/18



Cardinal Tales

by Becky Fickel Smith '81

Dear Friends:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
~ from *The Road Not Taken* by Robert Frost

It seems like yesterday I witnessed the Courtright Memorial Library Dedication on May 5, 1972, evident in the photo at right. (I'm the one in the pigtails by the pillar.) It was 46 years ago! I was 12 years old attending with my seventh grade United Methodist confirmation class from Logan, OH. On that day, I felt a connection to Otterbein prompting me to apply for enrollment in the fall of 1977. I had no idea my journey to Otterbein would travel a road for my entire professional career. After graduating from Otterbein in June 1981, Dean Van Sant asked me to join the Student Affairs staff on Aug. 1. On that same day, I married **Dick Smith '79** who, unbeknownst to him, married Otterbein, too.

Together, we have decided to start a new chapter in our life and explore a new road of adventure. I will retire from Otterbein later this summer after 37 incredible years. And yes, it's bittersweet — so many friends, growth and joys have happened here at Otterbein since 1977.

In the coming months, the next executive director of alumni relations will be announced to provide a smooth transition. The department is primed for my successor to take Alumni Relations to the next level of engagement.

Together, we have forged new pathways to make a difference for Otterbein. My heart, and Dick's too, is full with overwhelming gratitude for the support and memories you have given us the past four decades. I am forever a Cardinal and look forward to staying connected in the future!

With deep Cardinal Appreciation,

Becky Fickel Smith

Becky Fickel Smith '81

Executive Director of Alumni Relations
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Becky Fickel Smith '81 at the Courtright Memorial Library Dedication in 1972.



Becky with Thomas Kerr, 18th president of Otterbein (1972-1984), at the very same spot in 2012, which is inside now and part of the Otter Bean Café.

The 2018 Grand Soirée!



Ceremony hosts **Craig Bennett Icsman '84** and **Dee Hoty '74**



A lovely spring evening of excellence was celebrated on April 21 at Otterbein's annual Alumni Awards event. The Grand Soirée, a combined event for both young and seasoned alumni, began with cocktail hour in the Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall with white lights and dramatic décor transforming the space. A red carpet led the way to Cowan Hall where the extraordinary talent and outstanding achievements of our awardees culminated in a perfect night of undeniable Cardinal pride.

Highlights of the evening included:

- Special performances by **Dee Hoty '74**, three-time Tony Award nominee, seen on Broadway, film and television and Broadway star **Craig Bennett Icsman '84**, who took a night away from appearing in Broadway's *The Phantom of the Opera*.
- Special musical performances by the alumni and students of Otterbein University's Departments of Theatre & Dance and Music.
- An Afterglow reception in the Fisher Gallery with sparkling cardinal cocktails and decadent desserts.

www.otterbein.edu/alumniawards

See you Saturday, April 13, 2019, at the Soirée



It was a night on the red carpet...



...which stretched from Roush Hall to Cowan Hall. Attendees were photographed as they made their way to the ceremony.

And Fisher Gallery was transformed...



...first for the pre-ceremony reception...

and then the AfterGlow Reception.

Grand Soirée Alumni Award Winners



Special Achievement Award
Dianne Grote Adams '78
 President/Owner, Safex

Special Achievement Award
Jeff Brindley '81
 President/Roush Auto Group
 (not pictured)



Pacesetter Award
Tonye Patano '83
 Actress/Producer

Sheema Masood '11, MBA '13 (not pictured) senior consultant of strategy and operations at Deloitte Consulting in Cincinnati.
(L-R) Micaela A. Coleman '10, assistant manager of communications and investor education, North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.;
Meredith Ulmer '14, social media strategist, The Wendy's Company;
Kathryn M. Weale '10, athletic trainer, Nationwide Children's Hospital Sports Medicine;
Benjamin J. Leffel '10, doctoral student in sociology at the University of California, Irvine, director of research, The Tai Initiative;
Emily Brediger Peck '11, director of development, Virginia Beach Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Mary B. Thomas Commitment to Otterbein Award
Thomas '63 and Sarah Morrison
 (see page 48)



Community Service Award
The Puskarich Family



Honorary Alumni Award
Kathy Krendl H'18 and Richard Gilbert H'18

Watch the Alumni Awards
 online at [otterbein.edu/
 alumni/awards](http://otterbein.edu/alumni/awards).



