

## Congressman Pat Tiberi Visits HSS

Congressman Pat Tiberi (R-Ohio 12th District) came to campus to speak in Dr. Longeneckers grad class on U.S. Healthcare Policy. Beforehand he visited with students presenting their research and internship work during HSS Showcase Night and talked with them about why they chose Otterbein.



## ETA Sigma Gamma Arrives at Otterbein

The newest campus honorary Otterbein Eta Sigma Gamma is bringing national notoriety and opportunities to Otterbein's Public Health Education program. Ashleigh Thornton spent her internship securing a chapter for Otterbein. Read more here:

<http://www.otterbein.edu/Spotlights/otterbeins-eta-sigma-gamma-honorary-brings-national-recognition-for-public-health-education-majors>



Inaugural initiation of Eta Sigma Gamma

## Message from the Chair

Hello Everyone,

I hope this rendition of our alumni newsletter finds you and your families doing well. This past year has been nothing short of continued excellence by both our students and the faculty who have guided them along the way. We were fortunate to be granted a new Allied Health faculty line to add to our family which will help in both instruction and clinical placement of our largest major in the department. **Dr. Erin Baumann** has filled this role and we are thrilled to welcome Erin back into the fold – this time on the other end of things. Other highlights include having both **Patti Wilson** (Health Education) and **Dr. Kristy McCray** (Sport Management) receive teacher of the year awards further exemplifying the excellence of our faculty. In addition, **Annette Boose** received the Bread and Roses award which is given to a faculty or staff member who exhibits a high amount of service to the University. Our Public Health major also received the prestigious ETA Sigma Gamma stamp of approved and now has this official honorary organization available to our students.

The department continues to excel in and outside of the classroom. Students are being accepted to prestigious graduate schools (Duke, OSU, OU, etc.) and they are also continuing to contribute to the 5 CARDS program. What is most impressive, as a department, all faculty and staff members have served as sponsors for over 270 individual CARD experience applications since the inception of the program. Our faculty and staff not only provide opportunities for students to earn a CARD; they model the ideals of the program through their own commitment and involvement on campus and the larger community. I cannot be more proud to be a part of a team that is so giving, puts their students first and truly wants the best for everyone.

We look forward in the upcoming year to continuing our high level of involvement on and off campus and also having you involved with us in any fashion you see fit. One example of that is your responses to the alumni survey sent last summer. Thanks to your feedback we have made several improvements in many of our programs proving that our alumni are continuing to help shape the future of our students and this is such a valuable asset to have. Your experience and expertise is the icing on the cake for our future alumni so please stop in anytime and keep us updated on where you are at this point in your lives. We truly would not be where we are today without all the efforts you gave to help lay the foundation of excellence to our department!!!! All the Best-Joan

# Master of Science in Allied Health Program Updates

BY PAUL LONGENECKER, MSAH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Academic year 2016-17 was a very successful year for the MSAH program. We completed our fifth year and heard many success stories from our students and alumni. To date, we have graduated 36 students with 80% of those seeking a new job or additional education being successful (based on our records from those who have reported). This past year has brought a few changes to the program with Dr. Paul Longenecker becoming the Program Director and the creation of Graduate Assistant MSAH Recruiter position with Lauren Keller '17 in this inaugural role. A dedicated effort was made to update all recruiting/marketing materials and the website, as well as develop radio ads and a MSAH Facebook page. You can find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/otterbeinmsah/> or search Otterbein Graduate Allied Health. The Facebook page has been a great forum for sharing current MSAH students and alumni stories. GA MSAH Recruiter for 2017-18, David Frederick started in July. If you have any ideas on how to promote the program better, we welcome your input at: [aharting@otterbein.edu](mailto:aharting@otterbein.edu) Because of the aforementioned efforts, the MSAH program experienced record enrollment for the upcoming year.

Additional exciting activities for the year included sponsoring of a "Speed Mentoring" program held in February by the local chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Jeremy Gray'17, Otterbein ACHE representative, coordinated the program. With Jeremy's graduation, David Frederick is our ACHE representative. In March, we hosted the Graduate School Executive Lecture Series, "Diversity and Inclusion in Healthcare: A Leadership Perspective". In April, Congressman Pat Tiberi spoke to the US Health Policy class and attended the HSS Showcase which was held on the same night. In June Dr. Longenecker, along with MSAH students, James Huddleston & Thomas Bambach, traveled to Hungary where they, along with faculty from Lourdes University in Toledo, OH, held an institute on leadership & wellness in the communities of Szeged and Makos. The students created the content and presented week long programs as part of their Master's practicum project.

We continue to work on growing our enrollment and public awareness of this degree offering. To help in these efforts, a MSAH Alumni Advisory Group was formed. If you are interested in being involved, please let us know. Additional efforts created by the Graduate School as an incentive to graduate enrollment were the development of alumni scholarships which offer a \$200 discount per credit hour for one calendar year; and creation of merit scholarships to attract the best students to Otterbein.

We hope you have a great rest of the summer! Please keep us informed of your accomplishments so we can share your successes with the rest of the Otterbein Community.



## Student Award Recipients

HSS Departmental Scholarship Recipients:  
Hannah Lawrentz, Cassidy Lechner, Cassidy Caito, Claire LeGendre, Jessica Lesesky, Katie A. Miller, Stephanie Ohalek

Marilyn E. Day Endowed Award: Tonia Dunson-Dillard, Chad Karnes, Meggin Kelley, Alyssa Spencer, Hannah Watkins

Harold C. Martin Memorial Scholarship: Holly Bernhold

Elmer W. 'Bud' Yoest '53 Endowed Award: Erin Taylor, Hannah Whiston

Colonel Joseph Pizzi Endowed Award for Athletic Training: Zach Glasox & Hogan Marshall

Graduation with Distinction: Jenna D'Errico, Tara Teeples, & Victoria Timmons

Graduation with Honors: Anthony Wene

Van Sant Leadership Certificate: Victoria Timmons, Christen Kelly, Malerie Takach

**Pack Fellow for 2017-18:** Tonia Dunson Dillard

### Cardinal Leadership Awards

**Athletics, Recreation, Health & Wellness:** Tonia Dunson Dillard Caleb Norton

**Professional Development:** Liz Engle Kerran

**Cardinal Pride:** Chad Karnes

**President's Volunteer Service Award:** Caleb Norton, Katie Miller, Ladan Barnes, Malerie Takach, Stephanie Ohalek, Victoria Timmons, Malerie Takach

**Devore Humanitarian Award:** Victoria Timmons

### Athletic Department Awards-

**Clyde Lamb Award:** Jenna D'Errico and Caleb Norton



Jenna D'Errico  
& Caleb Norton



The Cardinal Leadership Awards

## Faculty/Staff

Huge shoutout and congratulations to MSAH alum, Ally Smith (photo far left)! She has been accepted into the PhD program for Exercise Science at the University of South Carolina. This fall she will be moving to Columbia to begin working as a doctoral assistant and teaching in their undergraduate athletic training program. Ally received her Bachelor's degree from Otterbein in 2014, completed her Master's degree in 2016, and then worked as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Otterbein. Ally, thank you for your dedication to Otterbein and good luck in your next journey! We are so proud of you!

Nadiya Timperman, MS, MPH, RD, LD (photo middle), will serve as our Nutrition Minor Coordinator for the academic year 16-17 and will also continue in her role as part time faculty.

David Frederick (photo far right) is our new Graduate Assistant for the Master of Science in Allied Health.



## HSS Leadership Advisory Board Update

BY KATE WEALE '10, BOARD MEMBER & ANNETTE BOOSE

The HSSLAB met twice this past year. At our fall meeting, held at the Wine Bistro, we discussed ways to distribute the alumni survey. We also drafted and reviewed the alumni survey making edits with faculty and staff from the HSS department. We had a good response rate for the alumni survey. Members of the HSSLAB emailed the link to fellow HSS alumni and placed the link on social media groups that fit the HSS alumni qualification.

Two of the HSSLAB members met with Annette to help her increase HSS social media interactions. They brainstormed ideas to increase leads and increase interaction between alumni and current students. Some suggestions were to use images and to increase interaction with groups that have more followers.

At our spring meeting in HSS we discussed the outcome of the alumni survey and how we can increase our alumni interactions with the department.

The HSSLAB also discussed the importance of supporting the Otterbein FUND and getting the word out to alumni that any and all amounts are helpful and that the funds directly impact current students. So if you had a great Otterbein experience please consider a gift.



## Kate Weale '10 Named Ohio Athletic Trainer of the Year

Kate Weale has been named as Ohio Athletic Trainers Association Athletic Trainer of the Year recipient for 2017. Kate is an Athletic Trainer for Grandview Heights City Schools, alumna and HSS Leadership Advisory Board member.



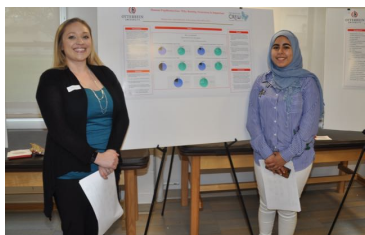
## Otterbein's 100th Homecoming

Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2017 on Sept. 15/16 for another family-friendly event featuring the Grove Festival with Liberty Mutual Bandstand, parade, football game, and much more!

This will be one Homecoming you won't want to miss!!