Young Alumni Community Engagement Award
Halle Neiderman '07
 Doctoral Student, Kent State University; Creator of ID-13 Prison Writers Literacy Project



Young Alumni Professional Achievement Award
Cory Michael Smith '09
 Actor



G.O.L.D. Young Alumni Awards
(Graduates Of the Last Decade)



Grand Soirée Alumni Award Winners

The Mary B. Thomas Commitment to Otterbein Award was established by President Kathy Krendl and the University's board of trustees to recognize extraordinary philanthropic leadership, service and advancement to Otterbein's mission. It is the highest honor Otterbein bestows upon its community. Those who are chosen to receive this prestigious award have elevated Otterbein with their transformational leadership and commitment.

Always a loyal supporter of his alma mater, **Tom Morrison '63** joined the Otterbein Board of Trustees in 1988. He served in a variety of capacities before becoming board chair in 2005. It was under his leadership that the University expanded and renovated the Science Center, built the Austin E. Knowlton Center for Equine Science and expanded the campus west of Alum Creek. In addition, Morrison was chair of the board when Dr. Kathy Krendl became the 20th president.

The Morrisons are longtime Otterbein annual fund donors and have

supported four major campus renewal projects including renovations of Towers Hall and Cowan Hall, the expansion of the Science Center and the construction of Roush Hall and Clements Recreation Center. They have also established planned gifts to create future endowments in speech and in music along with a full-tuition scholarship for students interested in U.S. government service, including an opportunity to attend The Fund for American Studies program in Washington, D.C.

As true partners with the University, the Morrisons' philanthropic leadership totals more than \$1.4 million.

The Morrison family legacy at Otterbein includes Tom's father, **Wilbur H. Morrison '34**, as well as his sister, two aunts, an uncle and two cousins.

Tom met Sarah Koester in New York City and they were married in 1987.

Morrison joined the Rogers and Wells Law Firm, eventually becoming partner. In 1977, he moved to Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler for 33 years



Mary B. Thomas Commitment to Otterbein
Thomas '63 and Sarah Morrison

where he tried cases and argued appeals in courts around the country.

Sarah is active in several non-profit organizations and has authored five books. She worked for 12 years as vice president in the venture capital division for the Wall Street investment bank, Donaldson, Lifkin and Jenrette. For further information, complete bios and past awardees, visit:

www.otterbein.edu/stand/who-is-giving/mary-b-thomas-award.aspx

Young Alumni Events Coming up in 2018

We have lots of fun alumni events sponsored by the Young Alumni Board this year!

Calendar of events:

July 21: Puppies and Pints at The Point, sponsored by Snyder Brick & Block.

Aug. 11: Otterbein Alumni Night at the Columbus Crew.

Sept. 22: Young Alumni Homecoming Happy Hour.

Nov. TBD: Otterbein Alumni Night at the Columbus Blue Jackets.

These events are open to all alumni and friends! Information on how to register can be found at www.otterbein.edu/alumni.



Young alumni gather at the Cardinals Connect event last November.

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- ✓ Class of 1968 Golden Reunion www.otterbein.edu/goldenreunion
- ✓ '70s gathering
- ✓ '80s and '90s gathering
- ✓ Young Alumni Happy Hour
- ✓ WOBN 70th Anniversary
- ✓ Where We Stand Matters campaign celebration

More information on how to register for Homecoming and reunion gatherings will be available at a later date.





Lifelong Learning Community...a group of mature learners age 50 and older who are curious about the world and open to learning.

In their second year, the LLC at Otterbein grew by just over 50 percent. The membership stands at 130 and counting. Alumni, friends, retired faculty and community members all converge on campus.

A special travel opportunity will be hosted by **Lyle Barkhymer '64** in Vienna, winter of 2019.

Topics for the upcoming year include:

- Brownfields
- Global Warming
- Dog Cognition and Research
- Latin American Culture
- Literary Perspectives on the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq



Left: Betsy Maclean describes her course, the '60s Rebellion.
Right: Mandie Maxwell, assistant director for Choose Ohio, Ohio Department of Higher Education, shares a laugh with LLC member, Meg Flack.

Here's what members are saying about the some of the sessions:

"Such a smart, sharp, fast-moving set of lectures."

"You recharged my brain cells."

"You inspire me to do the next level of work."