## 4th Annual HSS Showcase Night

We had great turnout from the Otterbein Community, which included a surprise visit from Congressman Pat Tiberi, for our 4th annual HSS Showcase Night.



## Social Media Links:

Please join us on social media for all the latest and greatest news from HSS and Otterbein!

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/HealthyCardinal/>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/otterbeinhss/>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/HSSOtterbein>

## Keep In Touch

We love our HSS Alumni! Please email: Annette Boose (aharting@otterbein.edu) and/or Alumni Relations (alumniinfo@otterbein.edu) to share personal updates such as: New Job or Promotion, New Address, New Baby, Marriage, Awards Received etc. We want to hear from YOU!

## Athletic Training Students Win Quiz Bowl Again!

Congrats to team Otterbein-1st place for the second year in a row at the Ohio Athletic Training Association Quiz Bowl! The team, Nata Gawarecki, Cade Coulter, Anthony Wene and Lydia Barnes are pictured here with majors from our program who attended the Quiz Bowl in support of our team.

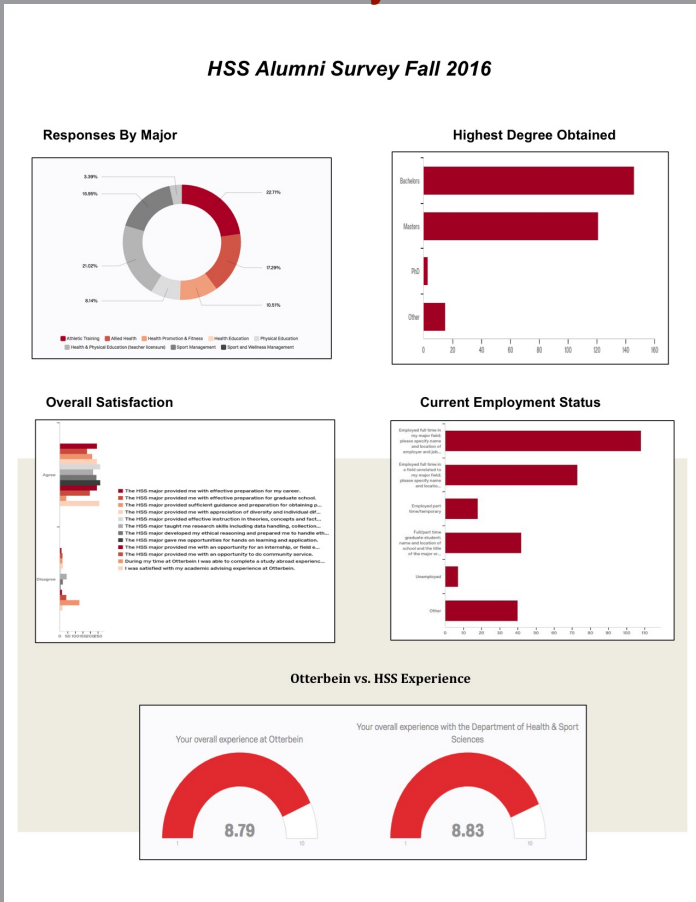


## Service Recognition

Congrats to Dr. Rocks and Ms. Wilson who were among those recognized for 25 years of service to Otterbein. Congrats to them both!



# HSS Alumni Survey Results



Summary: Our grads have found employment and they are very satisfied with their Otterbein education.

## Melica Hampton '04 NJPRA\* Honoree 2017 Practitioner of the Year

The New Jersey Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association\*, a nonprofit 501(c)(4) organization and a chapter of the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (PRA) and member of NJ Mental Health Coalition has named Otterbein alumna Melica Hampton as Practitioner of the Year for 2017. Every year, practitioners all over New Jersey are nominated by fellow practitioners as doing excellent work in their field. Melica was nominated for her merits with community integration, advocating for people with mental health diagnoses, and obtaining her certification as a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner (CPRP). This puts her in the running to win Practitioner of the Year in November at the NJPRA Annual Conference.



## Big News!

We have surpassed \$40 million in **STAND** Campaign commitments! Thanks to all of you for helping to make this milestone possible! This total puts us 81% toward our \$50 million goal...and the momentum continues to build as we focus our efforts on the six funding priorities to finish this campaign: **Student Scholarships, The Otterbein FUND, 21st Century Learning Spaces - Library 2nd floor transformation, The Point and STEAM Initiatives, The Five Cards and Experiential Learning, and Re-envisioned Campus Center and The Grove.**

Every gift matters, every amount matters.  
 Make a gift on line at: [www.otterbein.edu/stand](http://www.otterbein.edu/stand)  
 With gratitude, Annette Boose '94 Co-Chair, Faculty & Staff Committee