"No way would I have missed any one of the lectures."

"The '60s Rebellion course more than met my expectations!"

Three ways to join:

Visit www.otterbein.edu/lifelonglearning.

Email lifelonglearning@otterbein.edu.

Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650

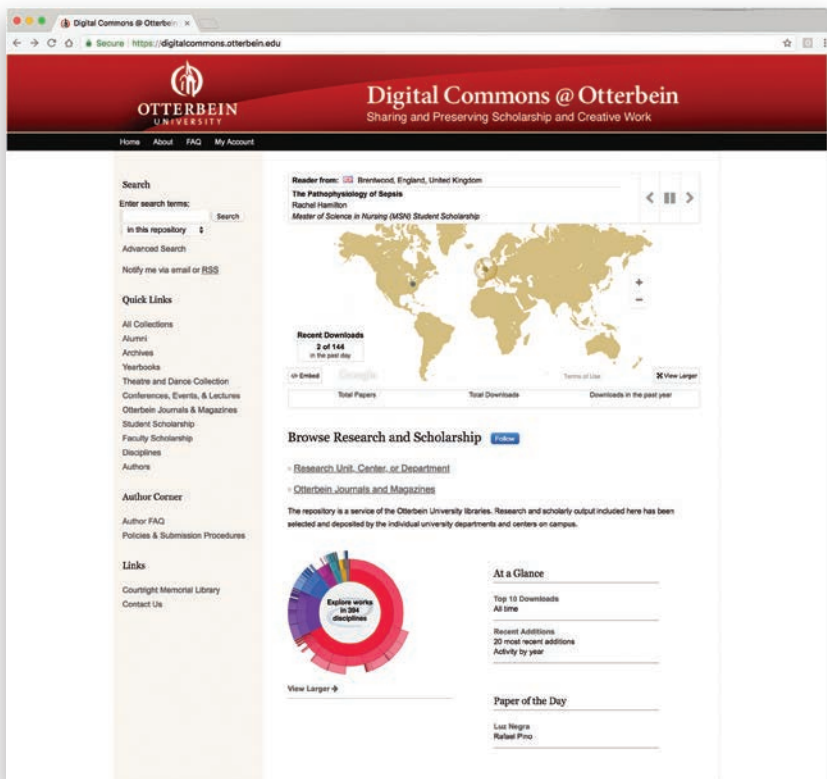
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And under construction: A collection of Theatre and Dance Department programs, images and articles.



Choir Members Recall the Thrill of Germany Trip

The Otterbein Concert Choir traveled to Germany this past December for a 10-day trip to perform in numerous cathedrals in the country. They performed in cathedrals in Cologne, Schwelm, Leipzig, Dresden and Werder, just outside of Berlin. They sang the music of Bach in the churches where he spent most of his adult life.

Preparing 18 months out, students along with the Department of Music, held fundraising initiatives offset costs. The trip received major support from the Vida S. Clements and the John B. and Olive S. Cook Foundations, as well as funding from alumni and friends. Below are some memories from the students.

Going to Germany with Concert Choir was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We were able to walk, sing, and even drink coffee at the same places as Beethoven, Bach, and Mendelssohn. We stayed with host families in Schwelm for our first two nights. This was one of my favorite parts because we were with German families that wanted us to embrace their culture with food and family. Of course nothing will top singing Bach's music in his church, in front of his grave. It was truly magical.

Allison Asarch '18

My favorite memory is exploring Leipzig with my friends, and wandering around the Christmas market with them. I feel as though I not only made new friends, but also deepened my connection with current friends. Getting to explore Germany and put my music history classes in context was truly amazing. Also, being able to practice the German I'd been studying in the German classes at Otterbein was a great opportunity to use my skills in the real world, and see what I have to work on.

Brigid Aslin '19

Singing in Europe is something I have always wanted to experience. I will cherish the memories and friendships from this trip forever. In Nikolaikirche, we expected to have 100-200 people attend, but ended up having over 700! It was my favorite concert on tour, because it was a wonderful time of bonding as a team in our excitement, sharing our music with the audience, and interacting with history.

Dana Dirksen '18



The choir performed in Nikolaikirche, one of the four churches where J.S. Bach worked in Leipzig.

I'd like to believe that singing in the great churches of Germany will be the performance highlight of my entire life. Having studied choral music from the academic perspective for three years, it was so eye-opening to be able to perform that music in the spaces it was written to be performed in! Whether singing in the great cathedral in Cologne or a small church in Potsdam, it was clear the impact these concerts were making on the audiences and us as performers.

Michael Grimm '18

The opportunity to go to Germany was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for which I am forever grateful. As we walked into one of Bach's churches, St. Nikolaikirche, we were in awe; the church was absolutely breath taking. As we walked out on stage at the beginning of our concert, we saw that the church was packed! I had chills during the entire performance because I could feel and see that what we were singing was actually impacting the audience. Overall our trip to Germany truly showed that music is a universal language and it has the power to bring people together from all over the world.

Anna Ehret '20

I was completely ecstatic to go to a new country where I would be able to speak a language I learned at Otterbein. Once in Germany, my eyes opened to what the world can offer. I can say without a doubt that this experience changed my life. I made wonderful memories with friends and the people we touched through our performances. This is why I want to be a professional musician, because music has the power to change the world.

Chance Landers '19

I felt speechless after conducting Concert Choir in Leipzig — performing for a full house at Nikolaikirche, singing in the church where J.S. Bach heard his music premiered, receiving a standing ovation — our hearts were in our throats. Singing at Thomaskirche, the church connected to the school where Bach lived and taught, was transcendent. Bach's grave was behind us, and we felt his spirit as we sang; this was musical heaven. Yet, there was an even greater joy during our Germany tour — watching our students share these experiences with their friends, and deepen their Otterbein friendships as a result. After staying in German homes, the students observed first-hand how friendship, kindness, and love create a one-world family.

Gayle Walker, director of choral activities

To read the students' unabridged stories and to find out more about the trip, go to www.otterbein.edu/choir2germany.

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Otterbein "O" Club News...2018 Events

by Rebekah Carlisle, executive director, "O" Club

Annual Homecoming Post-Game Reception and Awards Presentations

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018

Roush Hall, Fisher Gallery

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. (appetizers and beverages)

Program from 6 – 7 p.m.

"O" Club 2018 Honorees

Outstanding Service Award

Bob Gatti, vice president of student affairs

Excel Award

- Pat Anderson, retired head women's tennis coach
- Mark Anderson, retired head men's tennis coach
- Gerry D'Arcy, retired head men's soccer coach

Annual Otterbein "O" Club Sonny D'Andrea Fall Golf Classic

Benefitting Otterbein University Athletics.

Monday, Oct. 8, 2018 (Columbus Day)

Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Shotgun start at 11 a.m.

Hot buffet opens at 3 p.m. for guests and golfers

Short awards program and live auction follows

Fees:

\$175/golfer

\$700/foursome

\$100/hole sponsor

\$20/person/non-golfer for buffet

We upgraded our website where this information and more is printed: www.otterbeinclub.com.



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To thank her for everything she's accomplished, Otterbein is dedicating all gifts to The Otterbein FUND from now to June 30 to Dr. Krendl.



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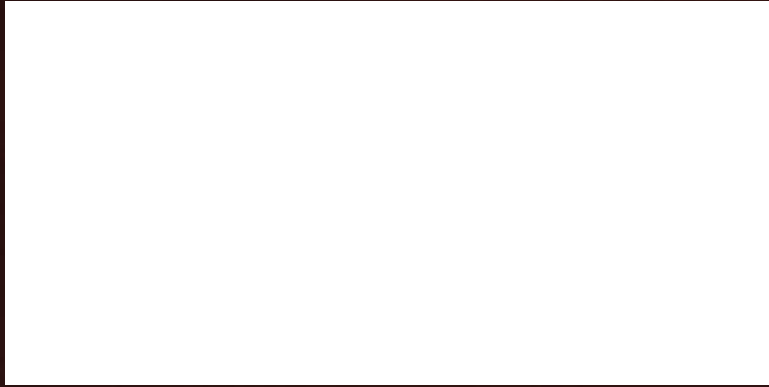
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Becky Fickel Smith '81, Model Citizen
President Krendl's Model Citizen Award was presented to Becky Smith, executive director of alumni relations, on May 4 for her stand out contributions to the Otterbein community. Smith was recognized for going above and beyond for the Otterbein Community and exemplifying what it means to be a model citizen for her colleagues, alumni and friends of the University. She will retire later this summer.

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